



It's hard to believe that I've been pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas for five years! Every year at this time, I want to provide a brief summary of the past year and how, with the recommendations of the Parish Financial Council, I've tried to be a good steward of the resources both material and financial that have been given to the parish.

There have been a few changes to our parish staff over the past year. Peter Vitagliano became our new Business Manager and Rob Ruth the new the Administrative Assistant. Each of these positions carries more responsibilities than the title implies. Peter not only manages and provides financial accountability to parishioners and the Archdiocese but oversees maintenance projects and contracts. Rob is responsible for creating the weekly bulletin as well as planning, scheduling and responding to many

requests and questions that come to our office daily. Earlier this year Bob Emord, who for the past eight years faithfully served as maintenance supervisor, was medically retired. Steve Orcutt was recently hired as the new maintenance supervisor.

We continue to grow stronger financially. Due to the generosity of our parishioners, last year's Grand Annual Appeal was the best appeal in the parish's history. As a result of our Growth in Stewardship Renewal in February, a number of parishioners made or increased their financial commitment to the parish and our ministries and the number of volunteers increased as well. We were honored to have Cardinal Sean O'Malley celebrate Mass in our parish in March at which time he kicked off his 2016 Catholic Appeal. Again, parishioners recognized the need to not only support our own parish and ministries but to support the many agencies that directly support and advise our parish in a multitude of areas i.e. legal, human resources, religious education, campus and prison ministries, etc. I am greatly humbled by the generosity of our parishioners.

As this report demonstrates, we have accomplished a lot in upgrading and preserving our buildings and grounds. I am grateful to the Parish Maintenance Council for their assistance in prioritizing and assisting the business manager in overseeing contracts and work.

It's easy to focus on finances and facilities management, however, I am daily reminded that my role as pastor should and must focus on the spiritual, sacramental and pastoral outreach to our parishioners and beyond. This past year, a number of committed parents took the initiative to establish a youth ministry program that would provide opportunities for our middle and high schools students to deepen their faith and become more aware of their social responsibilities while establishing friendships with others. Because of the Golf Tournament donation, we are presently seeking the assistance of a part time youth minister. I look forward to identifying and implementing other ways to strengthen the faith of our parishioners while reaching out to those who are not actively involved in our church.

As pastor, I realize that this work of evangelization is not mine alone but is the responsibility of every Christian. Despite our accomplishments, there is much that still needs to be done. Each of us is called by Jesus Christ to share our faith with others which admittedly is not always easy. I pray daily for the Lord's Holy Spirit to guide me so that I can be both leader and servant to God's people. The more we stand together in faith, the stronger and more effective we will be in bringing Jesus Christ to others. The longer a pastor is in a parish, the more he becomes a part of the fabric of the lives of the people he serves.

In Christ,

Fr. Bill Devine





From the Finance Council...

Our Parish has enjoyed a year of financial growth, as evidenced by an increase of 10% in operating revenue over last year. This growth is due, in large part, to a highly successful Grand Annual Campaign and early Religious Education enrollment for this coming year. We have improved control of the Parish's finances and financial reporting, and have been able to pinpoint opportunities to grow in Stewardship, while solidifying the future of the Parish through realistic budgeting and strong execution of planned Parish initiatives. Additional support from the Golf Tournament and the Annual Bazaar have built a strong financial foundation and enabled us to better plan our future, while continuing to make improvements to the Parish.

Strong control of Parish expenses has had a positive impact on our financial success as well, and allowed us to complete some major improvements to the buildings and grounds. Our savings in Utilities (15%), and Payroll (12%), coupled with our success of the Grand Annual Appeal (68% over LY), have helped to subsidize the costs for not only maintaining a beautiful Parish but improving existing areas and upgrading others that were in need.

The Parish Staff, with guidance from the Finance Council, has worked hard to control costs and ensure a bright future by remaining debt-free. We look forward to another year of growth and success for our Parish through your continued support, faith and stewardship.

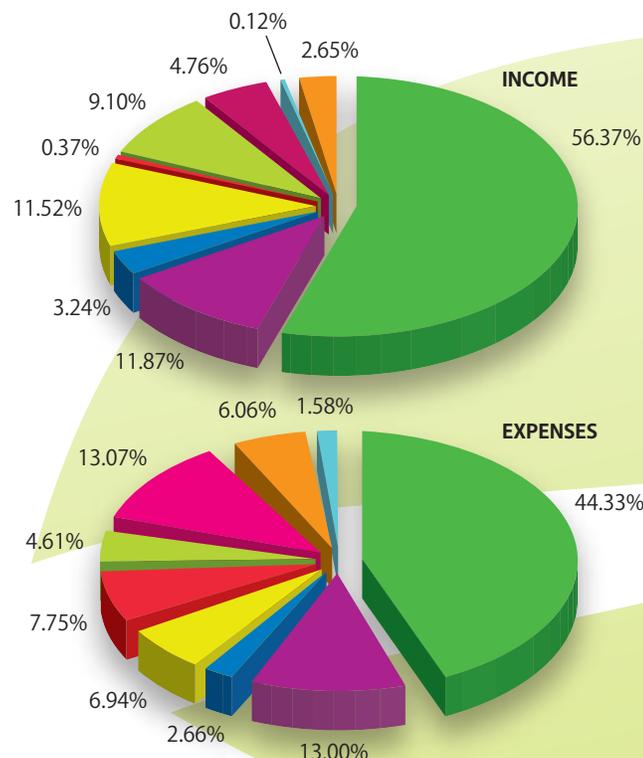
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Parish Income & Expense

	2016	2015	2017
Income			
■ Offertory (Weekly & Monthly)	484,127	483,825	450,000
■ Grand Annual	101,960	60,865	80,000
■ Sacramentals/Flowers	27,801	27,957	26,000
■ Gifts/Bequests/Donations	98,951	92,269	75,000
■ Catholic Appeal Rebate	3,167	4,553	3,500
■ Religious Education	78,132	69,359	75,000
■ Rental/Lease	40,910	42,118	38,000
■ Interest/Div/Mkt Gain(Loss)	1,003	905	(2,000)
■ Ministry/Fundraising/Other	22,756	26,931	25,000
Total	858,807	808,782	770,500
Expenses			
■ Salaries/Benefits (Clergy/Lay except Rel. Ed.)	306,654	347,701	407,000
■ Rel. Ed. Expenses (Including Sal/Benefits)	89,934	85,199	100,000
■ Pastoral/Liturgical	18,413	33,265	35,000
■ Office/Admin/Household	47,999	39,301	50,000
■ Utilities (Heat/Electric/W&S)	53,644	61,852	55,000
■ Property/Liability Insurance	31,895	21,410	25,000
■ Maintenance	90,387	50,523	65,000
■ Central Ministries Support	41,901	42,602	45,000
■ Other	10,943	19,201	15,000
Total	691,770	701,054	797,000
Net Operating Income (Loss)	167,037	107,728	(26,500)
Non-Operating Income and Expenses			
Capital Improvement Revenue	34,074	41,886	40,000
Capital Acq/Improvement Expense	154,322	76,578	50,000
Capital Improvements, Net	(120,248)	(34,692)	(10,000)
Net Income (Loss)	46,789	73,036	-36,500



Cemetery Income & Expense

	2016	2015	2017
Income			
■ Sale of Lots	67,346	44,077	50,000
■ Openings	31,675	43,725	40,000
■ Prior Sale of Lots 1970-2000	2,800	0	0
■ Concrete Burial Units	20,200	21,900	20,000
■ Foundations	4,238	3,838	4,000
■ Interest/Dividends	15,993	178	2,000
■ Misc. Inc./Gifts	175	25	100
Total	142,427	113,743	116,100
Expenses			
■ Salaries/Benefits	22,172	35,160	35,000
■ Office	119	279	200
■ Facilities	23,901	4,206	15,000
■ Operations	30,280	20,320	20,000
■ Vehicle	3,964	3,249	3,500
■ Other	0	(3,000)	0
Total	80,436	60,214	73,700
Net Operating Income (Loss)	61,991	53,529	42,400
Non-Operating Income and Expenses			
Receipts for Perpetual Care	6,735	4,898	5,000
Unrealized Gain(Loss)	(8,476)	1,978	(2,000)
Capital Acq/Improvement Expense	6,153	69,530	15,000
Net Income (Loss)	54,097	(9,125)	34,400

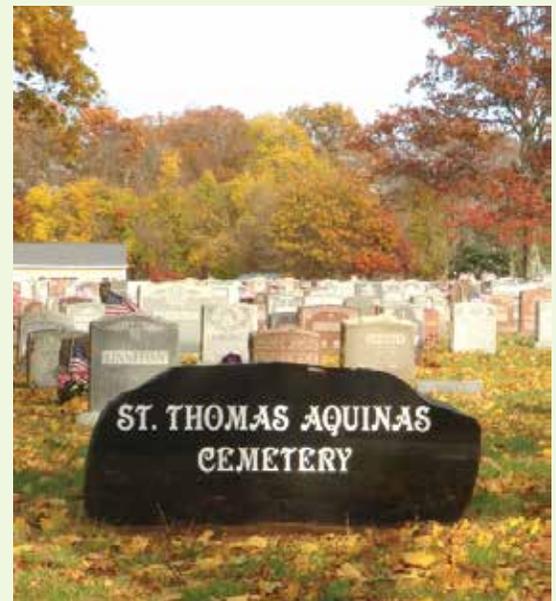
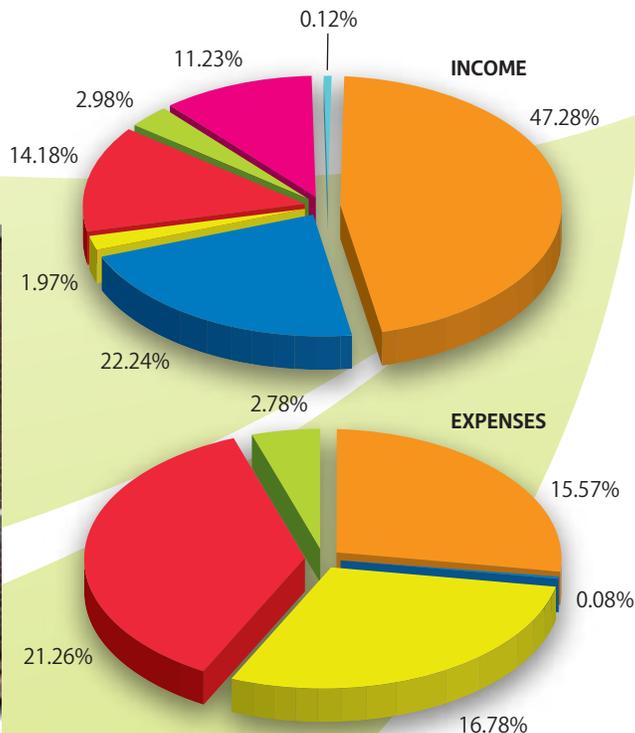


Notes on the Cemeteries...

The cemetery results for FY16 show substantial improvement over the previous year, driven by the sale of lots (especially in the new double deep section), continued collection of revenue from older receivables and dividends realized from smart investments through the advice of the Finance Council. The cemeteries have seen an increase in income of 25% over last year.

This success can be attributed primarily to the completion of the double deep section and finalized cost in our last Fiscal Year. We have worked hard to control costs for the cemeteries, and we have seen gains over last year, even with outside contracting for cemetery landscaping and grave maintenance. We are looking forward to continued improvement this year with the hiring of our new Maintenance Manager.

We have seen great improvements in the cemeteries with improved grounds keeping, tree removal, and beautification efforts to the Grotto and other areas. We are pleased that our increased capacity has us on track to be able to support our community for years to come. We are always available to answer your questions on availability of lots and burial needs. Please contact the parish at 508-697-9528.



When you think about what you have done, you are proud...

When you think about what you could have done, you are humble....." (John F. Kennedy)

Our Parish has achieved great things over the past year. Through increased stewardship and better control of Parish finances, we have maintained, improved and upgraded many areas of the Parish. The list below heralds just some of these successes:

St. Thomas Church and Parish Center

- Hired new Administrative Assistant, Business Manager, and Maintenance Manager
- Received Fr. Tom Olson as our new Parochial Vicar
- Initiated a Youth Ministry Program
- Produced a successful Lenten Parish Mission
- Reduced the deficit for Religious Education by over \$3,000
- Increased outreach to families through the Bereavement Ministry
- Increased home visitations to every family who had a child Baptized
- Engaged Bridgewater State students and the Bridgewater Correctional Facility
- Surpassed our goal for the Catholic Appeal by \$18,000
- Conducted a strong Growth in Stewardship Renewal held in March
- Remodeled and installed a new bathroom and utility room in the lower Church
- Re-pointed the front of the Church
- Refinished the Parish Center Floor

St. Basil

- Installed new flooring throughout the building
- Repaired the heating system
- Upgraded the Fire and Safety systems
- Replaced the exterior columns
- Refinished the painted exterior facade
- Established designated handicapped parking
- Re-painted the walls of the Common Room

Cemeteries

- Launched a 4 year plan for grounds maintenance including fertilization, weed control and beautification
- Completed the double deep section to fulfill the needs of our Parish families
- Upgraded our Cemetery equipment including 2 new mowers to help maintain the grounds

As we look forward to the coming year, we see more growth in faith, stewardship and support which only strengthens our Parish so that we can in turn do more for our parishioners. This growth brings new life and new energy to all of us at the Parish, but it also brings challenges and needs. Every day, we look to improve and create a supporting and giving environment for everyone. Here are some of the projects we have identified that will help us to achieve those goals:

- Engage a Part Time Youth Minister
- Enhance our Lenten Parish Mission
- Upgrade the office's in the Rectory
- Replace of the kitchen floor in the Rectory
- Restore the floors on the first floor of the Rectory
- Construct a multi-purpose area in the rear of the lower Church
- Refinish the columns at the front of the Church
- Repair and rebuild the entrance of the Sacristy at the rear of the Church
- Explore the possibility of a ductless AC system for the Church and Rectory
- Renovate the brick façade on the side of the Church
- Overhaul all water lines in the Old Cemetery
- Install a new electric range and commercial hood at St. Basil
- Service older heat systems for the Parish Center and St. Basil

You can see that the Parish is always in need of your help, whether it be your time, talent or treasure. All of the things we have been able to do, and look to do in the future, depend on your generosity and support. We all benefit from a strong Parish and, as good stewards, we will make sure that your support goes to these things that will strengthen our Parish, create a welcoming and safe environment for everyone and help us to grow even more as a family. We wish to express our profound thanks for all of your continued support.

