

**St. Denis Parish,
Ashburnham, MA**

Annual Report

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*Diocese of Worcester
Parish Annual Financial Report*

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	<u>9/1/2016 - 8/31/2017</u> <u>Actual</u>
<i>Operating Receipts</i>	
Offertory Collections	\$ 134,217
Religious Education Income	\$ 5,139
Gifts/Bequests	\$ 1,450
Diocesan and National Collections	\$ 9,291
Other Income	
Fund-raising(Net)	\$ 16,520
Cemetery Receipts	\$ 3,000
Insurance Settlements	
Other	\$ 6,983
Other-Sale of St. Anne Property	\$ 5,954
Other-Transfer of St. Anne's Funds	
 <i>Total Operating Receipts</i>	 <u>\$ 182,554</u>
<i>Operating Disbursements</i>	
Salaries	
Priest	\$ 16,380
Lay Employees	\$ 73,588
Fringe Benefits	
Priest	\$ 19,070
Lay Employees	\$ 13,516
Administrative Expenses	\$ 7,860
Church Operating Expenses	\$ 46,977
Rectory Operating Expenses	\$ 23,021
Parish Center Operating Expenses	\$ 6,715
Religious Education	\$ 6,122
Diocesan and National Collections	\$ 8,950
Committee Expenses	
Catholic School Assessments	
Other	
Cemetery Expenses	\$ 1,535
Closing/Demolation of St. Anne's Church	
Capital Improvements & Extraordinary Repairs	\$ 38,872
 <i>Total Operating Disbursements</i>	 <u>\$ 262,606</u>
 <i>Increase (Decrease) in Operating Cash Balance</i>	 <u>\$ (80,052)</u>

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Cash on hand and in bank

August 31, 2017

Parish Checking Account(s)	\$ 29,199
Parish Savings Account(s)	
DEF Savings Account(s)	\$ 102,819
Investments	

Total Cash/Investments

\$ 132,018

Please List Outstanding Debt as of August 31:

Due to Diocese

Total Due to Diocese

\$ -

Due to Outside Vendors

Total Due to Outside Vendors

\$ -

DEF Loans Outstanding Total as of August 31, 2016 _____

I declare this report was prepared in accordance with Diocesan policy.

Bookkeeper/Preparer (signature): _____ *Date* _____

Reviewed: Finance Committee Chairperson (signature) _____ *Date* 11/1/2017

Josey L McPeak

Parish Finance Committee members:

Years on Committee

Helene LaFosse	3
Gregory Tjampiris	5
Joseph McPeak	2

Parish Statistics

Households	795	Sacraments	
Adults	1,508	Baptisms	
Children	143	Individuals Under Age 2	8
Total Parishioners	1,651	Individuals Over Age 2	2
Individuals in Religious Education		Sacrament of First Reconciliation	13
Children		Sacrament of First Eucharist	13
2016-2017 Academic Year	112	Sacrament of Confirmation	9
2017-2018 Academic Year	116	Sacrament of Matrimony	2
# of Volunteer Teachers		Mass of Christian Burial	6

Ministries

Marriage Matters

Is a ministry that highlights the importance of strong marriages and families in building up the Catholic Church. Couples gather monthly to focus on their Sacrament, learn more about their faith and build up relationships with other couples who share the values of the Catholic Church. Our goal is to build a strong community of faith-filled families who can support each other along their journeys through their shared experiences and wisdom. Our group includes a range of couples from those who are newly married with young families to empty-nesters with grandchildren. The group meets on the 3rd Friday of the month and family events are also scheduled periodically. New couples and families are always welcomed.

Ladies Spiritual Enrichment Group

Meets weekly to build up their faith and their relationship with other Christian women. We use a variety of Catholic based media and have dynamic discussions, where Jesus remains our focus. This warm atmosphere has blossomed into a supportive group where friendships have developed. While some ladies gather weekly, others join as their schedule allows. New members are encouraged to join us on Wednesday mornings after Mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

In 1973 Pope Paul VI introduced the practice of commissioning lay persons to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The purpose of this ministry is to assist the priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion when the number of communicants is so great that the giving and reception of Holy Communion would be unduly prolonged. In addition, the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion assists priests and deacons in the distribution of Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. It is important to note that extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should not be called upon to exercise their ministry when there are a sufficient number of ordinary ministers of Holy Communion available (Bishops, Priests, Deacons).'

Lectors

Lectors are called to proclaim the scriptures in the first and second readings. When no deacon is present, the lector or another minister announces from the ambo the Prayers of the Faithful.

RICA

We currently have one person going through our program. Her name is Jayde Valliere, she has been with us since September and has worked hard to learn about our Church. At the Easter Vigil she will be fully initiated into our faith. She will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive her First Communion. She will be a great Asset to our Faith Community.

Liturgical Committee

The members of this committee are Father Hamm, Deacon Rich, John and Sandy Fontaine, Sue Shedd and Joan Webber. We meet usually two times a year to discuss the Liturgies for Christmas, and for the Easter Season. We discuss times for the Liturgies, Music and readings. We are now in the process of planning our Lenten Season.

Religious Education

The St. Denis Religious Education program is made up of a dedicated group of volunteers who assist the Coordinator in providing a welcoming environment that will challenge students to learn, experience and develop a deeper relationship with God and grow as members of the Christian community. Our goal is to instill in the students a strong focus on service to our church family and our community. Our role is to assist parents, the primary religious educators, in teaching their children about our Catholic faith.

Men's Group

Music Ministry

Committees

Parish Finance Council

Assists the Pastor in the management of the Temporal needs of the Parish.

Bazaar Organization Committee

Parish Social Committees

Social committees organize, prepares the various events to provide social gatherings for the parish community. Events such as; Fall Ham & Bean Dinner, St. Patty Day's Dinner, Annual Spaghetti Dinner are just a few the social events the committees organize.

Building & Grounds Committee

Related Organizations

Ashburnham Ecumenical Council

The Council is made up of a clergy member and 2 lay representatives from three churches - Community Church, People's Church and St. Denis. There is a "Home Church" that is also sometimes involved. The Council meets in October to plan the year. We mainly organize three projects - The Thanksgiving Service, Lessons and Carols, and a Relay For Life team.

- The Thanksgiving Service rotates between the churches. We choose hymns and find readers to represent the churches. The homilist rotates from the clergy of the churches. People are invited to bring food for the food pantries in town. There is a social time after.
- The service of Lessons and Carols takes turns between St. Denis and Community Church. It consists of eight readings of Advent and Christmas, the readers a lay people from all the churches, and music supplied by choirs from all the churches.
- In the year 2000, we decided to work together as well as pray. We chose to form an ecumenical team we call "One In The Spirit". Relay for Life of Greater Gardner takes place in June. Months before we start recruiting members and planning fund raisers. Last year we raised about \$8,000 to fight cancer.
- Now and then, a need is brought to our attention that is something we can tackle, for instance, after Hurricane Katrina, we supported three families who had found refuge in central Massachusetts.

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

- The St. Denis Society of St. Vincent de Paul is loosely part of a world-wide organization formed in 1833 in Paris to provide assistance for people and families in need. Our group meets on a regular basis to pray for people who might be having a difficult time, and looks for ways to provide confidential assistance whether it's financial, spiritual, or emotional. Funds are donated to St. Vincent de Paul by people wishing to provide assistance to others. The goal is to allow God to work through each member, and members are very sensitive to the emotional difficulty of being on the receiving end of help. The group has often found that just a little help might be enough of a boost to allow a person or family to overcome a difficult situation. To reiterate, all assistance is provided confidentially.