

Church of the Little Flower
Parish Operating Budget Report
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

October 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Our parish was more than halfway through our last fiscal year, and we were on track for a rather normal financial year, when the arrival of the Coronavirus changed our trajectory. Like most of you, we were faced with a new normal that challenged us to find new ways of conducting and financing our ministries. We are blessed with a solid financial foundation, a generous and willing group of parishioners and a very hard working staff. As you will see in the attached, because we are so blessed, we remain well able to conduct our ministries, operate our school and take care of our people. Things have changed, as you can readily see by our tent in the schoolyard.

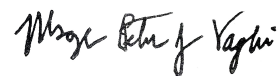
There were two things in particular that saw us through the worst of the pandemic closures. First, the parish participated in the government's Payroll Protection Plan (PPP). This allowed us to retain our workforce through the fiscal and school year and relieved what would have been a pay burden from our operating budget. Without the PPP, we would have ended the year with a small deficit. Secondly, the parishioners that participate in our online giving program were a godsend. With no services in the church for some extended time, offertory giving was essentially lost from our in-church givers. Because of our online giving, we were able to maintain a significant part of our usual weekend collection. Online giving literally kept us going. If you do not now use online giving, specifically Faith Direct, please consider doing so now. The lesson is clear. It keeps the lights on and the ministries active.

While this report usually provides a list of the many projects and repairs we funded during the year, let me instead list for you some of the many extra costs, pandemic requirements, we were able to fund thanks to your generosity. We purchased disinfecting equipment, like the sprayer you may have seen the maintenance force using to disinfect the Church after every use. We have procured literally boxes and boxes of disinfecting wipes, hand sanitizers (I'm sure you've seen them at all the entrances to our buildings), gloves, masks and other Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). These consumables are replenished regularly. We added an additional maintenance worker to help with the expanded work, funded many initiatives to make the school pandemic-ready as it has been operating in-person classes for the last seven weeks and we bought our tent!

I continue to take my responsibilities as the steward for our parish's resources very seriously. And while I remain watchful to ongoing unanticipated Coronavirus related expenses, I remain confident we can maintain both our fiscal health and the physical well-being of our parishioners, students and staff. It would be very helpful if you would consider on-line giving through Faith Direct if you have not already joined. 35+% of our parishioners have already moved to online giving and it has paid dividends to us during this challenging time. (<https://membership.faithdirect.net/MD730>)

As always, I ask for your prayers and support as we go about God's work in this parish, school and community. And be assured of my prayers and those of my fellow priests, deacons and the sisters for you and your families. And may God bless you for your unfailing generosity and support during this challenging time, as you continue to contribute your treasure, your time and your talents to our wonderful parish community.

Gratefully Yours,



Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Vaghi
Pastor

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Little Flower Church, Bethesda, MD

Fiscal year ended June 30,
2019 2020 2021
Budget

Parish			
Income			
Offertory collections	\$ 1,448,266	\$ 1,397,034	\$ 1,514,192
Donations and bequests	132,247	196,211	139,060
Interest & Dividends	412,935	351,400	442,923
Rental income	-	-	
Religious education	14,736	12,903	11,540
Restricted building fund contributions	-	-	-
Other income	95,492	40,945	141,423
Total income	\$ 2,103,676	\$ 1,998,493	\$ 2,249,138
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 882,483	\$ 918,731	\$ 927,406
Parish life and worship	51,672	49,818	57,757
Rectory and parish clergy	29,140	30,611	29,963
Religious education	28,542	14,849	22,691
Social concerns	64,485	42,530	47,329
Administration and other	145,716	121,184	154,712
Facilities and maintenance	257,004	249,165	434,742
Archdiocese assessments	187,070	181,548	183,250
Parish Other	61,956	33,253	166,602
Total expenses	\$ 1,708,068	\$ 1,641,689	\$ 2,024,452
Net income	\$ 395,608	\$ 356,804	\$ 224,686

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School			
Income			
School tuition and fees	\$ 1,985,951	\$ 1,903,918	\$ 2,286,635
Donations	80,485	35,888	83,320
Support from parish	-	-	-
Other income	244,334	211,478	255,987
Total income	\$ 2,310,770	\$ 2,151,284	\$ 2,625,942
Expenses			
Salaries and benefits	\$ 2,088,375	\$ 2,031,448	\$ 2,182,455
Instruction	91,512	148,736	96,984
Facilities and maintenance	204,808	189,767	243,386
Administration	43,256	49,084	41,411
Auxiliary services	75,403	96,060	80,778
Nursery school/day care	3,026	10,283	3,283
Total expenses	\$ 2,506,380	\$ 2,525,378	\$ 2,648,297
Net income (loss) on school	\$ (195,610)	\$ (374,094)	\$ (22,355)

Parish Net Income (loss) \$ 199,998 \$ ***(17,290)** \$ 202,331

* This amount does not include the PPP support