Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present to you the Annual Financial Report of Sacred Hearts Parish for Fiscal Year ending June 2013. I wish to thank Holly Roche, the parish’s Business Manager and Clem O’Malley, chair of the Parish Finance Council, for their time and expertise in analyzing year end numbers and preparing this report.

Fr. Ben and I are blessed to be assigned to Sacred Hearts Parish and work with our talented staff and dedicated parishioners to create a strong Catholic community of prayer, celebration and service. Parish life is alive and vibrant. The parish was blessed in many ways this past year. We’ve welcomed new staff members to help us develop and strengthen programming. Betty Desjardins as Pastoral Associate coordinates many ministries and assists in the liturgical and faith formation programs. Cindy Krisak has done a fine job coordinating our Religious Education Program. Recently, we welcomed Laura Foley as our youth minister to coordinate our activities and programs for our middle school and high school youth. Sacred Hearts School and the Early Childhood Center continue to thrive under the leadership of Kathy Blain and Chrissie Pettis respectively. Enrollment is the highest it has been in 25 years; curriculum is challenging and Catholic life is ever present in the schools. Other notable activities of the past year include the Senior Luncheons in Advent and spring, the annual Mass of Anointing, Bible Studies and Catholic Enrichment Programs, Parish Picnic, the St. Patrick Day Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner hosted by the Catholic Daughters, and the parish improvement projects sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Thanks to all who organized and supported these wonderful activities!

In order for us to offer these programs and activities, to employ talented individuals and to take care of our parish property your generous support is most needed. Thank you for your support! I am happy to learn that the downward trend in our offertory collections and the Grand Annual Collection has been stemmed. Our offertories (weekly and monthly) have shown a slight increase (2%) from last year while the Grand Annual has shown a significant increase (40%). This is Good News! With your continued support we can expand our spiritual enrichment programs, provide enriching liturgies and worship opportunities, maintain our parish property and tackle capital projects as necessary. If you are in a position to increase your financial support of the parish I would be most grateful.

I pledge to you to do my best to serve you as pastor, to listen and respond to your concerns, to be available to help you and your family in your journey of faith and with Fr. Ben and our staff, work with you to make Sacred Hearts Parish a vibrant Catholic family of faith. Thanks for your support and overall goodness to Sacred Hearts Parish.

Blessings and Peace,

Rev. John W. Delaney, Pastor
Parish Highlights from Betty Desjardins ~ Pastoral Associate

Many exciting activities took place in the parish this past year. In December and April, there were two Senior Citizens’ Luncheons held in the school auditorium. Our senior parishioners enjoyed a meal of soup, sandwiches, and desserts as well as were entertained by Russ McQueen. Some of the school children also entertained with music and song. The 8th grade class helped with setting up and cleaning up for the event and also helped to serve our parishioners. A group of volunteers has come together to help on the days of the events and we even had a group of parish bakers make desserts. A good time was had by all.

During Advent and Lent, Mary Ellen Driscoll and I created and facilitated Evenings of Reflection to help the parish take some time to reflect on these seasons. Each evening was held in the Chapel and included scripture, music and thoughts for reflection. The Advent theme was “An Evening with Mary & Elizabeth” and the Lenten theme was “A Reflection on the Prodigal Son”. We hope to offer similar evenings this coming year.

All the liturgical ministers had a yearly meeting to come together in prayer and review procedures. There is still a need for ministers in all ministries; we are trying to recruit new members.

In January we conducted a parish census in order to update our database and also solicit people to volunteer in the parish. A master list was compiled and coordinators of various ministries and groups were emailed the contact information of those interested.

Fr. John conducted a 10-week educational series entitled “Catholicism” by Fr. Robert Barron. There was a 5 week session in the fall and a 5 week session in Lent. The folks who attended enjoyed the series and discussion. Fr. Ben ran a weekly morning coffee and discussion group in the fall. Parishioners were invited to submit Bible passages to study and discuss.

On Palm Sunday we welcomed a chorus and orchestra conducted by Ms. Cindy Veril which performed Arise My Love by Bradley Knight. The ensemble was composed of participants from 18 area churches. The church was full and all who attended thought it was a wonderful way to enter into Holy Week.

Highlights from Cindy Krisak ~ Director of RE

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is helping students prepare to receive the Sacraments. Witnessing our second-graders grow in their relationship with Christ as they prepare to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion is a very special experience. Watching our ninth and tenth graders approach the Catholic faith and their relationship with Jesus as young adults, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, is also very uplifting.

We are happy to be able to share our resources with these young people and their families as they continue their journey of faith. We provide many, varied opportunities for learning and growth. These include our classes, retreats, times to celebrate Mass together, and times to come together in fellowship. We continually strive to enhance our programming so that our youth can develop an even fuller appreciation for the richness of our faith, and best experience God’s love for them.
School Highlights from Kathleen Blain ~ Principal

The 2012-2013 school year found the school community immersed in a Self-Study, a required component of the re-accreditation process. This past June we were most pleased to announce that Sacred Hearts School was granted continued accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The Commission wrote: "It is with great pleasure that the Commission on Independent Schools, voted to grant Sacred Hearts School continued accreditation. The Visiting Committee Report identified many areas for commendation. The Commission commends the visionary leadership of the administrative team and the outstanding commitment of the faculty and staff for providing a strong academic, moral, and spiritual program for the students. In addition, the Commission congratulates the school on its seamless integration of technology into daily instruction."

Curriculum innovations included: the implementation of the Discovery Education (web-based) Science Program in Grades 5-8 and the continued adoption of the Reading Street Program (now in Grade 4). The introduction of a six-day schedule provided for a full complement of our Integrated Arts in all grades as well as common planning for our teachers. Technology continued to propel and enhance both teaching and learning. Our computer lab was outfitted with twenty-six flat screen computers and eleven out of fifteen classrooms had interactive whiteboards.

Enrollment increased to 388 students in Grades K-8. The last single Grade 8 class graduated with nearly $13,000 in merit scholarship and 100% acceptance to the area's Catholic high schools (for the 9th consecutive year!) as well as 90% acceptance to the Classical Academy at Haverhill High School.

Our Catholic identity was nourished in so many ways: daily prayer, monthly First Friday Mass, the Scriptural Rosary, the Thanksgiving Prayer Service, the Advent/Christmas Prayer Service, the Christmas Pageant, Reconciliation during Advent and Lent, the Lenten Breakfast Club, the 8th Grade Retreat, Food Drives for our Parish Food Pantry, Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter and service projects throughout the year.

Our efforts in Advancement yielded significant donations that will support some major technology and science enhancements for the 2013-2014 school year.

As the saying goes... "It was a very good year!" We remain true to our mission, proud of our accomplishments and pray that God will continue to bless this wonderful school community.

Pictured left to right: Grade 5 students working on Vocabulary at the smart board, students working in the computer lab on Science Textbook, and Grade 3 teacher instructing on Fables at the smart board.

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ECC Highlights from Chrissie Pettis ~ ECC Director

The ECC Pre-K and Nursery began its 21st year the first week of September 2013. We currently have 3 full-time teachers, a full-time administrative assistant along with 6 part-time teacher assistants in our programs. I have the pleasure to oversee both the Preschool Programs as well as the Full Day Kindergarten classes.

Housed in the ECC Building, our After School Program continues to thrive. Over 60 students benefit from this program each day. The after school program is offered to students beginning in Nursery to 8th grade.

With recent donations, we were able to make significant improvements at the Center over the summer. First the entire Pastoral Center was outfitted with a wireless system, which will assist us with our technology enhancements planned for this new school year.

We also installed a brand new state-of-the-art playground which is enjoyed each day by all students at the ECC, including the After School students. Playgrounds promote different types of play that are vital for a child’s cognitive, emotional, physical, and social development. We are so excited to be able to provide this to our students!

Overview

The Net Operating Income for Fiscal Year 2013 was $32,344 as presented in this Comparative Parish Financial Report, which presents the various sources of income and expenses in the Fiscal Year 2013 compared to those of Fiscal Year 2012. For the first time in several years the parish experienced an increase in its two primary sources of income, the Offertories and the Grand Annual Collection. (which is explained in a bar graph on page one of the Annual Report with Father John’s message). The combined amount of the increase is $29,937, which has allowed our parish staff to enhance and create new programs as described in this report.

While being conservative with spending in all areas, Compensation and Benefits did increase as a reflection of parish staffing. Facilities has also seen an increase due to extreme weather conditions this past winter and maintenance projects that were not budgeted, but very much needed:
- Cleaning of all stained glass windows in Sacred Hearts Church
- New doors at St. Patrick’s Church
- New roof vestibules at Sacred Hearts Church
- Repair of heating system at St. Patrick’s Church
- Repairs and painting at the Rectory

The budget for Fiscal Year 2014 presents a Net Operating Income in the amount of $1,263. Again this year we did not include any amount for capital expenditures even though we have many important projects to be considered. As we monitor our income we will plan the timing of these projects as funds become available. Please also note the new Central Ministry Tithe that we have informed you about via bulletin over the last few months. We hope that the trend will continue with the increase in our Offertories and Grand Annual.

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| **EXPENSES**         |               |               |                     |               |
| Central Ministry Tithe | $367,476      | $322,317      | 45,159              | $31,080       |
| Compensation and Benefits | $59,286     | $55,342       | 3,944               | $55,871       |
| Administration       | 124,198       | 83,376        | 40,822              | 103,345       |
| Facilities           | 36,819        | 34,276        | 2,543               | 29,600        |
| Pastoral             | 7,478         | 13,084        | (5,606)             | 7,650         |
| Outreach             | 52,000        | 52,000        | 0                   | 52,000        |
| Other Income Expense | 28,291        | 28,291        | 0                   | 27,000        |
| **TOTAL EXPENSES**   | $675,547      | $560,395      | 115,152             | $737,037      |
| **NET OPERATING INCOME** | $32,344     | $67,495       | (35,151)            | $1,263        |

*Not all variances are listed due to changes made to the chart of accounts.*
School Financial Report ~ Fiscal Years 2012 and 2013

Sacred Hearts School—Grades Kindergarten through Grade 8
Sacred Hearts School finished Fiscal Year 2013 with a Net Operating Income of $101,017 as compared to $241,950 in Fiscal Year 2012. Enrollment was again a major factor in producing these results, along with reducing the amount of tuition bad debt. Enrollment in Fiscal Year 2013 was 388 students as compared to 386 students in Fiscal Year 2012, with the last single class of Grade 8. In FY2014 there will be 2 classes per each grade, a first in many years.

Compensation and Benefits increased due to additional staff requirements and moderate increases for the teachers salaries. Facility costs for the school increased due to the extreme winter conditions and also an ongoing flooding problem on the basement level. This problem has been resolved with the help of some of our very dedicated contractors from the parish.

Repairs and Renovations totaled $64,718 in Fiscal Year 2013 which included the construction of new school administrative offices, the cost for a new 4th grade classroom and new cabinets in the cafeteria. Equipment items totaled $32,793 which included a new video security system, classroom smart boards, new gym chairs and additional student lockers.

Early Childhood Center Financial Report—Nursery to Pre-K
The Early Childhood Center Net Operating Income for Fiscal Year 2013 was $105,487 as compared to a Net Operating of $119,505 for Fiscal Year 2012. The difference was due to a slightly lower enrollment in the pre-school programs.

Our afterschool program continues to grow and the income generated assisted us in the purchase of a new playground. A targeted donation made to the ECC also supported this improvement.