

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

VOORHEESVILLE, NY

I am pleased to report to you that the health of your parish is very good. You will notice that this year we are changing the format for our annual report to give you more information about your parish family. In the past you received an annual financial report. This year we are expanding that report to include the state of our outreach to the community, our ministries in and outside the parish, our fundraising and hospitality events and our buildings and grounds projects. I hope that this fuller report will give you a better sense of how your time, talent and financial resources are being used. None of this can be accomplished without your participation and your prayers. Our parish will remain healthy and vital as long as each of us play our part in making the community a family of caring, prayer, and service. I am grateful for all you do for St. Matthew's. If you have any questions about this report please do not hesitate to call me or Andrea. We will be happy to hear your comments and concerns.

May God continue to bless you and bless us all at St. Matthew's.

Fr. Chris DeGiovine

PARISH DEMOGRAPHICS



Our parish has 921 families an increase of 79 families since July 2014. The majority of our parishioners reside in Voorheesville, Slingerlands, Altamont, Delmar, Guilderland, the Hilltowns and suburban Albany zip codes. Our parish is clustered with St. Lucy's, Altamont, Christ the King, Westmere and St. Thomas, Delmar. We are members of the Beverwyck Vicariate. The October 2014 Mass count showed an average number of 616 people per weekend vs. 792 in 2015. We currently have 512 families contributing through weekly envelopes and 65 E-giving families. 318 Families have made pledges to the 2015 Bishop's Appeal.

FAMILY FAITH DEVELOPMENT



During 2014-2015 our Family Faith Development Program was in its second year as an intergenerational program. We had 101 families participating; ranging from single adults to families of 5 or more.

In July of this year we welcomed Joy Galarneau as our new Pastoral Associate for Faith Development. Our program continues to flourish and grow.

SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED

BAPTISM..... 11

FIRST COMMUNION..... 33

CONFIRMATION.....22

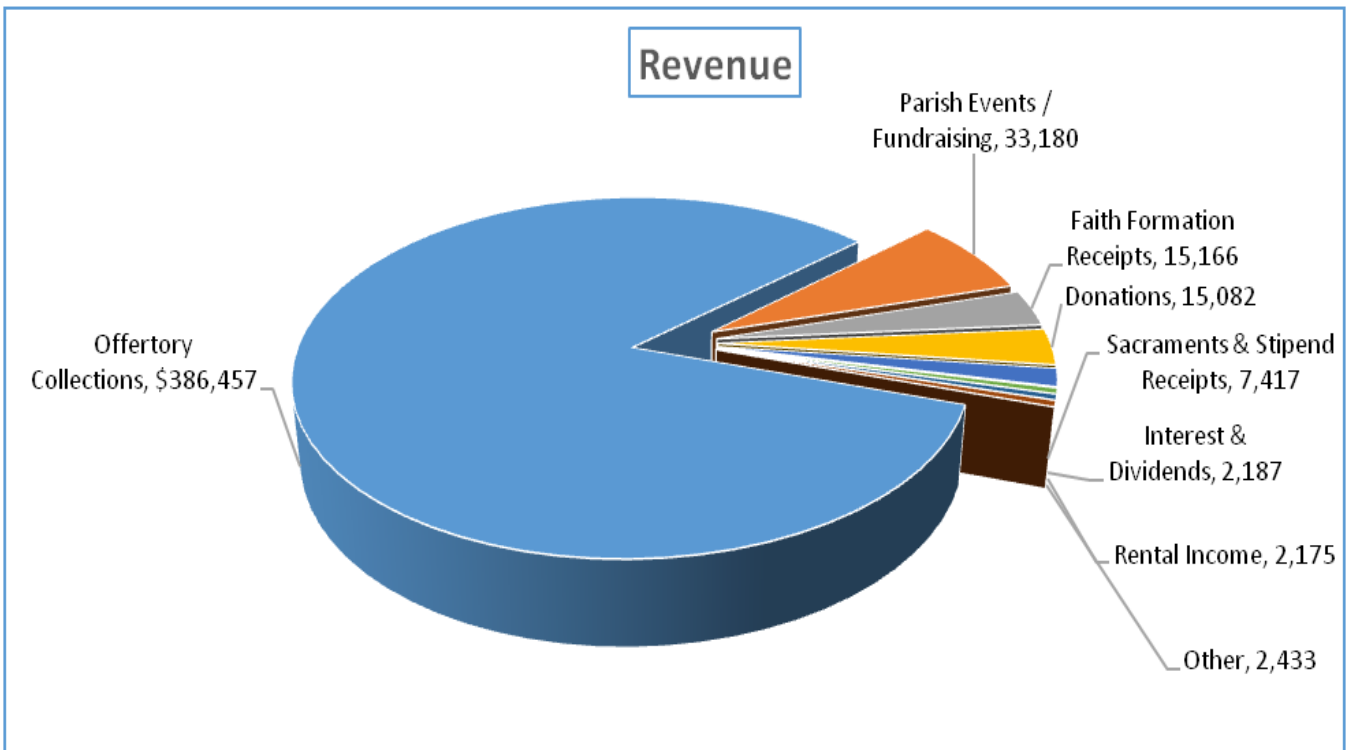
MARRIAGE.....2

FUNERALS.....12

Financial Operating Results
for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Revenue:

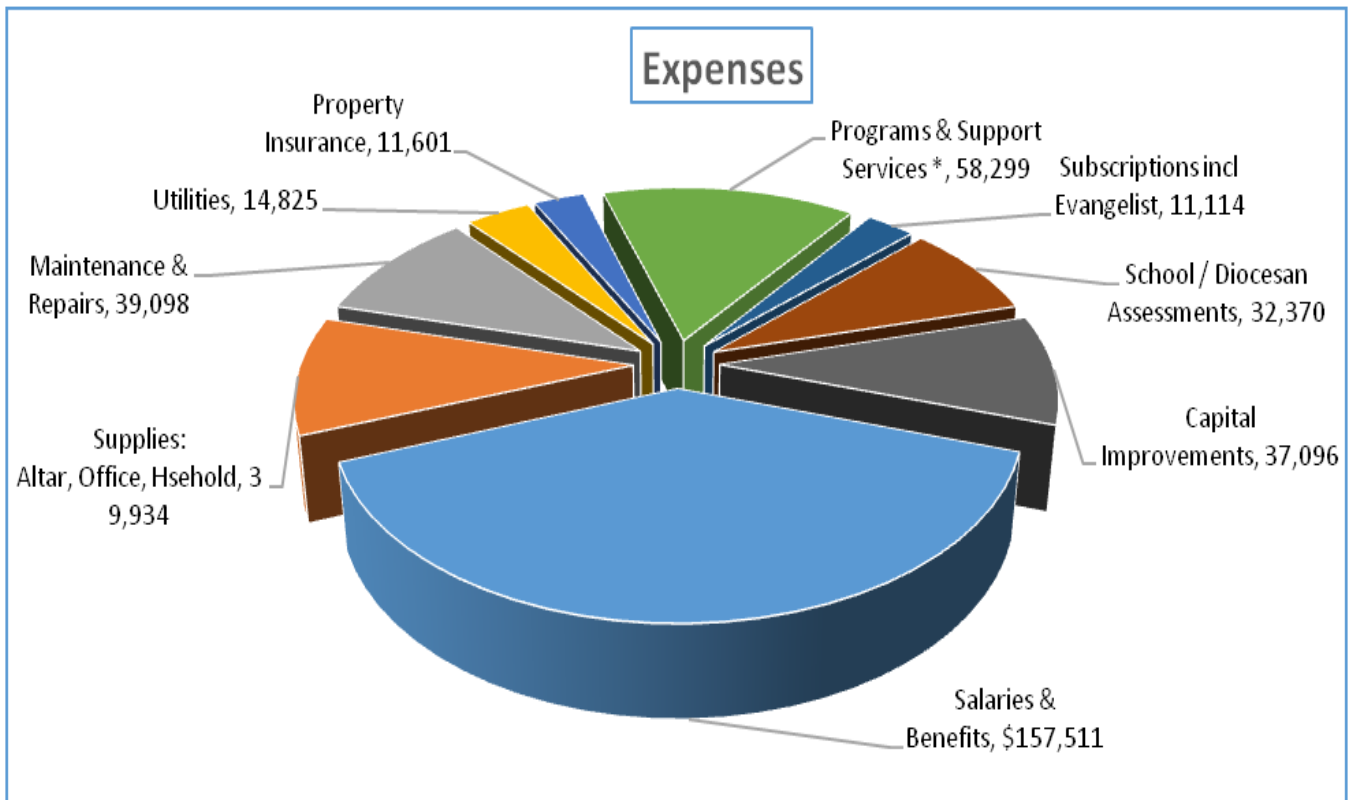
Offertory Collections	\$386,457
Parish Events / Fundraising	33,180
Faith Formation Receipts	15,166
Donations	15,082
Sacraments & Stipend Receipts	7,417
Interest & Dividends	2,187
Rental Income	2,175
Other	<u>2,433</u>
Total Revenue	\$464,097



Expenses:

Salaries & Benefits	\$157,511
Supplies: Altar, Office, Hsehold	39,934
Maintenance & Repairs	39,098
Utilities	14,825
Property Insurance	11,601
Programs & Support Services *	58,299
Subscriptions incl Evangelist	11,114
School / Diocesan Assessments	32,370
Capital Improvements	<u>37,096</u>
Total Expenses	\$401,848
Net Operating Income	\$62,249

* incl Parish Events and programs, training, education, staff & parish appreciation, retreats, and priest reimbursements



PARISH MINISTRIES

A Pastoral Care Team Ministry was established in 2014. We are also in the beginning stages of a Social Justice Ministry. We had a very successful Ministry Fair in Spring 2015 adding 109 new members to our established ministries.

- Altar Linen Ministry
- Altar Servers
- Alzheimer Care Ministry
- Baptism Ministry
- Faith Development Volunteers/Nursery
- Funeral Ministry
- Liturgical Ministers
- Men's Association
- Pastoral Care Ministry
- Prayer Chain Ministry
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Respect Life Ministry
- Social Events/Hospitality



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- Installed Handicapped Accessible Doors
- Updated Rectory with new kitchen countertop, flooring, cooktop.
- Replaced Rectory Garage Door & Opener
- Replaced rectory soffit with vinyl due to damage caused by wood bees.
- Pergola restained by Ron Smolen
- New sidewalks - excavation and prep work done by Mike Biernacki, Joe O'Brien, Tom Lenseth, Steve Goss. Concrete was paid thru the generosity of a parishioner.
- All Parking Lots were sealed and restriped
- Refurbished parish sign
- Replaced roof over Food Pantry

HOSPITALITY & PARISH EVENTS

- 2014 Golf Outing
- St. Matthew's Day—Western Picnic
- Welcome Reception for Fr. Chris
- Pet Blessing 2014
- Coffee Socials after Masses
- First Reconciliation Luncheon
- First Communion Reception
- Diversity Concert with Fusion & Mathias Michael
- A Visit with St. Paul
- NYC Radio City Spring Spectacular Bus Trip
- Parish Rummage Sale
- SPAC Mormon Tabernacle Choir Concert



PARISH COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council added 2 new members David Ernst and Deb Engel thru a Discernment Process. They join Rachel Blow, Rich Bogdany, James Connolly, Ellie Dorn, Kevin Fottrell, Bob Harms. They replace Mary Catellier and Tom Lenseth who have served faithfully & well. Thank you Mary and Tom.

Finance Committee: Robert Esposito, Karen Finnessey, Chris Gorka, Diane Rapp, Bernie Rizzo, Steve Vanderwarker

Trustees: Bill Kelly & Peg Neri

Land Committee: This committee which was established in 2015 continues to work towards an income producing use of our vacant land.