



## Annual Report 2019 – 2020

March 1, 2021

Peace and good! I share the following information and a snapshot of our financial report for the 2019-2020 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.

As you receive this annual report for fiscal year which ended June 30, 2020, we are filled with hope in all that we, as a community of faith, have accomplished in spite of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the pandemic, we have realized opportunities and new ways to continue ministry and outreach in this time of COVID-19 protocols: face masks, social distancing, hand sanitization and isolation. We have donned our masks, maintained our social distance and have begun assessing how we can continue the mission of our parish in a variety of ways virtually with livestreaming, Google meet, Zoom, hands free drop off and pickups; etc... The parish staff, friars, and parishioners have stepped up to the challenges of celebrating our faith and sacramental life in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I thank our parishioners who contributed to our parish in so many ways and also thank the commitment of our staff and parish leadership in directing our efforts as a parish. How blessed we are to have committed and gifted parishioners!

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 Sacrament of Anointing; Spanish and SJS celebrations of Our Lady of Guadalupe; living rosary by the Spanish ministries, SJS, and Knights of Columbus; That Man Is You (TMIY); praying the Stations of Cross; parish subscription to FORMED; online professional development for catechists; “Works of Mercy” – food drives for and the St. Lucy Project (40,898 pounds of food and \$22,577.00 in donations) and LINK (estimated at over one ton of food and \$14,295.00 in donations), etc.

## Living the Mission During Pandemic:

- Beginning in mid-March, we watched as the world quickly shut down around us. Our facilities here at SJS were no exception; buildings were sanitized and either totally locked or had limited accessibility. Our campus that is usually alive and full of noise, laughter, and people, was unusually haunting in its emptiness and quiet for such a long period of time;
- In the midst of a worldwide pandemic, although our buildings were locked, the Church was very much alive and at work at SJC. We continued to worship God. Fr. Tom, Father David, and Fr. Alberto continued to celebrate Mass daily for the intentions of our parish, without the congregation present;
- Father David with the assistance of Danny Rucker implemented the beginning of the live stream of our Sunday and daily Masses;
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of Anointing continued to be celebrated by appointment;
- Following the revised COVID-19 protocols at particular times, we celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage and Mass of Christian Burial for our parishioners;
- The Youth of our parish were able to celebrate their First Holy Communion and Sacrament of Confirmation;
- St. Joseph Catholic School, Religious Education, and Faith Formation introduced new ways of educating and sharing our Catholic faith online;
- Many of our ministries continued their ministry via live stream, ZOOM, Goggle Meet, etc...;
- Our staff continued to work diligently, but from home, thanks to the help and support of the IT staff. Meetings that would normally happen face to face, took place via Google Meet, Zoom, FaceTime, and telephone conversations;
- Works of mercy by our faith community and Knights of Columbus continued to feed those in need in our local community and Diocese via contact free drop off food collections for St. Lucy Project and LINK;
- We continued to minister to our parishioners with telephone calls; assistance with food and store deliveries; written communication; and outreach.

Christ is alive, and so is the Church. While screens are no replacement for in-person encounters, and watching Mass on a phone, computer, or TV could never replace receiving the Eucharist, we now know more than ever that nothing can stop God's work in the world!

Needless to say, this annual report—much like this past year—will be unlike previous ones. Who would have guessed when we entered into fiscal year 2019/2020 we would experience months without the celebration of a public Mass. The last quarter of the past fiscal year was filled with many unknowns and a wide variety of new challenges. However, I am so grateful to our incredible staff and dedicated parish families who rose to those new challenges and assured that quality ministry continued whether working from home or reaching out via Zoom or Goggle Meet.

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

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

- 11,528 Parishioners;
- 3,981 Families;
- 5 Franciscan Friars ministering at the parish – three full-time priests, one priest as a weekend assistant, and one transitional deacons;
- 16 individuals ministering on the Pastoral staff;
- 50 individuals ministering as SJS Catholic educators;
- 513 students enrolled in St. Joseph Catholic School;
- 523 students in Religious Education;
- 37 volunteer catechists for the Religious Education program; and
- 24 ministries and 19 organizations affiliated with the parish.

**Celebration of the Sacraments**

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| • Baptisms                                   | 170 |
| • First Penance                              | 211 |
| • First Communion                            | 233 |
| • Confirmation                               | 161 |
| • RCIA/RCIC                                  | 25  |
| • Marriage                                   | 23  |
| • Marriage Prep – for<br>Marriages elsewhere | 13  |
| • Anointing of the Sick                      | 424 |
| • Funerals                                   | 39  |
| • RCIA/RCIC                                  | 25  |

**St. Joseph Catholic Church Property**

- The Church is located in Herndon, VA on 17.35 acres.
- The current St. Joseph Catholic Church was completed in 1986.
- The Priest's Residence was completed in 1991.
- The original St. Joseph Catholic School (SJS) was completed in 1974 for the use of religious education classes and SJS began classes in the building in 1978.
- The Gym addition was completed in 1995.
- The Parish Hall, Office, SJS Library and primary grade wing was completed in 2004.
- Vine Street Property was purchased in March 2018.

**Use of the Parish Facilities**

During the year of **07-01-2019** thru **06-30-2020**, there have been **4,298 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 – 3,981
- Number of Contributing Households – 1,037
- Number of E-Giving (Faith Direct) Households – 641
- 85% of the Church operating budget is funded by the weekend offertory and Faith Direct.

I want to extend gratitude to the Friars, Pastoral Staff, Finance Council and Parish Advisory Council for their consultative and collaborative leadership and service to our parish. I also thank our faithful volunteers who give of their time, talent and treasure so generously to our faith community.

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