

Religious Education

Our *Religious Education program* offers faith formation for all ages beginning with our youngest students in Kindergarten and extending to our adult education programs. Mrs. Patricia O'Connor serves as our DRE/Pastoral Associate with over 30 years experience in Religious Education. Mrs. Julie Pantazelos serves as Administrative Assistant and Catechist with over 18 years experience. Through the generous gift of time & talent, over 30 Catechists teach approximately 300 students each week. Classes take place in our Religious Education Center, which contains 10 classrooms, a Catechists meeting room, and a prayer room complete with a fountain and office. Most classes are 75 minutes long and include time for relational ministry, catechesis and prayer. In addition to class time our students are treated to a variety of workshops, speakers, and witness speakers using icebreakers, storytelling, skits, video, discussions and games. *Our Confirmation Program* is built on the Archdiocesan guidelines of service, worship, message and community. An evening of prayer and an all day retreat is incorporated into preparation for Confirmation. The retreat experience is facilitated within the parish by an intergenerational team of people who are committed to serving the spiritual needs of our young people. In addition to their Religious Education duties, Patty and Julie, along with Carol Bourne and Josephine St. Cyr Saieh, serve as our Parish CAP (Child Abuse Prevention) team. *VIRTUS*-Protecting God's Children is a program designed to educate staff members and volunteers to the warning signs of child sexual abuse.

The Religious Education office also offers an *RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) program and adult Confirmation classes*. Baptismal Preparation and Instruction occurs twice monthly for Parents and Godparents. We also coordinate the *Why Catholic Program*. **Why Catholic** is faith sharing and adult formation based on a seasonal theme. The theme for this past spring and now for the fall is: *Sacraments*. These faith sharing groups consist of 8-10 members who meet weekly for six weeks (75 minutes each week) and take place in our Parish Pastoral Office. For more information about any of these classes, please call: 781-961-5009.

Parish Web-Site & Facebook Site

- Stmaryrandolph.org.....Web
- Saintmarycemetery.orgWeb
- Saint Mary Parish, Randolph, MA.... Facebook

Offertory Campaign

- Begins on 9-26-15
- Goal: to raise our offertory by 20%
- Goal: to grow our Envelope Program by 20%
- Goal: to grow our Online giving program by 20%

Collaboration Update

As we begin to close out 2015, there is still an uncertainty about any official collaboration notice coming forward for St. Mary & St. Bernadette. When and if that announcement does materialize, we will share it as quickly as possible. As of now, Fr. Le and Fr. Ronaghan are the Administrators of their respective churches.

What is the purpose of Collaboration?

- **Purpose**....Strengthening parishes to do the work of the New Evangelization.
- **How**...Develop a strong Spiritual culture among the parishioners and spread it throughout the community. Also, to support the parishes in an operational manner that will support the Evangelization movement.
- **Disciples in Mission** www.disciplesinmission.com
This is the cornerstone of the entire process. *Spreading the word of God by everyone in a parish, not just by the priests*. This process is called the **Evangelization**. It can only work if the parish is strong and stable from both a spiritual and a physical perspective.
- **To maximize the use of our most valuable asset: our priests**. There are not enough priests to individually cover each church. Therefore, a collaborative, usually 2 or 3 parishes, will have a Pastor, in some cases a Parochial Vicar and a Pastoral Team. The Pastor for our Collaborative will most likely be announced in early winter of 2015.
- **Parishes will keep their own identity and financial resources**. The parish collaboratives are a means for fostering common pastoral action and a common vision. It won't be uncommon to see a restructure of mass schedules between the collaborating parishes. This procedure will be necessary due to the limited amount of priests to cover Masses.
- Many details to follow during the winter

St. Mary Cemetery

- Robert O'Connor is the Executive Director. The Cemetery is an 80 acre site established in 1845. We are proud of St. Mary Cemetery and invite all parishioners to visit, walk and enjoy our beautiful grounds. Please see our web-site at: saintmarycemetery.org or call 781-961-9323 for pre-need planning.

St. Mary's Parish Parishioner's Annual Report
For Year End 6-30-15

Please call Joe Sheehan our Business Manager M-T with questions. 781-963-4141 or e-mail jsheehan47@comcast.net	July 1, 2013	July 1, 2014	Comments	July 1, 2015
	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2015		June 30, 2016
	Actual	Actual		Budget
Parish Revenue				
Offertory	349,000	264,800	\$5,500/week ave	280,000
Grand annual	50,115	28,000		35,000
Parishioner's donations: energy, etc. (energy)	35,233	29,500	\$2,900/month ave	35,000
Promise four tomorrow	1,902	-		-
Religious Ed (2014/15 program to be held @ St. John's)	14,301	14,356		16,000
Shrines/Candles/ Flowers	6,055	4,446		6,600
Gifts, Bequests	32,145	38,296		30,000
Music start in 2012/13	21,000	17,600		19,000
Sacramental offerings	37,570	24,521		30,000
Interest Dividends	31	45		30
Rental income	114,000	105,504		116,200
Social Activities	119,631	74,748		95,000
Capital Campaign	55,291	10,303		5,000
Other Income	12,618	7,500		5,400
Utility fees from snow plowing	20,750	19,718		9,000
TOTAL Parish Income	869,642	639,337		682,230
Parish Expenses				
Compensation staff & Musicians/Cantors	236,049	244,749	*	244,600
Employee Benefits cost to parish	45,379	40,053	*	46,800
FICA cost to parish per IRS	18,000	21,549	*	18,545
Clergy Stipend	34,000	36,752	*	37,000
Clergy Insurance health	15,570	15,770	*	17,640
Clergy Unassigned.. visiting priest	13,973	7,945	*	8,400
Clergy other (retreats, etc.)	-	700	*	1,500
Clergy Auto Ins	-	-		756
Professional Fees	8,000	4,553	*	5,000
Household expense (rectory)	2,000	4,965	*	5,000
Heat	47,000	47,803		41,000
Electric	36,000	42,555		32,000
water	8,000	5,900		6,204
Facility Maintenance, repairs, snow, etc. & supplies	47,235	53,627		37,000
Professional Development	1,000	725		1,800
Pastoral /Liturgical	9,748	-		12,000
Office supplies, pamphlets, postage, data process	15,570	16,548	*	18,000
General liability insurance	18,000	28,000	*	27,500
Equipment Lease/rent Comcast, misc.	21,300	15,437	*	16,000
Service Agreements	6,474	8,055	*	9,700
Capital Improvement	68,418	26,334	*	7,500
Religious Ed...salaries are up in "compensation"	19,000	23,300	*	21,000
Social Activities	80,000	47,000	*	50,000
Archdiocese of Boston Tithe started 7-1-2012	38,100	39,584	*	21,000
Other Expenses, (Lottery Tax,floweres, dues,misc.)	12,000	6,500		15,000
TOTAL Parish Expenses	800,816	738,404		700,945
NET INCOME	68,826	(99,067)	closing the gap	(18,715)
Cash in Savings Account	7,000	7,000		7,000
Outstanding Debt	-	-		-

Summary 2014/15 was a very unpleasant year financially. Our 3 important collection categories: **Offertory, Grand Annual** and **Energy** all suffered and were well below expectation levels. In addition, our **Catholic Appeal** numbers are off by 20% below expectations. It is not too late to support the Catholic appeal. **What do we do?** I hope we all join forces and commit to an aggressive giving campaign for 2016; **beginning now**. We ask that you give serious **consideration to our Online**

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Giving and Envelope programs. Cash is good, but unpredictable.
to financially support our parish; we are asking again.

St. Mary has always risen to the challenge when asked

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