

## BY THE WAY . . .

- I am happy to include with this column the **Parish Financial Statement for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year**, as well as the budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. As you might imagine, it is a lot of ups and downs.

The parish income has been severely impacted by the Covid 19 Pandemic. Our regular income (collections, stipends, candles, etc.) is down about \$83,000. Our “other income” is down approximately \$72,000 due primarily to the cancellation of “The Feast.” However, our regular expenses have also gone down by about \$75,000. Although we ended our fiscal year with a deficit of nearly \$75,000 we have been able to meet our obligations with savings accumulated over prior years. We are projecting a \$170,000 deficit for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, but we have obtained a forgivable small business loan through the CARES Act which has allowed us to close the gap.

The **good news** is the continued generosity of so many of our parishioners week after week. Just this past week we received an envelope with \$726.00 in it representing missed Sunday donations going back to the Spring! We continue to be blessed by so many generous people who have continued to practice parish stewardship during these difficult times, via mail, drop-off, electronic and texting platforms. Our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter income is 15% (\$25,000) less than last year’s 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, but we are hopeful that during the upcoming seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent your spirit of generosity will grow even stronger.

Like so many other entities we have had to try to “re-invent” our ways of serving each other during these times. While we are basically back to our regular schedule of services in church, we have also purchased two new cameras and live stream equipment to allow our Sunday Mass, daily Mass, and other worship opportunities to be live streamed into the homes of our parishioners and friends who are not able to be there physically. We have also purchased two Ultra-violet sanitizing light carts, as well as electrostatic spraying guns to allow us to thoroughly disinfect our church in a timely manner after each Mass. With a lot of big and small changes (the auditorium and the cafeteria are now classrooms to allow proper distancing for our largest classes) Saint Anthony’s School is well into its 108<sup>th</sup> school year. Our religious education programs continue utilizing a remote format, as does our Youth Group. Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings are still happening – observing all kinds of distancing protocols – but still happening.

All of this takes the good will and cooperating of a lot of people, and I want to thank:

- the parish maintenance staff who have had to develop whole new timetables to accommodate sanitizing;
- the parish secretarial staff who have maintained things as normal in a time of new-normal;
- the “present” parishioners who have returned bit by bit each weekend and have gotten used to masks, now treat the hand sanitizer with the same reverence they used to use for holy water, and have gotten used (more or less) to different Communion procedures and leaving the church promptly after Mass;
- the parishioners who have remained prayerfully with us through live stream;
- the ushers, lectors, and servers who have generously volunteered for the various Masses;

--- various parish volunteers who have stepped forward (including technicians and live streamers) to make all this possible;  
--- the parish finance staff who nearly lost their mind trying to put together this report;  
--- and all who have generously continued to financially support their parish.  
Thank you, thank you, thank you!

- **Open for Business, but . . .**

Our parish offices remain closed for walk-in business. However, the office is open each Weekday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. **by phone** for regular parish business, including Mass cards, scheduling Baptisms, religious education, wedding and funeral inquiries, contacting the priests, etc. If you call after hours, please listen carefully to the entire phone message and you will be directed to another number. Please do not ring the rectory doorbell unless you have made an appointment over the phone. We are not open for walk-in blessings, etc. unless you have made an appointment by phone first.

While almost everyone has cooperated with this there have been a few exceptions, so I want to make the following two points.

Please do not ring the rectory doorbell (or bang on the kitchen windows) at 7:00, 7:10, 7:30, 8:00 A.M. etc. unless there is a genuine emergency. For everything else, please **call** the rectory beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Please do not call, e-mail, or text Mrs. Martone, Mrs. Brown or Mrs. Clyne at their homes at all hours of day and night to conduct parish business. This is not fair to them and their families, and I have not authorized them to conduct parish business from their homes.

- At this time of the year I am accustomed to seeing the **Parish Choir** practicing furiously to get ready for Lessons and Carols and the Christmas Eve musical program. I miss them and the beautiful things that they add to our Liturgy, and I know that they miss being able to contribute. At the present time, under the present conditions, both they and our parish **Communion Ministers** are unable to exercise their ministries to the full extent to which they have been accustomed. But please know that you are very much present in our thoughts and prayers.

- **Christmas Schedule** – Although it is a little early to talk about Christmas, I wanted to post this early in the hopes that people in their planning will try to spread themselves out among the available Masses so that we do not have to turn anyone away.

At the present time we are planning nine Masses over December 24-25. These nine Masses, under current regulations, will provide approximately 1,000 seats for Christmas Mass at about 110 seats per Mass. The schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve, December 24 – Two Masses at 4:00 P.M. (church and gym)  
Two Masses at 5:30 P.M. (church and gym)  
One Mass at 10:30 P.M. (church)

Christmas Day, December 25 – One Mass at 8:30 A.M. (church)  
One Mass at 10:00 A.M. (church)  
Two Masses at 12:00 Noon (church and gym)

- **A Prayer for All Souls**

*“Father into your hands I commend my spirit!”  
And into your hands, Jesus Christ,  
My most merciful Redeemer, infinite Love,  
I commend myself in the hour of death –  
My body and soul, my heart and my mind and my will,  
All that I have and all that I am.*

*Into your hands, the beautiful hands of a carpenter  
With their line and sinew and muscle  
Strong and sensitive hands nailed to a cross,  
I commend those whom I love.  
Hands that can heal the sick,  
Can give sight to the blind;  
Hands that can raise the dead  
And restore them to life with a touch,  
Receive those whom I love;  
Receive them and bless them from the cross;  
Receive them, comfort them, lead and uphold them;  
Untie them to yourself, and re-unite them to me  
Forever more in Your Kingdom.  
Jesus, merciful Lord.*

God bless you all,

Father Ray

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Fiscal Years 2019 & 2020)**  
**BUDGET (Fiscal Year 2021)**

	Statement of Operations July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019	Statement of Operations July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020	Budget July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021
<b>REVENUE:</b>			
<b>ORDINARY INCOME:</b>			
<b>COLLECTIONS, STIPENDS &amp; DONATIONS:</b>			
Collections-Sundays, Flowers, Proj Faith	\$ 664,802	\$ 606,128	\$ 551,873
Collections-Christmas	49,255	49,804	40,000
Collections-Easter	35,653	28,085	30,000
Collections-Holy Days	17,135	16,491	14,128
Stipends-Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings, Masses	77,082	59,927	57,000
Donations-Memorial & Misc	7,479	14,704	7,500
Donations-Candles	19,382	12,121	10,000
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS &amp; DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 870,788</b>	<b>\$ 787,260</b>	<b>\$ 710,501</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME:</b>			
Religious Education Fees	46,990	45,522	33,500
Misc-Advertising, Rental, BAA, Interest, etc	32,495	38,459	28,900
Fundraising-Feast, 500 Club, Misc	100,221	23,987	70,000
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 179,706</b>	<b>\$ 107,968</b>	<b>\$ 132,400</b>
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,050,494</b>	<b>\$ 895,228</b>	<b>\$ 842,901</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>			
<b>ORDINARY EXPENSES:</b>			
Personnel (Clergy & Administrative)	\$ 299,019	\$ 285,993	\$ 302,368
Fringe Benefits	131,488	136,031	147,839
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	141,843	142,955	147,773
Religious Education-Salary, Benefits, Program Expenses	181,577	191,776	196,966
Parish School Support	78,768	40,000	65,000
Diocesan Assessments	59,819	42,672	48,527
General & Administrative Expenses	97,258	75,164	83,928
<b>TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 989,772</b>	<b>\$ 914,591</b>	<b>\$ 992,401</b>
<b>EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES:</b>			
Buildings & Grounds Expense-500 Club	34,219	55,381	20,500
<b>TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 34,219</b>	<b>\$ 55,381</b>	<b>\$ 20,500</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,023,991</b>	<b>\$ 969,972</b>	<b>\$ 1,012,901</b>
<b>NET INCOME/LOSS</b>	<b>\$ 26,503</b>	<b>\$ (74,744)</b>	<b>\$ (170,000)</b>

**EXPLANATION OF FLUCTUATIONS:**

The Parish's Operating Income has been impacted by the pandemic over the past several months, causing a \$155,000 loss of revenue for Fiscal Year 2020 compared to 2019. Our Collections, Stipends and Donations were down \$83,500 primarily due to the shut-down and our Fundraising was down \$76,000 primarily due to the cancellation of the Feast. We have expanded our ParishSoft System to allow for Text-To-Give and Electronic Giving that you set up yourself; and are thankful to all who use these new ways of giving, as well as mailing or dropping off your weekly contributions.

Although our income declined, we were able to recognize some savings in various expenses. We have strived to serve our parish community by maintaining our full time staff. Our Rectory Office, while closed for walk-in visitors, is open for daily business, with not only our main telephone line, but a new cell phone line as well. We have installed 2 new cameras and livestream equipment into our church, and have purchased 2 UV sanitizing carts and an electrostatic spraying gun for disinfecting purposes. In addition, we increased our maintenance staff to better clean and disinfect all our facilities.

Although we ended our June 30, 2020 Fiscal Year with a \$75,000 deficit, we were able to meet our obligations with savings accumulated over prior years. We are projecting another deficit for Fiscal Year 2021, due to the uncertainty caused by the pandemic, but have obtained a forgivable small business loan through the CARES Act which will help us to meet our operating, liturgical and ministry needs and close the gap.