

THE GOODNEWSLETTER

A NEWSLETTER FOR MEMBERS OF ST. ANN, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND ST. PATRICK PARISHES

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A Message From the Pastor

We're ready to party . . . are you?

Yes, the "table" will be set, the candles will be lit, the music will be all ready . . . and all we need is YOU and your family (and guests!) to join us for the greatest birthday party of the Church year. . . the Birth of Christ at Christmas!

This issue of The Goodnewsletter is our Christmas issue and I know you will join us for the party of parties" at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses as we celebrate the holiest night of the year. This year there will be six different Masses to choose from in our three communities of Lenox, Lenox Dale and West Stockbridge. You can see the times and locations below, and on page 13 inside this newsletter.

Monsignor John Bonzagni will once again celebrate the Lenox Dale liturgies on Christmas Eve and we are so grateful to him for his priestly ministry. St. Patrick Church will "experiment" this year with a Christmas Eve Mass at 6 p.m. and we hope that many people will find that time convenient. All are welcome at any of our Christmas liturgies!

So again, the altars in our churches will be beautifully decorated, the candles will glow quietly and that timeless Christmas music we all love to sing will be echoing through the churches of St. Ann, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick. We will come together as Christian Catholics to celebrate the Incarnation – the birth – of Jesus The Christ into our world. We will hear age old readings from the Old and New Testaments and then from the Gospel of Luke we will hear those immortal words. . . "In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus. . ."

Yes, it's Christmas here in The Berkshires and I invite you to join us in deep prayer and joyful celebration as we lift our hearts, our voices and our souls to Almighty God in prayerful celebration of Christ's Birth.

We're ready to party . . . JOIN US and Merry Christmas!

-Fr. C.J.

Christmas Mass times and locations:

Christmas Eve

4 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Lenox

4 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Lenox Dale

6 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Lenox Dale

6 p.m. at St. Patrick Church, West Stockbridge

10 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Lenox

Christmas Day

10 a.m. at St. Ann Church, Lenox

Editor's Note
by Deb Kuni

Merry Christmas! In this issue of the Goodnewsletter, you will find a little bit of everything.

Our CCD programs are thriving; St. Ann's Community Outreach and Spiritual Life Commissions are active and full of community connections. It is always wonderful to hear that our Christmas Shoe Box project was another success. Without the support of our parishioners and our community at large, we couldn't reach out to so many people in need. It takes so little to fill one of the shoe boxes, and people are so creative with their gifts, I just know that they have made all the difference on Christmas morning around the world.

St. Ann's finance council is busy as ever making sure our parish finances are in order, strong and growing. They also make sure our property is in good repair. We couldn't be the thriving parish community we are without their guidance and dedication.

There is a lovely article from the nephew of Anna Mae Johnson. Many of our parishioners will remember the Johnson family and sweet Anna Mae. It is fun to look back on a bit of Lenox history.

There are many different Masses to select from this Christmas. Father C.J. works very hard to make each one special and memorable. We hope that you and your family take the time to enjoy the season and are reminded of all your blessings.

THE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

by Carol & Mary Anne Kirby

As many of you already know "Circle of Friends" is a group of caring St. Ann parishioners who assist at funeral receptions when the family of a parishioner has requested the use of the family center for a reception after a funeral.

We continue to have new members join our group. Everyone joins for a different reason. Some of the members we have spoken with are joining because they have gone through the loss of a loved one and they know how difficult it is and they want to help other families. There have been times when parishioners have called and said they know the grieving family very well and they would like to help with the funeral reception. Because the reception is so meaningful they continue to stay and become members of the group and help with funeral receptions for other parishioners.

Recently we had a very rewarding experience. After assisting at a funeral reception, one of the immediate family members of the parishioner that passed away, asked if they could join the Circle of Friends. They knew how much their family had appreciated the support of the members of the group.

Both the men and woman members of our group agree it is a very rewarding experience to assist the families at a funeral reception.

We have increased the number of volunteers in the group so each member will not have to assist at every funeral reception.

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If you are interested in joining "Circle of Friends" please contact parish council community outreach commission members Mary Anne Kirby or Carol Kirby at 637-2188.

If you have any questions please let us know. We have found this ministry very rewarding and we hope you will too.



Sharing Young Talent With the Community

By Ron Ramsay

My musical journey began in the church. I was mentored by many local music teachers and directors here in the Berkshire. I was able to play and sing in churches of many different denominations; participate in many of the community and professional productions, hence, meeting many wonderful people from many different backgrounds. A goal of mine, when returning to the Berkshires from busy NYC, was to pay it forward.

I have the honor of working with many of the youth of St Ann's one-on-one, some with individual lessons, the 2 summer camps and of course the 9:45 a.m. Youth Ensemble. Here are a few examples of how the young talents of St Ann Church are sharing their talents with the community. Many of the youth participated again at Grandparents Sunday at the Shrine of Devine Mercy. Maxime Leger, Hannah Morley, Lelia Gillespie and Allyssa Morley were the guest artists in my show at the Whitney Art Center on Sept 20th and were a smashing success. Every member of the youth choir had a solo in the 3rd Annual St Ann Music Benefit in October. A first breakout performance such as Jenny Collins and Lillian Colvin's first solos. They were great! I watch each of the youth grow on a weekly basis, learning real skills and tools to enhance their musical talents. Believe me when I say "They are like sponges!" Many of the kids are in several productions and concerts around the county, too many to list! Enriching our lives with their God-given talents. I must mention we are always having a great time in our rehearsals. Especially when there is food! In January we are going to celebrate our program with a much anticipated "Taco Night!"

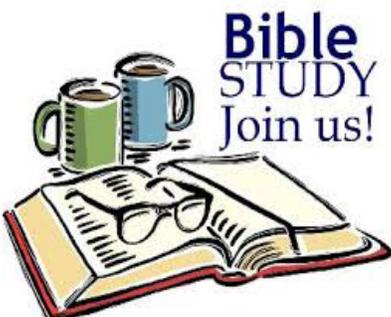
This Christmas Eve at the 4 p.m. Mass we once again will be singing some familiar favorites and quite a few new lively pieces. We also thank, ahead of time, Michael & Meghan Gillespie for organizing and directing the debut of the St Ann Orchestra at that Mass!

The Christmas Eve 10 p.m. Mass with the St Ann Adult Ensemble will once again be an extraordinary array of music and singers. The Ensemble begins at 9:30 p.m. with a mini-concert of beautiful Christmas music; a mix of particularly precious and very lively music. Joining us as guest artist from the community are Samantha Talora, Joe Sicotte and Amber Narramore. All sensational singers. If you are coming to the 10 p.m. Mass please make sure to arrive for the music at 9:30. Last year the Mass was very well attended.

Looking forward to more memories at St Ann Church.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Winter Bible Study



Deacon Dan will continue his Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark this winter. Originally he had planned to hold class on Wednesday evenings but due to scheduling conflicts, this class will now be shifted to Thursday evenings. If you are planning to attend, please phone the rectory office to register, 637-0157. Weekly classes will begin on Thursday, Jan. 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in St. Ann's Family Center and run for 14 weeks.

A Reflection on Anna Mae Johnson and Family

by David Burke

When I was a young boy, in the 1950's, living in Northampton, my parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Burke (Joe was Anna Mae's brother) would send me to their home on Church Street in Lenox to stay with them for a visit during the summer.

The focus of these summer visits for me was trailing around after my Uncle Johnny as he operated his plumbing business, John W. Johnson and Sons, with his brothers (his brother, Monsignor Joseph Johnson, took another career path!). It had been in their family for years. The "shop" was located behind their modest home there on Church Street, which now serves as a cluster of retail businesses. The shop was big, occupying the two-story building. At one end was a garage that housed numerous plumbing trucks. On the lower floor, a large freight platform could be elevated by pulley and rope to the second floor to carry and store plumbing parts and equipment. A sheet metal shop was located in the lower rear floor where duct work was shaped, and an office in the front was where Anna Mae would communicate with customers and do the bookkeeping for the business. In the basement was a kind of informal shooting range, which I never observed in use. Spring was always a very busy time for Johnny since he was responsible for getting the plumbing up and running for Tanglewood and for the many summer homes of wealthy New Yorkers.

The Johnson house on Church Street, now converted to a retail store, was their home. The three of them lived on the first floor which had a bath, two bedrooms, a kitchen and double living rooms. The second floor was an apartment, rented to a family with whom we still correspond.

Just as the focus of Anna Mae and Johnny's working life was their plumbing business, the focus of their spiritual life was St. Ann's Church. Anna Mae would make over 500 Baptismal gowns for infants receiving the Sacrament and assisted in many other ways. For many years, Anna Mae and Johnny would drive to Brightside (an orphanage in Holyoke) at Christmas time with a car FULL of gifts for the children.

Anna Mae also worked as a telephone operator at Cranwell.

Perhaps the greatest source of joy for them was their beautiful daughter Patricia, their only child. "Pat" had a magnificent doll collection in her bedroom on shelves which Johnny built. The collection included dolls from all over the world. She attended Our Lady of the Elms College and, upon graduation, became a medical laboratory technician, working in Pittsfield at St. Luke's Hospital after her graduation. Later she married Bill Garrity and became a mother.

I appreciate the role St. Ann's played in the Johnson's lives where they attended Mass.

I recall Pat's marriage, then later holding her infant daughter Maureen as Godfather at her Baptism, and subsequently attending Maureen's marriage, all at St Ann's. Pat was tragically killed in a car accident as a young woman. After Pat's untimely death, leaving husband Bill Garrity and her two young daughters, Maureen and Colleen (who were 6 and 4 years of age at the time), Anna Mae and Johnny raised the girls on West Street while their father traveled as a salesman. After Johnny died, Pat's daughter Colleen would also die in a car accident as a young mother, just as her mother had, and her funeral was conducted at St. Ann's. Anna Mae went to Heaven when she was 104 and 1/2 years old - and we again prayed at St. Ann's where today this beautiful family lies in repose together in St. Ann's Cemetery.

St. Ann's Church was surely the source of God's spiritual blessings and strength for the Johnson's and remains today a haven for so many souls in Lenox.

SACRAMENTAL SERIES – PART 1

Deacon Dan Romanello, KM

Baptism - “The Door of the Church”

Baptism is a sacrament of initiation that brings a person into a direct, abiding relationship with Christ. Roman Catholics often refer to it as the “Door of the Church” because it represents the first step in a life-long journey of faith. And for *all* Christians, Baptism is the defining moment that reflects a deep union with Jesus.

A sacrament is an outward, visible sign of inward grace instituted by Jesus. By the carrying out of a sacramental rite, grace is conferred upon the soul of the person who receives the sacrament. Baptism is the first of seven Roman Catholic sacraments - the other six consist of First Communion (Eucharist), Confirmation (Chrismation), Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders and Anointing of the Sick.

The word Baptism is derived from the Greek word *baptizo* – “to wash or to immerse,” thereby signifying that washing is the essential element of the sacrament. Through this ritual, Christ forgives and cleanses us of original sin; opens the gates of heaven for us; welcomes us into his universal Church; and adopts us as sons and daughters of God.

Baptism therefore is a joyous event in which the baptized person joins a vast, uninterrupted fellowship of believers that stretches back more than 2,000 years to the Lord Jesus and his earliest followers. Through the living waters of Baptism, the one baptized is empowered by the Holy Spirit to believe, hope, and, above all, to love.

Baptism occurs only once in the life of a Christian. It is the beginning of a pilgrimage that leads to an everlasting life with God; the inauguration of a Christian life; and the gateway to eternal life.

The key ritual elements of Baptism include:

Water

Water is a symbol of both life and death. When we are baptized into the death of Jesus, we die with Him on the Holy Cross of Salvation. When Jesus dies, so does all sin and death.

Our baptism doesn’t end in death, however, but rather continues with life. As Jesus is raised from the dead by the Father and given new life, so too are we given new life through the waters of baptism - we are raised to life in Jesus Christ. The waters of Baptism wash away original sin and make us a new creation in Christ.

White Garment

After having been claimed for Christ through the water of life, we are clothed in a white garment. This white garment is an outward sign of our Christian dignity. Once we have put on Christ, we are to always walk as His followers.

Oil of the Catechumens

This oil strengthens the one being baptized to turn away from evil, temptation and sin. The catechumen (the person prepared for baptism) is anointed as a symbol of being the heir of the Kingdom of God just as kings and queens were anointed at coronations. The one to be baptized thus is empowered for their Christian life as prophets anointed for this ministry. In the Roman Catholic Church, the Oil of the Catechumens is specially blessed by a bishop or a priest along with Chrism and Oil of the Sick at the Mass of Chrism which takes place on Holy Thursday.

Chrism

Chrism is a balsam-perfumed olive oil consecrated by the bishop during Holy Week. This oil is used to anoint the crown of the head of the person being baptized. In ancient times, men and women were anointed to be proclaimers of God’s message to the world. We are anointed to bring the good news to others by the way that we live our lives – consecrated to be Priest, Prophet and King just as Christ was thousands of years ago.

Baptism continued on page 8

BLACK MADONNAS



OUR LADY OF LORETO & OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

The Christmas season brings thoughts of family, our own and that of the Holy Family; the human experiences that we have in common, the expectancy of a first birth, the journey and the hardships we endure along the way, celebration of a new life and the promise and uncertainty that will unfold. We wonder are we similar in any other ways. Did they look like us? Different generations and cultures have depicted historical figures according to the appearances of the population they are surrounded by. Of intrigue, is the existence of about 500 titled dark skinned Madonnas; with very few exceptions, the Christ child is also black. Is it because the Holy Family's origins are from a desert area and the artist who created the image assumed they were dark skinned? They are never grouped with a black or white Joseph.

Black Madonnas made their appearance in the 12th – 15th century Medieval art mainly in Catholic countries and were seen to be true to life as the darkened skin was attributed to have been copied from three original drawings by St. Luke. These drawings are now located in Rome, Bologna and Loreto, Italy and exhibit the Virgin with a brown complexion. It was not until the 18th century that the veracity of the dark skin came into question; coinciding with desegregation, slavery and racism raising its ugly head world wide.

These Madonnas exist in 29 countries under different titles. Europe claims the most. France claims 35 (180 acc. to one source), Germany 18 and Italy 12. They also exist in South America, the Philippines, Africa and Asia. Ironically the most well known, Our Lady of Czestochowa, is the only one claimed by Poland. Other well known titles include Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico, Our Lady of Loreto in Italy, Our Lady of Bistrica Queen of Croatia and Our Lady of Miracles in France.

The depiction of the Black Virgin exists either as a statue or in paintings; they are located mostly in churches and shrines and sometimes in museums. A few are associated with miracles. The statues are mostly wooden, some stone. Most are painted. They are either free standing or seated on thrones. The pictures are mainly Byzantine in style.

Researchers have designated 3 categories as explanation for the dark colorations: 1. They were intentionally made to reflect the indigenous skin population of the location where they were created. 2. They have turned black as a result of fire, smoke from votive candles, lead based pigments in the paint, dirt and grime. 3. There is no explanation.

In the 2nd category where statues were rescued from burnt churches, some were cleaned only to return back to their black color. Some have been painted over and whitened. In some cases only the figures of the Madonna and child blackened with time but the remainder of the same painting did not. Interestingly, when paintings that were damaged by fire were restored, the artists preserved the darkness of the skin indicating it had been that way before the fire. Later, modern tests did not show smoke damage to be the cause of the darkening. The Madonna of Tindari, Sicily which predates the 8th century, bears a Latin inscription, "I am black".

If Mary is black merely due to artistic expression, this, too has explanation. In Aramaic, Jesus' native tongue, black means sorrowful. Pagans used black as a sign of fertility as agrarian cultures recognized that black earth produced the most fruit. In the Maronite Liturgy, "Mary's womb received me like good earth..." From the Song of Solomon, "I am black, but comely, o ye daughters of Jerusalem..."

Darkness is associated with negative impressions, impurity, racism, etc. but the Madonna's darkness is portrayed with majesty, power, love and strength. These images have endured at least from the 8th century; her shrines continue to attract all cultures and ethnicities in great numbers. She is the Mother of us all.

St. Ann's Parish Nurse

Dianne Romeo



2014 is quickly coming to an end and as 2015 approaches most of us find a few moments to reflect back on the year before, making New Year's resolutions.

Every year I think of a few good intentions but find it impossible to follow through on some of them. It's a never ending circle that I chalk up to human nature.

So, if in 2015 some of your resolutions include getting out and meeting new people, exercising your body or challenging your mind please look over some of the programs that St. Ann offers. (If transportation is a problem please give me a call.)

1. Tuesday mornings walk through town.
2. First Tuesday of the month, Woman's Dinner.
3. Wednesday evening Italian Conversation classes. Jan. 7, through April 29.
4. Friday morning stretch and yoga-like exercise from 9 to 10 a.m.
5. Friday afternoon game day, 1:30 p.m. Jan. 23 through March 27.
6. Berkshire County Parish Nurse Lecture Series: February 10th at 7 p.m. St. Ann hosts Dr. M. Pettus, who will speak on Epigenetics.

Remember that if you need to check your blood pressure I am available whenever you need.

Many blessings to you and your family this Christmas!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This was a banner year for Operation Christmas Child. A grand total of 208 shoeboxes were packed and delivered to the relay center for shipment to over 100 countries with needy and poverty-stricken children, including the U.S.A. The success of this project was made possible not only by the contributions of St. Ann, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Patrick parishioners, but, also by the support and generous donations of our Lenox townspeople. It truly represented an ecumenical effort with tremendous community spirit involved.

Hearts should feel warmed with the thought of a smiling child's face holding a shoebox on Christmas Day.

Thank You -- Thank You!!

-Lorita Bosworth and Joanne Lane



Candle

The Light of Christ is passed on to us in the form of a lit candle ignited from the Paschal Candle that was blessed at the last Easter Vigil. We are called to be the light of Christ in the world and asked by the Church to always keep this precious light burning brightly.

In conclusion, Baptism was instituted by Jesus to confer upon mankind the very beginnings of the spiritual life - to completely transform us from enemies of God to His adopted, beloved sons and daughters.

Through the grace conferred by this sacrament, we are born again of water and the Holy Spirit. Each of us receives a new and spiritual life, and a place as true heirs to His kingdom. Baptism imparts the theological virtues (faith, hope, and charity); the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord); and marks the baptized person with an indelible spiritual seal of character that indicates a permanent belonging to Christ.

ST. ANN & ST. VINCENT DE PAUL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

We began the year with our new time for Second Grade and moving our classes for 5th-10th to the Family Center. All seems to meet the approval of the students, parents, and teachers.

We have two new teachers this year, Mrs. Susan Love for First Grade and Mrs. Marilyn Nejaime for Kindergarten. Fr. C.J. is teaching our Confirmation classes.

Fourteen 11th Grade students were confirmed at St. Joseph Church in Pittsfield on October 19th. Joining the two churches led to a larger and joyous celebration. All families were invited to a reception in the St. Joseph Parish Center following the confirmation.

Kindergarten meets the first Sunday of each month in the Family Center during the 9:45 Mass. It is wonderful to see the First Communion Class and the First Grade Class attending Mass with their teacher or families.

Our New Spirit Retreat was held on Oct. 29th for our middle school students. As usual, they had a great experience. Barry was overjoyed at our students' enthusiasm and politeness.

The 3rd- 4th Grades participated in a Saint project for All Saint's Day. Each student drew a picture of their name Saint and two students received prizes for dressing up as their Saint for Mass. The pictures are displayed on the prayer railing in the Church.

We are praying for our deceased friends and family members every Monday in November. Mt. Carmel Care Center has asked us for Thanksgiving cards for their residents. The cards are thoughtful as well as festive.

All classes participated in PROJECT CHRISTMAS CHILD. We pray that we are even more successful than last year.

Our 5th- 10th grade students are cleaning and getting our Church ready for Christmas on December 7th. We hope all parents and students join us in this holiday tradition. There will be a pizza dinner for all those attending.

Peace,

Joan Davis

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Good Samaritan Anagram



beghinor _____

ejnoruy _____

bbeorry _____

deginor _____

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deehlp _____

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St. Ann Financial Update for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014

Mike Wilser, Finance Council Chair

As is customary, the summarized financial results for St. Ann are shown in the chart on the next page, with the previous five years included to show historical trends. For those wishing to skip the vision test, however, here are the highlights:

- Fiscal Year 2014 was an especially noteworthy one for St. Ann's, since it began with the very successful Summer Festival that raised \$49k in July 2013, thanks to your generous participation. This in turn allowed us to fully retire the Knights of Columbus loan and also undertake the \$33k reconstruction of the stone arch over the main doorway.
- The income we rely on to pay our normal operating expenses was up by about \$14k or 4%. Half of the increase was in regular weekly collections, rising an average \$146 per weekend. The remainder was due to fund raising concerts by the St. Ann Ensemble to pay for the choir sound system, as well as from statue sales and donations to offset the cost of the successful three-day Lenten mission led by Vinny Flynn in March. **Thank you!** Every dollar of your support in parish activities makes a difference!
- Our normal operating expenses increased by about \$15k. Some of this reflects the increased financial commitment we have made to our vibrant music ministry under the leadership of Ron Ramsay. Another element was the \$3k expense of the Lenten mission. The remainder was due to last winter's higher utility and snow removal costs.
- Thanks to your contributions, we were also able to make several minor improvements, such as the improved dual microphones on the pulpit, the handrail on the altar steps, and a new light post (soon to be installed) at the foot of the St. Ann's Ave. stairs.
- A few other points are worth noting in brief: Repairs and Maintenance were lower than normal since we deferred \$10k in planned masonry repointing on the church; we will see this in FY2015. The \$22k in Miscellaneous expenses looks much higher than normal, but this includes nearly \$17k in expenses for the Summer Festival; prior years had not included these expenses. Finally, the \$13 shown in Loan Interest should be a cause for celebration, since it reflects our being debt-free for the first time since construction of the Family Center, heating system replacement, and bell tower renovation were all undertaken!

As I write this, we are five months into FY2015. Income is slightly ahead of plan, and expenses are slightly lower than plan. We hope to complete a number of significant repairs and improvements to our facilities this year, including the church masonry repointing, repair of the rectory side and rear steps, repainting of both sacristies, new doors to the confessional and the choir loft, and possibly a refurbished floor for the choir loft.

On behalf of the Finance Council (Clyde Decorie, Matt Farkas, David Keator, Pam Mackie, Michelle Maggio, Suzanne Malkin, Jim Tremblay and Fr. C. J.) thank you for your continued financial support of our parish.

Did You Know...?

When placing a donation into the collection basket, it's important to include your first and last name and address on the envelope. This is important because there are many families with the same last name and if you only include your family's last name, we do not have any way of knowing which of these families your donation belongs to. There are also instances where there are multiple parishioners with the same first and last name - or initial - again, we have no way of knowing who the donation belongs to, unless we have an address to compare it to.

So please give us your first and last name and the street you live on. It will make our job easier and your annual contribution statement more accurate! Thank you!

St. Ann Parish

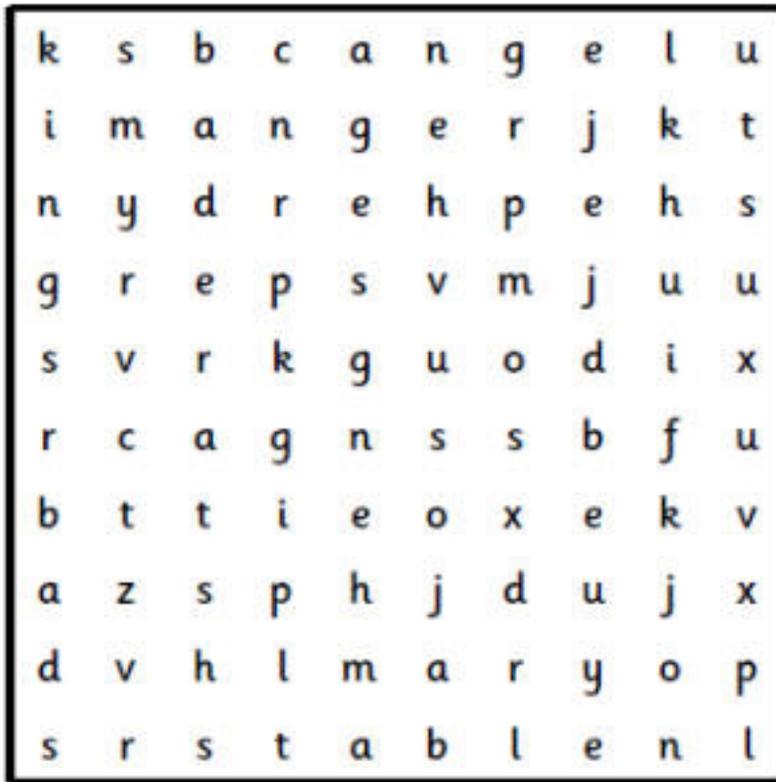
Actuals Summarized FY2009-FY2014

<u>Income</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2009</u>
Weekly Collections and Donations	\$315,063	\$308,064	\$308,811	\$308,101	\$293,938	\$307,023
Interest on Savings	4,871	3,254	5,315	7,664	7,794	7,849
Pooled Fund Gains/(Loss)	21,271	2,180	469	-951	-1,928	-33,835
50/50 Raffle	0	0	198	1,697	5,330	2,820
Candles	5,537	5,533	5,125	5,364	5,597	3,845
Bulletin / Newsletter	4,480	5,230	4,905	4,650	4,510	4,925
Church Rental	3,678	1,884	9,235	4,800	4,225	3,700
Other Income	14,985	7,772	9,075	15,030	6,700	3,055
Subtotal "Regular" Income	369,885	333,917	343,133	346,355	326,165	299,382
Bequests and Gifts	1,825	2,790	4,590	3,329	2,751	13,228
Future Of Hope	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Fundraising	49,093	53,056	17,923	501	3,277	159,874
Total Income	420,803	389,763	365,646	350,185	332,193	472,484
Expenses						
Salaries and Benefits	124,062	118,826	112,380	109,367	110,237	109,940
Utilities	30,380	27,013	25,173	27,084	24,993	28,775
Household (Rectory)	11,723	11,603	11,697	12,229	10,331	12,726
Repairs and Maintenance	7,864	11,311	24,934	12,430	16,096	19,844
Misc. Improvements	4,367	2,527	12,371	1,870	32,799	21,221
Supplies, Printing, Postage, Copier	11,666	12,047	9,406	11,341	10,386	13,286
Insurance (Fire and Liability)	21,016	19,776	17,868	17,940	17,556	16,728
Cathedraticum Assessment	20,797	21,065	18,960	20,779	20,752	19,244
Education Assessments	33,628	33,462	28,540	28,196	27,613	20,858
Religious Education	5,755	5,159	6,911	5,370	7,234	9,935
Landscaping / Snow Removal	10,188	8,185	4,475	14,407	10,770	7,018
Professional Services	10,928	9,066	10,862	11,633	9,139	9,050
Publications	9,187	7,988	10,155	6,809	4,193	5,660
Liturgical Supplies / Flowers	10,138	9,461	12,185	10,002	7,763	9,942
Scholarships / Gifts / Donations	6,130	5,328	6,808	6,108	5,675	3,709
Miscellaneous	21,659	3,462	1,450	1,122	1,375	728
Loan Interest	13	1,495	4,941	7,290	10,066	10,696
Subtotal "Regular" Expenses	339,501	307,771	319,117	303,978	326,978	319,389
Capital Improvements	32,671	18,822	0	0	69,813	294,912
Total Expenses	372,172	326,593	319,117	303,978	396,791	614,301
Memo: Operating Cash Summary						
Operating Income	345,568	331,273	341,939	342,972	323,050	338,595
Less Operating Expense	322,636	307,771	319,117	303,978	326,978	319,389
Less Operating Funds for Capital Improvermer	0	9,555				
= Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	22,932	13,947	22,823	38,994	-3,927	19,206
Less Loan Principal Payments**	3,385	37,229	30,483	40,133	29,489	51,546
= Net Cash Flow In / (Out)	\$19,547	-\$23,282	-\$7,660	-\$1,139	-\$33,416	-\$32,340

** From operating funds



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**2014 Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule
For
St. Ann, St. Patrick and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes**

**Christmas Eve Vigil Masses
(Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014)**

**4 p.m. St. Ann Church ~ Lenox
4 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Church ~ Lenox Dale
6 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Church ~ Lenox Dale
6 p.m. St. Patrick Church ~ West Stockbridge
10 p.m. St. Ann Church ~ Lenox**

**Christmas Day Masses
(Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014)**

10 a.m. St. Ann Church ~ Lenox*

**New Year's Eve Masses
(Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014)**

4 p.m. St. Ann ~ Lenox

**New Year's Day Masses
(Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015)**

**11 a.m. St. Patrick Church ~ West Stockbridge
5:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul ~ Lenox Dale**

***If anyone in St. Patrick Parish would like a ride to the 10 a.m.
Christmas Morning Mass at St. Ann Church, please contact Deacon
John Zick to make the arrangements.**

**During this holiday season, the office at St. Ann Church will be closed Dec. 24, 25 and 26.
And during the New Year's week, the office will be close Jan. 1 and 2.**

St. Patrick's office will be closed Thursdays, Dec. 25th and Jan. 1st

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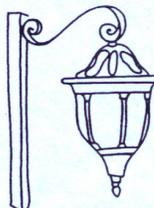
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