



## Annual Report 2018 – 2019

November 24, 2019

Peace and good! As part of the Annual Report for our parish community, on behalf of the Parish Advisory Council, Finance Committee, Pastoral Team, I present the following information and a snapshot of our financial report for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

**Mission:** St. Joseph Catholic Church preaches the Gospel through word, sacrament, and service to others in order to build God’s Kingdom.

**Vision:** St. Joseph Catholic Church is a joyful community, preaching the Good News to all, promoting God’s Word, the sacraments, and serving others through “Works of Mercy” in the spirit of Saints Joseph and Francis of Assisi.

Your financial support has allowed us to maintain and nurture: the sacramental life of our faith community; and our 24 ministries and 19 organizations to our children, youth, young adults, adults, elderly and those in need. I share a few of our faith formation experiences which occurred during this past year: celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday and Sacrament of Anointing; Divine Mercy Polka Mass; Spanish and SJS celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe; living rosary by the Spanish ministries, SJS, and Knights of Columbus; Simbang Gabi Mass and Gathering; implementation of That Man Is You (TMIY); Fish Fry and praying the Stations of the Cross by Franciscan Friars; the blessing of the Baptismal font; Night of Remembrance for the Deceased parishioners; parish subscription to FORMED; professional development for catechists; “Works of Mercy” – food drives for the St. Lucy Project (31,978 pounds of food and \$18,911.00 in donations) and LINK (estimated 3,000 pounds of food and \$4,965.00 in donations), etc.

A special thank you to all who increased your giving to help us to nurture our faith and embrace of the Gospel. We were not only able to support the celebration of our sacramental life and faith formation, we also made the following improvements or purchases: continued the LED Light bulb replacement project; gym floor refinishing; floor tile replacement for several classrooms; continued use of the Greenhouse for Parish and School; chiller coil replacement for parish facility; etc. Our Sustainability Team (SJC Facility Staff, Pastoral Staff, SJS community, and SJS Ecology Club) continue to do a great job of helping us to make our parish campus more ecologically sustainable.

As you know, the following projects were completed last year: the outdoor lighting project in front of the Church and parking lot; the installation and blessing of the Baptismal font; the replacement of the tiles in the vestibule; and the replacement of the carpet in the nave of the Church. We continue to work on the lighting feasibility study for lighting in the Church.

I share the following snapshot of St. Joseph Catholic Church for your review and reflection.

**The parish community is made up of:**

- 11,453 Parishioners;
- 3,864 Families;
- 6 Franciscan Friars ministering at the parish – three full-time priests, one priest as a weekend assistant, and two transitional deacons;
- 16 individuals ministering on the Pastoral staff;
- 38 individuals ministering as SJS Catholic educators;
- 512 students enrolled in St. Joseph Catholic School;
- 525 students in Religious Education;
- 38 volunteer catechists for the Religious Education program; and
- 24 ministries and 19 organizations affiliated with the parish.

**Celebration of the Sacraments**

• Baptisms	174
• First Penance	90
• First Communion	205
• Confirmation	161
• RCIA/RCIC	25
• Marriage	37
• Marriage Prep – for Marriages elsewhere	10
• Anointing of the Sick	72
• Funerals	34
• RCIA/RCIC	25

**St. Joseph Catholic Church Property**

- The Church is located in Herndon, VA on 17.36 acres.
- The current St. Joseph Catholic Church was completed in 1986 (32 years old).
- The Priest's Residence was completed in 1991 (27 years old).
- The original St. Joseph Catholic School (SJS) was completed in 1974 for the use of religious education classes (44 years old) and SJS began classes in the building in 1978.
- The Gym addition was completed in 1995 (23 years old).
- The Parish Hall, Office, SJS Library and primary grade wing was completed in 2004 (14 years old).
- Vine Street Property was purchased in March 2018 and in May 2019 we were handed the keys from the former owners.

## Use of the Parish Facilities

During the year of **07-01-2018** thru **06-30-2019**, there have been **5,666 events** at the parish which includes Masses, celebration of the Sacraments, church activities, sporting events, meetings, and other events.

## Parish Stewardship – Offertory Envelopes and Faith Direct

- Number of Registered Households – 3,864
- Number of Contributing Households – 1,149
- Number of E-Giving (Faith Direct) Households – 643
- 85% of the Church operating budget is funded by the weekend offertory and Faith Direct.

Without your continued support of the parish none of this would have happened, or would be happening. *We are grateful every day for your generosity*, and strive to be the best stewards possible of your donations. Together we will continue to make St. Joseph Catholic Church a place to be a visible presence of Christ in our world. As always, please feel free to call or email me if you should have any questions or comments.

In the peace of Francis of Assisi,

Father Tom Bourque, TOR  
Pastor

