



St. Andrew the Apostle

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Love God, Serve Neighbor, Nurture Disciples

Who will?
we will!



Annual Report 2020

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A Note From Father John

It's a bit hard for me to believe that I am writing to you as part of the annual report for the third time! As our fiscal year runs from July-June, we usually make this report in September, once we have a clear picture of where we are 12 months since our last reflection. Money may not be our favorite topic, but as we all realize, we can't do much of anything without it. Every year, I'm always surprised to look back and see all that happened in the course of one year.

I now know a number of the people that I have the privilege of sending on to God in funeral rites. Those are always moving experiences for me – and it's a difficult privilege to have some sense of a life well-lived as a disciple of Christ. And I always enjoy the baptisms – that hope for the future that a child represents. The looks on parents' faces are always priceless. We have been gradually celebrating First Communion with about 100 of our children – masks and all – it is STILL an inspiring sight. I was also thrilled with the opportunity to stand in for our Bishop and confirm 70 of our young (and a few not-so-young!) people. Weddings also remind me that folks continue to treasure those solemn vows, witnessing them in church. One brave couple even celebrated their wedding in May, at the height of the pandemic. It was videoed and provided a defiant word of hope in dark days. These are all particular highlights for me.

Some nuts and bolts realities: remodeling and refreshment of the church (ongoing as I write this), increasing our charitable giving by 10%, the purchase of a refrigerated truck to further expand the outreach of our BROWN BAG MINISTRY, we waived fees for Faith Formation (permanently!). All of this during a PANDEMIC! So, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! And INGENUITY – David Legarth saw an opportunity to reuse our old pew cushions as sleep pallets for Church in the Woods, new ministries have been formed by YOU seeing a need and filling it. Despite all that has gone on in our world -- COVID-19, social unrest, election frenzy, you made it possible for us to operate IN THE BLACK once again. These challenges will continue for the foreseeable future. Despite all of them – we have stayed true to our mission – to *Love God, Serve Neighbor, and Nurture Disciples*. All of this can only be done with your generous stewardship.

It is humbling to be the pastor of such a generous community. It is very encouraging to observe where your hearts are, even in times of strife. We continue to rely on the SOURCE of our hope and salvation – Jesus, knowing that He accompanies us through every challenging moment (and the fun ones too!) We will be sharing more about stewardship and what it means to your fellow parishioners in the coming months. I invite you to reflect on this for yourself: What is Stewardship? How am I living the call to be a Christian Steward?

I want to thank those of you who have returned to Mass – it was SO difficult to celebrate the mass before a camera without you. I'm glad to see you with your masks! (Although I prefer when we can see one another's faces). I also wish to assure those of you who have NOT returned, that you should only return WHEN YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE DOING SO. Let's not add unnecessary guilt to all of the other challenges we currently face. Staying connected to God in prayer (both private and communal – even when virtual), encouraging one another and holding on to hope are our Catholic strategies for challenging times. The Paschal Mystery reminds us that in our dyings there is promise of rising – ALWAYS.

WE WILL carry on, and we will once again celebrate together!
Thank you for all you do.

Father John



Financial Summary

REVENUE	ACTUAL 2018-19	ACTUAL 2019-20	PROJECTED 2020-21
OFFERTORY	\$1,649,566	\$1,775,731	\$1,710,000
OTHER DONATIONS	\$241,217	\$220,947	\$265,500
PARISH IMPROVEMENTS	\$194,658	\$183,034	\$108,000
OTHER REVENUE/NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$145,398	\$247,061	\$241,447
Total Receipts	\$2,230,839	\$2,426,773	\$2,324,947
DISBURSEMENTS & RESERVES	Actual 2018-19	Actual 2019-20	Projected 2020-21
STAFF/CLERGY EXPENSE	\$771,505	\$915,464	\$962,965
PARISH MINISTRIES	\$180,233	\$297,775	\$278,800
SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT	\$166,112	\$208,284	\$137,590
UTILITIES, MAINTENANCE & INSURANCE	\$279,312	\$303,791	\$252,100
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS & NATIONAL COLLECTIONS	\$357,486	\$347,525	\$346,000
MORTGAGE	\$70,897	\$83,787	\$77,342
CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$279,271	\$225,946	\$270,150
Total Disbursements and Reserves	\$2,104,816	\$2,382,572	\$2,324,947
Net Income/(Loss)	\$126,023	\$44,202	\$0

- Number of registered families on June 30, 2020 - 2935
- We started a census effort in October 2018 which was completed at the end of July 2020. The reduction in the number of registered families, reflects those who are active members with verified contact information.
- In January, we purchased a new rectory and sold the townhome in April. The new house is a much more appropriate floorplan.
- The church renovations have begun, and will be completed by November 2020, so we incurred a portion of the expenses in fiscal 2020 and the rest in fiscal 2021.

BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our yearly opportunity to support the work of the Catholic Church in Eastern North Carolina. So far this year we have raised over \$305,000, \$60,000 more than our 2020 goal. 743 donors (around 32% of our households based on 8/31/2020 population) gave an average gift of \$257. Over \$57,000 (95% of the total amount over our goal at the end of the year) will be returned directly to our church in 2021. The remaining 5% will be placed in our Parish Reserve Endowment Fund at The Catholic Foundation.



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Financial Summary

This year, I think many would agree, has been the most unusual one in our parish history. The first half of our fiscal year (July-December 2019) was full of optimism: a new Music Director, formation programs thriving, a wonderful Christmas season. Even into January of 2020, we had no idea how quickly the world would turn.

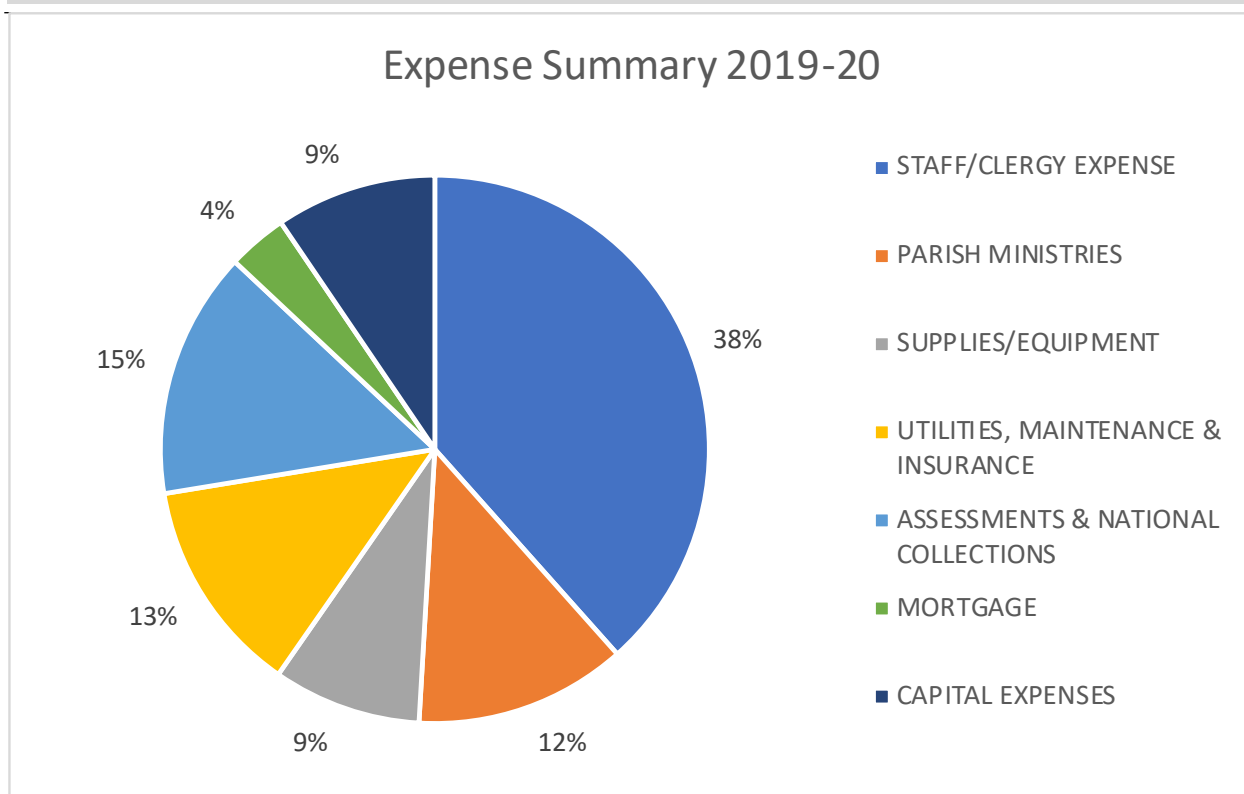
Mid-March brought the shutdown and a dramatic drop in the offertory. We had a 16% increase in February which eroded to finishing the year around 8% over last year. Even though there was a decline, this is still a phenomenal result. You have kept your parish going – even thriving – through this pandemic. Offertory is rebounding and the staff is working very hard to make your in-person and at-home church experience meaningful. We are still able to continue pushing toward our vision to **Love God, Serve Neighbor, and Nurture Disciples**.

Because of your commitment and stewardship, we have been able to continue our charitable giving and assistance to individuals in need, keep our staff working, maintain our facilities, and so much more with even more to come in the next year.

Thank you for continuing to say **WE WILL!**

David Legarth, Finance Committee Chair

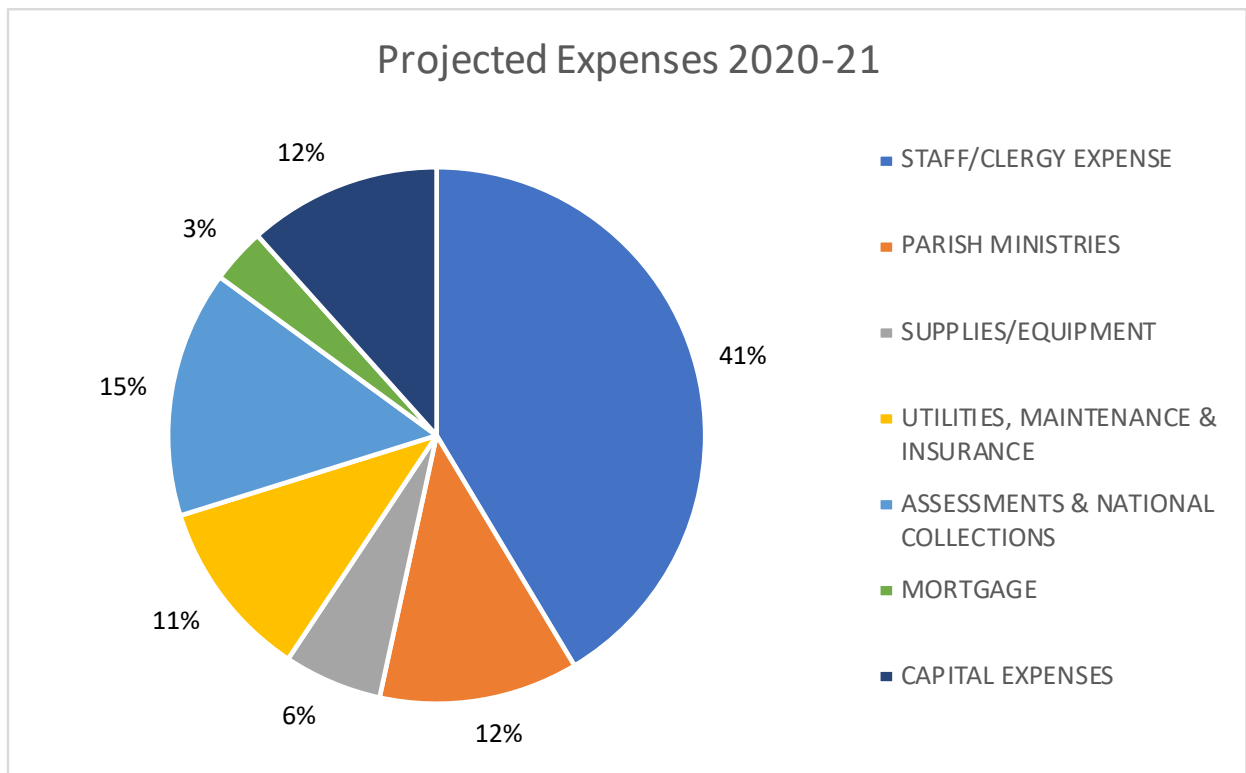
Noelle Marino, Parish Administrator



Budget Information

PARISH ANNUAL CHARITABLE GIVING & ASSESSMENTS GIVING FOR FY 2020-2021

Birthchoice	\$300	Matching Gifts for Oak City Cares on	
Catholic Charities	\$12,000	Holy Thursday	\$10,000
CPO Food Pantry	\$4,000		
Food Bank of CENC	\$2,400		
Habitat for Humanity	\$5,000	Diocesan Assessments	
The Healing Place	\$1,200	Hispanic Ministries	\$9,900
Hospice of Wake County	\$1,200	Priests' Retirement	\$93,926*
Life Experiences	\$1,200	Cathedraticum	\$141,370*
Meals on Wheels	\$1,200	Catholic Schools	\$67,183*
RIP Debt	\$1,000	<i>These annual assessments, collected from every parish in the diocese, assist with diocesan operating expenses.</i>	
Room at the Inn	\$2,000		
Tarboro Community Outreach	\$800		
Western Wake Crisis Ministry	\$12,000		
Assistance to Individuals	\$6,000		
<i>(This represents people in crisis seeking help)</i>			
			<i>*unconfirmed at date of publishing</i>



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS AT A GLANCE

The Faith Formation programs at St. Andrew are central to our parish’s mission to *Love God, Serve Neighbor, and Nurture Disciples*.

- **Elementary Faith Formation** provides a variety of opportunities for children to learn to love Jesus and our Catholic faith. Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered weekly as a companion to the celebration of the Sunday liturgy and is geared toward preschool to elementary aged children. While Mass capacity is reduced, CLOW is pre-recorded and link for viewing is sent to all parishioners along with links to Children’s Bulletins for each weekend. Since the Elementary Faith Formation curriculum we have chosen offers both in-person and online platforms, we are able to offer a faith formation experience that supports children and families in a distanced learning environment as needed. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is another key component of this ministry.
- **Middle School Youth Ministry (JYM) for grades 6-8:** We will be using St. Mary’s Press digital and virtual course Catholicism 101. It can be used as a companion to the Catholic Connections for Middle School text. It has an online component and a virtual zoom meeting with catechists. Once in-person class resumes, service, community and social components will as well. Weekly Bible Studies are offered via Zoom, where we discuss the coming week’s readings.
- **High School Youth Ministry (TYM) for grades 9-12:** TYM will also be using curriculum from St. Mary’s press for digital sessions led via Zoom meetings with adult leaders and peer ministers. Our high school teens will continue with the Life Teen Model but virtually with topical conversations along with discussions from Catholicism 101. Once in-person class resumes, service, community and social components will as well. Zoom Bible studies are also open to high school students.
- **The Special Needs and Disabilities Ministry** at St. Andrew builds a coalition of social and spiritual support within the Diocese of Raleigh. Families aren’t just welcome in our church – they belong here. Those with disabilities are invited to participate in all areas of parish life including the liturgy and faith formation programs. Support is tailored to individuals’ gifts and needs.
- **Adult Faith Formation** includes a year-round Inquiry and Catechumenate for RCIA, preparation of adult Catholics for Confirmation, and a Returning Catholics program. Catechist formation and enrichment is offered through short courses and the new Franciscan at Home program. A.L.L. (Adults Living and Learning) is a program for our 55+ parishioners. Several small groups meet throughout the week for faith sharing and/or Bible Study, including both virtual and in-person opportunities. FORMED, an on-line streaming service, is also available to all parishioners.

2019-2020 FAITH FORMATION

Children Enrolled in Faith Formation Classes:

K-5	360
Grades 6-8 - JYM	150
Grades 9-12 -TYM	75
Parish K-12 Home Faith Formation	159
Children's Liturgy of the Word	60

Volunteers:

Grades K-12	115
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First Communicants:

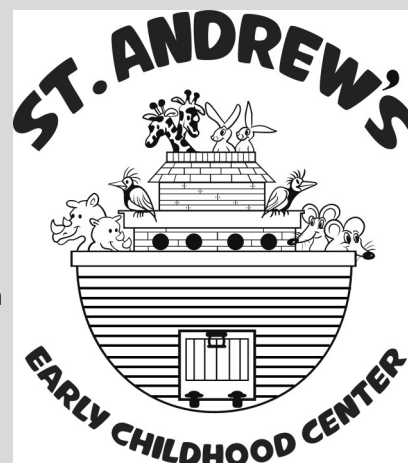
2019	102
May 2021	80
Confirmation:	
Summer 2020	66
Spring 2021	97

Baptisms

July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	49
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Early Childhood Center

St. Andrew's offers morning programs for young children to learn and grow in a nurturing, faith-filled environment.



St. Andrew's offers a half day, nine-month program where children ages 18 months through 5 years old can learn and grow in a nurturing, faith-filled environment. The developmentally appropriate curriculum is designed to enhance social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth in young children. Child initiated and teacher supported play is an essential component of the program. Being a Catholic center, Bible stories, prayer, and Catholic identity are incorporated into daily lessons.

Total enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year was 156 children. The registration period for the 2020-2021 began healthy; however, as the pandemic continued preschool enrollment dropped to 88 children (61% of children are parishioners). This decline in enrollment is due to concern over COVID-19. We are committed to providing a safe, healthy learning environment for our staff and students.

ECC Financial Summary and Projections

	2018-2019 Actual	2019-2020 Actual	2020-2021 Projections
Revenues:			
Tuition	\$288,374	\$232,901	\$180,945
Other Fees & Revenue	\$24,385	\$18,229	\$26,532
Non-Operating Income	\$1,614	\$48,081	\$3,300
Total Revenue	\$314,373	\$299,211	\$210,777
Expenses:			
Educational (Includes teacher salaries and benefits)	\$278,149	\$273,988	\$197,277
General (Includes office and facility expense)	\$17,139	\$11,552	\$11,250
Non-Operating Expenses	\$19,833	\$1,851	\$2,250
Total Operating Expenses	\$315,121	\$287,391	\$210,777

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

O God, in whose every creation we discover a gift freely given: all that we have comes from the outpouring of your generosity. Inspire in our hearts a deep sense of gratitude, and move us to share what we have received with the same immensity of spirit in which it was given.

O Lord, you breathe your Spirit upon us and send us out with your peace, and so *we will* form disciples who will care of our common home. *We will* be your presence in our world as we light the flame of faith and give hope to the hopeless. As your Mystical Body *we will* care for the poor and the sick, the stranger and the imprisoned. *We will* witness to your love with our entire lives.

O God, You call each of us to play a unique role in the unfolding of your divine plan. Give us the grace to answer your call: *Who will? ... We will!*

We ask this with grateful hearts through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

We are asked to give back to God in gratitude for the many gifts God has given us through a significant contribution on a regular basis. The easiest and most efficient way to do this is through our online giving option. This will allow you to make your donations without writing a check each week. You can set up a recurring weekly or monthly payment, allocate different amounts for various collections, and view complete, accurate financial records at any time. See our parish website (<https://saintandrew.weshareonline.org/>) for more information or call the parish office.



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