October 2011

Dear Members and Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish,

I am pleased to share our fifth Parish Annual Report with you. This report gives you an overview of parish ministries, activities, and finances for July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

The theme of this year’s Parish Annual Report is “Be doers of the Word and not just hearers.” (James 1:22-25) We listen to God’s Word and respond with faith and good works.

Some highlights of the past year include:

**Sacraments:** During this time, we celebrated 20 baptisms, confirmed 39 young people, and welcomed another 39 to the Table of the Lord. Three couples celebrated their weddings at the parish. The parish held funeral liturgies for 22 people. The Anointing of the Sick was offered both during Mass and as requested to over 100 parishioners. And many people experienced God’s forgiving mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation throughout the year.

**Religious Education:** The parish trained and supported 41 volunteer catechists who in turn provided religious education sessions for 291 students in PreK through Grade 8. Parish Assembly 2011 brought our parish community together around the topic of forgiveness.

**Youth Ministry:** Five adult facilitators, 20 peer ministers (high school juniors and seniors), the Youth Commission, and numerous other adults worked in our Youth Ministry Program to offer worship, faith formation and religious education, sacramental preparation, service opportunities, retreats, and social activities for the young people of our parish.

**Service:** The parish served those in need through the many activities of the Christian Services Commission and Youth Ministry. We also provided meals at Mainspring House. Parishioners made generous donations to those affected by natural disasters around the world.

**Music Ministry:** Our cantors, choirs, and instrumentalists supported our congregational singing and enhanced the beauty of our liturgies. They also showed another side of their talents in February’s Cabaret, which strengthened our community and raised funds to send three high school students and one adult to Music Ministry Alive this past summer.

**Welcoming:** We welcomed 16 newly registered families to our parish community.

**Parish Staffing:** The parish welcomed our first ever Volunteer Coordinator to help parishioners discover the best ways to share their time and talent to build up the Body of Christ here at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. We also engaged in a nine month search process that led to this fall’s announcements about parish staffing for religious education and faith formation.

**Collaboration:** The future of parish life in the Archdiocese of Boston will require cooperation between parishes. So we joined with Blessed Sacrament Parish in Walpole for several important and successful pastoral initiatives. These included a “priest exchange” during Lent, a workshop on the revised Mass translation for liturgical ministers, and a Lenten Mission.
Facilities: We continued to address the deferred maintenance needs of our buildings and grounds. Improvements at the rectory included a new bulkhead, two new doors, some painting, the conversion to natural gas, and a new furnace, water heater, and central air conditioning. Improvements at the Bullock Center included new gutters and new carpet, paint, and a new bathroom on the first floor. Additional insulation was added to O’Connell Hall. Projects in the church included removal of the chimney, roof repair, and the addition of handrails into the sanctuary.

Next month, we kick off our Annual Collection. Hopefully, through this Annual Report as well as the current parish budget, which was mailed to you in June, you can see clearly the financial requirements of the parish. As pastor, I take my fiscal responsibilities seriously as you should expect. Part of that responsibility, in cooperation with the Parish Finance Council and the Parish Staff, is to insure that parishioners are informed of the financial status of the parish and are confident that their generous contributions are well spent and that parish programs and properties are well maintained. A parish can neither be judged by the funds it raises nor the money it spends. However, we must recognize our obligation to share our time, talent, and treasure in a fiscally responsible and transparent manner.

I pray for God’s continued blessings upon you, your family, and our parish family during the coming year. I am grateful for your generosity. I am confident that together we will continue to hear God’s Word and respond with faith and good works.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Scott A. Euvrard
Pastor

The church during Easter Season 2011.
## Parish Financial Statement
### July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

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<th>Actual</th>
<th>Budget</th>
<th>(Unfavorable) Favorable Variance</th>
<th>Comment</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Weekly Offertory</strong></td>
<td>312,111</td>
<td>324,900</td>
<td>(12,789)</td>
<td>4% below budget and prior year</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Annual Collection</strong></td>
<td>92,790</td>
<td>74,000</td>
<td>18,790</td>
<td>Excellent collection year</td>
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<td><strong>Religious Education</strong></td>
<td>35,755</td>
<td>41,800</td>
<td>(6,045)</td>
<td>Add’l scholarships &amp; decreased enrollment</td>
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<td><strong>Other Income</strong></td>
<td>28,461</td>
<td>24,795</td>
<td>3,666</td>
<td>Increased sacramental donations</td>
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<td><strong>Interest Income</strong></td>
<td>4,893</td>
<td>6,600</td>
<td>(1,707)</td>
<td>Interest rates decreases</td>
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<td><strong>Winners Club</strong></td>
<td>15,400</td>
<td>18,240</td>
<td>(2,840)</td>
<td>Decreased membership</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td>489,410</td>
<td>490,335</td>
<td>(925)</td>
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<td><strong>Compensation</strong></td>
<td>232,759</td>
<td>250,265</td>
<td>17,506</td>
<td>Volunteer coordinator delayed hire &amp; lower facility maintenance staff costs</td>
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<td><strong>Benefits</strong></td>
<td>60,628</td>
<td>64,136</td>
<td>3,508</td>
<td>Decrease due to reduced compensation</td>
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<td><strong>Utilities/Maintenance</strong></td>
<td>54,817</td>
<td>58,167</td>
<td>3,350</td>
<td>Reduced heating costs and other savings</td>
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<td><strong>Capital Improvements</strong></td>
<td>39,005</td>
<td>56,500</td>
<td>17,495</td>
<td>Deferral of capital improvements to FY12</td>
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<td><strong>Liturgical</strong></td>
<td>31,019</td>
<td>32,170</td>
<td>1,151</td>
<td>Reduced flowers, postage and book costs</td>
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<td><strong>School Tax</strong></td>
<td>23,053</td>
<td>21,360</td>
<td>(1,693)</td>
<td>Carryover from prior year not budgeted</td>
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<td><strong>Religious Education</strong></td>
<td>18,371</td>
<td>20,911</td>
<td>2,540</td>
<td>Reduced conference and book costs</td>
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<td><strong>Winners Club</strong></td>
<td>13,465</td>
<td>14,050</td>
<td>585</td>
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<td><strong>Office</strong></td>
<td>11,332</td>
<td>12,468</td>
<td>1,136</td>
<td>Savings in office supply costs</td>
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<td><strong>Chaplaincy Tax</strong></td>
<td>4,583</td>
<td>4,632</td>
<td>49</td>
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<td><strong>Other</strong></td>
<td>3,288</td>
<td>3,390</td>
<td>102</td>
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<td><strong>Music</strong></td>
<td>2,019</td>
<td>3,000</td>
<td>981</td>
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<td><strong>Youth Ministry</strong></td>
<td>1,191</td>
<td>2,625</td>
<td>1,434</td>
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<td><strong>Total Expenses</strong></td>
<td>495,529</td>
<td>543,673</td>
<td>48,144</td>
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<td><strong>Net Deficit</strong></td>
<td>(6,119)</td>
<td>(53,338)</td>
<td>47,220</td>
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Parish Finances: Challenges and Opportunities
Jim Spoto, Parish Finance Council Chairperson

Fall has arrived, and it's a time for us, as your Parish Finance Council, to look back over the past year and review the financial results of our vibrant Parish. Our responsibility is to help Father Scott and the Parish staff work to provide the best use of your generous contributions to be the “doers of the Word”. With that, we are pleased to prepare this report for you.

As you can see on the previous page, we incurred a net deficit of $6,000. This deficit was much smaller than we had budgeted for, as we had savings due to the deferred hiring of our Volunteer Coordinator, Fabiola Aguilera, and less work performed than budgeted for our facilities and maintenance staff. We had also deferred two large facilities projects, replacing the roof for the Rectory and replacing the heating system in O’Connell Hall. These projects are still necessary and the funds will be spent in fiscal year 2012.

As we review our offertory for the past year, which you can see on the chart below, we are in the midst of a downward trend over the past three years. Our fiscal year 2011 offertory has decreased almost $44,000 in three short years. Our budget for the upcoming fiscal year, though we are hopeful for an increase from last year, reflects that the trend will most likely continue and our offertory will decline. The staff and the Finance Council appreciate all of your generous contributions and we look to each of our parishioners to consider raising their contributions if they are able to help offset these declines.

Our annual collection for the fiscal year showed a great improvement over the prior year and was our largest annual collection ever. As you can see in the chart on the next page, our annual collection increased $15,000 over the prior year, and is up $7,000 from three years ago. These increases have helped to offset a portion of the decreases we have experienced in the offertory, and for that we are truly grateful. However, the declines in the offertory have been much more significant than these increases, and that is why we are requesting your help in increasing our offertory in fiscal year 2012. The offertory remains our main source of funding for the operations of the parish on a week to week basis.
The teaching of our children, the bestowing of sacraments and the daily and weekly masses we all attend are not without costs. Our job as your Parish Finance Council, and the Parish staff’s job, is to make sure that these costs are reduced as much as possible, and kept in line with the resources that our parish has, much in the way each of our Parish’s families must work within their own means. We are constantly searching for ways to use the generous funds you have given to the Parish in the most efficient and effective way possible to make Our Lady of Sorrows a welcoming and inviting Parish for all Catholics in Sharon and the surrounding communities.

As we look forward to fiscal 2012, we are working to implement many of the goals from our Mission 2010 initiative. We will have a full year of Fabiola’s help and we have just welcomed Jackie Baldino as our Director of Faith Formation. We are also welcoming Bill Dittrich (back!) and Tanya Bollenbach, as we build and invest in Religious Education and Faith Formation in our Parish, sharing costs for Bill and Tanya with Blessed Sacrament of Walpole. These additions will help to strengthen the ties we all have with the Parish as we look to expand our Faith and build our community. We strongly believe that the costs associated with these additions are better called an “investment” in the faith and growth of both the children and the adults of our Parish.

This is why now, more than ever, we are looking for your generous and prayerful contributions to the Parish’s offertory and annual collection so that we can effectively increase the services of the Church through the goals laid out in Mission 2010.

As always, we welcome your input and encourage you to ask questions and become involved in all that we do as your Parish Finance Council. If you are interested in joining the Parish Finance Council to assist in the future direction of the Parish’s finances, please contact Father Scott.

Parish Finance Council: Cathy Cronin, Stan Graveline, Joe Green, Brandt Henderson, Paul Pietal, Jim Spoto (Chairperson)
Sacraments and Transitions

Baptism

Russell Berger, son of Seth & Heather
Amalia Liwanag Castro, daughter of Paul & Myra
Ryan Conway, son of Matthew & Meghan
Anthony DiSipio, son of Anthony & Laura
Bruce Elvin, son of Michael & Yanling
Jack Fields, son of David & Trish
Arthur Ford, son of Peter & Courtney
Mia Gonzalez, daughter of Marcus & Ashley
Benjamin Lieberman, son of Marc & Taryn
Edward Magadieu, son of Ronald & Christine
Teresa McAuliffe, daughter of Mark & Maura
Mason McCormack, son of Andrew & Leanne
Eoin McLaughlin, son of Timothy & Catherine
Kayla Rava, daughter of Paul & Brenda
MacKenzie Rawding, daughter of Bryan & Terri
Joshua Ronan, son of Michael & Ana
Owen Santagate, son of Jeffrey & Christine
Aaron Shaltis, son of Phillip & Melissa
Henry Timothy, son of Nigel & Kim
William Turner, son of Robert & Kelly

Maxwell Kaufmann
Jenna Keaney
Timothy Kelleher
Andrew Kerwin
Christopher Lambert
Colby Lentell
Shea Letendre
Ethan Lewis
Ian Lewis
Malik Lorquet
Conor McLaughlin
Justin Nault
Steven Nelson
Drew Payson
Meredith Porto
Tyler Reece
Christopher Roukoz
Liam Silke
Connor Sullivan
Eva Wallace
Kaitlyn Wallace
Anson Weeks
Martin Wyndham IV

First Communion

Joseph Bahhady
Cass Barbera
Anna Camilli
Michael Campisano
Madeleine Carr
Owen Chun
Owen Conway
Matthew Coughlin
Benjamin Cyr
Matthew Davis
Julia Earley
Regina Gemba
Monique Grew
Emily Griffin
Megan Hanlon
John Huggins

Christopher Allan
Daniel Aspinwall
Nicholas Bloechl
Katarina Bollenbach
Caroline Browne
Devon Carroll
John Conroy
Anne-Marie Dallaire
Adriana DeLuca
Emery Donatelle
Marissa Fish
Anna Frattell
Amy Ganz
Sullivan Gassman
Matthew Goldstein
Sarah Green
Calvin Joseph
Joseph Kaigler, Jr.
Shandon Kelleher
Christine LaHive
Joseph Lanzel, III
Rubens Laurent
Jillian Leites
Stephanie McClain
Vanessa McGrath
Kevin McLaughlin
Toby Modebelu
Gregory Molica
Christina Moriarty
Matthew Perry
Kevin Raposo
Jacqueline Reilly
Richard Rosa
Dahlia Seggelin
Alexis Shostek
Matthew Thomas
Lori Traut-Savino
Samantha Vitulli
Eric Vlach

Ethan Warner & Roxanne Crane
Jonathan Wiatt & Laura DeDonato
Donald Milani & Mary Jamieson

Leo Bedard
Ana Blau
Keith Brown
Mildred Cannon
Doris Delagi
Nicholas Diesso
Charles Garnhum
Marion LaBrie
Charles Lohmiller
Peter Madonna
Helen McCormack
Sean McGuinness
Stephen Mercuri
John Morandi
Robert Morandi
Andrew Rutkowski
Edward Sherry
Joseph Singarella
Clifford Tate
Gregory Waas
Paula Westgate
Patricia Wood

New Members
Michael & Diane Cavallo
Andrew & Maureen Conneely
Veronica Cosgro
Matthew Cremins
Lenore Danesco
Bob & Therese Davis
Allison & Brian Deraney
David & Trish Fields
Laurie Kerwin
Peter & Tanya Lewis
Nancy O’Leary
Michael & Elizabeth Pellegrini
Paul & Brenda Rava
Nigel & Kim Timothy
James & Suzanne Vinson
Remata Zelenchuk