

Canton, NY
Nov 15, 2020

St. Mary's Stewardship



November 2020

*I give thanks to my
God at every
remembrance of you,
praying always with
joy in my every
prayer for all of you,
because of your
partnership for the
Gospel (Phil 1:3-5)*

A word from the Pastor

Each November we gather in homes across the nation to give thanks to God for blessings received. This year many of our celebrations will be very different; family members are no longer with us, travel has been discouraged, and gatherings have been curtailed. Yet, we give thanks.

2020 has been a year for the history books, but as we look at this year's stewardship report I'd ask you to keep three points in mind:

- St. Mary's School marked its 90th and last year this June. Since the report concerns July 2019 through June 2020, the school year is covered in this report.
- The start of the pandemic in March drastically affected numbers for the last 1/3 of the fiscal year.
- We are not just another business, and so the bottom line isn't "the bottom line." The numbers, the budget, the report, they are all important, but only in the light of how it effects our ability as the parishioners of St. Mary's to become the saints God is calling us to be—through Welcome, Education, and Worship.

Thank you so much for your continued support of St. Mary's Parish. That we continue the good work of spreading the Gospel in these challenging days is an inspiration to me. Over my three years with you, I've seen the generosity and hard work of the Canton Catholics. It's an honor to serve as your pastor.

Thanks to the good work of the Trustees, Council Members, the Buildings & Grounds Committee, and our Parish Staff, we're planning for the future. In the meantime, thank you all for your great support. Let's keep praying for one another and for the future of this great parish.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

During these many weeks of uncertainty, we have had the opportunity to focus on what really matters in our lives: our faith in God and our love for our family and our sisters and brothers in Christ. Amid all of life's struggles, we know that God is with us. We know, too, that each of us is called to a deeper faith in God and are reminded that all we have and all we are, are gifts from our loving God.

Next weekend, we observe Stewardship Sunday in the Diocese of Ogdensburg. This is an opportune time to focus on the many gifts that God has given to us and ask ourselves "How is God calling me to share these gifts in service to others?"

I realize that we are currently facing unusual circumstances and you may ask yourself, "How am I to share my gifts during this time when events in my parish are just not able to take place?" Might I suggest a few options for you:

- Consider being part of your parish's outreach ministry by helping your fellow parishioners, especially those who are currently homebound, stay connected to your parish community. By reaching out by telephone, video chat and even an old-fashioned card or letter, we can make a real difference to those who may feel isolated.
- Ask yourself "Are there tasks that other parishioners have taken care of in the past that they are just not able to do right now? Maybe I can help!" I invite you to talk with your pastor to see if there are ministries in your parish that need an extra hand and heart.
- Pray! Pray for an end to this pandemic and for a cure to Covid-19. Pray for God's grace and healing. Seek the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph.

I am grateful to the many youth, women and men in our parishes who are generously sharing their time, talents and resources in supporting the local family of faith and their community. May God continue to bless the work of your hands.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for the health and safety of your families.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R.

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Bishop of Ogdensburg

The Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary

Canton, New York



Spiritual and Financial Report to Parishioners

July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020

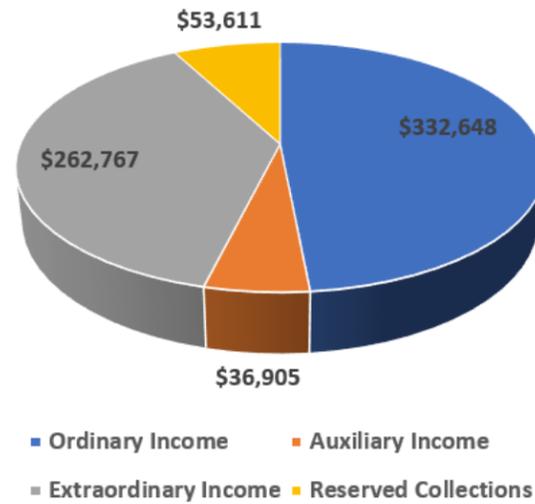
Parish Income

Ordinary Income ¹	\$332,648
Auxiliary Income ²	\$36,905
Extraordinary Income	
Payroll Protection Loan	\$90,000
Withdrawal from Capital Camp.	\$57,316
Withdrawal Diocesan Account	\$83,824
Miscellaneous ³	\$31,627
Total Extraordinary	\$262,767
Reserved Second Collections ⁴	\$53,611
Total	\$685,931

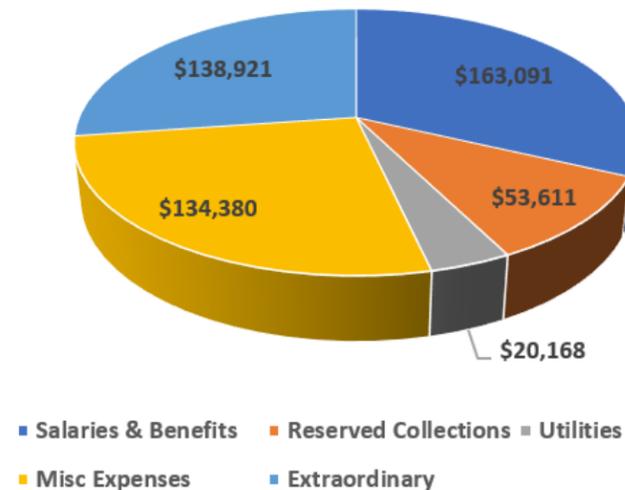
Parish Expenses

Salaries & Benefits ⁵	\$163,091
Reserved Second Collections ⁴	\$53,611
Utilities	\$20,168
Miscellaneous Expenses ⁶	\$134,380
Extraordinary Expenses ⁷	\$138,921
Total	\$510,171
Net	\$175,760

Parish Income 2019-2020



Parish Expenses



Mass Attendance Averages

	18/19	19/20*
Sat 5pm	115	105
Sun 9am	152	151
Sun 10:45am	62	50
Sun 5pm	63	67

*Before March COVID Restrictions

Weekly & Holy Day Collections

2017-2018	\$364,547
2018-2019	\$354,825
2019-2020	\$323,388

How do our parishioners donate?

Donation Method	2018-19	2019-20
Envelope Users	221	221
eGiving	8	38

Spiritual Report for last Two Years

	18/19	19/20
Christian Initiation of adults	9	3
Baptisms of children	13	8
First Penance	16	4
First Eucharist	16	4
Confirmation of youth	12	7
Marriages	6	2
Anointing of the Sick	58	67
Christian Burials	21	16
Children in SMS	56	37
Children In Religious Education	47	46

School Income

Tuition and Fees	\$171,136
Fundraising	\$65,259
Miscellaneous Income ¹	\$56,648
Diocesan Subsidy	\$35,000
Total	\$328,043

School Expenses

Salaries and Benefits ²	\$372,492
Utilities	\$18,359
Miscellaneous Expenses ³	\$50,947
Total	\$441,799
Net	-\$113,755

NOTE: Various school expenses associated with the building (Insurance, utilities, maintenance salaries & benefits and maintenance supplies will be moved to the parish ledger next year

Parish Notes

1. Ordinary Income includes parish collections and votive candles.
2. Auxiliary Income includes Interest, thrift store proceeds and religious education registration fees.
3. Miscellaneous Extraordinary Income includes In Memoriam Gifts and the Diocesan grant supporting the college Newman Ministry.
4. Reserved Collections are those second collections that are sent out of the parish.
5. Salaries and Benefits include clergy, rectory, maintenance and campus ministry staffs.
6. Miscellaneous Expenses include repairs to church and rectory, insurance, liturgical expenses, rectory household and table expenses, office supplies, diocesan assessments, charity requests, religious education expenses and thrift store expenses.
7. Extraordinary Expenses include two new church furnaces, chapel door repairs, continuing school roof loan repayments, Diocesan portion of the *Its our Church, Its our Future Capital Campaign*.

"It's our Church, It's our Future" Capital Campaign

St. Mary's is receiving 75% of the local proceeds from this Diocesan campaign, committing to three ongoing projects (Improving the entrances to our church, expanding faith formation and paying down the school roof loan.)

As of this report (July 1, 2020) we began:

1. Repairs to all ten church doors.
2. Replacement of the threshold to the chapel entrance.
3. Rejuvenation of all three church vestibules.
4. Replacement of hazardous sidewalks and deteriorating areas of the parking lot.
5. Subscribing to FORMED.org for life long catechesis of our entire parish.
6. Paid \$92,039 toward the School Roof Loan

School Notes

1. Miscellaneous Income includes Government reimbursement, interest, Latchkey Program Income
2. Salaries and benefits include administration, faculty and maintenance personnel.
3. Miscellaneous expenses include teaching supplies, office supplies, school repairs, advertising insurance and advancement expenses.

Saint Mary's Cemetery

Income	\$16,604
Expenses	\$17,345
Net	-\$741

In Diocesan Accounts

\$68,463	Remaining Parish Portion of 'Its our Church its our Future' Capital Campaign
\$48,740	Parish savings from bequests and property sales
\$85,386	Balance owed on the school roof loan