

Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy
Committee Reports for Nov. 11, 2021, Parish Council

Financial Council:

Membership:

Fr. Bernard Maloney, Pastor
Ruth Lucas – Trustee
Norman Hummel – Trustee
Martha Woledge

Staff:

Rebecca Pizzirusso, Diocesan Regional Finance Director
Eileen Heptig, Parish Business Manager

Annual Financial Report:

The 2020-2021 Annual Financial Report was emailed, to those with an email, and sent by post to those without email. Copies of the report are available in the foyers of the church.

2020-2021 synopsis of the report

Operating revenue	\$218,989
Operating expenses	\$196,970
Net revenue	\$ 22,019

Parish assets: \$508,508

First quarterly financial report (July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021)

Parish

Op. revenue	\$63,154.12
Op. expenses	\$43,011.91
Net revenue	\$20,142.21 (unexpected gifts to the parish \$12,555)

St. James Cemetery

Op. revenue	\$1,300.00
Op expenses	\$4,400.28
Net	- 3,100.28

Fund balance (savings) \$233,149.74

Holy Cross Cemetery

Op. revenue	\$2,850
Op. expenses	\$6,269.32
Net	-3,419.32

Fund balance (savings) \$49,140.07

Catholic Ministries Appeal:

The parish given goal is \$28,086 (\$2,000 lower than previous years). So far 50 parish households have pledged to this year's Appeal – no report on the amount pledged by the 50 households.

Personnel changes:

Handy man on call from Randy Wilcox to Bob Doane
Cemetery manager from Allan Gelatt to Pamela Jones

Word Committee Report:

November 11, 2022

The Word Committee was Supposed to meet in September to discuss some challenges in Religious Education for youth. Unfortunately, the Committee Chair came down with COVID and then the meeting did not occur. Apologies in advance for the brevity of this report. So far this year there are four families doing religious education on a bimonthly basis, two families remotely and two in person. Challenges facing catechetical training are not unique to our parish.

Andy Morpurgo
Word Committee Chair

Worship committee Report:

10/2021 meeting minutes:

1. Fr. Bernard advises that All Saints Day (Nov 1st) is not a holy day of obligation this year; there will be an 8:30am Mass at St Francis Solanus Church.
2. All Soul's Day (November 2) there will be an 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Solanus. The persons who were buried through the ministry of the Parish of Mary, Mother of Mercy will be prayed for in a special way: their names will be read and a candle will be lit in their memory. All Soul's Day envelopes will be placed on the altars of each church where they originated for the month of November and the persons whose names are on the envelopes will be prayed for throughout the month.
3. Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Solanus at 9:00AM.
4. Advent: a holy hour for parishioners will take place on Friday, December 3, 2021, at St. Francis Solanus Church from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. comprising of a presentation given by Br. Francisco, benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Details are to be worked out.
5. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, is a holy day of obligation. There will be a 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. James the Apostle and a 6:00 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross.
6. Friday, December 24th Christmas Vigil Masses
4:00 p.m. St. James the Apostle (Mass for children)
6:00 p.m. St. James the Apostle
8:00 p.m. Holy Cross

7. Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass 9:00 a.m. St. Francis Solanus? –No
Saturday PM Mass

8. Sunday, December 26th
Regular Mass schedule for 4th Sunday

9. Sr. Anne's weekly meetings are a gathering of people joining in prayer for healing and harmony and continue to draw good attendance.

10. Discussed generating a "welcome back" letter to parishioners encouraging a return to in-person celebration of Mass following the peak of the COVID-19 and the promotion of the Friday, December 3rd holy hour and the schedule of the Christmas eve and Christmas day Masses.

11. At the committee's suggestion, I contacted Tim Davis for updates to the "People in the Pews" initiative. His response follows: I think the last meeting of the subcommittee was Oct 2019. The meetings were mostly theoretical in nature and then the pandemic hit. I think the two biggest issues end up being electronic/social media presence (which Susan and Fr. Bernard have put in some work during the pandemic) to keep people consistently messaged and a vibrant liturgy (so when they show up to church they want to come again). Having said that, I'm not sure where or how I would 're-start' the initiative. Coming out of the pandemic, it's even tougher to identify what to do locally amidst the global cultural issues that the church continues to have – and it's looking like the last two years hasn't helped.

Tom Duff, Chair

Witness Committee Report:

1. Crop Walk – A big thank you to Br.Fransisco for volunteering to be our parish rep and for organizing everything. Thank you, also, to Gerry Todi and Camille T.for helping with refreshments.

2. Catholic Charities will have a coat distribution Nov.8-12 & Nov. 15-19. Volunteer slots are pretty much filled. Thank you to Charlie Mullen for volunteering to help distribute coats.

3. We will collect donations for Birthright during Advent. Lynne will contact the director to find out what they especially need.

4. We will also collect hats, scarves, gloves, mittens and socks for Catholic Charities. They can be for children or adults. There is a special need for men's clothing.

5. T'burg Food Pantry- volunteers from our parish are needed in Jan. & Feb.

6. Gerry Frank spoke about the Ovid coat distribution that occurred in Oct. He also

mentioned Seneca County Distribution of Angel Tags. Those that would like to sponsor a recipient should let Gerry know and he will get an Angel Tag for you. Items need to be in by Dec.8

7. Tompkins Co. Workers' Center (TCWC)- TCWC is one of 4 recipients of this year's Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant within the Roc. Diocese. April Michael, a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church in Ithaca, is the liaison between parishes in Tompkins County and TCWC. Parishioners involved would be advocating for workers' rights and a living wage among area employers. She is going to get this going after the New Year.

~Lynne Stager

Fellowship Committee Report:

The Trumansburg Area Congregations/Tom Lange Memorial CROP Hunger Walk held on Sunday, October 10th, was a success. Hosted at St. James this year, money raised was approximately \$4740 in online donations and \$1350 in Facebook donations or reported cash and checks. Br. Francisco and Gerri Todi led the coordination and execution of our refreshment efforts along with several parishioners. Bags were created containing cookies for the walkers, and apples, candy, and water were available. Thank you to all who supported the CROP Walk in Trumansburg this year!

-Scott Hamula, committee chair