Corpus Christi - St. Bernard Parish

2013 Annual Report
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Dear Friends in Christ,  

Oct 19, 2013

Welcome to the pages of our New Annual Report. I think what you read here will remind you of what we have accomplished this year and many other things as well. One of those things may be a reminder of the fact that we all have an “Ecclesial” vocation in life. We all have a purpose as members of the Church. The vocation and task of our Church, in general, of course, is to instruct, to make holy and to reach out in service.

Here at Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish our mission is to share the truth as it has been revealed in scripture by Jesus Christ and handed down from generation to generation. Through His gift of grace we receive new life and share it willingly. We celebrate this new life in Christ through the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist. It is the foundation of the sacramental life of our Church. We are called to go on from there to sanctify the world in which we live through prayer and the example we offer to those around us. We are called to be friends of the Lord and neighbors to one another. We reach out to one another in the name of Jesus welcoming the stranger and serving the poor in our midst.

Parish life is never idle. Everything we do deepens our relationship with Christ. Parish life and worship draws us ever closer to the Lord. This past year saw our parish growing together in many ways. Through our love and stewardship much of Christ’s presence was felt. Each week we gather as a community to listen to God’s Word and be strengthened by the Eucharist. Strengthened by these sacramental moments we reached out in service in so many ways. We reached out to the sick and elderly through our hospital and nursing home ministry. We celebrated the gift of faith to a new generation when we invited the students from our Religious Education program to be involved in our Liturgical Life. We enjoyed parish friendships at the annual picnic, pancake breakfast, and other social activities. We celebrated the name of our parish on the feasts of Corpus Christi and St. Bernard being reminded through them of the mission of love and service that is ours! We have supported not only Julie’s Place and Bristol Lodge, but through our St. Vincent DePaul society, any who come to us in need.

When we work together we make clear the challenge to develop a vision of the call to mission that is ours. All the while our own relationship with God in Christ deepens. While the relationship grows the task remains the same. In scripture we are told that God takes delight in His people. We please Him when we take delight in one another. Our delight takes shape in prayer and action. We are called to help strengthen His Church in Newton and to serve the needs of all His people. Here at Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish, thanks to you, His work is alive and accomplishing much.

For all that you do,  
God Bless,

Fr. Dan
Religious Education is fundamental to our life here at Corpus Christi - Saint Bernard Parish. The reasons are varied and are deeply rooted in our identities as a people who follow Jesus. If faith is a relationship, it is meant to be appreciated and shared. In our Church, sharing leads to evangelization, and appreciation leads to change and transformation. Evangelization recognizes the dual call to conversion and discipleship.

Through Baptism, Confirmation, and Reconciliation all paths lead to the Altar and to Communion through Him. As we live our own vocations, Jesus is there to meet our every need. As our zeal for Religious Education in Him grows, so do our parish, lives, and Church.

What is Conversion?

Conversion can be defined as the turning of one's heart to God. Christ's call to conversion is a continuous one. We are invited to know, love, and serve God through his son, through the Church. "This endeavor of Conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a 'contrite heart' drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1428)

Conversion happens in many ways: through sudden changes and through gradual growth in children as well as adults. But each of us must experience this fundamental change. Conversion is the change in our lives that comes about through the Holy Spirit.

What is Evangelization?

Our Church has defined Evangelization for us:

"It means bringing the good news of Jesus into every human situation and seeking to convert individuals and society through the divine powers of the Gospel itself. Its essence is the proclamation of salvation in Jesus Christ and the response of a person in faith, both being the work of the Spirit of God. Evangelization must always be directly connected to the Lord Jesus Christ." (On Evangelization in the Modern World)
Many thanks to our numerous volunteers - listed below - who provide the valuable gifts of their time, creativity, and compassion to our Parish. To participate in any of the ministries or activities of the Parish, please contact the office at 617-244-0608. We are always in search of volunteers!

Lectors
Tony Caruso
Clara Caruso
Joseph Drake
Rita Gaasche
Bruce Holbein
Ann Gordon Keidel
Mandy Knight
Bob Larner
Mary Levine
Leona Malone
Donna Mazzola
John McBrine
Brendan Murray
Mary Pajak
Mary Margaret Pappas
Janet Platt
Ann Purcell
Alissa Whitten

Eucharistic Ministers
Margery Blouin
Robert Blouin
Janice Bourque
Alina Bracciale
Betty Bruhmuller
Janet Carvelli
Maryann Civitello
Ann Cornaro
Cathy Davis
Mary Lewis
Maisie MacLellan
Molly McCabe
Liz McCarthy
Carol McKrill
Chris O'Brien
Alba Pine
Martha Rowland
Richard Rowland
Ellen Ryan
Margaret Scheffler
Antonio Tonti
Linda Uttar
Rose White
Rose Yesu

Altar Servers
William Drake
Lucas Fernandez
Nico Fernandez
Avantika Mehta

Sacrivity Coordinators
Ann Cornaro
Leona Malone
Betty Bruhmuller
Rose White
Janet Platt
Molly McCabe
Sally McBride
Linda Uttar

"For it is in giving that we receive"
- St. Francis
Our councils and commissions provide guidance and support the vitality of our Parish. Many thanks to their members and our program coordinators - we are all enriched by their generous gifts of time and talent and their assistance in spreading the Good News of the Gospel.

Pastoral Finance Council

Janice Bourque
Paula Chesbrough
John Burkly
Bob Pajak
Tony Caruso
Joe Albanese
Bob Percheski

Parish Pastoral Council

Ann Cornaro
Tim Moran
Carol McKrill
Amanda Knight
Maureen Connell
Tom Griffin

Program Coordinators

Parish Pastoral Council
Ann Cornaro
Pastoral Finance Council
Janice Bourque
Adult Faith Formation
Commission
Bruce Holbein

Worship Commission
Paula Chesbrough
Activities Commission
Mary Lewis
Social Justice
Commission
Joan McGrath
Between July 2012 and June 2013 we remembered the lives and mourned the loss of the members of our faith community listed below. They and their families remain in our prayers and thoughts, and the influence they have had on our lives continues to be with us.

Funerals

Eveline M. Aucoin
Elizabeth A. Blackwood
Patricia D. Brandt
Rita T. Burke
Rosemary L. Burns
Louis J. Caccia
Vincenzo Casella
Charles F. Constantine
Katherine B. Cox
Alma F. Cupoli
Stephen S. Cupoli
Helen A. Cusano
Franco Rocco D’Alleva
Anthony P. DeProfio
Madeleine M. Doherty
Nancy J. Donahue
Robert M. Doyle
Vincent Fillippone
Dominico Fulginiti

June M. Giordano
Mary E. Hazelton
Grace Marie Lennon
Sally A. Lombard
Sean P. McClame
Salvatore Montillo
Donald E. Murphy
Geraldine M. Murphy
Harry C. Pambookian
Marion P. Quinlan
Margaret J. Quinn
Esther Rizza
Mary Lou Rogers
Mary A. Schmidt
Paul L. Snyder
Joseph A. Tosney
Patricia A. Tower
Marion A. Trainor
Georgette Zakak
This year we were also happy to celebrate the union of lives through the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, as well as the entrance of new life with Christ through Baptism. We joyously celebrated eight weddings and the Baptisms of sixteen new members of our faith.

**Weddings**

- Gregory A. Hill
- Amy M. Reagan
- Matthew C. Mastandrea
- Rosemarie J. Plati
- Brian M. Deehan
- Katie M. Tedesco
- Peter F. Augustini
- Dora C. Osuna
- Cory R. Hussey
- Ellen F. Boss
- Richard J. Sampson
- Linda J. McEnaney
- Jacob M. Schmitz
- Tracey L. Janicki
- Samer W. Ashkouri
- Rand L. Lewis

**Baptisms**

- John Michael Burkly
- Giuseppe Caruso
- Nora Katherine Devaney
- Olivia Rose Dumas
- Anne-Aika Angela Dupiton
- Faviu-Antonio Terrero Dupiton
- Violetta Sophie Engel
- Chloe Leigh Hoeksema
- Olivia Brielle Lowre
- Annabel Rose Moore
- Maya Lakshmi Pandey
- Cameron James Power
- Michael William Power
- Olivia Jean Rodriguez
- Enzo Francesco Scarsella
- Ian Alexander Snyder-Green
In the spring of this year, our First Holy Communion and Confirmation classes affirmed their belief in Christ and the teachings they have learned through their participation in our Faith Formation programs.

**Confirmation**

Joseph Arcuri
Maria Bilotta
Andrew Bombara
John Bradley
John Caruso
Valerie Cedrone
Angelo Conti

Raimond Dare
Michael DiSeglio
Catherine Doran
Vanessa Ferre
Charles Goodfriend
Mary Levine
McCala McDonald

Lea McDade
Liam McDade
Emily McDonald
Domenic Mercuri
Steven Morgan
Nicholas Norton
Madeline Paquette

Michael Picard
Dominic Precopio
Christopher Quinn
Nicole Quinn
Vincent Romanelli
Isabelle Roy
Alexis Wing

![Confirmation Class Photo](image)

**Communion**

Lily Brook
Kristian Bustos
Lucia Capello
Catherine Consigli
Declan Daley
Jack Kelley
Joseph Lavelle

Brianna LeBlanc
Oisin Lee
Emma Mackay
Gina Maiocca
Sophia Mercado
Natalie Moran
Alexander Morefield
Tatum Murray

Gina Nicolazzo
Emma Passeggio
Morgan Ranucci
Liam Taylor
Noah Wastcoat
Gordon Wordell
Gabriella Yerardi
## Finance Council Report

### Income

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<td>14,817</td>
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<td>13,938</td>
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<td>Rental Income</td>
<td>660,710</td>
<td>656,387</td>
<td>444,416 (3)</td>
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<td>-333,192</td>
<td>-113,594 (4)</td>
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<td>7,534</td>
<td>8,000</td>
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<td>Fundraising Activities</td>
<td>624</td>
<td>7,800</td>
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<td>Grand Annual Appeal</td>
<td>61,007</td>
<td>70,000</td>
<td>80,000</td>
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<td><strong>Total Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>663,727</strong></td>
<td><strong>678,383</strong></td>
<td><strong>682,822</strong></td>
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### Capital Expenditures

- **81,297**
- **83,237**
- **188,522** (5)
- **494,300**

### Revenue Available for Operations

- **582,430**
- **595,056**
- **494,300**

### Expense

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<td>328,592</td>
<td>344,269</td>
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<td>60,875</td>
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<td>Property/General Insurance</td>
<td>39,272</td>
<td>40,826</td>
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<td>86,772</td>
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<td>16,640</td>
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<td>53,664</td>
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<td>2,469</td>
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<td>Catholic Appeal Assessment</td>
<td>4,320 (2)</td>
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<td>16,000 (6)</td>
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<td><strong>663,416</strong></td>
<td><strong>608,535</strong></td>
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<td><strong>-35,476</strong></td>
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Finance Summary

The Finance Council along with the Business Manager prepares the annual budget, reviews revenue and expenses, determines the Grand Annual and related capital expenditures, negotiates and reviews contracts, advises the pastor Fr. Dan O'Connell and reports to the parishioners on all parish financial matters.

Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish Financial Statements are prepared on a cash basis and the 2013 fiscal year ran from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. All money received and all expenditures paid are recorded for the date executed.

Actual 2013

Overall our net loss for the year had improved and was less than budgeted primarily due to a reduction in personnel and pastoral expenses. Donations from parishioners were still lower than budget and the Grand Annual was $9000 less than projected. Despite these challenges the Parish was able to continue capital improvements with a new roof on the old convent rental building; repair the ceiling, floor and heating pipes in the chapel; and repair and re-use the Allen Place facility. The Parish has positioned itself well for Fiscal year 2014 budget with the negotiation of a new lease with the Korean Catholic Community for our Auburndale campus which allows for an overall reduction in operating costs.

Fiscal Year 2014

The Offertory Collections and the Parish Grand Annual are key sources of revenue for the parish. These two major sources of income continue to show slow improvement. Additionally, rental income continues to allow the Parish to accomplish major initiatives that the Parish would ordinarily not be able to achieve. In November 2013 of this fiscal year, the Learning Prep School will have fulfilled its obligation and fully paid off its debt for the expansion of the school. This will cause a significant reduction in annual cash inflow of $333,192. The primary capital expenses for the Parish will be the major improvements to the Church with the installation of air conditioning, new upstairs carpeting and a new sound system. Previously collected funds of $65,000 along with the Grand Annual goal of $80,000 and use of some savings will provide for these improvements. Overall operating costs are reduced primarily in utilities, maintenance and insurance costs being shifted to the Korean Catholic Community. With a new pastor, experienced staff, active ministry committees, a strong Religious Education Program, and a faith-filled core group of parishioners we are optimistic for the future of Corpus Christi- St. Bernard Parish.

Notes

(1) Replace roof on old convent rental building $68,450; Repair ceiling, floor and heating pipes in lower level of St. Bernard Chruch $12,847.
(2) Catholic Appeal Assessment was $42,393; there was a short fall of $8,476 but since we did better than 2011 a $4,156 abatement was granted. The parish had to make up the difference of $4,320.
(3) Rental income includes: 1) LPS Loan pmt $ 115,594 and 2) Rent: LPS leases $ 203,161; Corpus Christi leases $ 54,000; T-Mobile $ 42,148, funeral home parking lot $ 24,313; Priest-in-Residence $ 7,200.
(4) Loan payment included in rent. Final payment will be made November 2013 resulting in annual reduction of $333,192.
(5) Air condition St. Bernard Church $115,000; New carpet for upstairs of Church $45,000; New sound system for Church $28,522.
(6) Catholic Appeal Assessment $339,367; as of the end of September there is a $16,000 short fall.
Our Mission

We are a welcoming community of Catholics striving to be one body in Christ.

As a faith community centered in Eucharistic celebration, we give witness to our baptismal rights by committing ourselves to learn, love, and live the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Empowered to share our faith, gifts and talents, we dedicate ourselves to genuinely embracing our diverse community, compassionately serving those in need, and ardently working for justice and peace.

Strengthened through Word and Worship, Community and Service, we pledge ourselves to be a parish where all feel welcomed and inspired to participate.

Contact Us

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info@ccsbparish.org

Join Us

Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30 am and 10:00 am
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am

About the Cover

Christ Embracing St. Bernard Francisco Ribalta (1625-27)

This painting of the union of Christ and Saint Bernard is symbolic of the union of two parishes into one Body of Christ.