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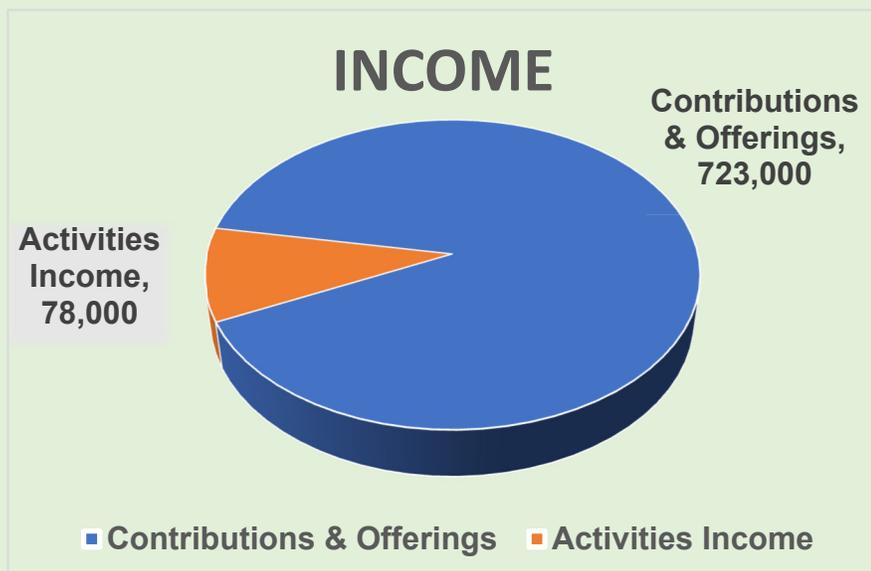
Parish Financial Report FY 2018

A few weeks ago a parishioner approached me at the coffee hour after Mass with a question: "How is the parish doing?" she asked. I said, "Fine." "No," she responded, "I mean about the money. Are we doing all right?"

Since I spend a certain amount of time and energy on the money, I was pleased with her question because it's nice to know when someone shares your concern. I told the inquirer that Eric German, our business manager, and I were preparing a report for an upcoming meeting of the Finance Committee. I would now like to share that report with you.

"Fine," is not far off the mark. Thanks to all of you, parish donors, for making that response possible. But, of course, the full story about how we are doing is more complicated, especially when one projects into the future and looks at the challenges that lie ahead. So, here's the full story.

The annual operating income and corresponding expenses of the parish—which I call the bread and butter



operation (as you can see, I am no accountant)—amounted to a little less than \$800,000. We ended last year (that is the fiscal year, FY2018, that runs from July 2017 through June 2018) with a cash surplus of \$17,000. The first two accompanying pie charts provide an overview of our operating income and expenses. That's good news. It gets even better. If you add investment income and subtract capital expenses, the bottom line for the parish in fiscal year 2018 was a surplus of \$93,000. So, we're not going broke!

But hold on, that's not the whole story. In addition to the operating income and expenses, the parish has two other reserve funds, the Barbelin Trust (largely reserved for social justice causes) and the Historic Preservation Corporation (HPC). The value of the Barbelin Trust decreased last year by almost \$13,000 to \$342,000. And the HPC decreased in value by \$155,000 and now holds just \$196,000.

Why did the HPC lose so much money in FY 2018? For two reasons: first, we spent over \$48,000 on the sound systems in the Church and in Barbelin Hall; second, we spent over \$178,000 to repair the front of the rectory building. Fortunately, we were able to raise money for the sound systems to minimize the loss



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This Week at Old St. Joseph's

Date		Mass Intention and Presider	Calendar Events	
Mon 15	12:05 PM	<i>Benefactors of the Maryland Province</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ	6:00 PM	PREP
Tues 16	12:05 PM	<i>Geraldine Marren & Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon 7:30 PM	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) YA Community Spirituality Night (Barbelin)
Wed 17	12:05 PM	<i>The Filarsky Family (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (Drexel)
Thurs 18	12:05 PM	<i>Edward & Mary Britt Families (D)</i> Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ	12 Noon 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) YA Community Fall Welcome Happy Hour (off-site) Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
Fri 19	12:05 PM	<i>Old St. Joseph Memorial Society</i> Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ		
Sat 20	12:05 PM 5:30 PM	<i>John A. "Toddy" Longo (D)</i> Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	12 Noon 12:05 PM	Faith, Food, and Friends (Barbelin) Day of Reflection with Fr. Bill Byron SJ (Church and Barbelin)
Sun 21	7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:30 AM 6:30 PM	Presider: Fr. Dougherty SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ Presider: Fr. O'Donnell SJ Presider: Fr. Modrys SJ	9:30 AM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:30 PM	Children's Liturgy of the Word) Medicare Workshop & Flu Shots (Barbelin) Loyola Choir Rehearsal (Church) YAC Pre-Mass Reflection (Greaton) Jesuit Alumni Sunday Mass

Financial Stewardship

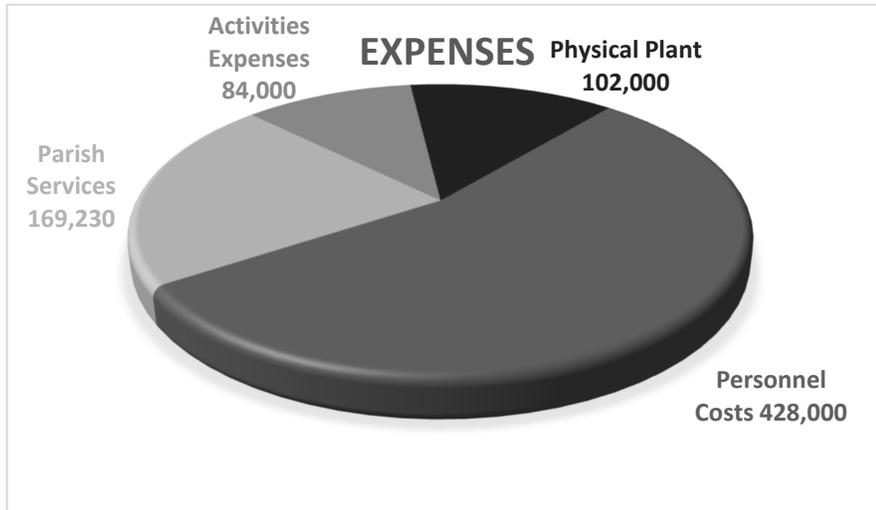
Offertory Collection for the week ending October 7 will be reported in next week's bulletin

The second collection for World Mission Sunday will be available online from October 12 through November 11. Since 1927, World Mission Sunday has been celebrated on the next to last Sunday in October as a sign of universal solidarity and common responsibility for the evangelization of the world. Second collection boxes will be available in the back of the church on **October 20-21**.

Old St. Joseph's provides Online Giving, a convenient, safe, and flexible way to make one time or recurring donations to the fund of your choice—Sunday Offering, FF&F, and so on. Sign up on our parish website on the Online Giving tab under Important Links.

Thank you!

Many, many thanks to everyone who joined OSJ's participation in Bread for the World's Offering of Letters on October 7. At least 51 people wrote 112 letters to Senators Bob Casey, and Pat Toomey, and Representatives Bob Brady, Dwight Evans, and Frank LoBiondo. Thank you! Watch this space to learn more about the future of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and hunger in Philadelphia.

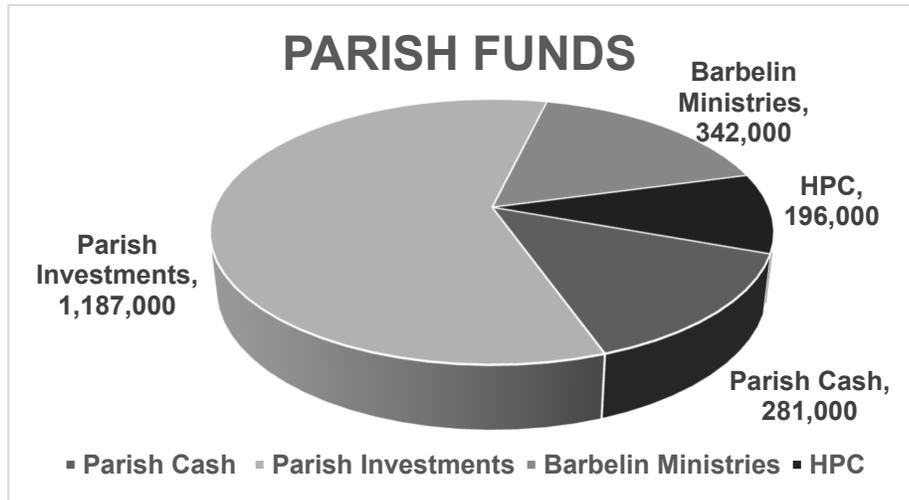


to the HPC fund, but we didn't raise enough for the rectory facade, so we had to draw down our HPC reserves.

Taking all this into consideration—operating income and expenses, investment income, capital expenses, special funds like the Barbelin Trust and the HPC—if you're still with me—the parish financial resources decreased by \$134,000. The result is that our cash and investment holdings now total just over two million dollars. (See the third pie chart).

All this is listed on the accompanying spreadsheet with all the numbers. The spreadsheet compares last year, FY 2018, with the previous year, FY 2017. And then there's the budget for the present fiscal year, FY 2019 that just began last July. Something to say about that:

The budget serves as a guideline for the future, but no one knows the future and so the budget is only a rough estimate of where we will end up a year from now. But the budget also reflects our pastoral goals—what kind of Catholic parish we want to be, how active, how engaged, how responsive. We can slash expenses, but that would greatly damage parish services and activities and should be done only as an absolute last resort. On the



other hand, we can be wasteful and extravagant through imprudent spending. We want to avoid that. Or we can drain our reserves by curtailing donations and just live off the savings we have inherited from previous generations of parishioners. That would be selfish, unless absolutely necessary. The budget should reflect our legitimate goals, the financial implications of responsible care for the goods entrusted to us and energetic zeal for pastoral care and the living out of the gospel message.

Looking ahead, you will note that the new budget reflects a 7% increase in Sunday, Christmas and Easter donations. Is that realistic? Why is this important? We need increased revenue to fund increased spending that is necessary and worthwhile. Personnel costs are increasing by almost 6%. The reason is that we needed to expand our pastoral staff in order to improve the effectiveness of our parish programs. Furthermore, we don't want to economize by offering substandard compensation to Church employees, so salaries are keeping pace with inflation. We can't preach to others about just wages if we don't lead by example. In addition, last year we spent a lot on computer and technical upgrades to replace outdated equipment. This year we will spend on furnishings for the public areas of the rectory. Without these kinds of expenditures,

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we would fall back significantly on the quality of parish resources. Then over the long run, the bill for catching up would become truly daunting. In conclusion, a couple of general points:

- The Parish Finance Committee meets quarterly through the year. I thank Paul Shay and all the members of the Committee for their support and guidance. Thanks also to Eric German, our Business Manager, who is highly proficient in overseeing the daily operation of parish finances.
- At the end of every fiscal year our accountant, John McGovern & Associates, reviews our financial records and prepares a report. This report is available to any parishioner upon request. The difference between this report in the parish bulletin and the account's report is one of presentation; I contend that my report is clearer to the average layperson. Not everyone agrees, but the numbers agree.
- If you have any questions, please send them to me and I will get back to you. If there is enough interest, I would be happy to hold an open discussion to explain this report in fuller detail.
- The budget presented does not include future capital expenses. This is a topic in its own right and we will have a lot to say about this in coming weeks. There are plans I will be proposing soon for a major enhancement of our parish facilities. We'll be speaking about this when the planning is more fully advanced and a presentation will be more complete.

To end where we began, thank you to all our donors for your support of this beautiful and faith-filled parish of Old Saint Joseph.

—Walter F. Modrys, SJ
Pastor

In your prayers,
please remember our sick and homebound brothers and sisters
and our ministry at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Adeline Acerno, Rick Bravo, Debbie Brooks, Christopher Browne, Tony Corvaia, Melissa Counsellor, Charlotte Croce, Ann Crowther, Simeon Crowther, Fred DiStefano, Pat Farris, Lenny Felixson, Fred Hembree, Fr. Mike Hricko SJ, Aaron Hull, Edward Jacobs, Marie Jacobs, Mary Jacobs, Janet Jeitner, Catherine Keddie, Jack Lees, David Luerssen, Fr. Jerry McAndrews SJ, James McBride, Jerry McBride, Christine Mari-Mazzola, Allen May, Angelo Miczza, D. Minter, Catherine O'Brien, Bernie Paquett, Joanna Pearl, Lucy Pearl, Betty Farris Pfeiffer, Colleen Raymond, Kim Reed, Ursula Reed, Joan Russo, Steve Saunders, Barbara Schmidt, Mida Skalamera, Sara Smith, Lydia Staley, Janet Street, Ed Tomezsko, Arlene Tomlin, Craig Walsh, Patricia Yusko, Mickey Zippo.

Bringing Communion to the Homebound

When people are confined to home, they can remain connected to our shared worship by receiving Communion at home. If you, a family member, friend or neighbor (with their approval of course), would like to receive Communion at home, contact the Parish Rectory to arrange for a parish Eucharistic Minister to visit.

Announcements

Centering Prayer

The centering prayer group will meet on **Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 to 8:30 PM** in the Drexel Parlor of the rectory. The meeting will include discussion of centering prayer followed by Evening Prayer with a period of centering. Anyone interested in contemplative prayer is welcome to join. For further information, contact Christine Szczepanowski at 267-250-3049 or christinesz52@gmail.com.

Catholic History Lecture

On **Tuesday, October 16**, The American Catholic Historical Society welcomes Dr. Sean Brennan of the University of Scranton for **6:00 PM** dinner and a **7:00 PM** lecture at their house at 263 S. 4th Street. Dr. Brennan will speak on the life of Fr. Fabian Flynn CP, 'the priest who put Europe back together' after World War II. RSVP to www.amchs.org.

YA Community Events

The Young Adult Community welcomes new young adult parishioners and members to Happy Hour at **O'Neals Pub** at 611 S. 3rd Street on **Thursday, October 18**. Current members and other friends are all, of course, welcome too! We'll arrive at **5:30 PM** and stay till at least **8:00 PM**. Come early or late; we would love to see you! Questions? Contact jennlydic@gmail.com.

Join other Young Adults on **Tuesday, October 16** to be part of Bread for the World's annual Offering of Letters. We'll write to our congressional representatives about protecting key food programs, such as SNAP, WIC and humanitarian relief programs. Come explore how your faith can be out into action through advocacy! Materials will be provided. Spirits will still start in Barbelin Hall at **7:00 PM**; letter writing will begin at **7:30 PM**. We hope to see you there! Have questions? Contact Jenn at jennlydic@gmail.com.

Retreat with Fr. Bill Byron SJ

The embers of faith are always there. Faith abides through all the ages and stages of life. They are there, ready and waiting to be fanned into the flame of prayer. And faith enflamed into the dancing forms of prayer sustains the praying person with a supportive spirituality at any age, in every stage, of life.

—William J. Byron SJ
A Book of Quiet Prayer

OSJ's Ignatian Spirituality Committee invites you to spend a companionable afternoon tending the embers of your faith with Fr. Bill Byron SJ. On **October 20 12:05-3:00 PM**, Fr. Byron will preach at the noon Mass, and share his reflections after lunch in Barbelin Hall. RSVP by **October 15** to osjspirituality.org. A free will offering will be gladly accepted.

Virtual Food Drive

Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's **online food drive** continues at <https://yougivegoods.com/drive-7994> now through **October 26**.

Save the Date for Advent by Candlelight!

Women Faith and Fellowship invites all women in the parish to a celebration of Advent. in Barbelin Hall on **Wednesday November 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM**. Details to follow.

OSJ Book Group

The OSJ Book Group's **November 6** book will be Junot Diaz's *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*. (Compare this to Junot Diaz's "The Legacy of Childhood Trauma" in *The New Yorker* April 9, 2018 if you can). More details next week!

New Mass Setting

We continue this month learning additional parts of the *Mass for A Servant Church*, by Michel Guimont, so that by Christmas we will sing the entire Mass for our liturgies.

INFORMATION

Rectory Office Hours

Monday through Friday: 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Mass Times

Monday through Saturday: 12:05 PM
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM
Holy Days: 12:05 and 7:30 PM

Medical Emergency

In the event of a medical emergency when the need for a priest is urgent, please call the rectory.

Hearing Enhancements

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Registration

Persons who want to register as parishioners should complete a parish registration form and return it to the rectory office by mail or in person. Registration forms are available in the rectory office during normal office hours, on the bookcases in the back of the church and online at www.oldstjoseph.org.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday through Saturday: 11:30 AM to noon or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Persons wanting to arrange for a baptism should call Fr. Dougherty at the parish office at least two months before the desired date to arrange catechesis and the baptism celebration.

The Sacrament of Anointing

The Sacrament of Anointing (the sacrament of the sick) is administered during the 12:05 PM Mass on the first Saturday of each month. Homebound or hospitalized persons wanting to receive the Sacrament of Anointing should call the parish office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Persons wanting to be married in the parish should call Fr. O'Donnell at the parish office at least nine months before the desired date.

Rite of Christian Initiation

Unbaptized adults who are considering baptism into the Catholic Church, baptized Catholics who have received no other sacraments and who want to be confirmed and to receive First Eucharist, and baptized non-Catholics who are considering full communion in the Catholic Church should call Fr. O'Donnell at the parish office.

To arrange Mass of Christian Burial

The funeral director should call the parish office.

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