

Our Parish



PARISH MISSION

The mission of
St. Patrick's Church is to be a
place of encounter with the Lord
Jesus so people will love God,
love their neighbor, and make
disciples for Christ.



PARISHIONERS

Number of registered families

850



MINISTRIES

Number of active ministries

33



Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 8:15am Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm & 5:30pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:00pm-3:30pm

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 4:00pm Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm Saturday Closed Sunday 9:00am - 12:00pm

Address

St. Patrick Church 615 Congress Ave Havre de Grace, MD 21078

410-939-2525

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A place to encounter Christ since 1847



SACRAMENTS

In fiscal year 2022-2023, St. Patrick celebrated
Twenty Baptisms
Nineteen First Holy Communions
Nine Confirmations
Thirteen couples celebrated Holy Matrimony
These numbers include those who were received into the fullness of the Church via RCIA









History of St. Patrick Church

The Church of St. Patrick in Havre de Grace was founded in 1847.

Notable Dates

- The first members of the St. Patrick community during the 1800's celebrated Mass in their homes.
- The first church structure was built in 1847, and the current church was built in 1907.
- The opening Mass in the current building was celebrated on June 28, 1908.
- Rev. Monmonier broke ground for a new school and convent on December 21, 1952.







175 Years in Ministry

175th Anniversary Events

March 20, 2022

175th Celebration Mass with Archbishop Lori

Sunday, May 22, 2022 175th Celebration Parish Picnic

September 17, 2022 175th Celebration St. Patricks Expo

March 6, 2023
Lenten Mission with Immaculee Ilibagiza

March 20, 2023
Holy Hour with Mark Forrest

May 9-10, 2023 Summer Mission with Steve Angrisano

May 20 -21, 2023

175th Anniversary Celebration Closing Weekend

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS











MINISTRIES

St. Patrick has a vibrant community of volunteers and participants who are dedicated to serve

Christ and His people



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Active parishioners are invited to participate in the liturgical celebration of the Mass through many ministries, including the following: Lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Altar Server, Sacristan, Liturgical Music, Greeters, Ushers, and Pastoral Visitors. Any confirmed Catholic (or child who is in 4th grade or higher for altar serving) in good standing with the Church is invited to volunteer for these ministries. If interested in volunteering or for more information as to what these ministries entail, please contact our office.

Lector - Proclaims the Scripture Readings during Mass to our Faith Community

A Lector is called upon to give voice to the Word of God in its solemn and sacred proclamation at Holy Mass. Training for this ministry is arranged with the pastor. Any volunteers for this ministry will be expected to attend various training and formation meetings held as often as needed.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Assists with the distribution of the Eucharist during Mass

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) are lay volunteers who are called upon to assist the celebrant in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. A volunteer for this ministry must embody model reverence for the Holy Eucharist, must be committed to deepening one's prayer life and he/she must always be prepared at any moment to be called upon before Mass to assist with the distribution of Communion. A volunteer for this ministry will likewise be expected to distribute communion under both species.

Pastoral Visitors - Take communion to the sick, homebound, and those in retirement communities

Pastoral Visitors is an extension of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion ministry. This liturgy permits commissioned Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, through our ministry called Pastoral Ministers to bring the Blessed Sacrament to those who are homebound, elderly, sick, and in assisted living or senior housing facilities.

Altar Server – For children in 4th grade and above who would like to assist the Pastor at Mass

Altar Servers serve at the Altar of Our Lord, which is a great honor and a great opportunity for the youth to encounter the Mass. The Altar Server ministry is open to those who are in the fourth grade or higher, have received their First Holy Communion, and are members of a family that is registered in our Parish.

Usher – Guides parishioners and guests to seats, assists with taking up the collection Ushers assist the parish by providing hospitality, discretely maintaining order and dignity at all liturgies, and handling emergencies.

AT A GLANCE

Thirty-three ministries impacting hundreds of people in the parish and wider Have de Grace community.



To volunteer to assist with these ministries, or to participate, please contact the parish office

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Liturgical Music - Provides the music at all Masses

Liturgical Music plays an integral part in the liturgical worship at St. Patrick Church. It is a vital and core element that has the power to raise the mind and heart to God. There are various types of musical talent that truly enhance the Mass and other sacred liturgies - from the traditional to the contemporary, our musicians will touch your heart. If you have a desire to "sing a new song" to the Lord and inspire others to do so, we invite you to consider service through the music ministry. Be a part of the versatile sounds at St. Patrick's Church! Those with the ability and desire to express their faith through the gift of music will find the various programs in the music ministry to be a rewarding experience for themselves and to those praying with them through song and sound. Regardless of your level of proficiency, we hope you will consider offering your talents in this way to our parish community.

Sacristan - Set up for Mass and assist in scheduling all Ministers for Mass.

The Sacristans supervise the set-up for Daily and Weekend Masses. They coordinate the Liturgical Ministers who are serving at that specific Mass. The Sacristan is responsible for the set-up and physical arrangement of the Liturgy. Training is required and will be provided.

Greeter - Welcomes and greets parishioners and visitors

Greeters are members of this hospitality ministry. They greet those arriving for Sunday Mass & other Parish events. As a Greeter you are the face of the parish. You will help to offer a welcoming atmosphere to parishioners and guests.

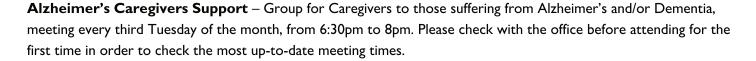
Thank you to all our volunteers and program participants. You've enabled us to reach out to the community via programs like our food pantry, reach young people through our children's ministries, reach the bereaved, divorced, and the sick. You've advocated for the dignity of all persons birth through natural death. You've led people closer to Christ through education and enrichment. You contribute to the beauty, welcoming environment, and maintenance of the parish. Thank you!

MINISTRIES

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Food Pantry (formerly Kitchen Door) - Our food pantry serves the hungry in our area on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9:30am to 11:30am. There is a green bin for food

collection in the Vestibule. Thank you for your generosity to the food pantry over the years. Our neighbors in need are very appreciative! Thank you for your generosity.



Bereavement Support – Group for those suffering from a loss of a loved one. This ministry seeks to help those who are going through the pain of loss and grieving. Losing a family member can be one of the most difficult and painful experiences a person will go through. It is important to have a solid support system of friends and other family members during such devastating times. Our Bereavement ministry helps the bereaved deal with loss while they pass through the stages of grief. The group meets on Tuesday evenings. Please contact the office for current meeting times.

Divorce Care Support – Group for the separated and divorced men and women in need of healing from the emotional wounds and deepening their relationship with Christ, meeting Wednesday evenings, from 6.30pm to 8:30pm

Prayer Team – Prays with and for those who need and have asked for prayers

Prayer Shawl Ministry – This is a gathering of people who knit or crochet shawls for the sick, the bereaved, for special occasions such as weddings and other needs. The ministry is rooted in prayer and is intended to comfort God's people in moments of need and joy! Currently meeting on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the morning. Please contact the office for the most up-to-date meeting times.

Respect Life – Faith filled group joining together to provide support and positive faith filled encouragement to Community Outreach Programs assisting those in crisis. The group prays for the unborn and their families as well as those struggling with substance abuse and mental illness in the community.

Grace Place - This is a food outreach to the poor in our community, and is a service many members of St. Patrick's Church are engaged with, and that is supported and led by many of the churches of Havre De Grace.

Helping our children encounter the Lord and experience His love is our goal. This service is in many forms such as serving as a catechist, serving as an aide in a classroom, designing arts and crafts for use by children. We invite you to pick one that you are comfortable with! Helping to plant the word of God in our children's life is an eternally rewarding service.



FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Baptism - The Sacrament of Baptism is the foundation of Christian life, the entrance to the life in the Spirit and access to the other Sacraments. Baptisms of infants and young children are typically celebrated on Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Parents will attend a preparation session before the baptism can be celebrated. Appointments for the preparation session and baptism should be made with the parish office.

Children (PreK to 5th Grade) – elementary faith formation, with meetings on first and third Sundays of the month, from 9am to 10:15am. Children in the second grade are prepared from September to April or May for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, both of which are celebrated in the spring. We believe that the parents are the primary catechists of their children. Archdiocesan regulations require one year of religious education or Catholic schooling prior to preparation for the sacrament.

Children (6th to 8th Grade) – faith formation program for Middle Schoolers, with meetings twice a month on Wednesday evenings, from 6:30pm to 8pm

Teen / Youth (9th to 12th Grade) – Confirmation is the third Sacrament of Initiation following Baptism and Eucharist. Our Confirmation preparation typically is for high schoolers. During this time, candidates participate in the group confirmation sessions, attend a retreat, and complete service projects.

Sacrament of Marriage - The Sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ loved His Church. To celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony engaged couples must contact the office prior to the wedding date to initiate the marriage preparation program. Formal preparation of engaged couples is essential for married life. In addition to working with the priest or deacon officiating at the wedding, the Archdiocese requires engaged couples to participate in Marriage Preparation classes.

RCIA – *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* RCIA is for adults and teens who have not been baptized, or adults who have been baptized or received their First Holy Communion, but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation. Volunteers welcome.

Walking with Purpose - Catholic Bible Study program that aims to bring women to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Men's Group – Learning about the Catholic faith, as well as supporting, affirming, and sharing insights about the joys and difficulties men encounter each day; meetings every first Saturday of the month from 9am to 10:30am

Knights of Columbus – Council 2002 shared with St. Joan of Arc in Aberdeen and Good Shepherd Parish in Perryville.

OTHER MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

Hospitality Team – Manage parish functions as needed.

Lawn Maintenance - Help mow grass and maintain the beauty of the lawn on the parish grounds.

Garden Care - Helps maintain the beauty of our flowering plants and shrubs on the parish campus.

Money Counters – A team of parishioners that counts the money donated in the collection.

Finance Committee – Appointed financial professionals that monitor the parish budget, financial recording, and reporting. Fundraising Committee – A committee with goals of raising funds for specific projects at our parish.

Pastoral Council – An advisory body to the Pastor and pastoral staff, whose goal is to investigate, reflect and recommend actions for actualization of the parish's mission.

Opps Team - A group of able body men and women that can setup and take down at our parish events. Use your physical strength to serve the Lord's people and setup for an event that will bring Him glory.























175th Anniversary Mass













175th Anniversary Picnic















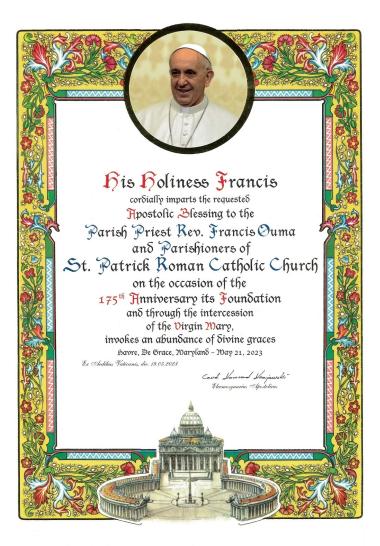














Proclamation

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, The earliest Mass offered in Havre de Grace was in the early 1800s; and

WHEREAS, The first Saint Patrick Church was built in 1847 at the corner of Stokes and Warren Streets; and

WHEREAS, The current church, located at 615 Congress Avenue, was erected in 1907 and celebrated its opening Mass on June 28, 1908; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's was formally dedicated by Cardinal James Gibbons in 1908; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's School opened its doors in 1953 and served the children of the community until the early 1970s; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's School was staffed by Sisters of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's, since opening its doors, has served our community by providing spiritual guidance and providing help to those in need; and WHEREAS, St. Patrick's is actively involved in several food-related outreaches and provides services to expectant mothers; and

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's has a strong volunteer base that not only provides for the upkeep of the church and its grounds but positively contributes to the fabric of our community,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William T. Martin, along with the members of the City Council, proclaim Saint Patrick's as a pillar of our community and recognize the service it has provided to the citizens of Havre de Grace during the last 175 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of the City of Havre de Grace to be affixed this 21% day of MAY in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and WEDITY-THEET

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ATTEST: Stephen J Gamaria

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Proclamation

BE IT HEREBY KNOWN

that the County Council of Harford County, Maryland on this 20th day of May 2023, recognizes and congratulates

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church

175TH ANNIVERSARY

on the celebration of this milestone anniversary and commitment to the communities of Harford County and the City of Havre de Grace.

Thank you for your dedication!



Jacob Bennet

DISTRICT C

DISTRICT F

Harford County Maryland



Be it hereby known to all that sincerest congratulations are offered to

St. Patrick Catholic Church

in recognition of the joyous occasion of your

175th Anniversary

and celebration of dedicated service in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Congratulations & best wishes!



Given under my hand The Seal of Harford Count

Robert & Cassilly Harford County Executive

On the twentieth day of May, two thousand twenty-three

Attest: Kally Jawas

Events at St. Patrick

Teast of Corpus Shristic Eucharistic Procession



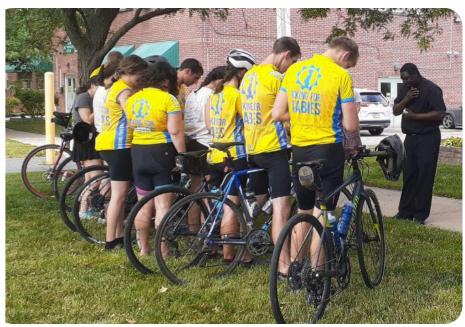




St. Patrick's Walking with Purpose Womens Bible Study Group gathered with nearly 1,000 other women at St. John Neumann in Annapolis on April 7th to hear the ministry's founder give a presentation titled "Hallelujah Anyway: Discovering Good Despite Anxiety." If you are interested in joining St. Patrick's women in studying the Word of God, please contact the parish office.



Rwandan genocide survivor Immaculee Ilibagiza visited our parish during Lent to share her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness.



St. Patrick welcomed Biking for Babies, a part of the 2023
National Ride. Missionaries from Biking for Babies stopped by
for refreshments at our parish and a blessing from Fr. Francis.
As they train and ride, the missionaries raise awareness and
financial support for the women and families serving America's
pregnancy resource centers. To read more about them and the
organization, please visit www.bikingforbabies.com.



Congratulations to those who entered into full communion with the Catholic Church at the 2022 and 2023 Easter Vigils



\$4th July

St. Patrick was excited to host Seminatian Minh in summer of 2023. During his short 8 weeks with us, he participated fully in the life of the parish, no doubt leaving a lasting impact on many.











St. Patrick parishioners traveled to Lancaster, PA to see plays at Sight and Sound in summers of 2022 and 2023. We hope to have an even bigger crowd in 2024!









St. Patrick's Day Dinner



St. Patrick celebrated Sandy Krass and the years she dedicated to St. Patrick Church as our receptionist. She will be missed, and we all wish Sandy the best in retirement!













On October 22, 2023, we dedicated the meeting room to Pope St. John Paul 11 beginning with Mass, and followed by the dedication and blessing.



St. Patrick's Day Irish Dinner
Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and who celebrated our Patron Saint's Feast Day!





Both 2022 and 2023 saw very successful golf tounaments. Thank you to all the golfers, spectators, and volunteers! There are many more photos featured on our Facebook page. Please visit and feel free to tag yourself or your friends and family. Volunteers featured below.









STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

Our stained glass windows are being restored and reinstalled by the Willet-Hauser Company. Thank you to Mr. John Hamilton for coordinating all of these efforts over the last 5 years.















ADDITIONAL REPAIRS



There are several improvement projects we were able to undertake due to your generosity!

CHURCH STEEPLE

Due to wind storms our church steeple needed major work to fix parts blown off by wind. Thankfully, most of the \$25,000 cost was covered by insurance.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

We have also been working on having our sound system improved. This has made it possible for our choir loft to be a good home for our musicians once again as well as improving the quality of our sound on the livestream. We also now have hearing aid devices available to those who need them.

CHURCH BASEMENT

We have been busy with our facilities committee to repair our church basement to limit water damage due to the highwater table. We will also be working on the rain gutter downspouts. This will cause us about \$10,000.

ST. PETER WINDOW

The St. Peter Window was restored in memory of Frank & Jeanette Weitzel who passed away in 1976 and 2005 respectively. They are JoAnn Lingna's parents. We are so grateful that JoAnn, the youngest of their 4 children, dedicated this window to them. Friends, when someone you love passes, we always want to remember them. Their memories are never forgotten because of the love and legacy that they have impacted our lives with. Dedicating a stained-glass window in our church was an ideal way to honor and remember them.

Over the years, JoAnn was always drawn to this window. She always favored sitting in the section of church near the St.

Peter window for Mass.



Your generous donations
via the weekly offering
and capital campaigns
make it possible to keep
our church looking
beautiful, and in good
repair, limiting damage
and future repair costs.
Thank you!

Deacon Ken Goedeke



With great joy St. Patrick welcomed Deacon Kenneth Goedeke this past October. Deacon Ken was ordained on September 30th to minister as a permanent deacon, and his first assignment is our Parish. I ask you to offer a very warm welcome to Deacon Ken and his family as they transition into our parish. Dn Ken's home parish is St. Ignatius, Hickory. He is married to Bridgit Cupp Goedeke. They have two wonderful children.

During his formation, he had diaconal internships at St. Stephen, Bradshaw, Church of the Holy Spirit, Joppatown, and University of Maryland Medical Center Upper Chesapeake Hospital (Chaplain's Office).

Currently he is the Director of Mission and Ministry at John Carroll School, Bel Air. He is a religion teacher at John Carroll as well. He is a former religion teacher at Calvert Hall College High School, Towson, and former coordinator of youth ministry at St. Isaac Jogues, Carney.

I am very confident that he is going to be a great addition to our parish to help us towards our goal of being a place of encounter. He will be working with us on many our many formation programs and sacramental and liturgical ministries here at St. Patrick.

Friends, in the Catholic Church, we know that Deacons are members of the clergy along with priests and bishops. The deacon's ministry has three dimensions: liturgy, word, and service. At the liturgy, he assists the bishop and priests. At Mass, the deacon proclaims the Gospel, may be invited to preach the homily, and assists at the altar. The deacon may also baptize, witness and bless marriages, preside at the Liturgy of the Hours, and preside at funeral liturgies among many other duties.

Living in the world, deacons have a particular sensitivity to the needs of real families – including single parents, students, older people, those with disabilities, the incarcerated, and those who suffer from poverty or addictions of many kinds.

All Christians are called, but the deacon serves with a special grace – a unique authority and humble power. He is responding to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. He is sent by the Church to be the presence of Christ to those in need.

I therefore ask that we all continue to pray for Dn. Ken and his family.

May St. Stephen, the first deacon, be his role model.





Parish Financials

SAINT PATRICK CHURCH 2022 - 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT 2023 - 2024 BUDGET

	7/1/2022 -	2023-2024
	6/30/23	BUDGET
A-1 Offertory Collections	\$577,118	\$591,500
A-2 Other Operating Income	\$26,778	\$20,000
A-3 Operating Income from Investments	\$858	\$900
A-4 Specific Operating Area Income	\$101,929	\$105,000
A-5 Evangelization, Catechesis & Other Programs	\$18,234	\$18,700
TOTAL INCOME	\$724,917	\$736,100
EXPENSES		
B Cost of Facilities	\$214,791	\$187,758
C Administration Expenses	\$51,119	\$45,500
D Worship Expenses	\$76,439	\$63,800
E Specific Operating Area Expenses	\$82,370	\$70,340
F Labor Costs	\$187,693	\$194,076
G Employee Benefit Costs	\$69,756	\$62,902
H Evangelization, Catechesis & Other Programs	\$42,350	\$36,500
I School & Archdiocesan Support	\$96,643	\$109,745
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$821,160	\$770,621
NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(\$96,243)	(\$34,521)
OTHER INCOME		
K-1 Fundraising Income	\$3,881	\$4,000
K-2 Investment Income - Non-Operating	\$19,652	\$21,500
K-3 Other Non-Operating Income	\$243,152	\$154,500
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	\$266,685	\$180,000
OTHER EXPENSES		
L Other Non-Operating Expenses	\$195,329	\$40,000
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$195,329	\$40,000
NET OTHER INCOME SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$71,356	\$140,000
NET INCOME	(\$24,887)	\$105,479

On behalf of our Parish Leadership Team, I am happy to present to you the annual report for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. The Parish Leadership Team, led by the Pastor, consists of two lay Parish Corporators, Finance Committee, and Pastoral Council. In studying the pie charts for the past fiscal year, you will see the economic hard times had a big bearing on our offertory program. Also with the many repair and maintenance needs of the facilities, we ended the past fiscal year in the red with about \$24,000. This could have been much worse if it were not for the generosity of all of you in supporting the parish, as well as our strategic and conservative spendings. We engaged parishioners who volunteered hundreds of hours, both in caring for the buildings as well as the campus grounds. During the past fiscal year, the parish also operated for the most part without a maintenance position. Had that position been filled, the parish would not have been able to end where we did. The message to all of us is that it takes a village to keep a parish running.

I also want to let you know that this past year the Archdiocese of Baltimore initiated a facilities audit of the parish through Bureau Veritas, an engineering firm. The last time such a detailed facilities audit happened was about 7 years ago. This audit gave us a road map on items that we need to immediately attend to, and those that we need to begin planning for that will need work in the near future. This made me reactivate our Facilities Committee to come up with plans for our buildings repair plan. To meet some of those dire needs, we will be working with the archdiocese in the future to launch a capital campaign so that we can secure and properly maintain our facilities.

I am happy to report that our offertory for this fiscal year is on a good trend and we hope more families will be able to support our initiatives through Fall Stewardship program. Our Online Giving/Offertory EFT donations were up from the last year as more people are now utilizing Give Central our online giving platform. If you are not already using Give Central, we encourage you to sign up with the St. Patrick Give Central by using this links below or on our parish website: https://www.stpatrickhdg.com/about-5-7https://www.givecentral.org/location/1240. As you can see in our budget of this year we hope to considerably increase our income base to meet the rising cost and ever-growing needs for repairs and maintenance on our ageing buildings.

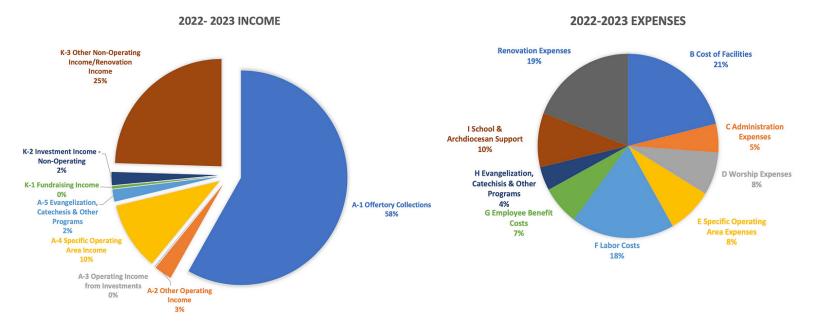
We successfully completed the renovation of the convent and transformed it into a rectory, and also had a wonderful 175th Anniversary celebration. Our weekly bulletin, flock notes, and website all reflect a parish that is fully alive, not only in offering so many ministries to our parishioners, but also in helping those in need, both locally and internationally.

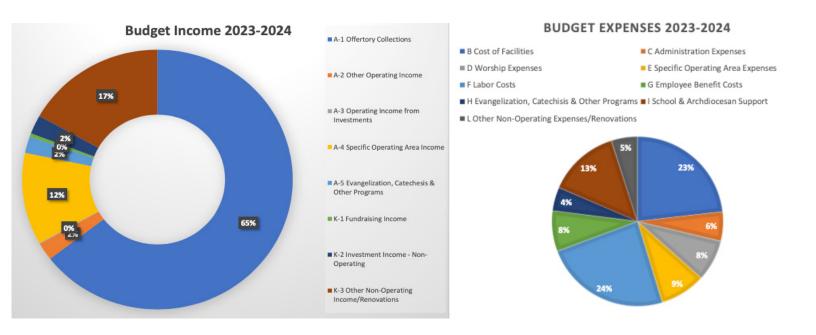
If you have any questions, please reach out to me or to Mr. Bert Deluigi our Finance Committee Chair, or to Kathy Meneghini, our bookkeeper, and also Joanna Friedenberg, our Office/Business Manager. I look forward to a vibrant fiscal year 2023-2024.

I would like to conclude by thanking the Finance Committee members and our business offices (office manager and the bookkeeper) for working on producing this report, and for their great vision and stewardship of our parish.

Thanks again for your generosity.

Fr. Francis







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