

ST. MARY'S PARISH ANNUAL REPORT



2013-2104

WHERE WE'VE BEEN ...

July 2013

- The lower church was closed for repairs to the 147 year old floor. All the pews were removed, the floors rebuilt and the tile replaced. It was estimated to take 4-6 weeks. All Masses, Confessions and Adoration took place in the Upper Church.
- The July Book Discussion Group took on Harry Potter for its subject. Parent-child participation is encouraged.
- We welcomed Fr. Francois Eale of the Diocese of the Congo as part of the annual missionary appeal.
- Discussion continued about the implementation of Phase One of the Pastoral Plan. 28 parishes around the Archdiocese of Boston were formed into twelve Collaboratives.



- 32 teens participate in Encounter the Gospel annual trip to Washington DC.

August 2013

- The August Reading Group discussed CS Lewis & Christian Allegory.
- Most of the CCD classes are full.
- We welcomed the Dominican sisters who sold their homemade bread, brownies and pies. The proceeds go to buy medical supplies for their mission to support lepers.

September 2013

- Artist Peter Franchi's painting "Madonna of the Streets" was exhibited and bids were accepted in a silent auction with proceeds going to Pregnancy Help.



- The lower church was reopened and Tuesday Morning Coffees were resumed.



- The first meeting of the 2013-2014 Parish Pastoral Council was held with six new members, including a representative of St. Eulalia Parish.



- A very successful Ministry Fair was held
- 10am Choir returns after summer hiatus

October 2013

- The October Peace and Justice Ministry October Movie is "The Golden Door."
- The Winchester Women's Lodge of the Sons of Italy sponsors the Annual Columbus Day Memorial Mass for the deceased members of the Women's and Men's Lodge. A continental breakfast followed.
- The 2013 Grand Annual Appeal was mailed to all parishioners. For the first time, the Annual Report was included in this mailing so as to highlight where the donations are going.
- The mandatory Retreat for all 2013 Confirmation Candidates is held.

November 2013

- The Annual Memorial Mass to honor those parishioners who died during the past year. The Book of Remembrance is carried in procession as well.



- A workshop for new Rosary Makers is held
- A concert featuring Dr. John McCann and the Winchester High School Sinfonietta takes place in the Upper Church to benefit the Mission of Deeds.



Father James Savage, Pastor of St. Eulalia Parish, celebrated Mass at St. Mary's as part of a pulpit exchange in anticipation of the collaboration of the two

parishes. Fr. Dick was the celebrant at a Mass at St. Eulalia's on the same day.

- The Peace & Justice Annual Food Collection for the Little Sisters of the Poor Jeanne Jugan Residence is held.
- St. Eulalia's Parish Life Enhancement Committee invited St. Mary parishioners to join them in a showing of the movie "Romero", a compelling look at the life of Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador.



- The winners and their guests of the drawing held at the Ministry Fair of the prize, "Dinner with the Priests", enjoyed an evening in the rectory with Fr. Dick, Fr. Rick and Lucy.
- The Annual Football Service of Thanksgiving for the Winchester High School Football Team took place.
- Appreciation is extended to the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in giving pies and Stop and Shop gift certificates for distribution of needy families in the parish.
- Rehearsals of the Children's' Festival Choir began.

December 2013

- The December movie for the Peace and Justice Committee is "The Way".
- The special collections during Advent benefit the Christian Ministry program in place at St. Mary's in an effort to reach out to our own parishioners in need. A portion was also donated to our Sister Parish in Peru.
- Advent Scripture Study and Sharing took place on the four Sundays and Mondays of Advent.
- Communal Advent Penance Service was held with prayer, scripture, shared thoughts of God's love and the opportunity for Reconciliation.
- Aloysius Lugira received the Cheverus Award at the Holy Cross Cathedral.

- Loretta Pharo retired as coordinator of the Greeters after many years of recruiting and scheduling this important ministry. Bill and Denyse Mahoney agree to take over the duties.



- We were pleased to be a host site for the Toys for Tots Program. Under the direction of parishioners Melinda and John Abbott, the volunteers distributed gifts to over 300 families.
- Youth Ministry sponsored the "Advent Star" program, making Christmas a bit brighter for the less fortunate.

January 2014

- St. Mary's Elementary School held a celebration of Italian Language and Culture as part of the requirement for the grant received from C.A.S.IT. (Centro Attivita Scolastiche Italiane).



- All babies who were baptized in the past year were invited for a special post-baptismal blessing at the 10am Mass at the celebration of the Feast of the Baptism. A reception followed in the Gathering Room.
- The Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-Dance was held.

February 2014

- Black History Month was celebrated with the showing of the film, *All Me – The Life and Times of Winfred Rembert*. We were honored by the presence of Mr. Rembert, who led a discussion of the documentary following the showing. The afternoon was co-sponsored by the Peace and Justice Ministry and the Winchester Multicultural Network.



- The Annual Peace & Justice Award was presented to Anna Buxton.
- The Archdiocesan Black Catholic Choir joined us to celebrate Mass as part of Black History Month.
- The Annual Religionnaire Championship Rounds were held.

March 2014

- Altar Server training classes began.
- Dancing with the Celebrities, sponsored by Autism Housing Pathways, took place in the Parish Hall.
- The seventh grade CCD class conducted a *Stay Warm and Cozy* drive to benefit the Council of Social Concern.
- The Annual Mardi Gras – Ash Wednesday celebration took place for all Pre-K to Grade 5 students.

(March – con't)

- The Youth Ensemble invited all Middle School students to join them for Pizza, Prayer and Practice.



- St. Mary's CYO Basketball Team, with a 13-1 record, earned a spot as second seed going into the playoffs.
- Wednesday Morning Mass and Breakfast with Sal began during the Wednesdays of Lent.
- Lenten Reconciliation was held.
- The Annual Learning Mass took place.
- Easter Festival Children's Choir began practice for performance at Children's Mass on Easter Sunday.
- The Parish Council initiated *Meet and Greet* sessions.
- Appreciation was extended to Stop and Shop for their generous donation to the Christian Ministry program.
- The March move was *The Mission*.

April 2014

- The 2014 Catholic Appeal was launched.
- Ben Orcutt, a local runner, ran the Boston Marathon in honor of Ethan Cafferky, a first grader at Muraco School and a parishioner here at St. Mary's.
- Robert Barron's program, *Catholicism*, was offered during Lent.
- The Peace & Justice Ministry sponsored several Lenten Outreach collections during the Sundays of Lent.
- St. Mary's School conducted an annual Walkathon and Family Fun Day at Horn Pond.
- The final CCD class of the year took place with 1100 students and 140 staff and volunteers.

(April – Con't)

- The women of St. Mary's were invited to the Third Annual Multigenerational Tea with the theme honoring Mary, *Caring and Sharing*.



- Fr. Dick was interviewed on Catholic Radio 1060.
- Teens once again performed a stirring rendition of the Passion of the Lord.
- The impressive Living Stations of the Cross was performed on Good Friday.
- The Annual First Communion Pancake Breakfast was held.



- St. Mary's third grade students invited their fourth grade friends to a Seder meal on Holy Thursday.
- Our newest Altar Servers were installed.

100th
ST. MARY'S
SCHOOL of
WINCHESTER
Anniversary

- Planning began for the 100th Anniversary of St. Mary School.

May 2014

- The Annual Baby Shower to benefit Pregnancy Help of the Archdiocese of Boston was conducted.
- A clothing drive to benefit St. Francis House was sponsored by the Peace and Justice Ministry.



- 142 Second Graders received their First Communion.
- Over 170 teens received the Caritas Award for their Youth Ministry Service.

June 2014

- The Altar Servers were treated to an outing to Canobie Lake Park.
- Our teens were commissioned and blessed for their trip to Washington DC as part of the Encounter the Gospel program.



Brian Osborne, School Custodian, was honored on the occasion of his retirement by all the students at St. Mary's School. He will be missed.

- Bible Camp began with 65 campers enrolled.

(June – Con't)

- A household goods collection was conducted to benefit the Mission of Deeds.



- St. Mary's and St. Eulalia's Jointly sponsored a booth at Winchester Town Day, distributing lemonade and handouts about parish activities

ALONG WITH ...

- 103 Baptisms
- 142 First Communions
- 85 Confirmations
- 10 Marriages
- 75 Funerals

AND ONGOING ...

- Monthly Sunday Coffee and Conversation.
- Tuesday Coffee Club
- Friday Art Connection
- Monthly Pancake Breakfast
- Monthly visit to Cor Unum Meal Center
- Hospital and homebound visits
- Nursing Home visits
- Spiritual counseling sessions by our clergy
- Bereavement Ministry
- Peace and Justice Outreach Programs
- Baptismal Robe and Rosary Makers
- Christian Ministry Programs
- Respect Life Prayer Group
- Youth Group Meetings
- Weekly Eucharistic Adoration
- First Saturday devotions
- AA Meetings
- Sacramental education sessions for parents
- Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night
- And others.....

WHERE WE'RE GOING ...

Our priorities for the coming year in no particular order, are:

- To actively collaborate with St. Eulalia's Parish Council in evaluating the areas in which we can share resources and staff.
- The support of our over 50 ministries; most importantly those involving our youth.
- Our outreach to those who are homebound, hospitalized and in nursing homes.
- The ongoing repairs and maintenance of our aging buildings.
- Outreach to the disenfranchised through our Christian Ministry Program
- Continued emphasis on the use of electronic communication.
- Increase in the Online Giving Program which would lead to stabilization in our offertory.
- Establishment of small faith sharing groups
- Continuing the tradition of St. Mary's as warm, welcoming and spiritual, truly living by the words in our Mission Statement, "With Mary as our patroness and model, we open our hearts and community to all. "



**Parish Pastoral Council
Subcommittee on Collaboration**

The Subcommittee on Collaboration was formed during the first part of 2013 in response to the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Commission's (APPC) formal proposal, called Disciples in Mission, a pastoral plan for the Archdiocese that identifies the resources available for the foreseeable future and allocates these in a manner that will allow the mission of Christ and his Church to grow stronger in our Catholic community.

The Subcommittee is made up of current and former members of St. Mary and St. Eulalia parish pastoral councils (PPC). The tasks of the subcommittee are to find ways to get parishioners from each parish comfortable and familiar with the idea of collaboration by planning events that include both parishes, such as the joint booth at Winchester Town Day, publicizing parish events in both parish bulletins, the exchange of pastors at Sunday mass, and upcoming events such as the joint Healing Mass and a communal rosary during October. In addition, the subcommittee provides cross-representation at each parish's PPC meeting and periodically schedules joint PPC meetings.

Income & Expense Report - FY2013-14

	Actual	Budget	Actual
	Jul '13 - Jun 14	Jul 13 - Jun 14	Jul 12 - Jun 13
INCOME			
4101-00 · Offertory	435,902	443,930	428,717
4102-00 · Offertory Monthly	95,820	132,338	128,256
4103-00 · Grand Annual	312,194	312,840	301,627
4104-00 · Shrines, Candles, & Flowers	8,704	5,941	5,713
4105-00 · Sacramental Offerings	5,598	5,409	6,085
4107-00-Catholic Appeal Rebate	14,664	5,000	0
4108-00-Gifts and Bequests	76,512	75,960	0
4165-04 · Religious Education	**51,200	104,556	100,900
4198-00 · Donations - Other	92,166	51,284	78,488
4310-00 · Interest / Dividend Income	912	1,396	1,295
4317-00 · Capital Campaign Donation	0	0	57,039
4398-00 · Other Income	24,709	350	339
4410-00 · Fundraising Activities	0		0
4547-00 · RCAB Support	0		3,482
Total Income	1,118,381	1,139,004	1,111,942
EXPENSES			
Lay Staff Compensation & Benefits	519,012	559,817	540,989
Clergy Compensation & Benefits	152,506	158,135	158,943
Professional Services	6,913	7,940	9,008
Office	47,211	66,525	89,809
Household	11,282	12,099	12,036
Facility	133,879	116,468	137,395
Vehicle	-	-	50
Pastoral/Liturgical	101,921	40,786	54,227
Professional Development	5,291	3,000	3,244
Fundraising	4,573	4,200	4,183
Capital Improvements	178,842	155,000	209,332
School Support	50,000	50,000	50,000
Miscellaneous	6,218	9,240	5,272
Central Tithe	42,370	42,372	-
Total Expenses	1,260,017	1,225,582	1,274,487
Net Income(Loss)	(141,636)	(86,578)	(162,545)

Variance
explained in
Narrative

****Please see Narrative - Line Item Religious Education**

FINANCIAL REPORT ...This fiscal year, we generated income of \$1,118,381 and incurred expenses of \$1,259,016 resulting in a net loss of \$140,635. (Please refer to Statement of Income and Expenses). Included in this loss are capital repairs and improvements that total \$178,842. These capital items were partially funded by drawing funds from our revolving loan account in the amount of \$122,931.

Some items worth noting include:

Line Item – Religious Education – There was a change in the way we report religious education income this year. In prior years, we reported this income when it was received. Now we report this income when the program services are delivered in October, 2014. As of June 30, 2014 we received \$47,355 toward the 2014-2015 religious education year. This amount is now included in our deferred revenue account. **It is noted that the revenue in June, 2013 (for CCD year 2013-14, but reported in FY2012-13) was \$50,530 which when added to the 51,200 reported as Actual is a total of \$101,730.**

Line Item – Pastoral/Liturgical – We continue to make improvements in reporting to ensure transparency in all areas of operations. New to this line are all Christian Ministry and Youth Ministry disbursements. They totaled \$29,931 and \$38,805 respectively.

Line Items - Acquisition and Improvement of Site and Buildings – As stated above we invested \$178,842 in capital items. They included completion of new school roof, repaving of parking lot, lower church carpets, parish hall bathroom, multiple items to Parish Center (CCD building) including renovating rear porch, decking, stairs and entrance wall.

We are grateful to you for your support of St. Mary Parish Family and for your gifts of time, talent and treasure. It takes all of us, working together, to keep this parish the faith-filled, active community it is. We are truly blessed.

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE ...

Our Online giving program continues to grow with 203 families currently enrolled. Since we began to offer Electronic Giving, we have experienced an over 100% increase in our online weekly offertory. It is interesting to note that 21% of our total offertory (monthly and weekly) is now received electronically.

Again, more parishioners choose to contribute to the Grand Annual electronically as well as other Special Collections. Please refer to the chart (left) for breakdown and comparison of amounts over the past four years. We encourage you to use this method for your support of your parish.

Fund	FY2010-11	FY2011-12	FY2012-13	FY2013-14
Grand Annual	\$10,530	\$14,007	\$18,654	\$19,491
Donations	\$650	\$430	\$1,233	\$236
Monthly Collection	\$15,321	\$20,100	\$24,244	\$24,605
Offertory	\$43,270	\$69,922	\$78,939	\$88,143
Snow/Fuel Fund	\$275		\$125	\$306
Flower Fund	\$80	\$75	\$140	\$317
Archdiocesan, Special and Peace & Justice Collections	\$2,120	\$2,757	\$1,955	\$2,669
Total	\$72,245	\$107,291	\$125,290	\$135,767

Even if you do not have access to the internet, you can participate in electronic giving. For more information, please access our website, www.st-mary-winchester.org. Or call the parish rectory at 781-729-0055.