

St. Barbara Parish
Annual Report to the Parish
July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

...urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:1-6

St. Barbara parish is home to 5,440 disciples from 1,870 households in Woburn, Burlington and surrounding communities. The following is my annual report to you for the Year of Grace 2018.

Sacraments:

- There were 37 children baptized into Christ's Church, 27 children received First Holy Communion, 27 teens were confirmed, 3 couples were married, and 71 souls were commended to the Lord at their funerals.
- Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program, Daria Nicole Falco made her profession of faith and was received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.
- Through the Adult Faith Formation Classes, Kimberly Anne Carpenter was Confirmed by Bishop Mark O'Connell.
- Pastoral outreach to the Homebound, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Residences and Hospitals with Holy Communion has expanded this year to Brightview Country Club Heights, Benchmark and HealthSouth – including monthly Communion Services. Christmas and Easter plants are delivered to parishioners through the Care Always Love Much (CALM) program.

Liturgical Ministries:

- Serving our parish are 15 commissioned Lectors, 28 commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 9 Altar Servers, and 14 Ushers.

Faith Formation:

- Deacon Ed Giordano and Father Powers led "Catholicism", developed and produced by Bishop Robert Barron, which was offered to our parishioners. The program included weekly viewing of an excellent presentation followed by exciting and lively faith sharing opportunities.



Rev. Thomas J. Powers and Rev. Edmund Ugwoegbu

Religious Education:

- In January our 7th – 10th grade students participated in the 2018 Prayer for Christian Unity Prayer Service at the United Methodist Church.
- Beginning in February, with the help of our 9th and 10th grade students, our 5th and 6th grade students gathered and studied the Stations of the Cross while creating their own version of each station. The project concluded in March by participating in the Family Stations of the Cross followed by a pizza supper and ice cream sundaes.
- In February we held our first Safety Saturday for 1st – 6th grade students, led by Detective Fumicello of the Woburn Police Department covering basic safety measures.
- In March our 7th – 10th grade students met and socialized with the students of St. Anthony and St. Charles before participating in the student segment of a Woburn Catholic Parish retreat "Do Your Job: Be a Saint".

Our Lenten Journey:

- In February our journey began with a Shrove Tuesday Family Pancake Supper for over 150 guests, kicking off the 2018 Operation Rice Bowl project – raising close to \$1,000 .00 for Catholic Relief Services.
- In March we continued our journey with a Lenten Fish Dinner, attended by over 120 local and surrounding area parish guests.
- Mark Daley lead “Do Your Job: Be a Saint” for the three Woburn parishes.
- On the Friday before Palm Sunday, middle schoolers and their families came for the Stations of the Cross followed by a pizza supper.

Catholic Appeal:

- Mary Ulliani guided our generous parishioners to another fruitful Catholic Appeal where we exceeded our pledge goal with a commitment of \$53,260 from 244 donors. In addition to our 2018 Parish Catholic Appeal gift, other gifts made to the Lord were entrusted to the Archdiocesan Clergy Funds, Catholic Relief Services, and the Missionary Cooperative Appeal.

Time, Talent and Volunteers:

- Under the direction of MaryAnn Chorlton, the Events Committee, and over 50 volunteers another successful Fall Festival and Indoor Flea Market was held attracting more than 300 visitors raising approximately \$19,650 to cover parish operating expenses.
- There were two Sodality Dinners organized by Judy Britt held on December 11, 2017, with entertainment by the Rick Ruggiero Bank and on May 11, 2018, where Bishop Mark O’Connell was the guest speaker.

Cheverus Award Recipients:

- In December, Cardinal Sean O’Malley presented the Cheverus Award Medal to parishioners MaryAnn Chorlton, Joe DeAngelis, Anthony Galluzzo, and Mary Ulliani. This medal recognizes those whose dedication and service to the Church is a model for us all!

Social Outreach:

- Parishioners continued to support social outreach through St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Charles parish, food donations to the Woburn Social Concern, and the Knights of Columbus.
- We continue to allocate donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor in Somerville.
- Bishop Mark conducted a special Q&A session designed for Non-Catholics and Fallen away Catholics in June in the Parish Hall.
- Generous parish donors provided in excess of \$4,000 to the Nsambya Babies Home sponsored by the Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Uganda, which was entrusted to Father Matthias on his mission trip to his homeland.
- The annual Baby Bottle Fundraiser successfully raised money for local pro-life ministries whose mission is to save lives and assist struggling families in need.
- We welcomed “Mission of Deeds” back to support families in need of serviceable household items.
- St. Barbara hosted a Palliative Care discussion presented by the Archdiocese of Boston’s Initiative for Palliative Care and Advance Care Planning addressing their teaching on health care proxy, advance directives and end-of-life care.
- The annual Jamie’s Joy Toy Drive was able to bring the magic of Christmas to over 150 local children again this year thanks to the generosity of or parishioners.
- Our parish welcomed Deacon Al Williams in May to support Food for the Poor.

Disciples in Mission:

- The Woburn Catholic Collaborative of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Barbara parishes began on June 1st with Fr. Powers named as pastor and Fr. Edmund Ugwoegbu named parochial vicar.

ST. BARBARA PARISH - STEWARDSHIP FY 2018

PARISH REVENUE		Assets	
Offertory	\$ 387,365	Unrestricted Cash	\$ 29,445
Sacramentals/Flowers	\$ 64,320	RCAB Deposit	\$ 291,087
Catholic Appeal Rebate	\$ 18,558	Prepaid Expenses	\$ 1,618
Bequests and Donations	\$ 35,858	Accounts Receivable	\$ 9,022
Religious Education	\$ 18,770	Total	\$ 331,172
Fundraising Activities	\$ 63,062		
Other Income	\$ 9,857		
TOTAL PARISH REVENUE	\$ 597,790		
PARISH EXPENSES		Liabilities	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 311,997	Accounts Payable	\$ 1,445
Office Expenses & Related	\$ 43,599	Parish Event Deposits	\$ 6,335
Facility Expenses	\$ 94,419	RCAB Collections	\$ 120
Pastoral/Liturgical	\$ 17,931	Total	\$ 7,900
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 39,786		
RCAB Tithe	\$ 31,870		
Other Expenses	\$ 13,531		
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	\$ 553,133		
NET INCOME	\$ 44,657		

In Summary:

- Parish offertory grew by 7% over the previous fiscal year.
- Online giving continues to grow by 36% or 14K over the previous fiscal year.
- Total parish income grew by 6% over the previous fiscal year.
- Parish expenses decreased by 6% due to staff changes and fewer delayed maintenance projects.
- Renovation of priests' living quarters commenced at the end of the fiscal year and will be completed at the end of July 2018. Asbestos floor abatement was completed, new signage for the parish and rekeying of facilities is under contract for first quarter FY2019.
- The parish will consider a capital fund drive to repair the parking lot, upgrade the parish hall with office space and handicap restroom facilities to coincide with our 65th Anniversary in the fall of 2019.
- Part of the current surplus is designated for renovation priests' living quarters in the rectory.

**St. Anthony Parish
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St. Anthony of Padua parish became part of the Woburn Catholic Collaborative on June 1, 2018. The following is a summary of parish stewardship. A more substantive narrative report of parish life will appear next year!

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA PARISH - STEWARDSHIP FY 2018

PARISH REVENUE		Assets	
Offertory	\$ 200,119	Cash	\$ 63,952
Grand Annual	\$ 57,482	RCAB Deposit	\$ 1,299,740
Sacramentals/Flowers	\$ 12,858	RCAB Investments	\$ 2,311,309
Bequests and Donations	\$ 26,541	Total	\$ 3,675,001
Interest Income	\$ 22,399		
Market Gain/Loss	\$ 101,449		
Religious Education	\$ 12,247		
Fundraising Activities	\$ 34,233		
Other Income	\$ 7,413		
TOTAL PARISH REVENUE	\$ 474,741		
PARISH EXPENSES		Liabilities	
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 204,347	Accounts Payable	\$ 263
Office Expenses & Related	\$ 31,685	Total	\$ 263
Facility Expenses	\$ 97,136		
Pastoral/Liturgical	\$ 19,326		
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 32,908		
RCAB Tithe	\$ 22,876		
TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES	\$ 408,278		
NET INCOME	\$ 66,463		

In Summary:

- Offertory and other non-investment revenue increased by 2% over the prior fiscal year.
- Investment revenues decreased by 43% with changes in market returns as compared to the prior fiscal year.
- Overall parish revenues decreased by 15% as a result of the decrease in investment revenues.
- Salaries and benefits for clergy and staff remained very stable and increased by less than 1% over the total of each of the two prior fiscal years.
- Facilities expense decreased by 54% as a result of the parish completing extensive feasibility studies related to potentially building a new parish center.
- All other expenses of the parish were managed to a 12% reduction in costs over the prior fiscal year.
- Without the revenue from investments over the prior two fiscal years, the parish would have had a net operating loss of about \$270,000 during this time period.
- Net assets were maintained at a very strong level and a portion of the net asset balance will be used to make various capital improvements to the church building in the immediate future.

In closing...

Recall St. Paul's words to "...live in a manner worthy of the call you have received...". We do that living together. The call is from Jesus Christ who nourishes each of us in Word and Sacrament. The past year of Grace gives abundant witness to His nourishment as we grow in discipleship. Our parish is ably served by a team of devoted priests, deacons, staff and volunteers who are rooted in discipleship marked by *"humility and gentleness, with patience"*. I live with deep thankfulness for the many ways that each of you helps me to grow in faith and discipleship as your parish priest. Entrusting the days ahead to Our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, St. Anthony and our beloved patroness St. Barbara, we forge networks of disciples in the Woburn Catholic Collaborative of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Barbara parishes!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Thomas Powers
Pastor

Prayer to St. Anthony – Feast Day June 13th



O God, good and merciful Father, you who chose Anthony as a witness of the Gospel and messenger of peace in the midst of your people, hear the prayer we address to you through his intercession. Sanctify every family, help them grow in faith; preserve them in unity, peace and serenity. Bless our children, protect our young people. Support those who are being tried by illness, suffering and loneliness. Support us in life's every day hardships, and giving us your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. St. Anthony, our friend in heaven, pray for us.

Prayer to St. Barbara – Feast Day December 4th



Good St. Barbara, you stood with Christ when others demanded that you abandon Him. Your betrayal and martyrdom by the sword was not the last word in your Life with Christ. Your life continues now in the Communion of Saints. Holy Helper Barbara, stay with us and uphold us with your prayer. Your courage is stronger than the forces of hurricanes and the power of lightning. Help us to foster confidence and courage in the face of trials so that our lives will give glory to God and bring others to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord. St. Barbara, our friend in heaven, pray for us.