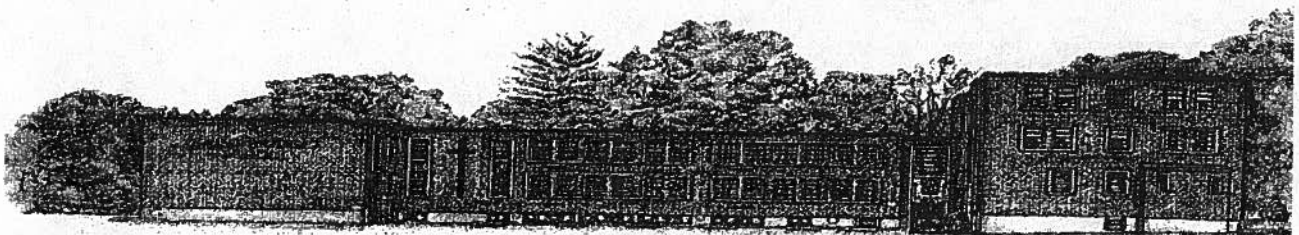


**ST. BRIDGET PARISH  
ST. BRIDGET SCHOOL  
Framingham, MA**

**2008-2009 Annual Report  
& Projected 2009-2010 Budget**

**Rev. Msgr. Francis V. Strahan, Pastor  
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Robert Furbush, Chairman, Parish Finance Council  
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## Saint Bridget Parish News

THE MISSION OF SAINT BRIDGET PARISH is to be a strong and vibrant Community of faith, a faith that is continuously nourished and strengthened by the celebration of the Eucharist. Realizing that we do not exist in isolation from the larger Framingham community, we participate in community endeavors, ecumenical programs, assist the needy by way of our Outreach Programs and extend a warm invitation to all those interested in exploring the truths of the Catholic faith.

We are ever conscious of the fact that we must be "living witnesses" to all that we profess and do if Jesus' call to evangelization is to succeed.

We profess our obedience to and support of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, Bishop of Rome and our own Cardinal Archbishop, Sean Patrick O'Malley, OFM, Cap.

We invoke the maternal care and intercession of our Lady, Mother of God and Mother of the Church, as we move forward in the challenging work of building up the kingdom in our parish and community. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may God who begins this good work in all of us bring it to a fruitful and happy conclusion.

At Saint Bridget's, we are most fortunate to have a dedicated Parish Finance Council which meets several times per year and provides expert advice on financial and policy matters. Its members are:

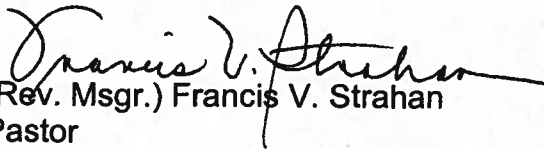
Mr. Robert Furbush, Chairperson  
Mrs. Mary Chowdhury  
Mrs. Kellianne Erath  
Mr. Michael Mingoelli  
Francis S. Moran, Jr., Esq.

Other than completing the Fire Alarm System in the Parish Renewal Center and School this past year we really did not have any major renovations to undertake. The overwhelming winter storms really did a number on us and I am fortunate for the many donations to the Snow Fund and ask that you continue to give generously as we need to constantly replenish that fund.

The most exciting news of this past year is that we were given the very generous estate of Ms. Helen E. Lanigan. A decision was made that we must honor Ms. Lanigan and thus the statue of Our Lady of Grace. The finance council and I have designated this fund for future maintenance and capital improvements in our buildings.

I ask that you continue to be as generous as possible in your Offertory each week as we continue to have salaries, benefits as well as the usual monthly utility bills, etc. much like your own homes. Many of you are on a set income and that is quite understandable. However, if you find it at all possible to give a little more, it would be greatly appreciated. We want to continue to bring the programs and services to your Parish, however, cannot do it alone. Our average weekly Offertory is \$9,926.00. Please take time to reflect on this topic and do what you can. We thank you for your support during these continued economic times.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(Rev. Msgr.) Francis V. Strahan  
Pastor

### **OUR PARISH AT A GLANCE**

- ❖ **5,556** parishioners
- ❖ **1,783** registered households
- ❖ **174** liturgical ministers
- ❖ **211** students in kindergarten – Grade 5 Religious Education program
- ❖ **216** students in Grades 6-10 Religious Education program
- ❖ **40** catechists and aides in our Religious Education program
- ❖ **273** students from Pre-school – grade 8 at St. Bridget School
- ❖ **77** Baptisms
- ❖ **90** First Communions
- ❖ **55** Confirmations
- ❖ **20** Marriages
- ❖ **35** Funerals

## St. Bridget Parish Annual Report

	Year Ended June 30		
	2009	2008	2009-10 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$518,350.74	\$566,718.51	\$525,000.00
GIFTS & BEQUESTS:			
Help-A-Student Fund and other donations	50,752.24	93,738.77	69,000.00
Lanigan Estate	445,603.11		
PARISH MINISTRIES	47,491.48	35,877.24	33,700.00
CHURCH GROUNDS & MAINTENANCE	36,343.36	14,692.49	18,000.00
SACRAMENTAL OFFERINGS, CANDLES & FLOWERS	32,164.49	31,821.90	27,600.00
INTEREST INCOME	13,996.29	15,953.48	10,800.00
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)	23,681.40	23,765.00	22,300.00
OTHER	59,483.98	29,620.86	25,200.00
FVS 50th ANNIVERSARY	26,811.48		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,254,678.57</b>	<b>\$812,188.25</b>	<b>\$731,600.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
SALARIES & BENEFITS	429,359.75	442,802.82	435,980.00
MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS	85,235.89	72,579.29	71,308.84
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS:			
Church/Rectory/PRC	10,454.00	32,204.94	
Organ Refurbishing		70,000.00	
Lower Church: Windows, Pews, Carpets		44,453.75	
Fire Alarm System PRC	31,375.00		
Parking Lot Paving, net of Promise for Tomorrow Fund		4,197.17	
CHARITABLE WORKS & TITHING	45,908.68	51,019.55	28,200.00
OFFICE	36,701.25	32,794.42	26,448.00
PASTORAL/LITURGICAL	39,727.31	46,938.99	38,791.00
UTILITIES, HEAT & WATER	44,196.13	39,093.74	44,546.00
PARISH MINISTRIES	17,652.09	44,600.09	15,400.00
FVS 50th ANNIVERSARY	23,587.08		
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)	23,403.60	20,154.50	18,884.00
HELP-A-STUDENT FUND TRANSFER TO SCHOOL	41,275.00	15,866.00	11,000.00
BOOKS, PAMPHLETS & MISSALLETES	5,275.88	7,986.17	3,300.00
WEEKLY ENVELOPES	9,025.88	9,448.28	7,200.00
RECTORY HOUSEHOLD	12,439.66	11,657.55	11,215.00
OTHER	7,773.75	14,481.10	3,754.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>863,390.95</b>	<b>960,278.36</b>	<b>716,026.84</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$391,287.62</b>	<b>(\$148,090.11)</b>	<b>15,573.16</b>

**PROMISE FOR TOMORROW FUND**

Funds Available at the Beginning of the Fiscal Year	\$773.98	\$24,802.96
Additional Donations	106.47	971.02
Transfers to Fund Capital Improvements: To Parish for Organ Refurbishing		25,000.00
Funds Available at the End of the Fiscal Year	<u>\$880.45</u>	<u>\$773.98</u>

**CONTINGENCY FUNDS**

Transfer to Parish for Capital Improvements		
To Parish for PRC Fire Alarm System	31,375.00	
To Parish for Organ		45,000.00
To Parish for Lower Church Renovations		12,900.00
	<u>\$31,375.00</u>	<u>\$57,900.00</u>

In addition to the capital improvements shown above, contingency funds will be used to offset unanticipated maintenance expenses and operational deficits.

**CONTINGENCY FUND BALANCES**

Funds available at the beginning of FY07	\$600,351.30
Funds available at the beginning of FY08	\$485,672.22
Funds available at the beginning of FY09	\$339,306.15
Funds available, including Lanigan Estate, at the beginning of FY10	\$712,895.21

## Saint Bridget School News

Saint Bridget School remains dedicated to Christian formation, a quality education, and the development of the whole person within a Catholic faith community. In contrast to the general trend in the Archdiocese of declining student enrollment, Saint Bridget School is pleased to report that enrollment is up over last year. Our Pre-K program has flourished and is at capacity and most of the other grades support two classes. We remain a vibrant and growing Pre-K through grade 8 elementary school with 273 current students. We have worked hard in this difficult economic time to show parents that an investment in Catholic education is still the best investment and parents have responded to the call.

Of importance is the fact that Saint Bridget School is primarily a parish school, with more than 54% of our students being parishioners; the remaining school population includes children from 12 Metrowest communities. Of importance is the fact that the parish has not had to subsidize the school in over seven years.

Plans for the future of Saint Bridget School include the addition of a 3-year-old program for the youngest members of our community beginning in the fall of 2010.

Ways of supporting Catholic education and scholarships include the Saint Bridget Help-A-Student (HAS) Fund as well as the Saint Bridget School Annual Fund. For more information, please visit our website at [www.saintbridgetschool.info](http://www.saintbridgetschool.info).

## St. Bridget Parish School Annual Report

Year Ended June 30

	2009	2008	2009-10 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
TUITION & FEES	\$1,319,620.01	\$1,346,273.10	\$1,356,817.00
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION	22,994.96	28,444.72	15,000.00
ANNUAL FUND/50th ANNIV. GALA	15,135.10	32,646.73	10,000.00
TRANSFER FROM PARISH			
HELP-A-STUDENT FUND	41,275.00	15,866.00	25,300.00
INTEREST INCOME	9,272.66	11,752.52	7,200.00
GIFTS & BEQUESTS	4,427.40	14,507.88	14,770.56
STUDENT SERVICES			
Field Trips	3,948.05	7,319.45	4,000.00
Nature's Classroom	9,551.10	9,124.75	10,000.00
OTHER	48,473.75	38,352.25	27,850.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$1,474,698.03</b>	<b>\$1,504,287.40</b>	<b>\$1,470,937.56</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>			
SALARIES & BENEFITS	1,160,775.19	1,123,798.46	1,222,855.46
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS			10,000.00
Other (Fire Doors & carpet on landings)		10,625.00	
Fire Alarm System	50,000.00	25,000.00	
Computers & Flat Panel Monitors	2,512.84	7,851.24	
Ceiling tiles	10,073.59		
OFFICE SUPPLIES	55,579.05	56,748.85	52,597.00
COMPUTER RESOURCES	21,864.23	20,362.60	14,606.00
UTILITIES, HEAT & WATER	44,036.93	38,114.60	44,095.00
TEXTBOOKS	29,645.60	27,294.38	23,500.00
MAINTENANCE & GROUNDS	45,640.78	35,187.38	41,396.04
TEACHING SUPPLIES	10,070.59	7,306.43	6,000.00
STUDENT SERVICES			
Field Trips	4,178.25	6,191.19	4,000.00
Nature's Classroom	6,073.33	10,072.00	10,000.00
DEVELOPMENT	25,365.14	483.69	500.00
OTHER	57,776.42	64,451.45	41,088.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,523,591.94</b>	<b>1,433,487.27</b>	<b>1,470,637.50</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$48,893.91)</b>	<b>\$70,800.13</b>	<b>\$300.06</b>

The school contingency funds are available to offset unanticipated operational deficits.