



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH *Annual Report 2013*

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PARISH STATISTICS

Sunday & Weekday Liturgies	600 +
– Altar Servers	103
Parish Families	3,063
Members	9,467
Religious Education Students	1,181
Professions of Faith	11
Sacraments Celebrated	
– Baptism	
• Infant	399
• Adult	39
– Confirmation	49
– First Eucharist	304
– Weddings	22
– Funerals	51

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER TOM FERGUSON, PASTOR

Stewardship is an expression of gratitude ... sharing with others gifts we thankfully acknowledge we ourselves have received from God.

So I introduce this Annual Report with a word of thanks ... to you our parishioners, for sharing generously your time, talent and treasure with our parish and those whom we serve.

I thank our parish staff who are most responsible and prudent in the stewardship of the resources you entrust to their care.

And I thank our Finance Council and all our Ministries who collaborate in the effort to ensure that the gifts you have given are employed in a manner that gives the greatest glory to God and the most loving service to our neighbor.

Please invest a measure of time in a careful examination of this report and see how in many and varied ways YOUR generosity is greater than ever ... allowing the Light of Christ's Love to shine as brightly as ever here in the midst of our Mount Vernon Community!

Father Tom



A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

On behalf of the Finance Council, I offer our heartfelt thanks for your continued generosity. We end our fiscal year in solid financial standing, with strong support for our building improvement campaign.

The enclosed financial statements show the year's contributions and expenditures. Your contributions make possible many ministries and activities, and supported us during difficult economic times.

Our Church is busy seven days a week. If you are interested in ways to share in faith and fellowship, please see our list of

ministries and volunteer opportunities. Our community is blessed with faith, volunteerism and community service, and I hope you find it as fulfilling as my family and I do. Thank you making Good Shepherd a place of prayer and welcome.

Sincerely,
Lauren Preston
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STEWARDSHIP YEAR IN REVIEW

In **Fiscal Year 2013**, Good Shepherd continued to be a parish of vibrant worship, comprehensive faith formation programs for all ages, a strong ministry of social justice, welcoming fellowship, and a broad understanding of our God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure.



JULY / AUGUST, 2012

- **Renovation continues...**
- **Knights of Columbus host Good Shepherd Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Meetings**
- **Adult WorkCamp** - 8 adults participate in a week of service through the Christian Appalachia Project (CAP) in rural Kentucky.
- **Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement (V.O.I.C.E.) Action** - 400 community partners, interfaith congregations, parents and youth gather with County Supervisors and staff to advocate for greater access to after-school programming and recreational space in the Mount Vernon Area.
- **Middle School WorkCamp** - 21 students serve at local sites.
- **High School WorkCamp** - 20 students serve in Shenandoah County, Virginia.

SEPTEMBER, 2012

- **International Festival Mass** - Multicultural Mass celebrates our many heritages.
- **37th Annual International Festival** - 350+ volunteers bring community together for fellowship and raise \$28,000 for the Shepherd's Gate Grant program. 4,000+ people attend. 110 people participate in First 5K Fun Run and Family Walk.
- **Faith Formation Classes begin** - almost 1,200 students enrolled.
- **Church re-opened** the weekend of September 14/15!
- **Annual Procession to Celebrate the Birthday of Our Blessed Mother, Mary** - parishioners and community members sing, pray, and celebrate in Audubon Estates.

OCTOBER, 2012

- **Year of Faith begins**
- **Adult Faith Formation programs begin**
- **Jeff Caruso (Virginia Catholic Conference) speaks on "Faithful Citizenship"**
- **Father John O'Malley speaks on "What Happened at Vatican II?"**
- **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** - Gathers over 200 families for food and fun.

*"Hold back nothing of yourselves so that He
who gives Himself totally to you may receive you fully"*
-St. Francis of Assisi

NOVEMBER, 2012

- **Masses of Remembrance** - We pray for deceased family and friends, especially those in our parish family who died in the past year.
- **CRS Fair Trade Sale** - Catholic Relief Services offers holiday gifts from around the world made under fair and just conditions.
- **Fourth Annual Service Saturday** - Parish families gather at the Knights of Columbus to make items for homeless children, deployed and/or wounded military, the homebound, nursing home residents, and clients of the Ventures In Community Hypothermia Shelter (VIC-HOP).
- **Reina de la Paz** - Annual celebration of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Patroness of El Salvador.



DECEMBER, 2012

- **Father Tom leads Advent Book Discussion**
- **Social Justice Activities** - Volunteer teams staff VIC-HOP. Giving Tree gathers gifts for area children. Ornament Sale raises money for Emergency Assistance.
- **Advent Celebrations** - Daughters of St. Paul Choir Concert, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Guadalupe (including mañanitas), Advent Evening of Reconciliation, Las Posadas.
- **Second Annual Children's Christmas Pageant** - 60 students K-6 brought the story of Jesus' birth to life.
- **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Liturgies** - Approximately 5,000+ parishioners and visitors attend 10 Christmas Masses in the church and Creedon Hall.

loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves

547	LITURGICAL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED OUR PRESIDERS DURING THE 600+ LITURGY CELEBRATIONS
150	CATECHISTS TEACH THE GOOD NEWS TO 1,181 STUDENTS
30,000	POUNDS OF FOOD COLLECTED FOR UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FROM SHARING SUNDAY DONATIONS
57	PARISHIONERS SAVED LIVES BY DONATING BLOOD
75	VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE FOOD AND COMPANIONSHIP DURING WINTER (VIC-HOP SHELTER)
15,000	PANCAKES MADE AND SERVED TO PARISHIONERS BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
25	FELLOWSHIP EVENTS (AFTER MASS COFFEE & DONUTS, FOOD SALES, CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND OTHER EVENTS)
100	PARTICIPANTS IN "HELP THE HOMELESS MINI-WALKS"
200	HOURS TUTORING ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS
950	CARDS SENT TO PARISHIONERS IN NURSING HOMES OR HOMEBOUND
51	PRAYER QUILTS MADE FOR PARISHIONERS IN NEED OF PRAYERS
120	LOW-INCOME YOUTHS REGISTERED TO JOIN LOCAL SPORTS LEAGUE FOR FIRST TIME
2,500	MEALS MADE AND SERVED TO AREA HOMELESS

JANUARY, 2013

- **18th Annual Martin Luther King Choir Festival** - Local choirs celebrate the life and legacy of MLK (sponsored by *Ventures in Community*).
- **March for Life** - Parish welcomes visitors from Indiana.
- **Misa de Sanación (Healing Mass)** - 1,000 people attend this Mass, sponsored by La Renovación Católica Carismática of the Arlington Diocese and our Spanish Prayer Group.

FEBRUARY, 2013

- **Valentine Dinner and Dance** - Celebration benefiting Progreso Citizenship and Literacy Center (formerly Progreso Hispano) with 250 attendees.
- **Parish Mission: *Hospitality, Wholeness and Forgiveness: Lenten Practices in the Year of Faith*** - led by Father Kevin Nadolski
- **Father Tom leads Lenten Book Discussion Group**
- **Lenten Soup Suppers** - attract 200 attendees, and provide forum for spreading awareness about hunger and ways to help, such as CRS Rice Bowl, UCM food pantry and High School WorkCamp.

MARCH, 2013

- **Lenten Observances** - Include an additional Weekly Mass, “The Light is On For You” weekly confession, Pizza and Penance, Lenten Soup Suppers, Stations of the Cross, Lenten Movie Nights.
- **Good Shepherd team wins First Place at first Diocesan *It’s Catechetical!* competition**
- **Catholicism DVD Series (Adult Faith Formation)**
- **Holy Week** - Live Via Crucis/Stations of the Cross, Palm Sunday, The Triduum and Easter Sunday Liturgies. 18 Elect receive Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil. Over 5,500 parishioners and visitors attend 8 Easter liturgies in the Church and Creedon Hall.

APRIL, 2013

- **Father Patrick McMahon Church History Series**
- **Sharing Garden** is planted.

MAY, 2013

- **Adoration and Confession every Wednesday evening begins**
- **“*Habemus Papam, We Have a Pope*”** celebration brings parish families together for a potluck dinner, activities, and a presentation on Pope Francis!
- **First Communion Masses** - Over 200 parish youth receive the Eucharist for the first time.
- **Applying Your Faith Series**
- **Adult WorkCamp** - Team serves in Appalachia with the Christian Appalachian Project.
- **Parish Celebration** - We celebrate our history and the ongoing activities of our vibrant parish in our 48th year.

JUNE, 2013

- **14th Annual Procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi** - Parishioners reflect on the gift of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist in bilingual prayer and song.
- **Diocesan Healing and Multicultural Masses** hosted by Good Shepherd
- **Sunday 6:30pm Masses now continue year round**

RENOVATION PROGRESS

THE PLAN

The renovation plan, based on priorities identified by parishioners in 2011, directed our efforts. Safety upgrades and renovation of the most sacred and highly used spaces. This includes: the church, classrooms, restrooms, and Creedon Hall.

HIGHLIGHTS

Sacred Space

- Renovated Sanctuary, Reconciliation Rooms, choir storage, and new Stations of the Cross
- Prayer Room for individual and quiet reflection, prayer and meditation.

Creedon Hall

- Pre-event area
- Sound-proof “sky-folds”
- Audio | Visual improvements
- Kitchen Renovations

Other Highly Used Spaces

- The Commons
 - Information Center and expanded Reception Desk area,
- Meeting | Classrooms
 - Parlour Lounge, Classrooms
- Office - Reception Desk expansion
- New Restrooms

Safety and Accessibility

- Sprinkler | Safety upgrades, and Audio and Lighting improvements throughout
- ADA accessibility
- Improved accessibility to and from the facility and restrooms
- Sound system and audio loop for hearing impaired (from anywhere in church)
- New HVAC, flooring and paint
- Needed storage

THE FUTURE

The remaining Phase I work began in May. Minor expansion to the hallway adjacent to Creedon Hall to allow for installation of:

- New restrooms
- Modified Sacristy
- (Needed) storage
- Necessary structural work
 - pump room (for sprinkler system)
 - site-work for water and electric lines.

Thank you for your patience, prayer and financial support! The renovation work and capital campaign have been successful because of the generosity and sacrifice of parishioners. Together, we have created prayerful and functional spaces where we experience God’s love and continue the work of “building community in the light of Christ”.

It’s not too late to participate in this historic effort! Please scan the QR code to the right, or visit: www.gscampaign.org/how-to-help. Forms also available in parish office.



Scan this QR code to download a pledge form; return completed form to Parish Office.

STEWARDSHIP PORTRAIT OF GIVING

CHARITABLE GIVING FISCAL YEAR 2013

Capital Pledge		\$1,000,381
Parish Outreach		80,881
Shepherd's Gate Grants		28,000
Other Charitable Giving		24,250
National Collections:		
Catholic Relief Services	8,459	
Retirement Fund for Religious	6,366	
Campaign for Human Development	5,356	
Holy Land Shrines	5,355	
World Mission Sunday	4,143	
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	4,012	
Black and Indian Missions	3,562	
Church in Latin America	3,526	
Peter's Pence (Holy Father)	3,454	
Catholic University of America	3,229	
Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe	2,671	
Church in Africa	2,643	
Catholic Communications Campaign	2,627	
Rice Bowl	2,416	
Total National Collections		57,819
Diocesan Collections:		
Catholic Charities Christmas Collections	17,007	
Diocesan Retired Priests Collection	6,843	
Total Diocesan Collections		23,850
Other Second Collections:		
Hurricane Sandy	10,287	
Knight of Columbus KOVAR	4,437	
Oklahoma Tornado	10,670	
Propagation of the Faith	11,629	
Total Other Collections		37,023
Bishops Lenten Appeal		269,016
Total Charitable Giving		\$1,521,220



ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH FAITH DIRECT

Dear Parishioners,

This fiscal year 26% of operating income was received through electronic giving using Faith Direct and over 400 parish families participate in the program, thank you for consider using electronic giving. I appreciate the consistency it brings to our budget, and the savings that result from processing fewer envelopes. It is my hope that we will increase participation in Faith Direct this coming year. Thank you for all your support of Good Shepherd Parish.

Father Tom

Enroll online at www.faithdirect.net (code VA208), scan this QR code with your smartphone, or pick up an enrollment form in the Parish Office.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

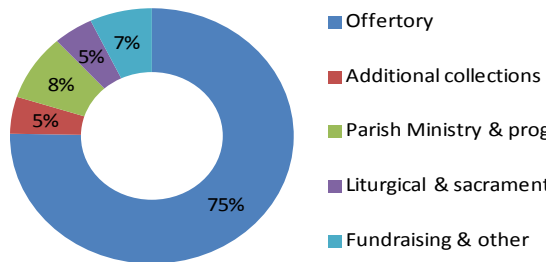
Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2013

	FY 2013	FY 2012
Assets		
Cash	\$ 201,447	\$ 182,851
DIAL Operating	811,787	985,575
DIAL Cap. Improve & Replace	180,072	543,811
DIAL Building Our Future	51,997	822,122
DIAL Social Justice	47,984	66,638
DIAL International Festival	83,785	102,450
DIAL Organ Fund	-	62,446
Prepaid Expense	9,211	10,630
Total Assets	\$ 1,386,283	\$ 2,776,523
Liabilities and Equity		
Funds Held for Others	\$ 4,074	-
Payroll Liability	19,164	2,983
Capital Loan	1,099,922	-
Mass Stipends & Other Liability	62,471	43,000
Total Liabilities	1,099,922	45,983
Total Equity	286,361	2,730,540
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$1,386,283	\$2,776,523

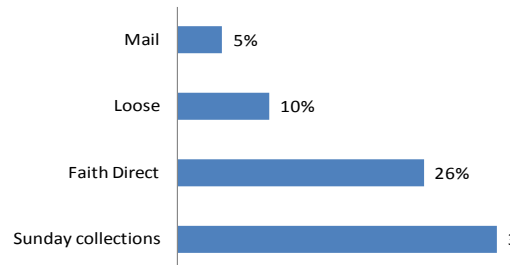
Income and Expense Highlights for the Year ended June 30, 2013

	FY 2013	FY 2012
Income		
Offertory	\$ 1,877,873	\$ 1,972,635
Additional collections	116,926	103,863
Total Collections	1,994,799	2,076,498
Other Operating Income	499,919	552,492
Total Operating Income	\$ 2,494,718	\$ 2,628,990
Expenditures		
Salary (clergy & lay)	\$ 1,033,443	\$ 1,062,894
Benefits and taxes	272,105	282,763
Facility and utility	191,036	244,431
Interest on debt	29,696	-
Other operating	810,697	867,209
Total operating expense	\$ 2,336,978	\$ 2,457,297
Net Ordinary Income	\$157,740	\$ 171,693
Other extra. Income	\$ 1,000,381	\$ 550,896
Other extra. Expense	\$ 3,564,750	\$ 686,644
Other capital expenditure	37,550	16,491
Net Other Income / Loss	\$ (2,601,919)	\$ (152,239)
Total Income/(loss)	\$ (2,444,179)	\$ 19,454

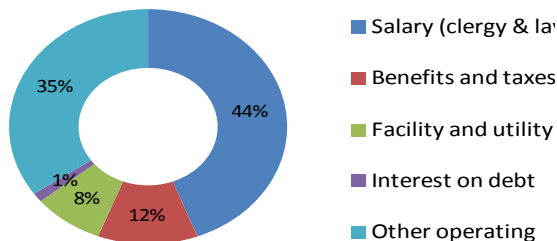
Total Operating Income percent



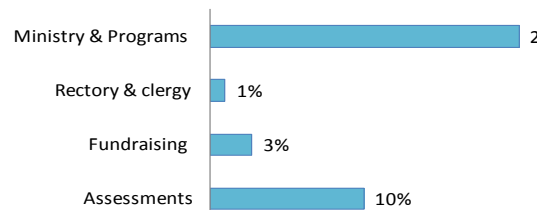
Offertory Income Components as a percent of Total Operating Income



Total Operating Expense percent



Other Operating Expense Components as a percent Total Operating Expense



RENOVATION PROGRESS

*“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”*

(1 Peter 4:10)

BEING GOOD STEWARDS FOR GOOD SHEPHERD

The parish staff continued to reduce expenses in a number of ways.

- forward looking planning / collaboration
- cost reductions (from prior year) through renegotiation of service contracts;
- reduction in utility expenses due to more efficient | recently upgraded systems; and
- interest on our capital loan debt was reduced as the result of pay-forward on pledge payments by our generous parishioners

Many thanks to our ministry volunteers for giving generously of their time and talent - helping in so many ways to enable us to reduce expenses in all ministries.



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FALL

OUR CONTINUING JOURNEY IN THE YEAR OF FAITH

Ministry teams have been busy planning for the Fall and beyond. We hope you will notice that a greater emphasis has been placed on providing family friendly events that include:

Liturgies

- Cornerstone rejoins the 6:30pm Mass
- Holy Hour Adoration 6pm Wed nights
- Mass of Remembrance
- Reina de la Paz

Faith Formation

- Tuesday night Speaker Series
- Religious Education classes for Kindergarten through High School resume September 15
- RCIA resumes in September
- Young Adult

Parish Fellowship Events

- Spaghetti Dinner October 5th!
- Daughter’s of St Paul Christmas Concert
- Thanksgiving Brunch

Service

- Service Saturday on November 23

Stewardship Renewal (Time, Talent, Treasure)

Come join us as we learn and rejoice in the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith!