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# STATE OF THE *parish*

A BRIEF REPORTING OF THE FINANCIAL STATE OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Dear Friends,

As our Parish begins its second year of operations since issuing the Parish Pastoral Plan many positive changes have already happened and some new ones are planned this year. One good example of this is the start up of community dinners. The dinners will be held quarterly and host up to 120 adults and children. It is a great way to enjoy the company of family and friends, meet new people and the best part is: you don't have to clean up afterwards! In addition, we are looking at ways to better serve our families and the youth of our Parish. Surely, this is an exciting time to be a part of St. John the Evangelist and contribute to the sense of community and fellowship!

Included in this report are more details about what our parish accomplished the last year and how your contributions supported these efforts. Each week you can find Acts 2:42 in our Newsletter: "They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." The result, we are told in the Acts is thriving communities of faith. The Church thrives when it does what it has been doing for the last 2,000 years.

We continue to operate with a deficit in our operating budget. Our greatest challenges are the loss of Bingo and a new diocesan assessment. The assessment goes to fund the central administration of the Diocese of Fall River. There are important services that the parish depends upon from that administration, such as legal services, diocesan tribunal services, the Bishop's Office and the insurance office. We begin the new fiscal year with no Bingo funds at all in our projected revenue and an assessment bill of \$43,000. One of the goals of our Pastoral Plan is to achieve a balanced budget by 2019. The good news is we are well on our way! (Continued on Page 4)



## Meet the Finance Council

(Rev.) David C. Frederici  
Deacon Brendan Brides  
Mr. Robert Delahunt  
Mr. James Gonet  
Mr. Lawrence McGrath  
Mr. George Smith

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*“Let us love not in word or speech  
but in deed and truth.”*

*1 John 3:18*

### *Faith Formation*

16 catechists gave their time graciously so that. . .

◇217 children participated in the Faith Formation program.

◇29 children received their First Penance and First Communion.

◇40 teens and 2 adults affirmed their faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

3 adults were welcomed into the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

The addition of Bible Study and Book Clubs for adults throughout the year has helped to remind us that we are life-long learners of faith!



*Our Faith Formation program is an important part of our growing parish!*

### *Parish Highlights*

1,115 families (2,577 parishioners) are registered in the parish. We have had 60 new families register over the last year.

Last fall, we saw a 10% increase in Mass attendance!

6 couples and families celebrated life through the Sacrament of Marriage.

We supported 27 families through funeral Masses and bereavement ministry support as they experienced the loss of a loved one.

40 of our brothers and sisters in faith were anointed by Fr. David.

24 babies began their faith journey through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Over 25 Eucharistic Ministers made weekly visits to Bourne Manor, Cape Cod Senior Residences, Pocasset Mental Health Center, and Gosnold on Cape Cod.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry comes together weekly to lovingly knit shawls for those needing comfort, as well as baby blankets to be given as baptism gifts.



*Our Welcome Center and Parish Store has 8 wonderful volunteers who ensure everyone feels at home here at St. Johns!*

*Please note these are simply highlights of some of the many ways which members of the St. John the Evangelist Parish Family experienced the power of the sacraments and prayer during the past year. For more information about our ministries, please visit our website at [www.stjohnspocasset.org](http://www.stjohnspocasset.org) or call the Welcome Center.*

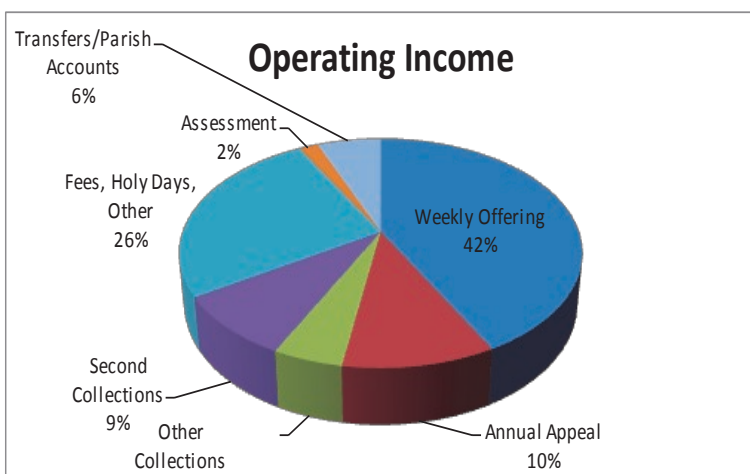
## INCOME

Weekly Offering:	\$245,153
Annual Appeal:	59,986
Other Collections	27,577
Second Collections:	50,687
Fees, Holy Days, Other:	151,017
Assessment:	10,527
Transfers/Parish Accounts:	35,520
<b>Total Operating Income:</b>	<b>\$580,467</b>

## EXPENSES

Clergy/Office Sal & Parish Admin:	\$180,908
Cantors & Liturgical Suppl:	105,879
Rectory/Church/Parish Center Exp:	103,541
Religious Ed Sal & Suppl:	65,367
Benefits/Pension & Payroll Taxes:	59,501
Extraordinary Repairs:	59,943
Assessment:	21,534
Transfers/Parish Accounts:	35,520
<b>Total Operating Expense:</b>	<b>\$632,193</b>

**Net Operating Shortage:**  
**(\$51,726)**



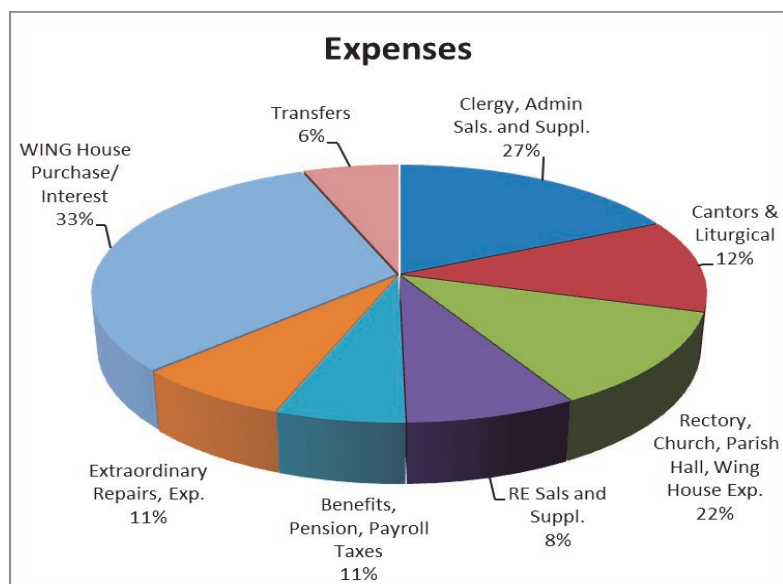
The Weekly Offertory for 2015-2016 brought in \$19,257, or 8.5%, more than 2014-2015.

The average weekly collection for 2015-2016 was \$4,714, up \$370 from 2014-2015.

The Annual Appeal ended the year up \$25,551, or 74.2%, from last year. 231 families contributed to the Annual in 2015-2016, up 92 from FY 15.

The second collection for the Assessment brought in \$10,527 while the Assessment expenses were \$21,534.

We were able to cover the entire cost of our missals with memorial donations!



Through careful planning and budgeting of your parish support, we were able to complete the following improvements within the 2015-2016 fiscal year:

- ◇New front doors for the church
- ◇Demolition of the unsafe WING House
- ◇Repair of the A/C unit and needed electrical work in the Parish Center



## Looking Ahead with Joyful Hope!

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Last year's Annual Appeal doubled from the previous year, and our first collection increased 8%. The increases we have experienced in the first collection the last three years reflect an increase in Mass attendance as well as an expression of your commitment to the parish. I am humbled by your generosity and trust and continue to thank God for the gift of St. John the Evangelist Parish to the Church and the community.

As we continue to move forward, the Finance Council, Kelley Spodris (our Pastoral Associate for Administration) and myself continue to meet regularly to minimize our expenses and to ensure our financial resources are being utilized in the most efficient way possible. In addition, we continue to implement the goals and objectives of the Parish Pastoral Plan by putting into place new initiatives and ministries to better serve the community and families of Bourne.

I invite you to look over this report and to prayerfully discern how you can be a part of the efforts happening here, either through your time, treasure or talent, or a combination of these!

Once again, I thank you for your generosity and support of St. John's and ask you to continue to pray for me and our parish family. Please know of my continued prayers for you and your loved ones.

Peace,  
(Rev.) David C. Frederici

*We are St. John's!*



### SJE MINISTRIES

#### Service to Others Ministries & Apostolates

Knights of Columbus  
Ministry of Care  
St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Vincent de Paul Youth  
Council

Parish Life Ministries  
Community Dinners &  
Collations  
Cub Scouts  
Frassati Group  
Hospitality Ministry  
Lunch Bunch  
Parish Life Ministry  
Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Respect Life Ministry  
Walking with Purpose  
Women's Guild  
Youth Council

Liturgical Ministries  
Altar Angels  
Altar Servers  
Divine Mercy  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Flower Ministry  
Lectors  
Music Ministry: Adult and  
Children's Choir  
Rosary Ministry  
Ushers and Collectors  
Wedding Coordinators

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