

Third Quarter Stewardship Report



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Habemus Papam! (We have a Pope!) These words initially stirred many hearts to joy, and the Pope of whom they were spoken continues to move Catholic and non-Catholic hearts alike with his example of simplicity and humility. Those who possess the gifts of simplicity and humility also often possess another virtue... gratitude.

I present this quarterly report to you in the spirit of Pope Francis' example of simplicity and humility, and with tremendous gratitude: I am humbled by your continued generosity to our parish as we strive to fulfill the simple goal of loving and serving as Jesus did. For the privilege of serving as your Pastor, I continue to be very grateful!

Praying that the Peace which is the greeting and the gift of the Risen Lord may fill your hearts during this Easter season, I am

Sincerely yours in the Lord

Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson
Pastor

Two Events: One Celebration to Serve

by Gonzalo de Dios

March 13 marked an extraordinary day for Catholics worldwide. That day, we witnessed the election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, the Archbishop of Buenos Aires, Argentina as Pope Francis. That day parishioners had the opportunity to participate in a *Lenten Soup Supper*.

Many families and individuals, including my family, helped decorate Creedon hall and prepare the meals to be distributed later that evening. This event allowed us to share a simple meal of soup and bread with other members of the parish, and reminded us of a common journey through Lent.

The *Lenten Soup Supper* served as an opportunity to recognize that

everything we have is a blessing from God. It also served as a special celebration of the election of Pope Francis. As a parishioner, and in particular a native of Argentina, I was very excited to learn of the election of Pope Francis. His gestures of simplicity and call for social justice resonated with me and with others.

Pope Francis' call to serve and do goodness was evident that night. Young children, adolescents and adults alike, from all walks of life, joined in the supper and a presentation of the Stations of the Cross. The event brought together many parishioners, and underlined our joy as Catholics and our common desire to serve others.

*It is like sitting near a warm fire.
You may not be rich;
you may not be a genius.
But you still feel the warmth.*

*That is the way God loves us,
but He also asks us to share the
warmth with others.*

**Bishop Edward W. O'Rourke,
describing God's love**



Financials

Income Statement Highlights January 1 - March 31, 2013

Income	3/31/2013	3/31/2012
Offertery	\$ 1,419,500	\$ 1,477,426
Additional Collections	186,511	160,855
Total Collections	1,606,011	1,638,280
Other Operating Income	331,753	379,640
Total Operating Income	\$ 1,937,764	\$ 2,017,920
Expenditures		
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,696,580	\$ 1,848,491
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 241,184	\$ 169,429
Other Extraordinary Income	\$ 809,597	\$ 89,203
Other Extraordinary Expenses	\$ 3,542,125	\$ 333,403
Net Other Income	\$ (2,732,528)	(244,200)
Net Income	\$ (2,491,344)	\$ 74,771

Statement of Financial Position as of March 31, 2013

	3/31/2013	3/31/2012
Assets		
Cash	\$ 209,866	\$ 171,750
DIAL Savings	1,178,238	2,468,105
Prepaid Expenses	4,027	6,527
Total Assets	\$ 1,392,131	\$ 2,646,381
Liabilities and Equity		
Payroll Liability	\$ 4,510	\$ 4,439
Mass Stipends & Other Liability	8,751	5,627
Loan	1,139,675	-
Total Liabilities	1,152,935	10,066
Total Equity	239,196	2,636,315
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Renovation Update

Although there was minimal construction activity (January through March), major finishing touches took place in the church, Creedon Hall kitchen, and Commons:

Church

- Stations of the Cross
- Reconciliation Rooms
- Adjustments to the sound and lighting system



Creedon Hall

- Sky-fold Installation – enabling simultaneous use by three groups
- AV system - operational and used for Soup Suppers Lenten activities, Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Masses

Commons

- Installation and use of the monitors

Our ministries took full advantage of the improvements by offering opportunities of fellowship, service, formation, and outreach support to our parish and community.

- Three Pancake Breakfasts and Soup Suppers
- Valentine Dance and Spaghetti Dinner
- ROCK cooking and Food Sales
- Pizza and Penance and the Parish Mission
- Funeral Receptions

Thank you for your continued generosity and your patience.

