Corpus Christi - St. Bernard Parish

Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish is a Catholic faith community centered in the Eucharistic celebration. We give witness to our baptismal promises and commit ourselves to learn, love, and live the message of Jesus Christ.
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the pages of Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish’s Annual Report. Thank you for taking the time to peruse these pages. It is good to have you spend a few minutes reviewing the happenings of our parish. We hope that you can easily find the information you are seeking or, if you are just taking a quick look, you smile at what you see!

Our parish faith community continues to be alive and is constantly being transformed by God’s Word. We seek to place God first in our lives and in all in which we engage as a faith community. The work of our parish is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed. Our presence in the city of Newton challenges us to serve not only our own parishioners but many who come to us for spiritual growth and development. Our Catechetical Programs run the gamut from Baptism Preparation to First Communion classes and on to Adult Education and Faith Sharing; all because we realize that faith formation is a lifelong journey. Our Liturgical Ministry involves our parishioners in full, conscious and active participation whether at Sunday or daily Mass, Holy Day celebrations, days of prayer, retreats or any of our other Sacramental celebrations. We are blessed to be a community that grows in our faith through prayer, sacraments and service. At various times of the year we offer opportunities for experiencing prayer styles such as Lectio Divina, guided meditation, silent prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. All of our parish activities build upon prior efforts to grow our faith as we continue to mature as a parish.

Through the gift of faith born of our baptism, we actively commit to Christian principles of living that make us worthy of the promises of Christ! All of this is made possible through the involvement of so many good and faithful people like you!

In closing, I pray that each person who reads this report will be touched by the presence of our God’s Holy Spirit. May you be blessed by the gift that is Corpus Christi-St Bernard Parish. If you are an active parishioner thank you for all that you do. If you are thinking (praying) about becoming more involved, please accept HIS gentle push. If you are new to our parish may you experience a sincere and warm welcome. May all of us experience the presence of the Risen Lord in all that we do! God Bless!

Fr. Dan O’Connell
Pastor
October 2014
Baptism at Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish

In the Catechism of the Catholic Church we read, "From the very day of Pentecost the Church has celebrated and administered holy Baptism". Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." According to the Apostle Paul, the believer enters through Baptism into communion with Christ’s death, is buried with him, and rises with him, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life".

The baptized have “put on Christ.” Through the Holy Spirit, Baptism is a bath that purifies, justifies, and sanctifies. Hence Baptism is a bath of water in which the “imperishable seed” of the Word of God produces its life-giving effect. The celebration of baptism here at our parish is always a joyous occasion. Baptism and all the sacraments are much more than brief moments in time. They are celebrations of Christ’s love that have an effect on us for the rest of our lives. In a very real way we can say that we ‘live’ our baptism each and every day. The ritual of Baptism reveals the outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit and our acceptance of a love that will be present to us for the rest of our lives. We become God’s sons and daughters and celebrate as individual families and as a parish community.

We are reminded that baptism speaks of life, love, transformation and new life. We are placed at the center of Christ’s life, death and resurrection and we truly live ‘in Him’ from that moment on. All that we experience is connected to Him and we face the challenges of our own life with His strength. To be baptized is to be washed and set free from the original ‘insecurity’ that led to sin. To be baptized is to have the Holy Spirit stand with us to help bring answers to the questions our chaotic world may set before us. To be baptized is to be welcomed into the Church where we will eventually confirm our own faith and be fed with the Body and Blood of Jesus who walks with us on our pilgrim way. Our sacramental life, which begins with baptism, draws us ever deeper into relationship with God in Christ.

Our Baptism has an effect on the entire parish and Church Community. When a baptism happens in our parish Church we are enriched with a new member and are reminded that life and relationship with God is an ongoing dynamic. It is ever changing and ever new. Baptism begins with the revelation in Christ of our God’s love and continues throughout our lifetime as we participate in His mission. Each lector, Eucharistic Minister, usher, religious education teacher and parish volunteer who steps forward to serve is living out the call of their baptism.

Together we are parish, together we are Church!
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
- Bob Larner
- Mary Levine
- Leona Malone
- Donna Mazzola
- John McBrine
- Brendan Murray
- Mary Pajak
- Mary Margaret Pappas
- Janet Platt
- Ann Purcell
- Don Snyder

**Eucharistic Ministers**
- Margery Blouin
- Robert Blouin
- Janice Borque
- Alina Bracciale
- Betty Bruhmuller
- Janet Carvell
- Maryanna Civitello
- Ann Cornaro
- Cathy Davis
- Mary Lewis
- Maise MacLellan
- Molly McCabe
- Carol McKrill
- Chris O'Brien
- Martha Rowland
- Richard Rowland
- Ellen Ryan
- Margaret Scheffler
- Antonio Tonti
- Linda Uttaro
- Rose Yesu

**Altar Servers**
- William Drake
- Lucas Fernandez
- Nico Fernandez
- Tatum Marray
- Avantika Mehta
- Natalie Moran
- Nate Worldell

**Sacristy Coordinators**
- Ann Cornaro
- Leona Malone
- Betty Bruhmuller
- Rose White
- Janet Platt
- Molly McCabe
- Sally McBride
- Linda Uttaro

“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

Parish Pastoral Council

Ann Cornaro
Tim Moran
Carol McKrill
Donna Mazzola
Maureen Connell
Mary Pajak

Program Coordinators

Parish Pastoral Council
Ann Cornaro
Pastoral Finance Council
Janice Bourque

Social Justice Commiss
Joan McGrath
Activities Commission
Mary Lewis
Worship Commission
Paula Chesbrough
Linda Uttar
Between July 2013 and June 2014 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

Joseph Arcuri
Gwendolynne Baldi
Robert P. Callanan
Eugenio Caruso
Rosaria Caruso
Joseph A. Castagnino, Sr.
James L. Corbett
Philip E. Divino
Elizabeth E. Gallagher
Mary D. Gardeitto
Jane E. Goodale
Tommasina Graciano
Thomas F. Granahan
Peter G. Hartlen
Kenneth R. Hastings

Michael J. Hayden
Helen A. Hurley
James R. Jewett
Francis J. Jordan
Robert J. Keefe
Arthur ‘Shaun’ Kelly
Rita L. Leone
Cleo Mahoney
Elizabeth “Bea” McCarthy
Colin McIsaac
Mary M. McIsaac
William J. McMullen
Catherine J. Nicolazzo
Josephine Nicolazzo

Angela Orifice
Mary Packenham
Anthony J. Parkas
Alba C. Pine
Patricia Quirk
Katherine M. Rines
John R. Rizza, Sr.
Anthony J. Salvucci
Stephen S. Smith
Francis M. Staszesky
Felix Taranto
Eleanor Tidswell
Julia M. Tomao
Rose Vatalaro
Frances T. Ventura
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 five weddings and the Baptisms of twenty-one new members of our faith.

**Weddings**

- Christopher Sweet
- Christine Yerardi
- Ryan Doherty
- Concetta Nicolazzo
- Sean Maguire
- Ashley Palmeri
- Francis Connors
- Frances Holt
- John McNamara
- Melissa Caruso

**Baptisms**

- Mackenzie Frances Cole
- Tyler Nicholas Colella
- Isabella Eliana Corado
- Julia Mary Cullinan
- John Anthony Cupo
- Vihaan Ashish Errol Fernandes
- Giada Elizabeth Hayes
- Margaret Ann Houghton
- Marie Kate Howell
- Kayla Patricia Jarry
- Jordan Kippax
- Catherine Mary Elizabeth McBrine
- Tyler Michael McLaughlin
- Austin Joseph Poirier
- Mia Concetta Rosabianca
- Logan Steven Sampson
- Andrew John Scheffler
- Grace Elizabeth Schmitz
- Audrianna Marina Segura
- Lucille Tapper
- Michael Stuart Williams
We Believe...

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**

Brandon Altieri  
Peter Baronowski  
Allesandra Bianchi  
Michael Butera  
Christine Cox  
Mary Dillon  
Lucas Fernandez  
Sonia Ferre  
Callie Foster  
Cristina Galvagno  
Meriel Hennessey  
Thomas Joyce  
Colin Keyes  
Megan Lenihan  
Robert Lew  
Emma Luce  
Michael MacLellan  
Lauren Mariano  
Paola Mastroianni  
Avantika Mehta  
Tori Randall  
Robert Ranta  
Sean Regan  
Angela Rubino  
Maggie Sullivan  
Olivia Sylvester  
Matthew Wood  
Joseph Zegarelli

This year's Confirmation class in their Sunday best

**Communion**

Ysabel Aligan  
John Arpino  
Calleigh Calabro  
Juliana Capello  
Nicholas Cogan  
Ellen Cotter  
Christopher Eagan  
William Fandrey  
Nicole Goodwin  
Gaelen Hanrahan  
John Hennessey  
Asha Hickey  
Jacqueline Joyce  
Jordan Kippax  
Aodhan Lee  
Lorcan Lee  
Caitlin Lozano  
Leandro Paola  
Augustus Pelis  
Lydia Pelis  
Josephine von Rekowsky  
Ava Salemme  
Isabel Salgado  
Lillie Salgado  
Benjamin Scheffler  
Fabio Sepe  
William Sonia  
Sean Taylor  
Hailey Quatromini Thompson  
Lila Tulimieri  
John Washek  
Meriel Wordell
# Finance Council Report

## Income

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<td>Gifts &amp; Bequests</td>
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<td>Donations - Other</td>
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<td>Interest/Dividend Income</td>
<td>9,471</td>
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<td>Rental Income</td>
<td>453,049</td>
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<td>Amt Paid to CCSB Debt</td>
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<td>Other Income</td>
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<td>Fundraising Activities</td>
<td>1,638</td>
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<td><strong>Operating Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>649,263</strong></td>
<td><strong>602,822</strong></td>
<td><strong>608,084</strong></td>
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## Expense

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<td>Personnel Expenses</td>
<td>309,272</td>
<td>336,592</td>
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<td>Office Expenses</td>
<td>41,563</td>
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<td>Household &amp; Utilities</td>
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<td>Property/General Insurance</td>
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<td>Maintenance</td>
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<td>IFRC Tithe</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
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<td><strong>Catholic Appeal Assessment</strong></td>
<td><strong>15,215</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Expense</strong></td>
<td><strong>614,424</strong></td>
<td><strong>608,535</strong></td>
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## Net Gain (Loss)

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<td><strong>Grand Annual Appeal</strong></td>
<td><strong>83,664</strong></td>
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<td>Revenue Available for Capital Projects</td>
<td>118,503</td>
<td>74,287</td>
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<td><strong>Capital Expenditures</strong></td>
<td><strong>187,331</strong></td>
<td><strong>188,522</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Gain (Loss)</strong></td>
<td><strong>-68,828</strong></td>
<td><strong>-114,235</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. The 2014 fiscal year ran from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. All money received and all expenditures paid are recorded for the date executed.

Actual 2014

Overall our net loss for the year continues to improve and was 40% less than budgeted primarily due to increases in gifts/bequests and donations. Offertory from parishioners were still lower than budget but the Grand Annual was $3000 more than projected. Your generosity with the Grand Annual as well as our cash reserves allowed the Parish to continue capital improvements with new carpeting and air conditioning in the upper Church, removal of asbestos from LPS Gym, new signage, sound system and altar flooring improvements as well as further improvements and repairs at Allen Place. The school (LPS) made their final debt payment. The Parish had a full year of other income due to the new lease with the Korean Catholic Community. The overall reduction in operating costs of our Auburndale campus allowed us to address building and repairs of the West Newton campus, purchase new books/pamphlets and missalettes, provide more charitable donations, improve on altar supplies/flowers and address our IFRC tithe shortfall from the previous year.

Fiscal Year 2015

The Offertory Collection and the Grand Annual are key sources of revenue for the Parish. These two major sources of income continue to show slow improvement. Rental income continues to allow the Parish to accomplish major initiatives that the Parish would ordinarily not be able to achieve. The Learning Prep School (LPS) fulfilled its obligation and fully paid off its debt. This has caused an anticipated significant reduction in annual cash inflow of $333,792. The LPS lease is up for renewal in November 2015 and discussions and negotiations are currently underway. Lease income includes LPS, T-Mobile tower and the funeral home parking lot. Rental income is from the priest-in-residence and Other Income is from the Korean Catholic Community. Overall operating expenses are further reduced due to fewer personnel, office and household expenses offsetting higher office, insurance, and maintenance costs. The major capital expenses for the Parish include air conditioning and carpeting for the lower Church and new accessible bathrooms. Other improvements include repairs to the Church walls and ceilings, new outdoor lighting, and the upgrade of the office computer systems. The Grand Annual goal of $80,000 and the use of savings will provide for these improvements. Exceeding the Grand Annual goal will allow us to reduce use of our savings and provide opportunities for other activities. With an experienced pastor, engaged staff, active volunteers and ministry committees, a strong CCD program, and a faith-filled core group of parishioners we are optimistic for the future of Corpus Christi-St. Bernard Parish.
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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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.