

SAINT MATTHEW'S CHURCH

VOORHEESVILLE, NY

2016 PARISH REPORT

July 2015- June 2016 was another very good year for our parish. As you can see, financially you continue to be very generous. You have enabled me to increase the salaries of your very hardworking and dedicated parish staff. Trust me that Joy, Andrea, Madge, Peggy, Jack and Char are still paid much less than their services deserve but we are doing a little better at justly compensating them for all their good work. We had net operating income that has allowed us to better plan for and save for the future and to consider better ways to invest our savings. If you ever have any questions about our financial stewardship of your donations please do not hesitate to call me or any one of the members on the finance committee.

This year was also a good year for our ministries and our events. Please review the sacramental records we provide here. Our baptisms, first reconciliation and first communion and especially our revised confirmation program continues to attract and form fine young people in our faith. You can be justifiably proud of the fine faith development programs that Joy Galarneau and her team of volunteers continue to offer our community. Peggy McQuade hosted the nationally known Christian rock group Finding Favour at St. Matthew's and provided another great picnic for St. Matthew's feast day. Our music ministry continues to be the best in the diocese. David Ernst, Tommie Panepinto and their team of volunteers have prepared for our newest ministry, Family Promise, which hosts recently homeless families for four weeks during the year so they can get back on their feet. The parish land committee continues to explore the best use for our acreage in the back field.

It has been a very good year. May God continue to bless you and us all at St. Matthew's.

Fr. Chris

PARISH DEMOGRAPHICS



Our parish has 951 families an increase of 30 families since July 2015. 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 2015 Mass count showed an average number of 594 people per weekend vs. 585 in 2016. We currently have 358 families contributing through weekly envelopes and 67 E-giving families. 286 Families have made pledges to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal.



2015-2016 FAITH DEVELOPMENT AT ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH

On July 1, 2015, Joy Galarneau joined St. Matthew's Church as Pastoral Associate for Faith Development. Thanks to the support and partnership of staff, volunteers and the parish community, 2015-16 was a year of blessing and growth for our faith development programs. We maintained and grew signature programs like *Family Faith Development*, welcoming many new and returning participants to our intergenerational religious education program. In our program's third year, we learned and grew in faith together while building our curriculum around the theme: "*We Celebrate the Eucharist: Our Journey through the Mass.*" We also revamped and reinstated our Confirmation preparation program, welcoming and supporting 61 Candidates during the year. (Four Candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2016 and 57 prepared for a Fall 2016 Confirmation.) We further welcomed and supported four Candidates and one Catechumen through the RCIA program, joyously celebrating the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. Additionally, we expanded our outreach both to children and adults through the creation of new faith development programs such as Young Children's Liturgy of the Word and an adult bible study mini-course series. (Three bible study courses were offered in 2015-16: Ruth, Esther, and Jonah. Due to its popularity, after the first course the program was expanded to provide a day and an evening option each season.) Finally, we celebrated the Jubilee Year of Mercy through our Lenten "Go and Do Mercy" series: each week during Lent we highlighted one of the seven corporal works of mercy through prayer, artwork, reflections from parishioners, a parish-wide service opportunity, and resources to raise awareness and inspire the practice of mercy. We look back on the 2015-16 year of faith development at St. Matthew's with deep gratitude, and we look ahead to the 2016-17 year with great excitement.



SACRAMENTS CELEBRATED

BAPTISM..... 9 (1 adult- RCIA)

FIRST COMMUNION..... 33 (2 adult-RCIA)

CONFIRMATION..... 9 (5 adult-RCIA)

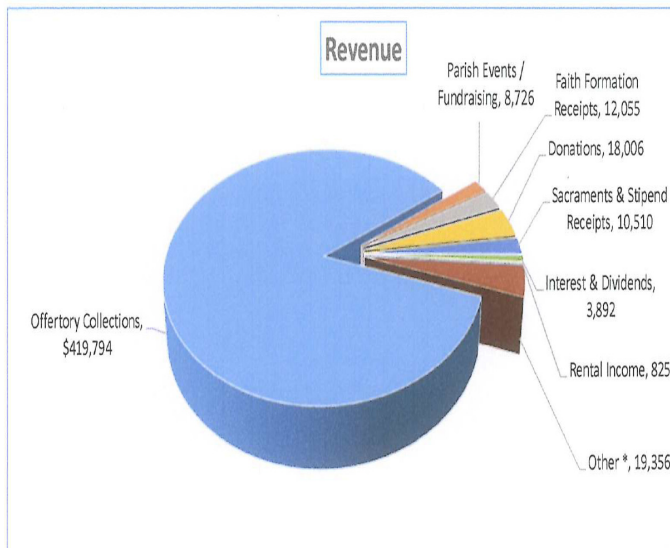
MARRIAGE..... 4

FUNERALS..... 23

St Matthew's Church - Voorheesville
Financial Operating Results
for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

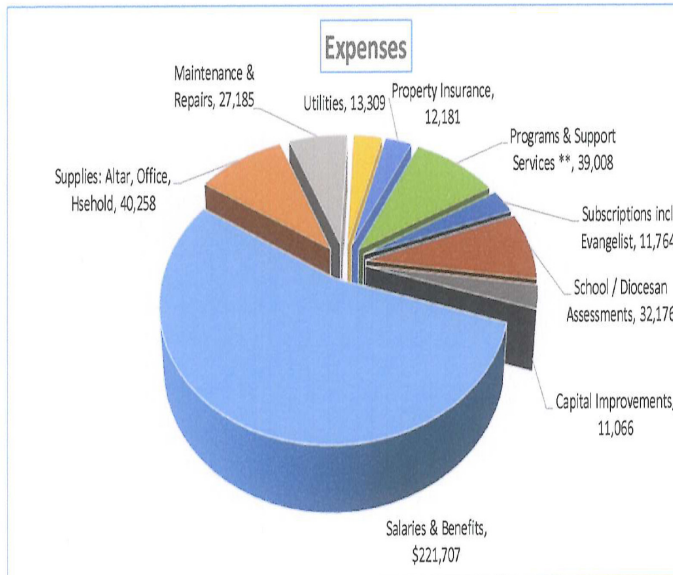
Revenue:

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| Offertory Collections | \$419,794 |
| Parish Events / Fundraising | 8,726 |
| Faith Formation Receipts | 12,055 |
| Donations | 18,006 |
| Sacraments & Stipend Receipts | 10,510 |
| Interest & Dividends | 3,892 |
| Rental Income | 825 |
| Other * | <u>19,356</u> |
| Total Revenue | \$493,164 |



Expenses:

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| Salaries & Benefits | \$221,707 |
| Supplies: Altar, Office, Hsehold | 40,258 |
| Maintenance & Repairs | 27,185 |
| Utilities | 13,309 |
| Property Insurance | 12,181 |
| Programs & Support Services * | 39,008 |
| Subscriptions incl Evangelist | 11,764 |
| School / Diocesan Assessment: | 32,176 |
| Capital Improvements | <u>11,066</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$408,654 |
| Net Operating Income | \$84,510 |



* incl dioc. Grant for Faith Formation (\$10,000) and Bishop's Appeal rebate (\$7,693)

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

PARISH MINISTRIES

We had a very successful Ministry Fair in June 2016 adding many new members to our established ministries. We introduced our newest ministries as we became a host site for Family Promise of the Capital Region.

- ◆ Altar Linen Ministry
- ◆ Altar Servers
- ◆ Alzheimer Care Ministry
- ◆ Baptism Ministry
- ◆ Collection Counters
- ◆ Faith Development Volunteers
- ◆ Family Promise Ministry
- ◆ Funeral Ministry
- ◆ Liturgical Ministers
- ◆ Men's Association
- ◆ Music Ministry
- ◆ Pastoral Care Ministry
- ◆ Prayer Chain Ministry
- ◆ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ◆ RCIA
- ◆ Respect Life Ministry
- ◆ Rosary Ministry
- ◆ Social Events/ Hospitality Committee
- ◆ Word of God Faith Sharing
- ◆ Young Children's Liturgy of the Word

As part of our Parish Ministries we prepared and served a meal to 25 migrant workers and their supporters who were rallying in Albany for better working conditions and benefits.

We collected 68 winter coats for the Coats for the Community Campaign and 300 books for Mary's Corner.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

- ◆ Mounting and Installation of The Last Supper Mural in Social Hall
- ◆ Raising of Front Entrance Sidewalk
- ◆ Land Development Committee
- ◆ Garage Planning
- ◆ New Bathroom Heaters
- ◆ Repairs to Rectory Door
- ◆ Tree Removal from Church Parking Lot

HOSPITALITY & PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ Feelin' Groovy Parish Feast Day Picnic
- ◆ After Mass Coffee Socials
- ◆ First Reconciliation Luncheon
- ◆ Family Bowling Day
- ◆ Lenten Soup Suppers
- ◆ Benjamin's Box
- ◆ IHC Mystery Players - Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Holy Saturday Reception for RCIA Newly Initiated Catholics
- ◆ First Communion Receptions
- ◆ Finding Favour Contemporary Christian Concert
- ◆ Pet Blessing 2015



PARISH COMMITTEES

Pastoral Council added 2 new members Ray Lauenstein and Tim Vivian thru a Discernment Process. They replace Kevin Fottrell and Bob Harms who have served faithfully & well. Thank you Kevin and Bob. Our new members join Rich Bogdany, Ellie Dorn, Deb Engel, David Ernst, Margaret Vivian and Michael Young.

Finance Committee has added 2 new members Josette Guastella and Millie Selby who replace Robert Esposito who's term has expired and Chris Gorka who is now our Parish Trustee. Our new members join Karen Finnessey, Diane Rapp, Bernie Rizzo and Steve Vanderwarker. Thank you Bob for your service.

Trustees: Chris Gorka & Peg Neri

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