A report from the Parish Finance Council

St. Mary–St. Catherine of Siena Parish is self-reliant. It does not receive financial assistance from the Archdiocese of Boston (i.e. subsidies). Because being Catholic calls us to have concern for the whole church and not just our local parish we, along with other parishes in the Archdiocese, contribute to a number of needs for the church at large. We hold special collections for Catholic schools, hospital chaplains, the work of the Archbishop, and for churches in other parts of the world. As part of the Archdiocese we also purchase through the Archdiocese our insurance for buildings and property as well as employees’ health insurance and benefits.

The largest source of Parish funds comes from Weekly/Monthly Offertories and the Grand Annual Campaign. This collection takes place next week. These sources account for approximately half of total Parish income. These funds, in conjunction with other sources of revenue, attempt to cover Parish expenses, which includes the costs of employees (one part-time and five full-time employees as well as one religious sister and one priest), maintenance of buildings, insurance and utilities. With continued escalations in insurance and operating costs, the ongoing parishioner participation in our three main income sources is vital to the health and self-reliance of our Parish.

Presently, the Parish fully utilizes three buildings that consist of the following uses: St. Mary’s Church (Masses, weddings and funerals, parish functions, Good Shepherd School); Parish Center (offices, daily Mass, religious education); Rectory (pastor/priests residence, social ministry office). The Harvest on Vine food pantry operates out of the former St. Catherine of Siena School that was recently sold to a third party. At this time we have to pay significant amounts each year for predictable operating expenses related to all of these buildings (maintenance, insurance, utilities) as well as unexpected and unbudgeted capital needs common to older buildings.

In fiscal year 2013, the Parish ran an operating surplus of $26,656.87. This marks the second consecutive year in which the Parish has recorded an operating surplus. Prior to fiscal year 2012, the parish had sustained many years of operating deficits. Assisting in this achievement was our ongoing annual offertory commitment campaign, which has helped to maintain and grow our very important Weekly and Monthly Offertory income. Another revenue source that made the surplus possible was our Grand Annual Collection, which reached an all-time high of $79,548. In recent years, this revenue item has helped us to close potential shortfalls in funds needed to operate the Parish. The Charlestown community’s continued generous support of the Harvest on Vine food pantry is an enormous help in covering a portion of the expenses associated with this outreach effort. Lastly, the Good Shepherd School continues to strengthen our Parish community while also providing rental revenue to the Parish.

In 2013 the Parish sold the St. Catherine of Siena Church, School Building and Annex. The associated cost of insuring and maintaining these buildings over the years was significant to the Parish. This problem became more acute when the city began to levy property tax on them. We were able to take loans out to cover these costs while the Diocese allowed us to defer some costs until the sale of the property. After paying sale-related expenses (broker fee, removal of sacred items, property taxes, deferred repairs) and outstanding Parish loans, the sale provided net proceeds $1,115,323. Almost half of this amount has been set aside to assist in providing the Parish with long-term financial stability. Funds have also been set aside to fund deferred maintenance and capital repairs at Parish facilities.

Future capital projects have been earmarked in order of need. Some projects that we hope to complete in the coming year include the following: repair of the Woodberry & Harris Organ; renovation of meeting/gathering room at the Parish Center; Parish Center north wall repaint; Rectory roof repair; Rectory kitchen modification.

Throughout this difficult economy,
A report from the Parish Finance Council

(Continued from page 1)

the parishioners of St. Mary–St. Catherine of Siena Parish have continued their support financially and through volunteer efforts. The Parish Finance Council wishes to thank all of you for your past and continued support.

Michael Frawley  
Vice-Chair, Parish Finance Council

Parish Finance Council members:  Rev. James Ronan (Chair), Dennis Hanson, Nancy Higgins, Maureen Moore, Robert Rooney, James Santosuosso (Ex officio), and Kevin Walsh.

St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
Balance Sheet  
As of 06/30/2013

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Accounts Receivable | 1,530,62 | 20,612.24  | -10,530.62 |

Other Current Assets |
| 1050-01 · RCAB - Restricted Fund | 20,135.18 | 19,862.00 | 273.18 |
| 1050-04 · RCAB - Organ Fund | 15,319.23 | 15,111.39 | 207.84 |
| 1110-01 · RCAB - Restricted Fund | 111,772.61 | 105,044.05 | 6,728.56 |
| Total Other Current Assets | 147,227.02 | 140,017.44 | 7,209.58 |

Total Current Assets | 1,333,876.09 | 278,290.71 | 1,055,585.38 |

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities |
| Payables |
| 2000-00 · Accounts Payable | 208.85 | 3,661.67 | -3,452.82 |
| 2175-00 · Diocesan special collections | 1,153.00 | 6,017.50 | -4,864.50 |
| 2300-00 · Debt to Revolving Loan | 0.00 | 230,044.92 | -230,044.92 |
| Total Payables | 1,361.85 | 239,724.09 | -238,362.24 |

Total Liabilities | 1,361.85 | 239,724.09 | -238,362.24 |

Equity |
| 3900-00 · Fund Balance | -108,660.40 | 156,074.19 | -264,734.59 |
| 3900-10 · Restricted Fund Liabilities | 147,227.02 | 140,017.44 | 7,209.58 |
| Net Income | 1,293,947.62 | -257,525.01 | 1,551,472.63 |
| Total Equity | 1,332,514.24 | 38,566.62 | 1,293,947.62 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 1,333,876.09 | 278,290.71 | 1,055,585.38 |

Contact information

Parish Center & Eucharistic Chapel  
46 Winthrop Street  617-242-4664

Saint Mary Church  
55 Warren Street

Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel  
Warren and Soley Street

Social Ministry Office  
49 Vine Street  617-337-3545
## Summary

Total Income ................................................................. $753,231.57  
Total Expenses ............................................................. $726,574.70  
Net Operating Cash ....................................................... $26,656.87  
    Church Capital Income .............................................. $47,965.49  
    Church Capital Improvements .................................... $116,870.74  
Net Cash ................................................................. ($42,248.38)

Our parishioners contributed $44,748 to special collections benefiting retired priests of the Archdiocese, Retired Religious Women, the Propagation of the Faith and other second collections.

## Income

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## Capital

| Capital Income     | $47,965.49   |
| Capital Campaign   |              |
| Investment gain/loss |            |

| Capital / One-time Expenses | $116,870.74 |
| Deferred Insurance for St. Catherine’s | |
| City of Boston Taxes | |
| Church Repairs / Waterproofing | |
| Preparation of property for sale | |
Volunteers needed for Increase in Minimum Wage Initiative

In last Sunday’s bulletin, Fr. Ronan wrote an article about the initiative to increase the minimum wage in Massachusetts from $8.00 to $10.50 over two years. The minimum wage was last raised on January 1, 2008, and everyone knows how high the cost of living has gone up since then. As Fr. Ronan indicated in his article, it is impossible to support a household at the current hourly rate.

The Massachusetts Catholic Bishops are supporting this legislation. In their testimonial letter, they said: “The Catholic Church has long been a supporter of a strong economy supported by economic justice. As such, the Catholic Church teaches that society has a moral obligation, including governmental action where necessary, to assure opportunity, meet basic human needs, and pursue justice in economic life. Raising the minimum wage and allowing for adjustments for inflation would assure greater economic justice and opportunity for the poor and vulnerable within our society.”

This legislation is another way in which to strengthen the economy in Massachusetts as an infusion of cash into workers’ pockets would be a boon to the Commonwealth’s economy. (Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center. January 18, 2013.)

When the initiative was presented before our Parish Pastoral Council, they unanimously advised Fr. Ronan to promote this initiative in our Parish, and Fr. Ronan accepted their recommendation.

This is a time-sensitive effort, and the key way to accomplish this involves collecting signatures of registered voters this fall. We have to gather 100,000 signatures in support of this proposal and submit them to local election officials for certification of signatures no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20. And so, we are asking parishioners to volunteer to help collect signatures.

Ways in which you can assist (you may choose one or more):

☐ Collect signatures after Mass of all parishioners who are registered to vote.
☐ Collect signatures at various places around Charlestown and beyond.
☐ Collect signatures at the polls on Election Day, November 5th.

The more signatures we collect, the more the legislature will see that citizens are behind this initiative. If you are able to lend a hand, please complete this form and place it in the basket at the doors of the Church, call the Parish office at 617-242-4664, or see Sr. Nancy or Fr. Ronan after Mass.

Name _____________________________  Telephone ___________________

Email______________________________________________

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St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish presents:
Organist Peter Sykes in a mini-Recital and Demonstration of the Woodberry & Harris Tracker Organ Opus 100 of 1892
October 27 at 3:00 p.m.
St. Mary Church, 55 Warren Street in Charlestown

Pastor on retreat: Fr. Ronan will be on retreat through Oct. 23. Please keep our pastor in your prayers!

Weddings Banns

III. Mark Barsanti & Christina Bourque

II. Matthew Cahill & Stephanie Zanotti

II. Thomas Gernetzke & Cynthia Murphy

I. John Sodergren & Kimberly Gorman

Good Shepherd School
Accepting applications! Call (617) 242-8800 or visit gsscharlestown.org.
Comunidad Hispana

Porque nuestras vidas están alimentadas por la Eucaristía, nuestra intención es establecer una parroquia vibrante que desarrolle y fortifique nuestra fe y nuestro culto.

La valentía de la oración – Papa Francisco

Nuestra oración debe ser valiente, no tibia, si queremos no sólo obtener las gracias necesarias, sino sobre todo, a través de ella, conocer al Señor. Si lo pedimos, será Él mismo quien nos dé su gracia. El Papa Francisco, el 10 de octubre, volvió a hablar de la fuerza y de la valentía de la oración.

A la necesidad de la oración con insistencia si es necesario, pero siempre dejándose involucrar por ella, se remite el pasaje litúrgico del Evangelio de Lucas (11, 5-13) «con esta parábola —explicó el Papa— del amigo que invade, el amigo inoportuno», que de noche cerrada va a pedir a otro amigo pan para dar de comer a un conocido que acaba de llegar a su casa y a quien no tenía nada que ofrecer. «Con esta petición —observó— el amigo debe levantarse del lecho y darle el pan. Y Jesús en otra ocasión nos habla de esto: en la parábola de la viuda que iba al juez corrupto, quien no la oía, no quería oírla; pero ella era tan inoportuna, molesta tanto, que al final, para alejarla de manera que no le causara demasiadas molestias, hizo justicia, lo que ella pedía. Esto nos hace pensar en nuestra oración. ¿Cómo oramos nosotros? ¿Oramos así por costumbre, piadosamente, pero tranquilos, o nos ponemos con valentía ante el Señor para pedir la gracia, para pedir aquello por lo que rogamos?».

La actitud es importante, porque «una oración que no sea valiente —afirmó el Pontífice— no es una verdadera oración». Cuando se reza se necesita el valor de tener confianza en que el Señor nos escucha, el valor de llamar a la puerta. El Señor lo dice, porque quien pide recibe, y quien busca encuentra, y a quien llama se le abrirá.

¿Pero nuestra oración es así?, se preguntó el Santo Padre. ¿O bien nos limitamos a decir: «Señor, tengo necesidad, dame la gracia»? En una palabra, ¿nos dejamos involucrar en la oración? ¿Sabemos llamar al corazón de Dios? Para responder, el Obispo de Roma volvió al pasaje evangélico, al final del cual «Jesús nos dice: ¿qué padre entre vosotros si el hijo le pide un pez le dará una serpiente? ¿O si le pide un hueso le dará un escorpión? Si vosotros sois padres daréis el bien a los hijos. Y luego va adelante: si vosotros que sois malos sabéis dar cosas buenas a vuestros hijos, cuánto más vuestro Padre del cielo... Y esperamos que prosiga diciendo: os dará cosas buenas a vosotros. En cambio no, no dice eso. Dará el Espíritu Santo a quienes lo pidan. Y esto es algo grande».

Por ello «cuando oramos valerosamente, el Señor no sólo nos da la gracia, sino que se nos da también Él mismo en la gracia». Porque «el Señor —explicó el Papa con una expresión incisiva— jamás da o envía una gracia por correo: la trae Él, es Él la gracia».

«Hoy —dijo en conclusión—, en la oración colecta, hemos dicho al Señor que nos dé aquello que incluso la oración no se atreve a pedir. ¿Y qué es aquello que nosotros no nos atrevemos a pedir? ¡Él mismo! Nosotros pedimos una gracia, pero no nos atrevemos a decir: ven tú a traérmela. Sabemos que una gracia siempre es traída por Él: es Él quien viene y nos la da. No quedemos mal tomando la gracia y no reconociendo que quien la trae, quien nos la da, es el Señor».

Events In Our Area

The Townie Association will host their 2nd annual “Halloween Bash” on Oct. 25 at Memorial Hall, 14 Green St. Doors will open at 8pm. Music by DJ Dennis Taylor. Costumes contest and raffle with prizes. Proceeds from the event will help benefit the Townie Association and Bunker Hill Day Parade. This event is 21+ only. Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 at the door. For tickets call (617) 784-4519 or (857) 236-5407.

Sisters of Halifax hold their Harvest Festival on Oct. 26 from 7-10 p.m. at the Wellesley Country Club, 300 Wellesley Ave. Proceeds benefit a new boiler system at Mount St. Vincent, home to the rehab and nursing facility Elizabeth Seton Residence. For tickets, call (781) 997-1210 or email rprevite@schalifax.org.

BC High, the Jesuit High School of Boston, will host an Open House for prospective families on Oct. 27 from 12-3pm. BC High is a college preparatory school for boys in grades 7-12. Please visit bchigh.edu/admissions to reserve your space today.

Fiat! is a discernment group for single women considering a vocation to religious life. Our next meeting is on Oct. 30 from 7-9 p.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church on 573 Washington Street in Newton. For more info, please call 617-746-5637 or email Sr_Marian_Batho@rcab.org.

“A widow in that town used to come to him and say, ‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’ For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, ‘because this widow keeps bothering me, I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.’ “—Lu 18:4-5
**World Mission Sunday**

Today's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name for the Propagation of the Faith—a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit propfaithboston.org for more information, and thank you for your generosity!

**Another successful block party!**

Many thanks to parishioners who joined us for the 2nd Annual Block Party earlier this month.

Although we hoped for another beautiful day on Soley Street, the rains shifted our gathering into the Church Hall. Yet we still enjoyed plenty of families, friends, food, and fun!

The Parish also thanks Kayem Foods for its donation of hot dogs, the City of Boston and Boston donation of chips, the 90.3 WZBC for media coverage, the Charlestown Patriot-Bridge for media coverage, the Charlestown Catholic Youth Group for the face painting, the City of Boston and Boston Police Department, and all the others who made this happen!

**Religious Education**

We need volunteers for our Christmas Play!

It is early, but we are already looking for volunteers to help with our Christmas Play on December 22! The play (written by Youth Group member Daniela Martinez) is wonderful and we need many hands to help us get this play going. If you are a student and interested in performing or helping with the play, or an adult who would like to volunteer to help with direction, costumes, music and more, please contact Anne Krane at akrine@stmarystcatherine.org. Everyone is invited to participate! Follow the RelEd program at stmarystcatherine.org/religious-education.

**Mass Intentions**

**SATURDAY 10/19** St. Isaac, Jogues, Jean de Brebeuf, and Companions

3:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 AM + Mary Hennessy

**SUNDAY 10/20**

8:00 AM + Nancy Kroon and Rosemarie Hoff

10:30 AM + Josephine Perrotti

6:00 AM Deceased members of the Devlin Family

**MONDAY 10/21** St. Hilarion

8:00 AM

**TUESDAY 10/22** Blessed Pope John Paul II

8:00 AM + Joseph DiFrumolo

**WEDNESDAY 10/23** St. John of Capistrano

8:00 AM Parish Prayer Guild

**THURSDAY 10/24** St. Anthony Claret

8:00 AM

**FRIDAY 10/25** St. Antonio de Sant’Anna Galvão

8:00 AM + Fr. Thomas Conway

**SATURDAY 10/26** Blessed Contardo Ferrini

3:45 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00 AM + Thomas and Daniel Johnson

**SUNDAY 10/27**

8:00 AM + Ernest Humphrey

10:30 AM + Rose & Mario Fabiano

6:00 AM + Margaret Shea

To book an Anniversary Mass or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one, please call us at (617) 242-4664.

**Attendance**

4PM-104, 8AM-87, 10:30AM-168, 6PM-82

**Total:** 441

**Offertory**

October 12-13, 2013:

1st Collection (Weekly) $5,175.12

2nd Collection (Monthly) $1,612.00

**Collection Schedule**

October 27: Grand Annual Collection

November 1: All Saints Day

November 10: Campaign for Human Development

November 24: Collection for Retired Religious Sisters

**Saint of the Week**

Many saints left their mark as community builders. Born near São Paolo, Antônio de Sant’Anna Galvão began as a Jesuit seminary, but anti-Jesuit persecution compelled him to seek the path of a Franciscan friar. He preached in São Paolo, then served as confessor to the Recollects (women who lived the religious life without taking vows). Collaborating with Sister Helena Maria, he founded a sisters community called Our Lady of the Conception of Divine Providence in 1774. When Sister Helena Marina died in 1775, Galvão became spiritual leader of the institute. A church and convent were eventually built to accommodate the Recollects’ growing numbers. Galvão was briefly assigned to the friars in Macau, but the Recollects and Bishop of São Paolo urged the government to enact his return. After his death in 1822, Galvão was entombed in Recollection Church, the site of yearly pilgrimages. Pope John Paul II noted that “His authentically Franciscan faith, evangelically lived and apostolically spent in serving his neighbor, will be an encouragement to imitate this ‘man of peace and charity.’”

Read more about Saints at americancatholic.org.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Our Parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society actively supports Charlestown residents in need. Sometimes the need is food or clothing; sometimes a piece of furniture or a utility bill; sometimes a medical problem. For more than 100 years the Society has been a quiet force for good.

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