

THE PARISH OF  
*Our Lady of Sorrows - St. Anthony*  
HAMILTON, NJ

**PASTORAL & FINANCIAL REPORT**

**2019-2020**

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to provide this pastoral and financial report for FYE June 30, 2020. Prepared by CohnReznick, Roseland, NJ, it was submitted to the Diocese after a review by our finance council. In your study of this report, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the last quarter of the 2019-20 fiscal year must be taken into account. Our churches closed March 15 and reopened June 13 under stringent parameters. During this time when in-person gatherings were prohibited, we ventured into the virtual world to maintain some sense of parish life. I would also like to highlight the following:

- Despite the pandemic's impact, the parish remains debt-free, satisfying all financial obligations to its vendors and the diocese.
- Our financial "equilibrium" was maintained by the receipt of the federal government's PPE loan of **\$107,000 on May 26, 2020**. The loan need not be repaid since it was used for the purpose intended—salary and benefits.
- Since the last report, the number of registered households declined by **346**.
- Revenue generated by the lease of buildings at St. Anthony Campus should not be underestimated. It accounts for **25%** of our total revenue! However, in June 2020, Newgrange School moved to a new location at the termination of their lease. We have a well-founded hope that this building will be leased soon. Until then this means a loss of \$30,490 monthly. Pace Charter School continues to lease the older school building.
- The Diocese continues to subsidize our Haitian Ministry and contributes  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the pastor's salary and benefits for his duties as Vicar General. These account for another **3%** of total revenue.
- Despite lower enrollment, we strive to keep our subsidy to the school at the level mandated by the Diocese, i.e., not to exceed 25% of ordinary parish income. This year, the subsidy went from \$326,326 to \$288,813. This subsidy is **26%** of our ordinary income, i.e. Sunday, Holy Day, Easter, and Christmas collections.

Thank you for your consistent generosity to the parish by the sharing of your time, talent, and treasure. Still in the throes of the COVID-19 pandemic, may our prayers be unremitting and the work to safeguard our health, persistent.

Respectfully submitted,

*Msgr. Thomas Gervasio*

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FYE ENDING JUNE 30, 2020**

**INCOME**

Weekly Collection	\$952,833
Holy Days	\$23,476
Christmas/Easter	\$154,469
Assessments	\$12,448
Monitor	\$1,324
Non-Diocesan	\$18,063
All Souls	\$3,821
Tuition Assistance	\$257
Misc	\$733
Diocesan Subsidy	\$58,871
Pastor Salary/Benefits	
Haitian Ministry	
Votive Lights/Flowers	\$8,654
Mass Stipends	\$16,287
Rel. Ed. Tuition	\$36,770
Restricted Gifts	\$9,419
Bequests	\$4,000
Investment Income	\$109,165
FTMM Dio. Rebate	\$20,843
Golf Classic	\$17,373
Summer Project	\$34,237
Perquisites	\$31,763
Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals	
Rental Income	\$483,896
St. Anthony Campus	

**TOTAL INCOME    \$ 1,998,702**

**EXPENSES**

Parish Clergy/Staff Salaries	\$403,416
Extra Clergy	\$12,510
Hospital Chaplaincy	\$6,528
Payroll Taxes	\$25,688
Health/Life/Pension Benefits	\$111,009
Cont. Ed/ Retreats	\$4,002
Other Benefits	\$7,600
Professional Fees	\$81,865
Tuition Assistance	\$5,000
Subsidy to School	\$288,813
Youth Group Supplies	\$580
Charitable Appeals	\$15,205
Diocesan Assessment	\$139,746
Non-Diocesan Collections	\$12,037
Other Collections	\$6,602
Liturgical Supplies	\$24,936
Office Supplies	\$19,025
Rel. Ed. Supplies	\$21,779
Social Activities	\$8,662
Operation of Plant	\$128,908
Utilities	\$97,744
Custodial Supplies/Repairs	\$51,387
Care of Grounds	\$74,882
Property Insurances	\$251,740
Property Taxes	\$4,328
Volunteer Recognition	\$7,512
Plant Additions	\$4,530
Equipment Leases	\$5,178
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 1,821,212</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 177,490</b>

## SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS

	2019	2020
Baptisms	65	43
First Holy Communions	82	63
Confirmations	71	55
Receptions into the Church	6	3
Marriages	17	12
Anointing of the Sick	151	23
Funeral Rites	146	127

### PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

The parish is responsible to care for the spiritual needs of the residents of

**Hamilton Grove Nursing Home**  
**Genesis Health-Mercerville Center**

All parishes in Mercer County support the Priest Chaplains who provide pastoral care to the patients at

**Robert Wood Johnson at Hamilton**  
**Capital Health: Trenton & Hopewell**

### AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE

#### "Annual October Count"

Protocols in place during the pandemic resulted in a reduced schedule and a limited attendance.

Below is a comparison with the prior year.

Figures are average of attendance during the

October.	2019	2020
4:00 pm	284	167
5:00 pm	227	<i>suspended</i>
8:00 am	290	<i>suspended</i>
9:30 am	233	150
11:00 am	377	150
6:30/12:30 pm <i>Creole</i>	212	96

Average: 1621 563

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

	2019-20	2020-21
K-8	162	165
Pre-K	32	12
Total	194	177
Parishioners	123	102
Other Parishes	33	59
Non-Catholics	6	4
Teachers	13	12
Teacher Aides	3	1
Adjunct Faculty	6	6
Support Staff	4	4

### PARISH SUBSIDY TO SCHOOL

What tuition and fundraising do not cover to maintain the school is given as subsidy by the parish. According to diocesan norms, the subsidy should not exceed 25% of ordinary parish income (total of Sunday, Holyday, Christmas and Easter collections) Prior to 2018, this "cap" was set at 30%

	Total	% of ord. income
2017-18	\$ 452,635	37%
2018-19	\$ 326,326	26%
2019-20	\$ 288,813	26 %

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

	2019-20	2020-21
Mon & Wed Classes	271	202
Summer Program	31	32
Home Schooling	8	11
Total	310	245
Vacation Bible Camp	29	<i>suspended</i>
Catechists	24	16
Support Staff	1	1

## PARISH CENSUS

*as of December 31, 2020*

Registered Households	<b>2531</b>
Supporting	1470
Non-Supporting	1061

## 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Diocesan Goal	\$6.5 million
Parish Goal	\$110,000
# of Donors	684
Total Gifts	\$80,434
% of Goal	73%

## 2019-20 WORKS OF CHARITY

**“beyond the parish”**

### Adopt-a-Family “Christmas Appeal

360 gifts; Cash/Gift Cards \$3,000+

### Clothing & Housewares Drive

### Holy Childhood Association (Missions)

OLS School: \$445.25 Religious Ed: \$393.87

### Weekly Food Pantry

Grocery donations benefit the Mount Carmel Guild and St. Raphael-Holy Angels Pantry (a cohort parish)

### Lenten Work of Love

Recipient: Religious Teachers Filippini Missions  
\$10,000 (Well Project in Ethiopia)

### Loaves and Fishes (Cathedral Kitchen)

During pandemic, the parish purchased & distributed packed lunches: \$2,526

### Caring Hearts/Interfaith Caregivers

2,649 hours of volunteer service were provided by parishioners to the elderly & homebound.

## PARISH STAFF

Msgr. Thomas Gervasio, Pastor  
Fr. Pierre Joseph, Parochial Vicar  
Fr. Jean R. Felicien, In Residence  
Deacons:  
Luders Desire Kevin O’Boyle  
Joseph Jaruszewski James Challendar (retired)  
Dennis Slavin (retired)

Maureen Tuohy, School Principal  
Mariyam Francis, Director, Religious Education

Philip Carlini, Maintenance  
Susan Commini, Pastoral Assistant  
Doris Cordero, Secretary  
Clara Gioe, Financial Secretary  
Denise Mikics, Bulletin & Calendar  
Michael Amantia, Music Ministry P/T  
Walter Muñoz, Rel. Ed. Assistant P/T  
Valerie Viel, Office Assistant P/T

## TRUSTEES

Maria Ialacci David Uhaze

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

Msgr. Thomas Gervasio Jeffrey Carter  
Leonard Commini Joan DeGregory  
Dcn. Luders Desire Frank Duverneau  
David Larkin Lea Novak  
Vincent Peroni

## FINANCE COUNCIL

Msgr. Thomas Gervasio Fr. Pierre Joseph  
Gerri Hoffman Maria Ialacci  
Jack Michaels Barbara Miele  
Michael Stewart Maureen Tuohy  
David Uhaze

## SCHOOL BOARD

Julianne DeCore Alice Eckel  
Msgr. Thomas Gervasio Michael McGuinness  
Joseph Muziani Dcn. Kevin O’Boyle  
Vincent Peroni Maureen Tuohy

## LUMEN CHRISTI COHORT TEAM

Msgr. Thomas Gervasio Joan DeGregory  
David Larkin Lea Novak  
Jennifer Ridell