

## SAINT GREGORY PARISH

Dear Friends,

This past year has been unlike anything most of us have seen in our lifetimes. As we have withstood the Covid-19 restrictions and protocols that have limited the freedoms we have always known, we have adjusted in ways none of us predicted. Through it all we have been in it together. My hope is that as we move to a new normal we will carry with us the acts of kindness we have heard of and witnessed during this time and try to emulate those which have been a light in this time of darkness.

As you can imagine the Pandemic has brought with it a loss in income for the Parish and a need to make changes. This is not dissimilar from the losses experienced by many families and local businesses.

Our losses in income include a reduction in our offertory by some 30% and a reduction in our rental income. For years, the Parish survived on rental income. Our inability despite multiple efforts to find tenants for the High School and Convent buildings has put us in a somewhat precarious financial situation. The PPP Loan allowed us for a while to keep all employees. When the loan money ran out, we laid off several workers and reduced hours for others. Going forward I will continue to see where cuts can and must be made.

As you will see in the attached financial report, we are projecting a significant deficit for this fiscal year. Like many individuals and families, we will have to choose which bills we can pay in full and what projects need to be deferred.

The financial state of the Parish is not as stable as it needs to be, despite your generosity. Notwithstanding the challenges before us, I remain somewhat hopeful that as a parish we can address this even in these trying times. Through it all, as a community of faith, we are still gathering (in more limited numbers) to offer praise to God knowing that God is our hope and lasting peace.

The enclosed Annual Report indicates in last year's fiscal year we had a deficit of \$431,703. This deficit included unforeseen capital repairs, charitable giving, bad debt from the Elizabeth Seton Academy, a loss in rental income and a reduction in the Offertory due to the shutdown. Next year we are projecting a deficit of \$296,464.00.

Clearly our operating expenses need to be met by the money received annually. Given the deficit I have put aside the possibility of hiring a Pastoral Associate or Director of Religious Education, continue to more fully scrutinize our expenditures to see where cuts can and should be made, and we will forgo any non-emergency capital improvements. This is painful but necessary.

As we move ahead, with the assistance of Ms. Julie Hayes, I will continue to strive to be a good steward of our resources. It is my hope that St. Gregory's which is truly a spirit-filled and wonderful parish will become a stronger, more stable, and effective center of evangelization. With God's help and the power of the Holy Spirit this can become a reality.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to speak to me, call me at 617-686-0290 or e-mail me at [bowdoin9043@gmail.com](mailto:bowdoin9043@gmail.com).

In conclusion, I would like to thank you for your prayerful and generous support, kindness, and willingness to involve yourself in the works of Christ.

Courage and Confidence in the Risen Christ,

  
Fr. Jack Allen, Pastor

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**St. Gregory Parish**  
**Annual Report to Parishioners**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020**

	Actual FY 19-20	Budget FY19-20	Variance	Budget FY20-21
<b>Parish Income</b>				
Offertory	323,479	310,000	13,479	226,435
Grand Annual	67,318	40,000	27,318	47,122
Shrines, Candles, Flowers	3,956	6,278	(2,322)	2,769
Sacramentals	25,115	31,255	(6,140)	17,580
Lease/Rental Income/Housing	114,778	99,000	15,778	99,000
Interest	3,397	-	3,397	2,377
Gifts, Bequests, Other Sources of Income	26,875	10,000	16,875	18,812
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>564,918</b>	<b>496,533</b>	<b>68,385</b>	<b>414,095</b>
<b>Parish Expenses</b>				
Staff/Maintenance/Music/Clergy Unassign	305,235	299,000	6,235	214,630
Clergy Assigned Compensation	40,690	40,690	-	40,690
Benefits	68,045	85,000	(16,955)	37,080
Office Supply & Household Costs	49,564	25,000	24,564	34,694
Capital Expenses	110,742	73,337		75,000
Heat, Utilities, Water & Sewer	105,979	106,940	(961)	74,181
Property & Liability Insurance	81,334	77,000	4,334	100,128
Maintenance Supply, Buildings, & Grounds	39,798	30,000	9,798	30,000
Minor Repairs: Rectory, Church, BYS, Gym, CSO	91,212	10,000	81,212	10,000
Legal Fees, Fndrsng, Mtgs,Wrkshops	309	20,000	(19,691)	300
Charitable Works	33,650		33,650	20,000
Pastoral/Liturgical & Misc	7,111	30,000	(22,889)	5,000
Tithe/Central Ministries	62,952	34,000		68,856
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>996,621</b>	<b>830,967</b>	<b>221,689</b>	<b>710,559</b>
<b>Operating Profit or Loss</b>	<b>(431,703)</b>	<b>(334,434)</b>	<b>(153,304)</b>	<b>(296,464)</b>