



the parish of our lady of perpetual help

BERNARDSDVILLE'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SINCE 1898

Dear OLPH parish family,

We had a very successful capital campaign due to the generosity of our dedicated parishioners and school families. Over 245 donors contributed \$2.1M. These funds will allow us to address maintenance, repairs and upgrades that have been put aside year after year. The gifts received above our goal will provide the means to make improvements in areas not initially presented such as pew cleaning, replacing outdated AEDs and trimming trees. We had a tremendous amount of work done this past summer and fall and we are in the process of reassessing priorities to continue efforts in 2023. Looking forward, we have a focused plan to address the upkeep of the parish properties utilizing these donations. This will be executed with transparency and continued communication with you, our parish family. We welcome your input and support through this process.

The numbers presented in the report do not include capital campaign gifts or expenditures to provide comparable financials. As of 11/27/2022, we have received \$1,240,717 of the pledged gifts and paid \$714,197 for work completed.

Last year, OLPH leadership and staff exercised caution and conservative spending to ensure operations were managed without running into a deficit. The campaign gifts will allow us to play catch up, but the financial concerns will remain. In addition to addressing long overdue projects, inflation, rising costs and the need to keep technology up to date will make balancing spending with income a continuing challenge.

OLPH is committed to providing instruction for those who wish to have their children educated in a Catholic school. In 1916, James Cox Brady donated \$100,000 to build the school and Saint Elizabeth's Convent. He set up a perpetual endowment fund to offset future maintenance costs and we continue to benefit from his generosity today. However, from the school's founding, it was established that our church would provide financial support for its operation. The School of Saint Elizabeth continues to be a top choice for families who desire a traditional learning environment based on academic excellence, student well-being and a commitment to service and Catholic values. With the support of our parishioners and benefactors, last year 180 children were enrolled at St. E's. Our Religious Education program educated over 250 students. With the dedication of our school and parish staff, I am proud that our parish community has continued to grow and flourish. In the past year, 50 children celebrated their First Holy Communion and 57 were confirmed in our parish. We welcomed 47 baptized and celebrated 27 weddings.

Holy Cross Cemetery is also part of our mission and continues to operate in a fiscally responsible manner. We strive to provide our loved ones with a well-maintained resting place on blessed grounds at a reasonable cost. From July 2021 to June 2022, we celebrated 16 memorials and funeral masses and laid to rest 101 faithful in our cemetery.

Through the unwavering support provided to our charitable assistance program, over \$40,000 was donated and distributed to neighbors in urgent need with such necessities as rent, utility, and medical expenses. Many thanks for your generosity.

In closing, as responsible stewards of the OLPH Parish, the Finance Council and staff have maintained controlled spending while managing our properties and providing the ministries and the services needed by our parishioners. I want to truly thank you for your past generosity and your future support. May God bless you and all that you do for our parish community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

In Christ,

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FISCAL YEAR July 1 - JUNE 30		2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Church Revenue	Weekend Collections	722,801	769,817	699,259
	Christmas/Easter/Holy Days	166,379	168,917	163,442
	Gifts/Donations/Bequests	12,944	42,476	34,645
	Flowers/Sacramental Offerings	23,554	20,656	12,957
	Religious Education	42,794	37,380	40,085
	Diocesan Collection/Nat'l Mission Appeals	46,418	42,999	38,581
	Rentals/Investments/Bulletins (2022 includes Portico Insurance settlement)	36,128	11,878	3,200
	Total	1,051,019	1,094,123	992,169
School Revenue	Tuition & Fees	1,227,788	1,082,080	916,014
	Fundraising	112,831	128,008	98,283
	Endowment	89,038	89,038	104,016
	Donations	55,130	87,968	38,606
	Diocesan/Outside Parish Subsidy & Grants	71,250	73,573	76,113
	Student Activities	29,970	38,046	32,129
	Rental income	10,000	15,750	0
	Total	1,596,007	1,514,463	1,265,161
Church Expenses	Religious/Lay Salaries & Benefits	383,779	350,424	351,238
	Office & Administrative	56,454	77,969	72,953
	Liturgical & Music Ministry	94,588	90,900	104,397
	Religious Ed/Youth Ministry/Bible Camp	124,581	122,238	133,227
	Other Ministry (Fellowship, Retreats, Hispanic)	2,390	3,295	6,310
	Diocesan Collection Payments	46,418	42,999	38,581
	Assessment	108,100	96,600	99,000
	Maintenance/Insurance/EDA	86,887	121,809	86,768
	Utilities	47,358	36,035	35,084
	Total	950,555	942,269	927,558
School Expenses	Salaries & Benefits	1,125,260	1,099,639	1,242,061
	Office, Professional Services & Marketing	75,183	69,386	64,890
	Instruction/Prof Dev/Student Activities	88,826	95,098	89,981
	Maintenance/Repairs/Insurance/EDA	296,721	266,716	232,908
	Utilities	105,604	89,870	70,315
	Total	1,691,594	1,620,709	1,700,155
Church Revenue	1,051,019	1,094,123	992,169	
Church Expenses	(950,555)	(942,269)	(927,558)	
revenue over expenses	100,464	151,854	64,611	
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School Expenses	(1,691,594)	(1,620,709)	(1,700,155)	
revenue under expenses	(95,587)	(106,246)	(434,994)	
NET	4,877	45,608	(370,383)	