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St. Joseph's Church Newsletter

Parish Update

Fellow Parishioners:

As a Trustee of St. Joseph's Church and speaking for all parishioners, I would like to thank Father Jack Varno who accepted the daunting task of Sacramental Minister for both Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's. We wish to express our gratitude for his hard work, great sermons and dedicated spirit. In addition, Debbie Griffith now wears two hats, one as our Pastoral Associate for Finance, and additionally as the Interim Administrator of both Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's. "This team will work with and assist the parish and parishioners during the time that the parish does not have an appointed Pastor or Parish Life Director."

We are currently in the process of updating our Parish Profile to be submitted to the Diocese for review. The Parish Profile will include our Mission Statement, Introduction, History, Parish Staff, Faith Formation program, Ministries, Committees and Activities. The Diocesan department of Real Property recently did an assessment of all parish buildings and their report will also become part of the profile. Upon approval by the Diocese, this profile will be "posted" in an effort to see what priest(s) may be interested in our parish.

It is important to stay involved using your time and talents to maintain as well as improve our Parish. If you have any suggestions, questions or concerns, please let me know.

Peace & Joy,

Carol Reynolds, Trustee
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Youth Ministry

NCYC 2019- BLESSED BROKEN, GIVEN

On November 20th, five teens and two adults from St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Grace travelled to Indianapolis, Indiana to take part in the National Catholic Youth Conference. Alongside 255 other people from the Albany Diocese and 20,000 of young people from around the country. This year's theme was "Blessed, Broken, and Given. Here are some quotes from the teens from our parish who were there and some pictures.



"NCYC was an experience I will never forget. Adoration, with 20,000 other people in a stadium, definitely brought me closer to God."
Maddie D.



"NCYC gives you a change in heart and an eye-opening to the love of God."
Shelby M.



"NCYC affects you in ways you wouldn't expect. The sense of community is beautiful and truly shows you how not alone in our faith we are."
Anne A.

"This trip took all the words that I thought I'd use, right out of my mouth... it hit so many emotions that I didn't think I had any more."
Danny B.



"This is the best experience ever. Hearing stories from the keynotes and the breakout session were inspiring."
Rhyann L.



Faith Formation

Classes are well under way, at the parish center here's a look at the school year so far...

Some exciting things to note:

The 5th grade students went to each of the higher grades to talk about what it's like to volunteer to be altar servers. Thank you to Noah Smith and Riley Jackson for sharing their stories and answering all the questions that students had.

The 1st grade students seem to be multiplying each week. At last count there were **13** of them. Hoping for a fun year for all of them and their catechists!



3rd grade class students were reenacting some events on the timeline, as we learned more about the life of Jesus.



The 4th grade students are on the way to class. All 13 of them!



The 2nd grade students made their Saint's pumpkins and had fun doing it!

Photos...Photos...and more Photos...



Wreath Making Workshop



Want to Volunteer to help your Parish Community?

Contact the Parish office for opportunities!



Please check the bulletin for weekly updates as well as additional programs that may have been added after this newsletter went to print.

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thank you!

Periodically we receive “thank you” notes from various individuals and organizations who are grateful for our kindness and support. Here are just a sampling of some of those notes and cards that are posted on the bulletin board in Holy Family Hall:

From Fr. Jack: “To Parishioners & Staff ~ Many thanks for your prayers and mass offered for my nephew, Joe. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is truly appreciated.”

From Scotia Food Pantry: “Thank you so much for the generous food donation. The Scotia Food Pantry volunteers appreciated all your hard work gathering this food. It will feed a lot of families this holiday season.” (Note: This note was for the Boy Scout Troop #15 that is sponsored here at St. Joseph’s)

We received a Christmas Card from **Fr. Peter** along with this note:

“As I was preparing my Christmas cards I realized that it has been two whole months since I left St. Joseph’s. I had intended to put a note in the bulletin back in October to thank you all for the retirement party and all you have done for me and St. Joseph’s over the years. Life is constantly changing but God has a plan for each of us. Keep strong in faith, trust in the Lord and St. Joseph’s will be true to its mission. With prayerful affection.” (Card & note is posted along with all other cards & notes on the “Welcome” bulletin board in Holy Family Hall)

From The Society for the Propagation of the Faith: “Thank you & your parishioners for their support of the **World Mission Sunday appeal.**” Please see the lengthy letter from Fr. Farano listing the many ways this collection helps with evangelization around the world.

These are just a few of the many ways that we reach out to those within our community and spread the good news of Jesus Christ through our actions and resources.

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Notes from the Finance Office



As in each newsletter, listed below are the income and expenses to date compared with last year:

	Current Fiscal Year	Budget Year-to-Date	Previous Fiscal Year
	<u>7/1/19-11/30/19</u>	<u>7/1/19-11/30/19</u>	<u>7/1/18-11/30/18</u>
Total Income*	\$171,101	\$201,121	\$194,173
Total Expenses	\$174,298	\$189,798	\$187,510

(*Please note income figures include **all** sources of income, not just offertory.)

End-of-Year Contribution Statements will be sent out by the end of January, 2020. Please note that donations to the Bishop’s Appeal and/or the Re-Igniting Our Faith Campaign will **NOT** appear on your church statement, but on separate statements that will be mailed from the Diocesan offices in Albany. Please contact Debbie Griffith at the Parish office (518-346-2316) for any questions you may have regarding church contributions.

Bishop’s Appeal Update (as of December 6th)



- \$64,116 Assessment Goal
- 56,621 Gifts/Pledges from 164 Families (compared to 215 in 2018)
- \$ 7,495 Balance needed to fulfill 2019 Diocesan Assessment

Please note that **\$51,926** in payments have been received by the Stewardship Office toward our assessment. We have until March 15, 2020 to reach the \$64,116 in assessment. Any shortfall after that date will be paid out of our operating funds. We have an extremely tight budget this year and would appreciate any donations that can be made to this annual Appeal. Please remember all gifts, no matter the size, will help us get that much closer to our assessment. If you prefer, you may go online to: www.TheBishopsAppeal.org



Donor Information:

Name _____ Total Gift/Pledge _____

Address _____ Initial Payment _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Balance Due _____

Phone _____ Email _____



FYE June 30, 2019 Financial Report

	Actual FYE 6/30/19	Actual FYE 6/30/18
<u>Cash Receipts:</u>		
Weekly Collections	\$270,254	\$294,679
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Income	6,925	7,740
Bulletin Sponsors	9,381	9,275
Mass Stipends/Stole Fees	4,313	3,540
Donations/Bequests/Memorials	40,898	28,611
Fundraising (net)	29,482	34,435
Re-Ignite our Faith	32,958	0
Heritage Fund	25	80
Total Cash Receipts	\$394,236	\$378,360
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>		
Salaries, Benefits & Payroll Taxes	\$231,439	\$246,436
Repairs & Maintenance (church, parish center & rectory)	60,115	49,940
Diocesan Assessments & Levys	27,755	26,235
Utilities/Water & Sewer/Utilities	47,090	45,036
Office Supplies & Expenses	27,998	31,760
Liturgy Supplies/Flowers	6,788	6,535
Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Expenses (non-salary)	4,160	7,061
Charitable Donations	5,946	4,738
Continuing Education/Retreats	3,184	4,810
Other Operating Expenses	2,543	2,051
Total Operating Expenses	417,018	424,602
Excess of Expenses Over Receipts	(\$22,782)	(\$46,242)
<u>Non-Operating Income:</u>		
Rental Income	\$8,275	\$8,125
Investment/Other Income	10,077	7,090
Reimbursed Expenses	32,856	30,923
Total Non-Operating Income	\$51,208	\$46,138
FYE Net Income/Deficit	\$28,426	(\$104)

	As of June 30	
	2019	2018
<u>Balance Sheet</u>		
Cash & Savings	\$43,275	\$53,665
Re-Ignite our Faith	32,958	0
Bishop's Appeal Savings	30,045	34,506
CD's & Investments	129,454	124,786
Total Assets	\$235,732	\$212,957
Bishop's Appeal due Diocese	29,942	34,301
Other liabilities	780	2,072
Total Liabilities	30,722	36,373
Fund Balance	205,010	176,584
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$235,732	\$212,957

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