



St. Bernard Catholic Church

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"Where the Gospel has been preached since 1796"

September 22, 2024

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Let me begin by saying that the Parish is in good financial shape. We are pleased to provide you with last year's financial report, which is attached.

First, thank you for the support you have provided during this time. The finance committee and I are encouraged by how many of our parishioners continue to support our parish so that it may serve its mission in today's world. Since COVID began we have experienced both a drop in attendance and in turn, our collections.

The ordinary operations of the parish include things such as, salaries, benefits for our Pastor and employees, property and liability insurance and other obligations such as monthly utility costs, contract services and repairs and maintenance. The Annual offering was \$20,807 compared to \$19,421 collected last year. Our weekly collections, which directly support our operations, are down slightly from previous years. As in the past, we depend on the revenue from our two biggest fundraisers, Bernie's Bucks and the Harvest Festival to make ends meet, in addition to completing a few capital projects.

Capital Improvements that we completed include, sealing and striping the parking lot, repairing the handicap ramp and power washing the church and rectory. The cost for each project is attached in the financial report. We would like to thank Andy DiGiammo for his generous donation of materials and labor to repair the handicap ramp. The latest project is purchasing a new organ. The cost is \$45,000. We have submitted the downpayment of \$24,500.

We are asking each parishioner, registered household, to do what they can to continue to support our parish. Please consider giving online. We are asking this simply because automated giving provides the parish with a more reliable source of funding as compared with the envelope system. To enroll yourself or your household, go to our website and click on "Online Giving". This will take you to the page to create your online giving account.

If you use envelopes, please try to mail in the envelopes for the weeks you are unable to attend Mass. We also ask all parishioners to try and have an extra effort week during each month and give just a little more if you can. We are designating the first weekend of each month as "Extra Effort Week".

If you are among those who cannot provide financial support to the parish, please know we are grateful for your commitment to pray for us so that we never lack what we need to serve our parish. Commit yourself to one "Hail Mary" each day for this intention.

On behalf of the parish finance council, THANK YOU for all you do to make St. Bernard the beautiful parish it is.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Gerard A. Hebert

ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH

Profit and Loss

July 2023 - June 2024

| | Jul 2022-Jun 2023 | Jul 2023-Jun 2024 | Change |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Total CHURCH OPERATION | \$313,485 | \$308,206 | (-\$5,279) |
| Total CHURCH OTHER (Bank Interest, Fundraising, Societies, Rel. Ed. Fees, Holy Days, Reimbursements, Stipends, Flowers, Baptisms/Funerals, Emergency Fund) | | | |
| | \$71,134 | \$129,953 | \$58,819 |
| Total INCOME | \$384,619 | \$438,159 | \$53,540 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Total ADMINISTRATION | \$63,363 | \$64,813 | \$1,450 |
| Total OTHER CHURCH | \$39,027 | \$74,009 | \$34,982 |
| Total TRANSPORTATION | \$1,132 | \$407 | (-\$725) |
| Total HOUSEHOLD-RECTORY | \$36,778 | \$24,673 | (-\$12,105) |
| Total RELIGIOUS EDUCATION | \$24,027 | \$27,240 | \$3,213 |
| Total OPERATION & MAINTENANCE | \$87,272 | \$102,768 | \$15,496 |
| Total FIXED CHARGES | \$125,017 | \$132,405 | \$7,388 |
| Total OTHER (Misc, Extraordinary Repairs Bldgs, Furniture) | \$2,750 | \$12,576 | \$9,826 |
| Total EXPENSES | \$379,366 | \$438,891 | \$59,525 |
| NET INCOME | \$5,253 | (-\$732) | |

| Fundraising | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------|
| Festival Profit | | \$13,354.00 |
| Bernie's Bucks Profit | | \$20,000.00 |

Bank Account Balances as of 6/30/24

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Capital Improvement | \$48,705 (\$150,000 was forwarded to the diocese of Fall River to invest) |
| Operating Account | \$16,451 |
| CCD | \$10,695 |
| Stipend | \$6,561 |
| Emergency | \$37,702 |
| Flowers | \$5,127 |
| Payroll | \$1,701 |
| Bernie's Bucks | \$8,102 |
| Fundraising | \$18,493 |
| Festival | \$8,090 |

Improvement Projects

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Repaving & Striping of parking lot | \$9,811 |
| Powerwash buildings/not complete | Invoice not received |
| Repair Handicap Ramp | Donated by Andy DiGiammo |

FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Fr. Gerard Hebert (Pastor)

Steve Mello (District Manager, Hospitality)

Kevin Partridge (retired Fire Chief)

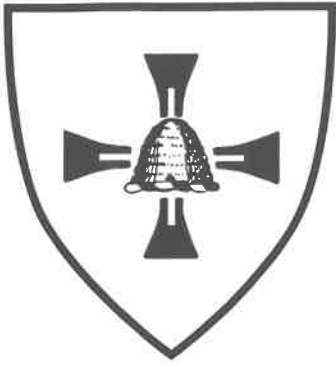
Marlene Correia (College Professor)

Brian Correia (Supervisor)

Sandra Sevigny (retired Finance manager)

Mark Sevigny (retired Sales Representative)

Dawn Andrade (Parish Office Manager)



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The last meeting with the finance committee was May 28, 2024 as Fr. Hebert was out on medical leave for shoulder replacement on both the left and right side several months apart.

The next meeting date is TBD as Fr. Hebert is still on medical leave.

The attached financial report was developed in consultation with members of the finance committee.

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Rev. Gerard A. Hebert, Pastor

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Dawn Andrade, Finance council chair