

STEWARDSHIP - PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

With the Finance Council, I share with you the summary of our revenues and expenses for the six-month period that ended 30 June, 2019. Comparative figures show a 3% increase in revenue and a 0.8% increase in expenses from last year. While last year's figures revealed a net loss of 10,319, this year's reveal a net gain of 19,411.

Recent activity of the Council includes: a) Following a study and recommendation by a subcommittee of the Council, a portion of our finances will be invested. b) Funds will be allocated for necessary repair of the stained-glass window in the organ loft. c) Decision and action regarding the upgrading of the exterior doors of the church and parish center are imminent.

Our Patron, St. Bonaventure, experienced our Trinity God as the Mystery of Self-giving Love. You are images of the self-giving love of our God in the self-giving love you express in your support of our Parish. I thank you not only for that support but also for your example. What a remarkable community I am privileged to be a part of.

Fr Dennis

		Six Months Ended	
		June 30, 2019	June 30, 2018
Revenue			
Regular Weekly Collections (includes Easter)		\$ 334,982	\$ 330,589
Miscellaneous Income		66,339	58,186
Total		\$ 401,321	\$ 388,775
Expenses			
Administration	Salaries & Benefits	\$ 243,270	\$ 235,500
	Diocesan Assessment	52,878	51,989
	Office expenses, telephone, supplies, postage	23,725	20,038
Liturgical	Music, altar supplies, books	35,897	32,205
Pastoral	Ministry with Maturing Adults, Hospital Chaplaincy, Social Ministry, Faith Formation	19,001	18,404
Maintenance & Utilities	Light, heat, landscaping, snow removal, property insurance, maintenance supplies	76,393	89,040
Operating Expenses		\$ 451,164	\$ 447,176
Less: Family of Faith Campaign (Parish Portion)		(69,254)	(48,082)
Total		\$ 381,910	\$ 399,094
Net Income(Loss)		\$ 19,411	\$ (10,319)
Maintenance Collections (not available for regular operating expenses)		\$ 13,032	\$ 13,349
Less: Capital Expenses		0	0
Total		\$ 13,032	\$ 13,349

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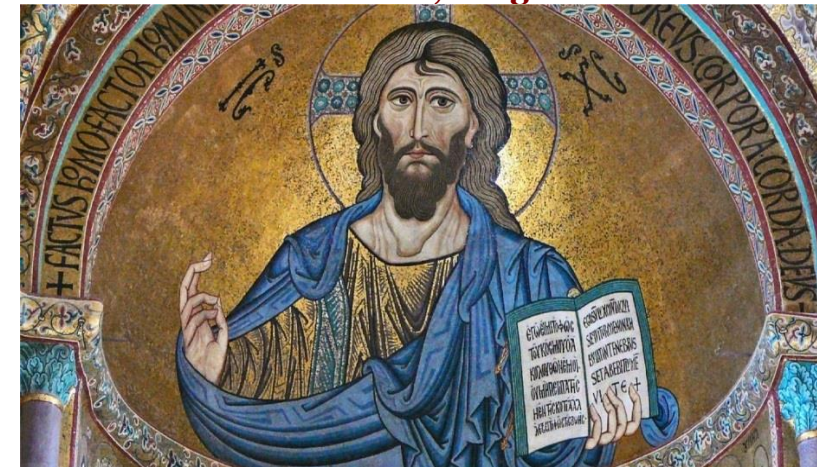


YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

GROWING IN SPIRIT, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE
Inspired by St. Francis we seek to live and proclaim the gospel in our daily lives, responding to the spiritual hungers of the community and becoming an oasis of peace, prayer and service.

November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



According to Pope Francis, from the beginning of His life to his last act, Jesus revealed Himself as Mercy. What does His assurance to the good thief confirm? What does that mean to you?

The good thief finally addresses Jesus directly, invoking His help: "Jesus, remember me..." "There is so much tenderness in this expression, so much humanity! It is the need of the human being not to be forsaken; that God may be always near.

On the Cross, Jesus' last act confirms the fulfillment of this plan of salvation. From beginning to end, He revealed Himself as Mercy, He revealed Himself as the definitive and unrepeatable incarnation of the Father's love. Jesus is truly the face of the Father's mercy. And the good thief called Him by name: "Jesus." It is a short invocation, and we can all make it several times during the day: "Jesus." Simply, "Jesus." Let us do so throughout the day.

Pope Francis, General Audience, September 28, 2016

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And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims the power, presence and beauty of God, the Creator.

St. Bonaventure

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the back of the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

Baptism of Infants: One Sunday every other month. Request forms are on the website, at the back of the church or at the Ministry Centre.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA): For those not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholic but have not completed their initiation, a process of becoming Catholic involving prayer, inquiry and study is available. Please contact **Greg**, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

School-aged Children: Preparation of children for the celebration of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our Parish Program. Further information will be provided in the bulletin during the school year.

Marriage: Contact **Friar Dennis** or **Friar Peter** at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

Religious Life: Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life please see one of the friars.

Pastoral Care: Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

Spiritual Direction: Contact **Friar Mark** at friarmsted2015@gmail.com

Prayer Network: Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. Contact **Moira McKeown** at 416-445-8494

Funeral: Please contact the Ministry Centre and we will assist you in planning the liturgical services.

Psalm 122~ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Mass Intentions

Nov. 25 Monday 9:00 am †Cathy Valenti
Nov. 26 Tuesday 9:00 am †Lyriss Boucaud
Nov. 27 Wednesday 9:00 am †Leoncio and †Maria Gique
Nov. 28 Thursday 9:00 am †Julie Clune-Sadler
Nov. 29 Friday 9:00 am †Jennifer Khayat
†Rod Walsh
†Pablo and †Rose Sare
†Kathleen Kilgallon
†Jack Macdonald
†Diana Webb
†Aileen Moore
Nov. 30 Saturday 5:00 pm Intentions of the Parishioners
Dec. 01 Sunday 8:30 am †Giulio Cristiano
10:00 am †Peter Glowczewski
12:00 pm †Anna Korbylo

Prayer Intentions:

Sanctuary Lamp1: †Julie Clune-Sadler
Sanctuary Lamp2: †Felisa Marbello-Alilio
Vigil Lamp: †Anděla Jirečková

For the Sick: Fr. Boniface Reinhart, Anita Baker, Sam Agu, Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Tonya M., Ebherhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Michelena Oakes, Margaret Fernando, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Kay Corner, Dorothy Lord, Mabel Lim, Carol Marchant, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, and Denise Baranecki

For the Deceased: Gertrude McMaster

Stewardship: A Way of Living

November 17th, 2019 Offertory Collections

Thank you for your generous donations.

Regular Collection \$ **8,142.59**
Shepherds' Trust \$ **4,641.15**
Pre-Authorized Giving \$ **2,926.00**
Donate Now \$ **328.00**

Second Collections:

December 1 ~ Maintenance Fund

December 8 ~ Flowers for Christmas

December 25 ~ Christmas Offering

City Street Outreach

The early winter weather has placed great need on the homeless in the city. They need blankets, sleeping bags and coats. If you can help, please drop off any items you can spare at the Ministry Centre. For more information visit citystreetoutreach.com.

Canadian Food for Children

On **November 30th and December 1st weekend** we will be accepting **soap** to support the work of Dr. Simone.

Christmas, Christmas time is near! Come join the **Seraphim and Cherubim Chorus** singing the Christmas songs you love as part of their **'All You Need Is Love'** concert series. Never a typical Christmas concert and always full of surprise tunes and reimagined classics. Join us at **St. Bonaventure's on December 13th at 7:30 pm.** Advanced tickets available online at www.seraphimandcherubim.ca

This Week in Our Parish Hall

Monday, November 25

6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Bonaventure Room

Tuesday, November 26

11:00 am IPC Photo Directory-Photo Day/Francis Room

7:00 pm Food Bank Meeting/Bonaventure Room

7:00 pm First Reconciliation Session-Group A/Main Hall

Wednesday, November 27

7:00 pm First Reconciliation Session-Group B/Main Hall

7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room

7:00 pm GRASP/Oak Room

Thursday, November 28

9:30 am Theology and Tea

11:00 am IPC Photo Directory-Photo Day/Main Hall

Saturday, November 30

9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room

9:30 am Christian Meditation/Oak Room

9:30 am Parish Retreat by Fr. Dennis/Main Hall

2:00 pm First Reconciliation Group C Session/Main Hall

News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build His Kingdom here on earth.

With Christmas just around the corner, please know that your donations to our poor boxes will help families and individuals in need celebrate a little more joyfully through your tokens of love and caring. If you know of a family or person in need, please call **416-447-5571 ext. 570**, and leave a confidential message with your name and contact information. Thank You!

CWL Christmas Gift Bags for the Ladies at the Good Shepherd Centre. We will be collecting the following items until December 1st: Hat, Scarf, Gloves, Warm Socks, Shampoo & Conditioner, Tissue Packages, Toothpaste & Toothbrush, Soap or Body Wash, Pen & Notepad or Journal, Chocolates or Hard Candy. Please put all items in a grocery bag and leave at the back of the church. Deadline to hand in bags is November 30/December 1. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

The CWL Executive Council wish to invite you to an Advent Luncheon on Sunday, December 8 from 1:00-3:30 pm in the Main Hall of the Parish Centre. Price \$5-member, \$10 non-member. Come for a joyful afternoon of music, games and a raffle. This is an excellent opportunity to renew your membership for 2020. If you are not a member come learn more about the League and become a member.

Community Life

Parish Retreat – Saturday, November 30

A new year with the Lord – Liturgical Year – will begin on December 1st. Throughout the coming year we will read our way through the Gospel according to Matthew at our weekend Liturgies. Let's get ready to listen to Jesus' story as told by Matthew; let's get ready to make connections between His story and our stories. Friar Dennis will offer a **Parish Retreat on Saturday, November 30 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Parish Centre.** The CWL will provide a light breakfast. We hope you can come to experience an overview of Matthew's Gospel. We'll highlight what to listen for as God continues to speak to us through the Words of the Gospel according to Matthew. Together we'll pray a little and enjoy one another's company.

Among its many treasures, Matthew's Gospel contains several "baby" stories about Jesus, it emphasizes the virtues of the Beatitudes, and it dramatically tells the Tale of Jesus' betrayal, death and rising. And so, we've entitled the **Parish Retreat: "Babies, Beatitudes and Betrayal: A Prayerful Exploration of the Gospel According to Matthew.**

We hope to see you on **November 30.** And we hope that our time together will help to make the Good News of Matthew's Gospel new in our lives. **Bring your Bible.**

Adult? Young? Want a night out?

During the Christmas break we'd like to gather some of our **young adults from ages 18-24** to an evening at the parish, on **December 21st, 7:00 pm** in the **Francis Room.** The evening will be simplicity itself – some food, some fellowship, an opportunity to meet one another, a prayer. Most of all, it will be an opportunity to let you, our young adults, know how important you are to St. Bonaventure Parish. Don't worry – we won't be recruiting for anything. We promise. Would you please share your email address with us so we can send you an invitation? E-mail address is YoungAdults@st-bonaventure.ca.

Parents, if your young adults won't see this note, please share their emails with us.

The **Knights of Columbus** are selling **Raffle Tickets** for a **Christmas Crèche after all Masses until December 15.** Tickets are 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. Final draw will be held after the 10:00 am Mass during coffee time in the Parish Hall on the 15th of December. Your support is greatly appreciated.

"Care for the Common Home" Please place **used cartridges and ink toners** in a labeled box at the back of the church for recycling.

And Now, A Word from Our Pastor

We made it! Celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we mark the close of another year with the Lord (Liturgical Year). We've experienced joy and sadness, hopes and hurts, faith and struggle. We've kept the hands of our spirits open to receive God's Goodness and to share that Goodness with others. Father, Son and Spirit have been with us and we have been with them and with one another. Thanks be to God and to you.

That title-King of the Universe - is interesting. It's meant to remind us that all of creation comes from God and is returning to God. That's an important theme in the spirituality of our Patron, St. Bonaventure. He viewed our purpose in life as twofold: to enjoy and reflect the Goodness of God and to lead all of creation back to the creator. St. Bonaventure pictured us right behind Jesus, who right now is leading that procession to the heart of the Most Holy Trinity. So, we enter this new year with the Lord renewed in faith (our journey has a purpose), in hope (our journey has a goal), and in charity (our journey is immersed in God's love for us and our love for God and others).

Please join the Friars as they mourn the passing of their brother †Fr. Antone Kandrac, OFM Conv.

Theology and Tea

The next T&T will be **Thursday, November 28th after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room.** T&T dates in December will be on **December 5, 12 and 19** mark your calendar. All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God's presence in our world and in one another.

Hope you can join us Saturday, December 7, at the 5:00 pm Liturgy to thank God for the gift of Franciscan vocation as Friar Dennis marks 50 years as a Friar. How good God is. A reception in the Parish Centre, Main Hall will follow after the Mass.

Second Language Classes at St. Bonaventure School, Saturday mornings. There are spaces available in Mandarin & Spanish language classes. Please contact the school if you would like to register your child.

