

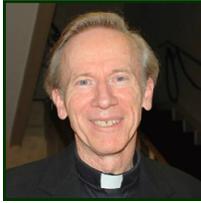
SAINT BRIGID ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT

JULY 2018 – JUNE 2019



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Father Neil J. Herlihy

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am pleased to present to you our Parish Annual Report for the Year ended June 30, 2019. In a recent address, Pope Francis stressed the importance of the parish in the life of the Church. He said the parish should be at the center of the community, a place where God's presence is felt and hope and love are shared with the world. He stated that the parish should be "a family among families, open to bearing witness in today's world... open to faith, hope and love for the Lord and for those whom he has a preferential love. A home with open doors."

As a Parish family, we strive to take to heart the words of Pope Francis. We are blessed with a firm spiritual foundation and a strong community spirit. The spiritual vitality of our Parish is reflected in our Eucharistic Adoration and in our awareness of the need to foster vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. It is also reflected in the continued growth of our ministries, our outreach programs to the unfortunate and marginalized, and in so many other ways. Details concerning our vibrant ministries and programs are presented in this report.

Our strong spiritual foundation also serves as the basis of our stewardship efforts. Many of our parishioners and supporters continue to give generously of their time, talent and resources, making it possible for us to enhance the spiritual vitality of our faith community.

We enthusiastically foster and nurture vocations so that we may have holy, happy, and healthy priests, deacons, and religious to shepherd and guide the Church of tomorrow. In addition, we continue our planning process to expand our Parish facilities. We plan to provide more pastoral meeting space for our adult and youth ministries, as well as additional parking and administrative space to more effectively serve the needs of our people. Appropriate architects and contractors have been engaged to further evaluate our expansion needs. As prudent stewards, we continue to set aside financial reserves for future Parish expansion. We believe that we are well-positioned to meet the challenges of our dynamic faith community.

As you review this Annual Report, I invite you to spend time in prayer asking Our Lord to continue to bless our vibrant Parish and its wonderful people. Please also reflect on what God may be calling you to do to enrich and strengthen our faith community. I thank you for your generosity and commitment and also thank you for the great privilege to serve as your Pastor. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Gratefully Yours in Christ,

Fr. Neil J. Herlihy, Pastor



A LETTER FROM OUR FINANCE BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Brian Brown

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Finance Council serves as a consultative body to our pastor, Fr. Neil Herlihy, and serves to assist him in fulfilling his duty as a good steward of parish resources. Our parish has a vast number of ministries and other resources. As such, the necessary financial resources to run our parish are significant. Accordingly, the formation and ongoing maintenance of a parish Finance Council is a required measure per the canon law of the Catholic Church.

“Can. 537 In each parish there is to be a finance council which is governed, in addition to universal law, by norms issued by the diocesan bishop and in which the Christian faithful, selected according to these same norms, are to assist the pastor in the administration of the goods of the parish, without prejudice to the prescript of ¶ can. 532.”

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 (Fiscal 2019), the Finance Council held seven meetings during Fiscal 2019 and performed the following functions.

- a) Reviewed and approved the annual budget
- b) Reviewed and discussed the monthly financial results of the parish
- c) Discussed and analyzed potential capital improvements
- d) Reviewed various parish metrics and related trends.
- e) Signed and submitted the annual year end parish certification letter to the Archbishop within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year.
- f) Assisted in the formulation and communication of the annual financial report to the parish community.

With the continued generosity of our parish community along with the fiscal responsibility of our pastor and staff, we maintain a continued path of financial stability heading into Fiscal 2020. Fr. Neil and parish leadership are committed to the responsible stewardship of our parish financial gifts and resources. Further, Fr. Neil and the Finance Council are committed to transparency of financial matters with respect to the parish. Should you have questions, please reach out to any member of the Finance Council.

Peace,

Brian Brown

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

July 1, 2018—June 30, 2019

INCOME:

Offertory*	3,653,655
Annual Appeal Refund**	118,389
Religious Education	225,215
Day School	294,425
Interest Income	115,992
Columbarium	160,350
All Other Income	127,425

Total Income: **4,695,451**

EXPENSES:

Liturgy	(382,341)
Admin. & General	(603,141)
Religious Education	(450,529)
Facilities	(557,372)
Rectory	(57,351)
Day School	(293,456)
Music	(256,461)
Archdiocesan Support	(963,072)
Other Parish Expenses	(112,204)

Total Expenses: **(3,675,927)**

CONTRIBUTIONS OVER EXPENSES: *** **1,019,524**

Building Maintenance Capital Expenditures

Building Renovations and Security	36,498
Architects & Engineering	361,397

Total Capital Expenditures **(397,895)**

Allocation of Funds

Building Maintenance Account	(70,000)
Columbarium Maintenance Account	(135,025)
Savings Account	(615,000)

Total **(820,025)**

ARCHDIOCESAN 2ND COLLECTIONS:*

Catholic University	4,620
Archdiocesan Seminarians	40,255
SVDP-Archdiocese	10,286
Campaign for Human Development	5,198
Retirement Fund for the Religious	10,849
Catholic Charities	16,531
Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministry	5,920
Black & Indian Missions	6,055
Catholic Relief	6,569
Holy Land	7,065
Catholic Home Mission	6,064
Catholic Communications	5,461
Latin AM-Cent/EastEur/World Miss	5,665
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)	7,506

Total Arch 2nd Collections **138,044**

PARISH SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:*

Habitat for Humanity	43,543
Youth Ministry	15,770
Mustard Seed	96,057
Pregnancy Assistance	10,538
Special Needs	8,264
St. Vincent de Paul-Parish	280,288

Total Parish Special Collections **454,460**

Total Second Collections **592,504**

*Please note: Offertory number above, as well as Second Collections, reflect BOTH registered and non-registered parishioners.

**The Annual Appeal refund was used to help with the cost of enhancing our Church Building.

***Reserves have been set aside to assist with proposed expansion needs.

Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." Luke 6:38

PARISH OFFERTORY GIVING GUIDE

What proportion of God's Gift do you currently give back to God? Use the chart below to find what percentage you are currently giving. Find your income at left, and then move right until you find your weekly offering. What percentage are you giving? Could you take a step?

Annual Household Income	Weekly Gift To My Parish				
	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%
10,000	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00
20,000	4.00	8.00	12.00	15.00	19.00
25,000	5.00	10.00	14.00	19.00	24.00
30,000	6.00	12.00	17.00	23.00	29.00
40,000	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	38.00
50,000	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00
75,000	14.00	29.00	43.00	58.00	72.00
100,000	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00
125,000	24.00	48.00	72.00	96.00	120.00
150,000	29.00	58.00	87.00	115.00	144.00
175,000	34.00	67.00	101.00	135.00	168.00
200,000	38.00	77.00	115.00	154.00	192.00

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your labors. Proverbs 3:9

Grateful and Generous

Stewardship means giving back to God in gratitude for all He has given us. Giving from our treasure, our money, is a pillar of our faith—just like attending Sunday Mass or participating in parish ministries.

- When I give money, do I share my “first fruits” or merely what is “left over”?
- Can I increase my offering to my parish by 1% this year?
- Can I commit to tithing to build up the Church (5% to support my parish, 1% to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal and 4% to other charities)?

When do you know that you have given enough of your treasure? When He stops giving to you.

Pray for God's guidance, keep an open heart, and use the giving guide above to help make your decision.

Thank you for your continued generosity to support our parish and its mission.