

*Corpus Christi Catholic Church
FY 2016 Annual Report*

*For the fiscal year
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016*

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Well another year has gone by – and gone by so quickly. This past Fiscal Year – July, 2015 to June, 2016 – did not see a great deal of change. The Parish Staff pretty much remained the same. Only one new staff person was added. And that occurred when we hired a new bookkeeper through the Archdiocese.

During this past year, the parish was involved with all the other parishes of the Archdiocese in a Planning Survey. Many of our parishioners took part in the survey. The results were used by our Parish Mission-Readiness Team to create a statement for the process which will continue into the new fiscal year. The information will also be used by the Archdiocese as it continues to refine the planning process. Certainly more will become revealed as the new fiscal year moves forward.

Certainly, I appreciate all that the Parish Staff is doing – I am grateful for the generosity of the parishioners as they give of their time, talents and treasure. And I look forward to working with all of you as we move into this new fiscal year!

Peace,

*Fr. Marty Demek
Pastor*

Pastoral Council Highlights - Kristine Smets

During the last fiscal year, the following pastoral council members agreed to serve as a liaison to a different parish ministry:

- 1. Hospitality & Communications: Kristine Smets, who continued to edit the Corpus Christi Tidings, and formed a Hospitality Team to help with the monthly gatherings after mass. She also organized a name tag Sunday, and a new parishioners' welcome reception on 21 February 2016. The council prepared a job description for the new part-time staff position of Coordinator of Evangelization and Communications, a position that was filled in August 2015.*
- 2. Faith Formation: Kevin O'Brien, who kept in touch with the Faith Formation and RCIA programs, and organized three adult faith formation sessions around the theme of Mercy.*
- 3. Finance: Melanie Alfano, who became an active member of the Finance Committee.*
- 4. Liturgy: Stephanie Suerth, who became an active member of the Liturgy Committee.*
- 5. Parish Planning: Kevin Kostic. The PARC committee finalized a draft of the three-year Parish Strategic Plan in early fall, which was reviewed by the council. A few action items were identified for immediately implementation. However, in light of the Archdiocesan Parish Planning Process ("A Light Brightly Visible"), the PARC committee was disbanded and re-formed into a Parish Planning Committee, led by Kevin Kostic. Both the committee and the council assisted the pastor with the promotion of the Parish Self-Assessment Tool during November and December 2015.*
- 6. Social Justice and Community Service: Brendan Hurson, who became an active member of the Social Justice Committee. He coordinated the \$10,000 gift to the St. Francis Neighborhood Center in Reservoir Hill (funded by our social outreach funds), and led the discussion about the dispensation of the \$11,000 that had accumulated in the now defunct Sister Parish fund. The Council approved donations to two projects in Guatemala that are located in the proximity of our former Sister Parish. Lin Romano delivered the funds in early May.*
- 7. MICA: Eric Malloy, a senior at MICA, who kept the council informed about activities by the MiCatholics Group. The group hosted a successful hospitality/fundraiser in December 2015, and also carried out a May crowning during the liturgy on Mother's Day.*

The 2014-2015 Pastoral Council: Father Martin Demek, Pastor, Kristine Smets, President ('13), Melanie Alfano, Secretary ('15), Kevin Kostic ('14), Paul Ballard ('14), Brendan Hurson ('15), Eric Malloy ('15), Kevin O'Brien ('15), and Stephanie Suerth ('15).

2015-2016 Annual Report- Faith Formation

- Kristen Bowden

*The 2015-2016 Faith Formation year for grades kindergarten through ninth grade began on Catechetical Sunday on September 20th, meeting for 23 sessions Sunday mornings from 9:15 until 10:15 AM. We had 48 students from 32 families taught by a team of 8 dedicated catechists. Classes were held at Midtown Academy for K-8th grade, and the Rectory for our 9th graders. Students in kindergarten through eighth grade used Pflaum's *Gospel Weeklies*, a liturgically based program. Our Sacrament texts included *God's Gift: Eucharist*, *God's Gift: Reconciliation* and *Confirmed in Spirit*, all published by Loyola. Students also learned about character and safety from RCL Benziger's *Family Life* series, as mandated by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. All texts meet the curriculum guidelines set by the USCCB and the Archdiocese of Baltimore.*

We had a wonderful year celebrating the Sacraments. We celebrated the Confirmation of nine of our students with other Baltimore City Parishes on April 24th at St. Joseph's Monastery. We celebrated with these students at our parish on May 22nd. On May 1st, three students received First Communion during our Sunday Liturgy. Third graders also had the opportunity to celebrate their First Reconciliation in Lent.

Twenty-one preschoolers, kindergarteners, and first graders took part in Children's Liturgy of the Word, averaging between six and seven students per session. Seven volunteers worked with the children during the Liturgy of the Word during Mass on Faith Formation Sundays. The group discussed the readings, prayed together, and made a craft pertaining to the Gospel each Sunday. We extended Children's Liturgy through the summer, meeting twice a month. Sixteen children participated, averaging four students per session.

We continue to look for ways to engage the youth of the parish in activities to help them grow both spiritually and in service.

Annual Review of Liturgy at Corpus Christi Church for the 2015 -2016 Liturgical Fiscal Year

The weekly liturgical celebration is the common thread that unites Corpus Christi parishioners and enlivens and strengthens them to carry out the mission of the Church by their daily lives.

The liturgical year at Corpus Christi began by initiating the Pope's Jubilee Year of Mercy on the First Sunday of Advent. The Advent theme: "Mercy Me—Mercy Be" introduced the community to the Pope's encyclical *Misericordiae Vultus* ("The Face of Mercy") (https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco_bolla_20150411_misericordiae-vultus.html). During Advent the liturgy committee suggested practices for parishioners to deepen their practice of mercy daily in preparation for Christmas and God's ultimate gift of mercy. The New Year's liturgy celebrated the feast of Mary, Mother of God and the 125th anniversary of the consecration of Corpus Christi Church.

Ash Wednesday came early this year and Corpus Christi parishioners were joined by members of Brown Memorial Presbyterian and Memorial Episcopal churches on February 10th to begin Lent with Liturgy of the Word and the distribution of ashes using as their anthem "Hymn of the Jubilee of Mercy" sung by the combined choirs.

The jubilee theme was continued during Lent as "God's mercy endures forever...as must ours!" and we continued to draw on the Pope's encyclical and the richness of the Lenten scriptures. Families and students were especially welcomed to the Holy Week liturgies that started with proclamation of the Palm Sunday gospel and procession with participants from the three Bolton Hill churches. Families and college students were especially invited to begin the Triduum on Holy Thursday with the washing of feet, sharing at the Eucharistic table, and procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the rectory for quiet prayer and reflection. Parishioners were enlivened by the new fire and listened attentively to the history of God's people as they celebrated the Great Vigil of Easter. During the 50 days of Easter we were again reminded of God's mercy and celebrated the feast of Pentecost honoring graduates and the Feast of the Holy Trinity honoring our young confirmandi.

This year during the feast of Corpus Christi parishioners honored Deacon Frank Hodges on the 35th anniversary of his ordination and celebrated his 67 years as a parishioner!

July again brought the opportunity to showcase our parish during the celebration of Artscape and Fr. Marty lost no time in welcoming visitors and inviting them to become a part of parish life.

In early summer we received the results of the archdiocese parish survey and set about to prepare a mission readiness assessment of our parish. It was heartwarming to learn that a majority of parishioners viewed a "dynamic and lively worship

experience” as being important to the practice of their faith and felt as though Corpus Christi was providing that experience for them.

The General Instruction of the Roman missal admonishes us that the “entire [liturgical] celebration be planned in such a way that it leads to a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful both in body and in mind.” Active participation of parishioners in the celebration of the liturgy is evident in the number of parishioners who are trained and active in liturgical ministry. This past year lay participants included 20 Eucharistic ministers, 20 lectors, and 6 members who offered Prayers of the Faithful. Many thanks to all of these parishioners and our clergy who make liturgies at Corpus Christi truly “life-giving”.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Tiff
Liturgy Chair

OUTREACH REPORT JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016 – Beth Steinrock

There are two main components to our Food Program; providing lunch at the rectory and distributing grocery bags at St. Francis Neighborhood Center. Both of these efforts are possible because of a core group of volunteers who have been very dedicated to the programs.

Our lunch program provides a balanced meal to all guests who come to the rectory door Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Lunch consists of two sandwiches, fresh fruit, cookies, a can of soup and a seasonal beverage. During the last year 3,284 lunches were served; an increase of 585 lunches from the previous year (that’s a lot of sandwiches!). The sandwiches are made by parishioners, Faith Formation parents and students from McDonogh School. The students make between 45-50 sleeves of sandwiches each month during the school year, and the youngest students participate by bagging cookies. When the sandwiches are delivered we also receive a case of oranges. This year parishioners donated Halloween candy and our guests enjoyed those sweets for several weeks. There are additional extras given out depending on donations.

Every Monday morning grocery bags are distributed from St. Francis Center. Each household is eligible for a bag of groceries once a month. At the beginning of the year we had 20 bags available for distribution each week. That number has been increased to 25 bags. A total of 751 grocery bags were given out this year; an increase

of 66 bags from last year. Each bag is filled with non-perishable items including cereal, cans of vegetables, soup, tuna, beans, fruit, peanut butter, jam and rice or pasta. There is always something fresh in the way of fruit or vegetables. St. Francis Neighborhood Center has a strong partnership with Whole Foods and we benefit as a result. Every Monday there is a wonderful selection of good bread, muffins, rolls and sweet items like cookies, danish, pies and cakes for everyone to choose from. Often times there is also fresh fruit, vegetables and non-perishables.

For Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter everyone received an extra bag of food items to help with a holiday dinner. Additionally gift cards to Giant at Thanksgiving and WalMart at Christmas were distributed. Parishioners from Church of the Resurrection in Ellicott City once again made a very generous donation to help with our Christmas outreach.

The numbers show there has been growth in both areas of the program reminding us there is great need in our community. As expected there are always challenges, but that results in good discussion about how we can enhance our programs. One goal for the coming year is working on how to increase our volunteer base. Hopefully more hands will enable us to reach more people!

Stewardship Statistics – 2015 – 2016

Registered Households: 272

Average Offertory Collection (including Christmas and Easter): \$ 4,241.77

Average Outreach Collection: \$855.56

Number of Baptisms: 10

Number of First Communion: 3

Number of Confirmations: 9

Number of Marriages: 20

Number of Funerals: 3

Operations Financial Report
(excluding Outreach Ministries)

<i>INCOME</i>	FY 16 Actual	FY 16 Budget
Offertory -1 st Collection*	224,813.81	237,595.00
Donations, Bequests, Stipends**	36,154.39	23,638.00
Interest	(2,066.24)	8,515.00
Diocesan and Special Collections	7,209.00	9,764.00
Faith Formation Income	4,600.00	3,600.00
Benefit Income	.00	1,000.00
Rental Property Income	81,460.65	78,448.00
Other non-Operating Income	7,234.77	
Miscellaneous	868.64	721.00
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	360,275.70	363,281.00
 <i>EXPENSES</i>		
Facilities Costs	86,457.48	93,108.00
Administration Costs	29,097.28	15,824.00
Worship Expense	10,484.82	11,748.00
Rental Property Expense	450.00	16,000.00
Benefit Expense	516.00	1,040.00
Diocesan and Special Collections	7,210.68	9,764.00
Personnel Expenses	123,687.66	186,794.00
Faith Formation Costs	1,968.82	3,320.00
Cathedraticum Tax	46,376.18	41,450.00
Other non-Operating Expenses	9,087.64	
Miscellaneous	395.10	4,023.00
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	315,731.66	383,071.00
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	44,544.04	(19,790.00)

*Includes Christmas and Easter **Includes Wedding Stipends

Outreach Financial Report – 2015 - 2016

INCOME	FY 16 Actual	FY 16 Budget
2 nd Collection/Poor Box	\$43,633.62	\$29,816.00
Annual Appeal Rebates/Grants	41,601.67	36,335.00
Holy Angels	4,278.25	5,234.00
Coffee, Chocolate (former Sister Parish)	2,011.00	4,665.00
Interest	340.88	328.00
Special Gifts	500.00	220.00
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	\$92,365.42	\$76,688.00

EXPENSES		
Personnel	\$14,067.73	\$14,872.00
Facility	1,200.00	1,700.00
General Administration	97.37	50.00
Food Programs	29,262.43	21,122.00
Holy Angels School	8,500.00	8,500.00
Coffee, Chocolate (formerly Sister Parish)	1,346.90	1,464.00
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	\$54,474.43	\$47,658.00

Outreach Surplus (Deficit) \$37,890.99

Sister Parish Account closed -- \$11,788.00 sent to Guatemala

Grant given to St. Francis Neighborhood Center from Outreach Savings - \$10,000.00