



Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Annual Report 2018: Jul 1 2017 - Jun 30 2018

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER TOM FERGUSON, PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Our annual stewardship report is a testament to our parishioner's generous sharing of treasure. Our photos reveal a generous gift of joy shared by all who pray, learn and serve together at Good Shepherd Church. And in ways seen and unseen, the love of our parishioners is felt in the hearts of all whose paths we cross as we live our lives in the world each day changed forever by being a part of our family of faith.

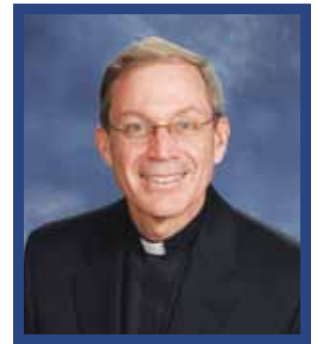
We are given a responsibility to be stewards of the blessings God has bestowed upon us – treasure, yes, but also faith, hope and love ... gifts we and the world desperately need these days. The pages of this report reflect our gratitude for gifts we have been given

and our eagerness to share with others the gifts we have received.

Please enjoy this annual report and its message of gratitude, prudence and generosity. Please also be moved to give thanks to God, as I do each day, to be a part of our beloved parish family – Good Shepherd Catholic Church!

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Rev. Thomas P. Ferguson
Pastor



WELCOME!

We invite you to join our parish family in some of our many activities and ministries. Whether you are looking for opportunities for prayer, service, or fellowship, we have something for you! Check out our website: gs-cc.org and the list below, and contact the parish office at **703-780-4055** or office@gs-cc.org.

Bible Study - various themes throughout the year; meets weekly

Parents Group - for parents of young children; meets each week, and once a month in the evening

Couples Group - social and spiritual activities for couples of all ages

Senior Socials and Bingo - bingo, lunch and fellowship; meets once a month

Single Senior Fellowship (GSSSF) - social, spiritual, and educational activities for singles, age 55+

Small Faith Groups - Lay Carmelites, Cursillo

Counseling - affordable therapy for families, couples, teens and adults

Teen Youth Groups - High School Group meets on Sundays; Middle School Group on Wednesdays

Divorced and Separated Catholics - group meets for Holy Hour followed by fellowship and discussion

Funeral Ministry - volunteers help host receptions and plan a funeral, assisting families in their grief

Homeschooling Community - Enrichment Co-op for school-age children

Knights of Columbus Mount Vernon Council - info@KofC5998.org

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LOVING AS CHRIST LOVES



PRAY

Numerous and varied worship opportunities offered each week, including daily and Sunday Masses, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- **780+ liturgies** celebrated in a year
- **Special Feasts, Masses, Adoration and Processions:** Our Lady Queen of Peace, Birthday of the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Simbang Gabi* Mass, Divine Mercy Holy Hour, Processions of Corpus Christi and St. Joseph, Mass of Remembrance, and Thanksgiving
- **Parish Pilgrimages** - to the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception and the Franciscan Monastery
- **Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Sunday, 9 and 10:30am Mass. Music, readings and homily for grades K-6
- **Confirmation Mass** - 120 candidates received the sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Paul Loverde
- **Feast of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals** - parishioners brought their pets for a blessing
- **Book of Prayer Intentions** - parishioners invited to write intentions in the book which is brought forward during the Presentation of the Gifts

PARTICIPATE

Parishioners enjoyed Fellowship events, such as coffee and donuts, pancake breakfast, food sales and the International Festival - our annual fundraiser / celebration.

- **Epiphany Creche Exhibit** - parishioners' nativity sets from around the world
- **Spaghetti Dinner** - best Italian food in town!
- **Youth Appreciation Dinner** - we recognized our youth for the many ways they serve inside and outside the parish
- **Valentine Dinner and Dance** - an evening of friendship to support United Community Ministries (UCM) and Progreso Center for Literacy and Citizenship
- **Memorial Wall Dedication** - The Memorial expresses our gratitude to generations that came before us, and those who continue to support our parish
- **V Encuentro** - conclusion of five sessions and a global Parish meeting in this evangelization project from the USCCB

LEARN

Our vibrant, diverse Faith Formation program included opportunities for children, teens and adults.

- **Faith Formation Classes** - for children K-12 and adults
- **Bible Studies** - a variety of themes offered throughout the year in both English and Spanish
- **Special Celebrations** - All Saints parade, St. Patrick celebration, Our Blessed Mother Mary coronation
- **Teens** - Middle and High School WorkCamp, annual Kick-off celebration, dodgeball tournament, Lock-ins, March for Life, Ski Trip, Super Bowl party, and many service opportunities
- **Homeless for a Night Campout** - children and teens experienced some of the challenges of being homeless; included Mass celebrated by Bishop Burbidge
- **Advent and Christmas** - Jesse Tree, St. Nicholas celebration, Holy Hour for kids, Journey to the Manger, *Las Posadas*
- **Lent and Easter** - Cross of Mercy, Mardi Gras celebration, Evening of Reconciliation, Soup and Stations of the Cross, Parish Mission
- **Vacation Bible School** - *Visit Paul in Rome*

STATISTICS

Parish Families	3,599
Members	11,128
Altar Servers	125
Faith Form. Students	1,097
Catechists	191

SACRAMENTS

Baptism	194
First Reconciliation	219
First Eucharist	219
Confirmation	147
Weddings	27
Funerals	55

SERVING AS CHRIST SERVES



SERVE

We believe Stewardship is a way of life, and offered abundant ways for parishioners to serve our parish family, the local community and beyond.

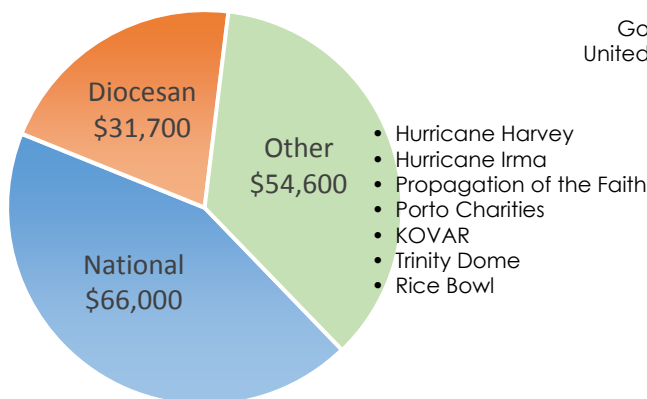
- **The 42nd Annual International Festival** - a celebration for family, friends, and neighbors that raised funds for the community. The three day event included the yard sale, 5K Race / 1M Run, Multicultural Mass and a day of entertainment and fellowship on Festival Day. Net proceeds from the Festival fund the Shepherd's Gate Grant Program. The 2017 Festival awarded grants totaling \$25,000.
- **Peace and Justice** - discussion moderated by Father Gerry Creedon in preparation for the diocesan Conference
- **Caring for God's Creation** - visit to Huntley Meadows Park, Potomac Watershed Cleanup Day, Sharing Garden Cleanup
- **Small Acts of Mercy (SAM) Weekends** - weekend of service, worship, activities, games and Ministry Fair to grow in faith and share with those in need (Fall and Spring)
- **Adult WorkCamp** - in two trips, 15 parishioners spent a week with the Christian Appalachian Project helping residents of Kentucky
- **VICHOP Hypothermia Shelter** - parishioners prepared, served dinner and stayed over night for 9 nights during the winter
- **March for Life** - in collaboration with St. Louis Church and Knights of Columbus, parishioners filled 3 buses for the march



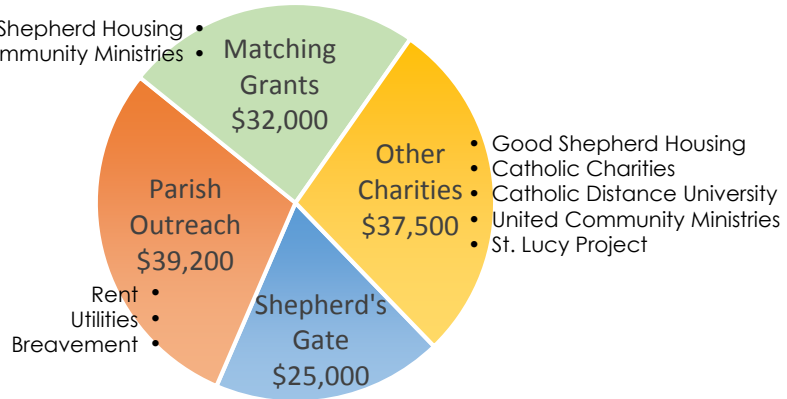
- 600+** Liturgy Ministry volunteers: Altar Servers, Cantors & Choirs, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors
- 480** gallons of milk donated for Mondloch Place/New Hope Housing
- 820** meals served to the homeless at Christ House in Alexandria
- 192** booklets sent to grieving families to provide support after the death of a relative
- 50** prayer quilts made for parishioners in need of prayer and comfort
- 660** cards sent to homebound and seriously ill parishioners
- 33** units of blood collected at the blood drive with Inova Bloodmobile
- 100+** Christmas gifts collected for the UCM Holiday Gift program
- 4,000** pounds of food collected in the "40 Items for 40 Days" during Lent
- 27,500** pounds of food collected for Catholic Charities' St. Lucy's Project and UCM in our Sharing Sunday food drive every Sunday and Christmas!

OUR GENEROSITY TO OTHERS

SECOND COLLECTIONS



CHARITABLE WORKS



FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income and Expense Highlights

Income	Actual		Budget
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
Offertory Revenue	\$ 2,083,980	\$ 2,211,841	\$ 2,249,500
Program and Ministries	383,248	351,666	376,200
Other Sources	204,396	217,689	190,150
Total Income	\$ 2,671,625	\$ 2,781,196	\$ 2,815,850
Expense			
Clergy and Staffing	\$ 1,383,807	\$ 1,368,924	\$ 1,432,500
Ministry and Program	440,536	438,100	485,000
Building	298,967	298,351	303,000
Administrative	382,215	401,036	416,448
Total expense	\$ 2,505,526	\$ 2,506,410	\$ 2,636,948
Net Ordinary Income	\$ 166,099	\$ 274,785	\$ 178,902
Other Income/Expense			
Campaign Pledge pymnt.	\$ 321,564	\$ 96,814	\$ 34,000
Capital Expenditures	\$ 188,012	\$ 339,432	\$ 200,000
Net Other Income (loss)	\$ 133,551	\$ (242,618)	\$ (166,000)
Net Income	\$ 299,651	\$ 32,168	\$ 12,902

Statement of Financial Position

Assets	6/30/2018	6/30/2017
Operating Accounts	\$ 114,812	\$ 169,533
DIAL Savings	1,315,497	1,243,360
Other Assets	5,742	12,722
Total Assets	\$ 1,436,051	\$ 1,425,615
Liabilities and Equity		
Funds Held for Others	\$ 1,221	\$ 4,430
Payroll and Other Liability	71,795	90,408
Total Equity	1,363,034	1,330,867
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Electronic Giving with Faith Direct

Use **Faith Direct** for your weekly offertory giving! Strengthen our church and preserve God's green earth! To enroll, visit: faithdirect.net Church code **VA208**



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIR

It is that time of year when we celebrate the end of another summer with our International Festival and provide you with our Annual Report highlighting the accomplishments of our parish programs and ministries. As you will see from this Annual Report, our parish continues to be blessed with the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners who support our parish with their time, talent and treasure.

The financial reports for the fiscal year show in detail how your financial contributions were used to support both the short and long term financial needs of our parish and our local community. On behalf of the Finance Council, I extend our sincere appreciation for your continued financial support and for all that you do to ensure the continued success of our parish, its ministries and programs.

Sincerely,
Tom Miller
Finance Council Chair

CONNECT WITH YOUR PARISH FAMILY

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