Annual Report to Saint Maria Goretti Parish
July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "... Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Matthew 28:18-20

Christ keeps His promise to remain with us through the sacramental life of His Church. We keep our commitment to make disciples of others by being faithful Christian disciples ourselves. Our parish is home to 3713 disciples from 1133 households in Lynnfield, Wakefield and surrounding communities. The following is my annual report to you for this Year of Grace 2011.

We welcomed 44 new households to the parish. Forty-one children were baptized into Christ’s Church. Eighty-two children made First Holy Communion and fifty-seven teens were Confirmed. Eight couples were married. Twenty-seven souls were commended to the Lord at their funerals.

- On September 12th, we closed our 50th Jubilee celebration with an outdoor Mass and barbecue.

- After four years of planning and fundraising, the Parish Hall renovations were largely completed providing for beautiful new meeting/classrooms, improved handicapped access and adequate space for social activities.

- Denis Ritchie, Donna Hegan and Pat Rondeau completed terms on the Parish Pastoral Council. Bruce Dickey, Marlene Hoyt and Susan LaRovere have accepted terms of service. Christopher Barrett has stepped forward to continue the good works of Denis Ritchie as vice-chair of the council.

- Gina Distefano was welcomed to the Religious Education ministry.

- We enthusiastically participated in the “Catholics Come Home” initiative resulting in a vigorous effort to invite inactive or alienated Catholics back to Mass. Part of this involved a series of faith sharing events during the Wednesday evenings of Lent.

- Access to the Sacrament of Reconciliation was expanded to include Wednesday evenings in Lent and Advent during “A Light is On for You”.

- The parish prays with the sick during the quarterly Sunday Masses when the Sacrament of the Sick is administered to those in need.

- Parishioners continued to support social outreach at My Brother’s Table and the Sacred Heart Parish “Tree of Life” Food Pantry in Lynn.

- The parish now serves a record 698 students in religious education. This represents a 6% increase over last year. Despite the challenges due to construction, the year was successful due to the high number of volunteers in Religious Education. The new ‘God Loves Me’ toddler program was very successful and well received by parents. The new curriculum agenda’s include opening and closing prayers as a group at all classes to aide in learning. The new ‘Prayer Log Challenge’ for 4th graders had a number of children participate. Each child received a certificate of achievement upon successful completion. Students in all grades had the opportunity to participate in service projects on a monthly basis to encourage promoting charity and helping those in need under the Corporal Works of Mercy. Offerings included supplies for Haiti, mitten/hat and toy drive for the homeless, care packages for troops, supply baskets for the Inn-Between Transition Shelter, assisting at Haven From Hunger, rice bowls and more. Two students also led parish supported Eagle Scout projects including the new prayer garden and toys for special kids with cancer in the Dana Farber Pediatric Cancer Center. Students and their families continue to participate in many parish activities including the G2 Church tour, stations dinner, family Masses, CLOW and more.

- The Music Ministry of our parish continues to grow with the addition of a new cantor Cara Palmerino. The choir is a vibrant presence in our worship. Moving forward, there are several new initiatives in the music
ministry. These will include building up the cantor program at Masses, developing the youth choir and supporting the congregation in using the new Mass translations later this year.

- Four new Lectors began service to the parish along with five new altar servers. They were joined in the sanctuary by fifteen new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

- During the joys, heartaches and transitions of this past year, we nourished ourselves with the Body of Christ as we worshiped our Triune God in communion with our Blessed Mother Mary, her husband St. Joseph, our parish patroness St. Maria Goretti and all the Saints. Together we sought to live our Catholic way of faith and life so that others might come to know Jesus Christ as the source of hope and salvation for all.

Other noteworthy events included:

- Pennies for the Notre Dame Missions (August 2010)
- Blessing of Pencils/Catechetical Sunday (September 2010)
- Blessing of Pets (October 2010)
- Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive (October 2010)
- Mission of Deeds Collection (November 2010)
- Kerry Nutter Coat Drive (November 2010)
- Mass of Remembrance (November 2010)
- Giving Tree (November/December 2010)
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (November 2010)
- Christmas Pageant (December 2010)
- Blessing of Candles and Throats (February 2011)
- World Marriage Day (February 2011)
- Catholics Come Home Pot Luck (March 2011)
- Operation Rice Bowl (Lent 2011)
- Family Stations and Lenten Supper (March 2011)
- Lenten Holy Hour with the Primitive Franciscans (March 2011)
- Easter Bunny visit (March 2011)
- Tenebrae (April 2011)
- May Procession (May 2011)
- Dominican Sisters Bake Sale (May 2011)
- Newly Baptized Mass (June 2011)
- Knights of Columbus Altar Server Appreciation (June 2011)
- Missionary Cooperative Appeal for the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette. (June 2011)

In addition to our 2011 Parish Catholic Appeal gift of $30,090, other gifts made to the Lord were entrusted to the following:

- Archdiocesan Priest Retirement Rescue Fund
- Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA
- Catholic Charities North
- Catholic Relief Services, Operation Rice Bowl
- Diocese of Mongu in Zambia
- Franciscans of the Primitive Observance
- Gathering Change
- Haven From Hunger, Peabody
- Hearts with Haiti
- Jimmy Fund
- Manhattan College
- Maryknoll Missionary Sisters
- Mission of Deeds, Reading
- Most Holy Redeemer Parish, East Boston
- My Brothers Table, Lynn
- Our Lady of Assumption School, Lynnfield
- Salesian Missions
- Sisters of Notre Dame
- St. John's Seminary
- St. Joseph Parish, Lynn
- St. Joseph School, Wakefield
- St. Patrick Parish, Roxbury
- Vincentian Congregation

In closing...

As we move into the future, one truth remains. Christ is with us! I give thanks to God for the gift of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the Holy Spirit, we commit to live our Catholic way of faith and life in humility and hope. With humility, we acknowledge our need for His guidance and his Graces. With hope, we share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others. I give thanks to God for each of you for helping me to grow in faith. Entrusting our journey to the protection of our Holy Mother Mary, St. Maria Goretti and "so great a cloud of witnesses" (Heb:12:1) in heaven, we move forward in faith!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Thomas Powers
Parish Financial Report on Fiscal 2011 Operating Results
Prepared by the Parish Finance Council - Michael Tetrault, Richard O’Connor, Al Merritt, and Cori Connor Morse

This parish is pleased to report its operating results for 2011. The June 30th fiscal year ended with an operating surplus of approximately $56,000. These results are a significant improvement over last year. This surplus is the result of your generous support to the offertory which increased $45,000 this year and you are to be congratulated. The parish continues to have a comfortable level of reserve funds, and has no debt.

The parish completed a number of repairs and improvements to its facilities this year. We now have a property manager who keeps us apprised of ongoing maintenance needs. This allows us to manage maintenance on a timely basis and properly budget for facility costs. Repairs and improvements completed this year include a new roof on the rectory garage, new computer systems, replacement of the sink in the sacristy, repairs to the garage cupola, masonry repairs on the rectory stairs, pavement crack sealing, striping parking areas, sealing the church foundation, repairs to the sprinkler system, installation of new alarm systems, installation of stained glass in the parish hall, painting of the church, garage and rectory exteriors, removal of the large oak tree at the front entrance, installation of a French drain in the rectory, repairs to the rectory foundation, repairs to the irrigation well, and replacement of the compressor for the church heating system.

The major improvements to the parish hall, funded by the Jubilee Campaign, have been completed not only within budget, but with a projected of $85,000 surplus. As we reported in an interim communication this summer, these excess funds, supplemented by our operating surplus and additional support from parishioners, will be used to install air conditioning in the church. This will be a valuable improvement to our church which will improve mass attendance in the summer and will make our parish more desirable for summer weddings and baptisms.

The parish served over 650 religious education students and their families and supports a number of liturgical, pastoral and charitable programs. Last year, the parish supported approximately 40 designated charitable causes, amounting to just over $50,000 in support to the regional and global church.

The parish is funded solely from parishioner’s support and receives no funding from the archdiocese. None of these projects or programs could have been possible without the generous support of our parishioners. The generosity of our parishioners is evident in the support for the capital campaign and the offertory.

During the year, we reported to you that the parish will be participating in the Archdiocese new program entitled the Improved Financial Relationship Model, or IFRM for short. The purpose of this program is to remedy inconsistent support among the parishes in the Archdioceses for the Catholic Appeal. Under this new model, a support or “fair share” amount will be calculated for each parish. It will be based on a fixed percentage of a parish’s offertory receipts and net rental income. The parish will meet this fair share assessment to the archdiocese in monthly increments. This will eliminate all other assessments and user fees we currently pay.

We will still have an annual Catholic Appeal. However, our Catholic Appeal will be applied to our fair share amount. The parish will be responsible for any shortfall in reaching the Catholic Appeal goal. Conversely, the parish will share in revenues that exceed the Catholic Appeal goal.

Our finance committee has analyzed and projected what the impact of this system would be on our parish. We are happy to report that under this new system our projections indicate that this system will have little to no effect on the finances of our parish. This is because of your strong ongoing support for the Catholic Appeal.

Since Father Powers became pastor eight years ago, he has been committed to managing parish expenditures within the support provided by parishioners. To accomplish this, services and programs the parish offers are limited to those that can be provided while maintaining a balanced or surplus budget. Programs and services have been expanded only when the offertory support exists to maintain a balanced budget. Therefore, to continue to provide and expand the quality parish life we all enjoy, we are asking parishioners to consider increasing their offertory support for the upcoming year by 3%.

We are also making an appeal to those parishioners who do not make regular contributions to the parish. For parishioners who do not attend Mass regularly or put less than $5 into the collection basket, we ask that parishioners consider pledging their offertory support through the Offertory Awareness Program.

The Offertory Awareness Program (OAP) is a program of planned offertory giving. Those enrolled in this program make an annual pledge for their offertory support, and then choose the frequency of making payments - weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually - to meet their annual commitment. Ideally, if every parishioner signed up for the OAP, we would not need to pass the basket at Mass during the offertory. We also offer an electronic payment option, further simplifying offertory giving.

There are 1,200 registered families in our parish, but only 240 households use the OAP to give to the Lord. These parishioners contribute more than 70% of St. Maria Goretti’s annual offertory collections. The OAP ensures that we can responsibly manage parish finances, since we are able to plan each year’s parish programs with the confidence that adequate funding will be available to meet our obligations. Offertory Awareness renewal and pledge requests will be mailed to all parishioners. Our parish has a strong record of generosity and responsibility. We remain confident the generosity of our parish will provide the resources to continue Christ’s mission through our vibrant community of faith.
Saint Maria Goretti Parish

### Operating Funds:

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### Income and Expenses

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#### Expenses

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#### Net Income (Loss)

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