

Whaling City Catholic Community

New Bedford, MA

Finance Council Meeting Dates

November 7, 2023

January 9, 2024

March 6, 2024

September 3, 2024

St Francis of Assisi/Holy Name/St. Lawrence (Whaling City Catholic Community)
New Bedford
Finance Council Member Biographies
FY24
Rev. Michael Racine, pastor

1. **Josette Fernandes Cormier**, Post Award Grants Manager, Office of Research Administration, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Lifelong parishioner of St. Lawrence Church. Member of Parish Council and Chair of Finance Council since 2023.
2. **Kara McEachern**, Director of Operations, Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, BS in Arts Administration from Wagner College, volunteer music director and lifelong parishioner at St Francis of Assisi. Parish Council member since 2018. Member of Finance Council since 2023.
3. **Michael K. McCormack**, Retired Senior Project Manager, Department of Defense Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (Project Guardian); former Senior Appointed Official for the City of New Bedford, initiated and administered Federal and State grant programs and Mayor's Chief of Staff; four years John Hogan Council Knights of Columbus, Finance Secretary, former Chairman of the Fall River Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting; currently Finance Officer, American Legion Post One New Bedford; Holy Name Parishioner since 2020; recipient of the Marian Medal.
4. **Susan Le Boeuf**, Retired Educator, New Bedford Public Schools with Grant Responsibilities. Lector and member of the Parish Finance Committee.
5. **Diana Henry**, resident of New Bedford and has worked as a realtor in her own company, Diana Henry Realty, for many years and enjoys welcoming new residents to New Bedford. She is also an active community member serving on the board of several local organizations including the Rotch Jones Duff House and Garden Museum, The Carney Library Associates and New Bedford Festival Theater. She is Currently President of WHALE and Vice Chair of the New Bedford Library Trustees. She is also the volunteer organist at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
6. **Gregory P Centeio**, Retired Magistrate and First Assistant Clerk of the Bristol County Juvenile Court, after 27 years. Parishioner of Holy Name; greeter, collector and member of the Parish Finance Committee.
7. **Deacon Eugene H. Sasseville**, Retired Permanent Deacon. Assigned to HNSH since its inception and merger in 1999. Religious Education Coordinator, Sacred Heart Parish, 1989 -1999. Electronics Engineer: Aerovox Corp. & Raytheon Corp., 1961 - 1968. Occupational Education Educator, retired, 33yrs G.N.B.VocTech , 1968-2001. ASEE degree Electrical Engineering, SMTI, 1967. BS Education, Fitchburg State College, 1990.
8. **Kathi McKenna**, Nurse for the Diocese for 30 years, now Private Duty Nurse, Parish Nurse, Fundraising Coordinator for the collaborative, hospitality, Eucharistic Minister, member of Finance Committee, Ladies Guild and longtime active parishioner at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart.
9. **Dr. Jessica Fernandes Gomes**, Assistant Dean, College of Visual & Performing Arts / Adjunct Lecturer - Management, Charlton College of Business, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. Lifelong parishioner of St. Lawrence Church. Member of Parish Council and Finance Council since 2023.

Holy Name

Income and Expense Summary (unaudited)

	FY24
Weekly and Special Collections	\$237,829.64
Parish Grand Annual	\$29,447.00
Religious Education Fees	\$4,390.51
Diocesan and National Collections	\$9,190.00
Other Revenue	\$127,579.41
Operating Revenue	\$408,436.56
Employee Costs (excl. Religious Ed)	\$160,393.00
Religious Education	\$10,523.70
Contract Services	\$18,880.45
Utilities	\$48,403.99
Equipment/Maintenance	\$39,187.84
Property Insurance and Assessment	\$62,426.88
Diocesan and National Collections	\$9,576.20
Other Expenses	\$164,585.00
Operating Expense	\$513,977.06
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(105,540.50)
Cash at June 30th	\$923,788.22
Loans at June 30th	\$-
Date report provided to parishioners	9/15/2024

St Lawrence

Income and Expense Summary (unaudited)

	FY24
Weekly and Special Collections	\$172,686.21
Parish Grand Annual	\$16,319.36
Religious Education Fees	\$2,936.57
Diocesan and National Collections	\$7,296.00
Other Revenue	\$99,108.24
Operating Revenue	\$298,346.38
Employee Costs (excl. Religious Ed)	\$115,015.34
Religious Education	\$14,393.88
Contract Services	\$9,864.14
Utilities	\$34,996.22
Equipment/Maintenance	\$68,266.09
Property Insurance and Assessment	\$59,355.22
Diocesan and National Collections	\$7,263.00
Other Expenses	\$50,064.85
Operating Expense	\$359,218.74
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(60,872.36)
Cash at June 30th	\$278,047.39
Loans at June 30th	\$-
Date report provided to parishioners	9/15/2024

St Francis of Assisi

Income and Expense Summary (unaudited)

	FY24
Weekly and Special Collections	\$40,144.00
Parish Grand Annual	\$2,465.36
Religious Education Fees	\$778.56
Diocesan and National Collections	\$2,731.70
Other Revenue	\$18,779.47
Operating Revenue	\$64,899.09
Employee Costs (excl. Religious Ed)	\$26,356.92
Religious Education	\$402.46
Contract Services	\$2,730.94
Utilities	\$4,816.62
Equipment/Maintenance	\$19,294.16
Property Insurance and Assessment	\$10,647.34
Diocesan and National Collections	\$2,731.70
Other Expenses	\$14,390.03
Operating Expense	\$81,370.17
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(16,471.08)
Cash at June 30th	\$168,117.98
Loans at June 30th	\$-
Date report provided to parishioners	9/15/2024

The Parish Finance Council would like to thank all the parishioners in the Whaling City Catholic Community for supporting our Collaborative. We are happy to report we have been able to make extensive repairs and updates at all 3 of our parishes. Some things to note:

St. Francis: The large net operation deficit was due to less money being collected in collections and some extraordinary repairs needed. The roof 50% completion payment was made in Aug 23. We installed a new, donated, sound system and had to pay for the cost of installation. Heating costs, snow removal and maintenance of the church grounds also increased this year.

Holy Name: The large net operation deficit was due to extraordinary expenses, primarily for the kitchen project at the parish center. The parish collections did very well this year. We were able to pay for the 50% deposit for the kitchen renovation, replace exterior lighting at the hall, replace the swell box in the organ and Resonant Energy began working on solar panels. Gas, electric and insurance costs also increased this year. The solar project, once completed, will save us money on energy bills and provide reimbursement over time. We were also able to purchase everything needed for the Square point of sale system that we use at the craft fair.

St. Lawrence: The large net operation deficit was due to less money being collected in collections as well as large expenses for repairs needed. Snow removal and maintenance of the church grounds, gas and electric increased this year. Boiler flooding issues and the faucet in the church sacristy were repaired. The food pantry needed mold remediation services to provide a safe environment for the food pantry. Organ repairs due to a problem with a connection after a transformer had been replaced also needed to be taken care of. Bluestone was removed due to it being a trip hazard and was replaced by poured concrete in the church parking lot.

Across all 3 parishes we have applied and are awaiting money from the Employee Retention Tax Credit program. We saved by switching to a new envelope provider and have implemented a new online donation platform that allows online recurring donations in the hope that it will help increase our giving across the Collaborative.

Your support remains paramount.

Whaling City Catholic Community Finance Council

Josette Fernandes Cormier, Chair

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September 3, 2024

On September 3, 2024, the Whaling City Catholic Community Finance Council met to review financial statements, including annual budgets, income and expense reports and the outcome of the 2024 Grand Annual Appeal. The financial report was developed in consultation with the council.



Rev. Michael S. Racine, Pastor



Josette Fernandes Cormier, Finance Council Chair