# The Church of Saint Ann

### Lawrenceville, NJ

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is a joy and privilege to offer this **Pastoral and Financial Report 2015**. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude to you for your time, talent, and treasure commitment to the Church of St. Ann. Each day and most evenings of the week there is something going on at Saint Ann. The active involvement of parishioners, along with your continued financial support, is a testament to the many gifts that the people of the parish put forward to the service of each other and of the Church and its mission to the world.

This past year has been a time of change and transition, but we continue to work hard at being signs of God's love, to support the needs of our parish and school families, to reach out to others in need within and beyond our parish community, to manage the financial resources entrusted to our care and to provide safe, adequate, and attractive facilities. As our report indicates, we can be grateful for all of the blessings that God has provided us with over this past year.

I remember an elderly priest saying, "all we have is a gift from God. What we do with what we have is our gift to God." As I see it, when it comes to giving, we just can't lose. God loves it, we benefit, the receiver is blessed, God is thanked, and the seed of an abundant future is planted. We have been gifted with this amazing Parish, and I think we are God's guardians. It is our responsibility to keep our Parish healthy for our children's, children's, children. So maybe we have to learn to go back to what is simple. It is time to plant the trees whose shade we know we will never sit in; because if we don't do it, who will; and if not now, when?

The work of the Parish to serve the mission of Jesus and His Church is not possible without your support, and so I ask for your continued generosity.

With gratitude,

Fr. Gerard F. Lynch, O.SS.T.

Fr. Gerard F. Lynch, O.SS.T Pastor

# Pastoral and Financial Report 2015



## Parish Mission Statement

The Church of Saint Ann
in Lawrenceville is a
Roman Catholic family of faith,
built on the inspiration
of past generations,
to serve the community
by loving God and our neighbor.

We strengthen faith, celebrate the sacraments, provide for the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, educate across the lifespan, heal the spiritually broken, and respect the dignity of human life.

We live the Gospel and seek Christ in all people.

## Pastoral Report 2014 - 2015

(July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015)

	<u>2014</u>	2015
Baptisms	79	91
Weddings	14	10
Prepared here/celebrated elsewhere	5	4
Funerals	89	82
Registered Families	2762	2831
New Registrations		
Families	11 <b>7</b>	105
Individuals	264	300
First Communions	96	96
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Confirmations	106	92
Affordable Counseling Sessions	349	348
Parishioners Involved in Ministry	685	685
Parish Ministries	71	83
Saint Vincent de Paul Society		
People Served	160	140
Money/Resources Dispersed	\$18,556	\$17,100
Sick Calls	106	48
Lawrenceville Nursing Home	weekly	weekly
Religious Education Enrollment	<b>74</b> 1	700
Catechists	45	40
Saint Ann School Enrollment	325	334
School Staff	37	37



#### **PARISH TRUSTEES**

Lorraine Colavita Lawrence Arcioni

#### **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

Mary Jo Abbondanza	Yvonne Daniel
Brian Abelowitz	Audrey Duess
Martha Andrade-	Maggie Gray
Dousdebes	Jack Johnson
Michael Barkley	Cliff Kirsch
Christine Barranco	Robert Kusek
Chick Barranco	Fr. Gerard F. Lynch
Kenneth Bernabe	Gary Maccaroni
Thomas Cahill	Stephen Marinus
Helen Carroll	Kathi Morley
Alex Daniel	Michael Olechowski
Mark Daniel	Jay Yeras

## PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jack Armstrong, Jr.
Christine Barranco
George Boccanfuso
Jeffrey Bourne
Harold Laudien
Thomas Ponting
Vito Pulito

## SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE

Christine Barranco Ken Bernabe George Boccanfuso Jeffrey Bourne Jack McKenna

## **Prayer for Generosity**

Dearest Lord, Teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
To give and not count the costs;
To fight and not heed the wounds; To labor and not to seek to rest;
Knowing that I am doing your will. Amen.

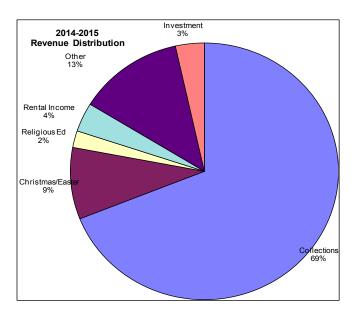
- Saint Ignatius Loyola

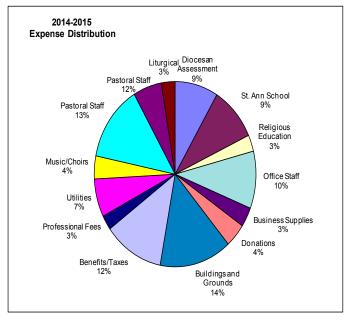
## Financial Report 2014 - 2015

#### **Church of Saint Ann Financial Statistics**

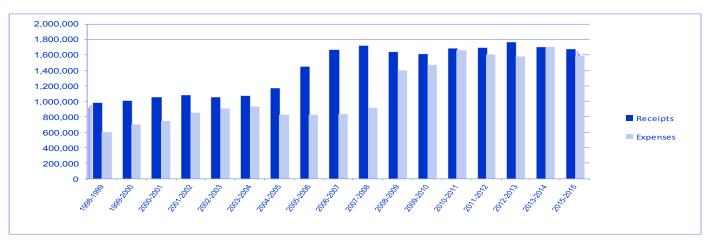
(Includes Saint Michael Campus)

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	2014-2015	2015-2016
Income:	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Weekly/Holy Days	\$1,147,535	\$1,144,000
Christmas/Easter	150,116	150,000
Investment	57,846	60,000
Religious Education	34,992	35,000
Rental Income	60,777	65,000
OTHER:	01.407	22.222
Candles	21,437	23,000
Donations	47,155	50,000
Miscellaneous	40,774 19,538	64,250 23,000
Perquisites Special Collections	83,558	86,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,663,728	\$1,700,250
Expenses:	ψ1,000,7 20	ψ1,7 00,230
Building and Grounds	\$226,943	\$259,000
Saint Ann School	150,000	150,000
Pastoral Staff	211,227	231,500
Office Staff	1 <i>57,</i> 837	163,000
Business Supplies	54,100	59,700
Benefits/Payroll Taxes	189,042	187,275
Diocesan Assessment	136,157	148,000
Religious Education	45,310	48,500
Donations/Tithing	66,157	75,000
Liturgical Supplies	43,478	43,850
Music/Choir	63,213	69,000
Professional Fees	40,567	39,700
Utilities	105,101	108,000
OTHER:		
Insurance/Taxes	44,724	84,350
Social/Youth/Volunteer	24,289	41,000
Miscellaneous	20,796	16,200
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,578,941	\$1,724,075





Fiscal Year
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015
Capital Campaign Income \$153,535



## **PARISH GIVING**

#### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Our parish's pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal 2015:

Goal: \$105,000 Amount Pledged: \$109,971 Amount Collected: \$93,774

#### **DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS**

Saint Ann's share in the cost of operating our great Diocese of Trenton:

\$136,157

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Each year, we are asked to contribute to the Church's work in the United States and throughout the world through special collections.

Latin America		\$460
Black and Native American Collection		2,191
Holy Land Collection		2,476
Catholic University		3,156
U.S. Bishops' Overseas Relief Fund		3,088
Campaign for Human Development		2,388
Propagation of the Faith		2,672
Religious Retirement		5,224
Catholic Communications		2,355
U.S. Home Mission		2,528
Rice Bowl		6,231
Holy Father (Peter's Pence)		2,784
Saint Vincent de Paul		6,318
	TOTAL	\$41,871

#### **PARISH TITHING**

As a parish community, we take seriously our responsibility to share a generous amount of our treasure with those in need.

Our tithing program enables us to support many worthwhile and important causes:

LHS Project Graduation	300
Meals on Wheels	1,200
Focus on Haiti	1,000
Lawrence Road Fire Company	300
Every Child Valued, Inc.	400
Maryknoll Sisters San Andrés Parish	3,000
Mount Carmel Guild	1,940
Loaves and Fishes	2,146
Interfaith Caregivers of Mercer County	500
TASK	600
GEPNA	200
Womanspace	500
Sister Celeste Derr Foundation	4,000
Morning Star House of Prayer	200
Eric Csik	75
	TOTAL \$16,361

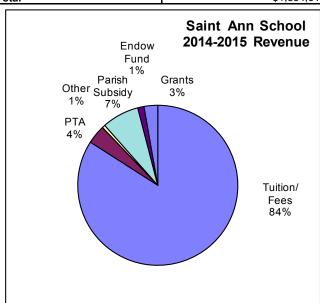
PARISH ORGANIZATION GIVING	
Saint Ann School	722
12:30 Mass Band (Coffee Houses)	3,906
Knights of Columbus	12,200
	TOTAL \$16,828
TOTAL PARISH GIVING	\$321,188

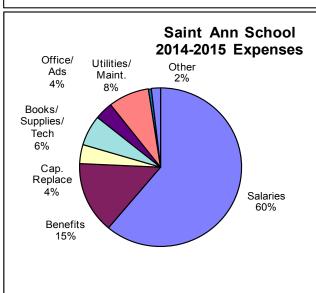
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## Financial Report for Saint Ann School

2014-201	5 Revenue	
Tuition/Fees	\$1,681,470	
PTA	75,992	
Other	12,149	
Parish Subsidy	150,000	
Endowment Fund	25,554	
Grants	55,184	
Total Income	\$2,000,349	
2014-2015 Expenses		
Salaries	\$1,132,735	
Benefits	271,775	
Capital Replacement	72,291	
Books/Supplies/Technology	115,426	
Office/Advertising	67,235	
Utilities/Maintenance	150,675	
Insurance	10,677	
Other	33,802	
Total	\$1,854,616	





## LOOK WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS YEAR!

#### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

~ repainted entire building interior ~ repaired parking lot ~ new carpet machine donated by PDS ~ installed LED lamps in all lights in FDC ~ foundation waterproofing ~ hooked up basement spring to outdoor faucets ~ replaced dimmers with switches ~ repaired lights in all second floor rooms ~ cleaned and organized basement ~ installed new shelves in basement ~ repaired light switches in Art Room ~ patched roof holes in Music Room ~ replaced ceiling tiles in Music room ~ concrete work ~ installed outlets in Library office~

#### CHURCH

~ replaced valve in heater Air handler ~ added shut off valve for Air Handler ~ new dimmer for church lights ~ replaced all loose receptacles ~ installed LED lights in spots ~ replaced lights in church ~ installed soffit over Saint Ann Icon ~ installed doorstop for handicapped door ~ installed new sign lighting on Route 206 ~ refaced window frames in front of church ~ trimmed trees ~ replaced dimmers in church with switches ~ concrete work ~

#### **PROPERTIES**

~ painted convent interior~ replaced carpet in convent ~ installed window A/C in convent ~ repaired roof on CASA (old Parish house) ~ rain garden Eagle Project ~ repaired chimney wall ~ new path to Rectory ~ replaced A/C coil in rectory ~

#### SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH

~ painted church interior ~ concrete work around perimeter ~ replaced carpet in church ~ removed stone wall that was falling down ~ removed old refrigerator ~ installed donated refrigerator ~

#### **SCHOOL**

~ new roof ~ painted 11 classrooms ~ removed old air handler from cafeteria ~ installed new masonry in cafeteria ~ new food service company ~ new portable classroom ~ new intercom expansion card ~ sanded, refinished, and painted gym floor ~ new outlet in server room ~ new LED lights in front of school ~ new LED lights in stairwells ~

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

~ transitioned to Connect Now for Parish/Diocesan database ~ roll out of My Own Church ~ rolled out Religious Education online registration ~

## **FISCAL REVIEW**

#### **OUTLOOK**

Our regular Sunday offering continues to be our primary source of income. It provides the fuel with which we run the parish. This year, our collections remained steady. Our Finance Committee will continue to work hard to manage our financial resources, and keep us within our budget. Identified givers (those who use envelopes or the automatic withdrawal program) are the largest contributors—they are 50% of our registered parishioners and they contribute approximately 85% of our weekly income. Becoming an identified giver provides a way for you to publically express your support of our parish. This year we are introducing FAITH DIRECT, the leading eGiving program for Catholic churches all across the country. Through FAITH DIRECT you can make all of your contributions to Saint Ann via automatic payment from your checking account or credit card-just as you do your mortgage and other household bills. You will receive a letter in the mail which will detail how to securely enroll online and take the worry out of Sunday mornings! If you have not become an identifiable giver, consider joining this growing number of supporters.

#### **OUR SAINT ANN SCHOOL**

Saint Ann School is one of our primary parish ministries. The Saint Ann School Financial Report can be found on page 5. Enrollment was 325. Saint Ann School is a **Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School**. The School Marketing Committee does a great job in presenting the good news of our school to the public, but word of mouth will always be the greatest encouragement for families to enroll their children. Visit our school; tell your family and friends and neighbors about this great treasure right in our own back yard. We are grateful to all who contribute to our school in many different ways: through volunteer service, gifts, PTA events, and especially those who have stepped forward to contribute to our CEL (Children's Education Lifeline - emergency assistance) PROGRAM. This program has allowed families who have met unexpected emergencies continue to keep their children in our school. Our parish Catholic Education Endowment Fund has enabled us to contribute \$30,000 in tuition assistance to students in need this past year.

#### **CHURCH OPERATION**

Through our **Building and Grounds Committee**, we continue to maintain and improve our six properties here in Lawrenceville, and the two properties at our Saint Michael Campus. Preventive maintenance is certainly the most cost effective way of keeping these properties in good working order. The LOOK WHAT WE HAVE DONE THIS YEAR! section of this report will help you see how we have been tending to immediate needs, as well as preventive maintenance. As we did last year, we will carefully monitor our income, so we can continue our preventive maintenance without straining our ordinary operating budget.

#### PARISH MINISTRIES

Our parish ministries are the ways we respond to our mission as a parish. The volunteers who serve in these wonderful and diverse ministries provide the backbone of what gets done. Each ministry requires support of both personnel and financial resources. Balancing this distribution is a challenging task made easier by your generosity in the Sunday collection.

#### **FAITH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

We continue to grow in our understanding of how to best use this great gift to better serve the community. The building requires continual care, maintenance, and updating. It is a source of great pride for our parish, and we need to continue to be good caretakers of this gift. Your financial support allows us to do this well.

#### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship is a great responsibility for all. It involves serious commitment to use well the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that are given so freely to our community. Each parishioner has a responsibility to be a good steward, and to examine their personal use of time, treasure, and talent carefully. October is the time we challenge all to reflect on their financial giving and consider giving a fair proportion of the gifts you have received. Regular examination is an important spiritual exercise in the life of a believer. Generosity in a time of financial challenge is countercultural, but it helps us move from our self-interest to focus on the common good. We rely heavily on the support that is given by ALL of our members. We ask those who are not financially contributing to the parish to prayerfully consider supporting the parish with their treasure.

#### **VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS**

The strength of our parish is dependent on the many disciples who give of their time and talents to help us accomplish our mission. They make the Church of Saint Ann the great community that it is, and all should be grateful for their generous service. This represents a tremendous savings to our parish. Not to mention this contribution in any financial report is to ignore a very significant aspect of our parish treasure. We are a volunteer-dependant parish and are most grateful for our many volunteer disciples who serve in the parish.

#### **MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

Each year in our Pastoral and Financial Report, we acknowledge financial gifts given to the parish in memory of deceased friends and loved ones. Not only does this represent a generous contribution to our financial picture, it also provides a great way for many people, who have given so generously of their time and talent to this parish during their life, to continue to assist this community even after death. We continue to count on their prayers and support.

#### **BEQUESTS**

Remembering The Church of Saint Ann in your Will is one very important way to contribute to the future growth and life of our parish. We have been blessed and have received a number of bequests in the past few years. The bequest from Mary and Peter Russo continues to assist our Adult Faith Formation Programs. The bequest from Josephine Spencer helps us in our Hospitality Ministry, and a recent bequest from the Oslovich Family will support the general work of the parish. We are grateful to those who make contributions to our Faith Development Center and those who remember deceased friends and loved ones with a contribution to the Faith Development Center. The corporate name for remembering Saint Ann in your Will is THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANN, LAWRENCEVILLE, NJ.

#### THE LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society is a group of committed individual donors that have taken steps to secure the future of our parish community through estate and other planned giving. Planned giving is a way that any parishioner can leave a sustained legacy to the parish and its mission. Please consider being a part of this group by simply letting us know your plans. You can contact us at the parish office. More information can be found at legacy@churchofsaintann.net.

#### MATCHING FUNDS

The parish is grateful to a number of parishioners who include The Church of Saint Ann or Saint Ann School in their employer's matching funds program. Each year we receive a significant amount of money from these employers. In the past, they have included Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Bank of America, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Merck, Morgan Stanley, Verizon, and CA Technologies.

## **MEMORIAL DONATIONS (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015)**

We are grateful for those who have made donations to our School, Church, and Faith Development Center as a way of remembering deceased loved ones.

#### RICHARD GUIDOTTI (July 12, 2014)

Angela DiMattia Roxanne P. Laurenti Amelia N. Massari

Don and Jeanne Shiarappa

#### DR. FRANCIS "Gerry" deBLOIS

(July 16, 2014)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bender Mr. and Mrs. Donald deBlois Leo Donald deBlois Ernest G. Gallant The Hart Family Joanne Miller

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boyer Royal Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wszolek

#### JOHN W. "Jack" DONOVAN (July 18, 2014)

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Burrows Charlotte Choi Mrs. Susan Donovan

Mr. Joseph J. Doria, Sr.

JoAnna Jenkins

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Johnson Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Keohane

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kern Joseph and Jane Kupin Bernadine K. Olear

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reynics Nancy Scott and Michael Cobb Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Zukowski

#### MARION CONNELL (October 13, 2014)

Dorothy R. Albert
Carol and Barry Belt
Debra and Joseph Connors
Victoria C. Dovie
The David Estey Family
Larry and Janet Gresh
Michael and Patrice Hennessy
Mary Introcaso
Dorothy Juall
Gerard and Jeanette O'Keefe
Mr. Hank Pierre
Ms. Susan L. Porcella

#### CATHERINE SIELSKI (Nov.10, 2014)

Pamela J. Vaccaro

Mrs. Blanche Forker
Eileen Hicks
Marilyn and Richard Roman
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ruth
Reba M. Stout
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zoladz

#### WILLIAM STILWELL (Nov.14, 2014)

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cammiso Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dressel and

Jean Inverso

#### **ELIZABETH "Betsy" ANN ROSSI**

(Jan. 2, 2015)

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Albanese Dr. and Mrs. William Kressler Patricia Marino Patrick and Mika Ryan The Rossi Family

#### SALVATORE H. NOTO (Feb. 21, 2015)

Mr. and Mrs. Brian E. Bossman Eileen Bradley

Dr. and Mrs. Gary F. Dardas William and Terese Fowler

Joyce B. Fugill

Thomas and Joyce Garsky

Eileen E. Hicks Kristin R. Knight

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald E. Kraemer Michele Krywy and MaryAnne

Kondash Judith Midura

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Murphy Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Pezzola Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pothier Mr. William Quackenboss, Sr.

Elaine M. Rafferty

Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Shiarappa

#### **PASQUALE "Pat" ADESSO**

(Mar.10, 2015) Anthony and Melinda Addesa, Jr. Chris and Maria Binder James Bowman Mr. and Mrs. Steven Czigler The Donnell Family Maria Eshewsky Donald and Beverly Frounfelker Mr. Rolf M. Idland International Biscuits and Confections Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kraemer Helen Modzelewski Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mountford Lynda Mountford Terri and Dana Neuman Premio Foods, Inc. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Puhalski Jeff and Doreen Robidoux

#### CHESTER J. ANDRES (Mar.18, 2015)

The Staff at Dutch Neck School

Peter and Deborah Yacyk, Jr.

Dorothy L. Andres Margaret Rueda

Marie Slowikowski

Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Jeanne Weber

#### JOSEPH D. MISLAN (April 5, 2015)

William and Maryann Beitel

Mr. John Bogdan Carol M. Bozarth Mrs. Robert Crozer

Jean M. Kearney Margaret C. Kreger

Mrs. Carol Mislan Bebe C. Petito

H. L. Boyer and Louise Royal Ethel S. Taylor

#### MARGARET "Peg" NADLER

(May 23, 2015)

Marie and Sam Chidiac
David and Linda Coleman

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis G. Daugherty Dela-Chen BOCES Teacher's Assoc.

Meredith Deupree

Paul and Sandy Felsen

Linda Lynch and Dan Flaherty Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hodge

Kathryn W. Lamb

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lashutka

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lerner

James and Robin McGuire

Mary Jane Penfield

Karen Tuccillo and Michael Minch Louisa and Ray Zimmermann

#### PAUL RULKIEWICZ (May 25, 2015)

Linda L. Brown
Gregory and Ginger Brown
Christopher Sowa
Christopher and Jennifer Sowa
Richard and Cindy Strup

#### JOHN WEISER (June 1, 2015)

JoAnne Bray

Mr. and Mrs. Romi Buerano

Mr. Walter Caulfield Lorraine Colavita

Irene Cottone

ilelie Collone

Mr. and Mrs. John Cromwell

Carolyn Deodato

Janet A. Gresh

Dr. Chester and Eileen Kulak Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, #3087

Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, #655

Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Romanello Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rossi Sandy and Judith Smith Pauline and Robert Toth Michael and Patricia Tully Mr. and Mrs. Pete Wojnarski <u>VIRGINIA LIWACZ</u> (June 16, 2015) Amy and Robert Campbell, Jr. Ms. Irene Wolff

ROBERT TOTH, SR. (June 25, 2015)

Edith S. Cartlidge
Lisa and Paul Campbell and Family
Laura De Chico and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Holder
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Massaro

#### **Marion Morreale Deutscher**

(June 28, 2015)
East Brunswick Senior Care, LLC
Rita Scozzari and Family

#### INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

#### **PATRICIA and JULIUS OSOWICK**

The Osowick Family

<u>CLAIRE ZIMMER</u> (March 16, 2014) Joseph and Jill Mooney and Family

**KATHLEEN RENZ** (April 3, 2014)

Maureen Dorney Marilyn Konicky

#### **JUDITH MULLIN SKEFFINGTON**

(May 23, 2014) Donald Skeffington

<u>VINCENT GAROFALO</u> (Aug.11, 2014) Carolyn Deodato

<u>VIRGINIA TUREK</u> (August 24, 2014) Buxton's Boxes Self-Storage

BRUCE BENNETT (Sept.15, 2014)
Capital Health

<u>WILMA ZUDNAK</u> (October 24, 2014) Morris Hall/St. Lawrence Service Board

EDITH R. KALTOVICH (Nov. 28, 2014) Gwendolyn Jones

EDWARD J. LAIRD, SR. (Dec.13, 2014) LTK Engineering Services

#### **VINCENT "Jimmy" BOSSIO**

(Jan. 8, 2015) Elaine and Bill Hogan

MICHAEL AYTCH (February 4, 2015)
Alma Avtch

JOSEPHINE KING (February 15, 2015) John and Gail King

#### **GRACE R. BOLGE**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Petito

#### IN HONOR OF

Dorothy L. Andres

"AND GOD IS ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH EVERY BLESSING IN ABUNDANCE, SO THAT YOU MAY SHARE IN EVERY GOOD WORK."

-SAINT PAUL (2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-8)

#### WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?

Stewardship is a way of living each day in gratitude for all of God's blessings and gifts. We do not own these. We are here to use our gifts to do God's work, for we live on God's time and in God's world. As grateful people, we can cherish and responsibly use our gifts, sharing them in love with others. We can do this by giving generously of our time, talent, and treasure. Time and talent can be shared through your active participation in one or more of the various ministries and activities here in the parish. Treasure can be shared by making a conscious effort to make financial gifts to God and toward the mission of the Church.

### FOUR WAYS OF LIVING AS A FAITHFUL STEWARD

THANKING—Cultivating A Grateful Heart, Giving Praise and Worship to God. Did you know that each of us has an essential role in the Mass and sacramental celebrations? Coming together for prayer, especially the Eucharist, is our common way to praise and thank God, placing God at the center of our lives.

**INVITING—Welcoming and Renewing in Faith.** Imagine walking into someone's house and feeling no sense of welcome. It is important that we warmly welcome those who come to us as guests or new parishioners, as a sign of Christ's love, and of our joy that they are with us.

**SERVING—Within and Beyond our Parish.** "What Jesus teaches us, first of all, is to reach out to each other, and in reaching out, helping one another," (Pope Francis). When we serve within our parish, and in the community, we recognize Christ's presence with and around us, and we are strengthened to serve others and offer God's love.

**GIVING—Offering our Financial Resources to Further our Parish's Mission.** Returning a portion of our income to God can further our trust in God and free us from viewing our lives in terms of money and possessions. As Jesus said, "Wherever your treasure is, there will your heart be." Your financial gifts enable us to serve the mission of the church. "Your regular contribution is the fuel that keeps us going...the more fuel, efficiently managed, the bigger, the brighter, the stronger the fire."

The complete Annual Parish Financial Report, as submitted to the Diocese, is available in the parish office for review.