Dear Parishioners,

In an effort to be more ecologically and fiscally responsible, we are sending you this email with a link to a digital copy of this year's Annual Report to Parishioners. You may download and print it if you like, and we will have some hard copies available for those who prefer a printed copy.

As in past years, updates from the Pastor and Finance Council are included. In addition, this year an update from the Parish Office Staff, as well as details on the following activities and volunteer opportunities at St. Bartholomew Parish, are included:

- Education and Faith Formation
- Ministries
- Community Outreach
- Various Other Activities

Below, please find some highlights from this year's report.

### Our New Mission

Over the last year, the Parish Pastoral Council spent a great deal of time revising the parish Mission Statement. We hope that the new Mission Statement will not only solidify our identity as a parish, but also inspire us to follow God's will and build an even stronger parish community.

The NEW MISSION STATEMENT is:

### Financial Highlights

During fiscal year 2014-2015, total revenue from offertory collections was $314,773, a decrease of $9,499 from the prior year and a decrease of $20,902 to budget. These negative variances are due to:

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During the same time frame, our Grand Annual collection was $86,035, an increase of $9,480 from the prior year and an increase of $8,435 to budget.

Memorial gifts and bequests were another significant source of revenue for our parish. During fiscal year 2014-2015, we received $43,207, an increase of $10,272 from the prior year and an increase of $3,207 to budget.
As a warm and welcoming community, we strive to live out our Catholic faith and share Christ’s loving message of salvation. We nurture the gifts and talents of all, to joyfully serve our local and global community.

Our Parish Goals are:

- To be the spiritual and physical focal point of our community joined together and inspired in our thoughts, words and deeds by our Catholic faith and the teachings of Jesus Christ.
- To enrich our spiritual lives through the sacraments (especially the Eucharist), prayer, education and all of our parish activities.
- To be faithful Stewards by encouraging and enabling one another to contribute time, talent and treasure to promote justice, peace and charity.
- To develop the bonds within our community through social activities that bring everyone together to take joy in life and each other.

Projects

Much has been accomplished this past fiscal year and much more is anticipated for the current fiscal year. As noted above, we have a new Mission Statement and Parish Goals. We are also in the process of developing a new website that should be easier to navigate and will include a lot more information. We transitioned to a new system (ConnectNow) for parishioner and sacramental record keeping. This is a web-based system that allows parishioners to update their own information. We are also working on some well overdue projects to our facilities, including the redesign of the St. Bartholomew signage.

The Catholic Appeal collection is not only essential for the Archdiocese of Boston but is also essential for St. Bartholomew Parish. This is because the parish receives a rebate for paid pledges over its assessment. During fiscal year 2014-2015, we received a rebate of $33,333, and increase of $8,413 from the prior year and an increase of $4,285 to budget.

Net proceeds of $519,916 were received for the sale of the parish property at 97 Great Plain Ave. (old convent). These funds belong to St. Bartholomew Parish but are restricted use funds meaning that they may only be used for capital improvements to existing Church property.

Ministering at St. Bart’s

Over the last couple of months, there has been a push to recruit new volunteers to join our ministries. Although we have had some success, there are many ministries in need of more involvement. At the present time, we are particularly concerned about our liturgical ministries. In order for the Sunday Mass to run smoothly, we need responsible volunteers to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers. With our current shortage of volunteers, we may need to decrease the number of stations available at communion.