



# ST. CHARLES

CATHOLIC CHURCH | CLARENDON



Pub time with Bishop Burbidge during the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of "P3" (Prayer, Penance & Pub)

## PARISH ANNUAL REPORT & APPEAL

DECEMBER 3, 2023



**Fr. Don Planty**  
Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to offer you this special edition of our weekly bulletin, an extraordinary report on where we are and where we are going as a parish. This moment—especially considering we are preparing for the redevelopment of our parish site—offers a unique challenge and opportunity for personal and parish renewal.

You will find that this bulletin contains the following important information:

**PARISH REDEVELOPMENT:** Where our project stands. We have completed schematic designs, are wrapping up negotiations with a development partner—and will increase parishioner engagement. See the full summary inside...

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:** How we are accomplishing our mission. We are keeping the faith and sharing the faith in the heart of Arlington. The details follow...

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT:** What our financial situation is. See where we stand economically, and learn about our outlook for the future. The financial stats and explanations are below...

**ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL:** How you can support our parish's mission. All the good we do is thanks to your generous volunteer and financial support, and to our unity in fellowship. In this bulletin you will learn about how you can participate—especially by using our exciting new platforms...

I hope you will read this report attentively, since it is a timely focus on our mission to proclaim, to celebrate and to live the Gospel in the heart of Arlington. I remain,

Your servant in Christ Jesus,

*Fr. Don*

Rev. Donald J. Planty, Jr. Pastor

## Parish Redevelopment: Where our project stands



We continue to plan for the complete redevelopment of our parish: we will maximize the extraordinary value of our urban location and build an inspiring new church as well as a parish center with a variety of gathering spaces, with offices, and with a rectory—all on the eastern part of our site; we will place all parking underground; and, we will lease the remaining portion of the land to a development partner to help finance our project. While we anticipate that most of our costs will be met by the proceeds from a long-term lease with our development partner, still, parishioners will be asked to contribute to our effort through a capital campaign focusing on beautiful memorial gifts.

While the past year's economic environment created some unexpected challenges, we continue fruitful negotiations with our development partner, and collaborative planning with diocesan staff, attorneys, architects, engineers, brokers, and other contractors. I hope to offer you a more comprehensive presentation on our project soon in the new year.

Our project represents a challenge—but also an opportunity for personal and parish renewal. Everyone in the parish, individually and together, has a stake in our redevelopment and will be involved. We are blessed to have the chance to build an inspiring work of art to give glory to God and to be a sign of his Church's presence in the heart of Arlington—the most visible church in Northern Virginia—and to build a new parish center that will support our apostolate to bring the Good News to the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor. As we enter this time of great transition, it is crucial that we all work together to further our parish's mission.

# Ministry Highlights:

## How we Accomplish our Mission

Our vibrant parish continues to proclaim, to celebrate, and to live the Good News of Jesus and his Church—but much remains to be done. Below is a summary of the good things that happened at St. Charles over the past year. As you reflect on this year's parish appeal, consider how you participate in and support our mission



### PRAY

130 participants in 40 Hours of Adoration  
90 hours chapel is open weekly for prayer  
75 hours of adoration in one year at P3



### SHARE

#### Community

2,055 Registered households  
301 Newly registered households  
3,527 Total parishioners  
223 Participants in fellowship groups  
75 Average attendance at P3 pub time

#### Giving

2,055 Registered households  
576 Households giving to offertory  
\$137,000 Donated to parish charities  
\$87,000 Donated to sister parish in Haiti

#### Serving

100 Volunteers involved in charitable works  
47 Households served by our food pantry  
25 Attended Coffee Hour/Dinner for All monthly  
1,100 Giving Tree gifts given to needy children



### LEARN

#### Education & Formation

84 Adults in faith formation programs  
263 Religious Ed & youth ministry students  
40 Catechists & youth leaders

#### Preschool

143 Students enrolled  
33 Staff Members



### CELEBRATE

6 Sunday Masses & 2 weekday Masses  
1,600 Average attendance at Sunday Masses  
5 Confession times/days per week  
132 Liturgical volunteers  
65 Infant baptisms  
55 First Communion  
58 Confirmations  
51 Couples prepared for marriage  
14 Adults received into the Church

# Annual Financial Report: Our Economic Situation



## Saint Charles Borromeo Parish Statement of Financial Activities

For Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Church	School	Parish
<b>REVENUE SOURCES</b>			
Collection Income	1,216,952	-	1,216,952
Liturgical/Sacramental Income	5,440	-	5,440
Catechesis/Faith Formation	37,394	-	37,394
Community/Service Income	143,951	-	143,951
School Tuition Related Income	-	1,462,419	1,462,419
Student Services Income	-	308,151	308,151
Parish Investment in School	-	-	-
Unrestricted Income	96,804	330	97,134
Restricted Income	52,780	25,000	77,780
Development/Fundraising Income	-	202	202
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,553,321</b>	<b>\$ 1,796,102</b>	<b>\$ 3,349,423</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Salary & Benefits - Assigned Clergy	110,709	-	110,709
Clergy Expenses	31,332	-	31,332
Salary & Benefits - Staff	683,495	1,498,575	2,182,070
Liturgical/Sacramental Expense	46,589	-	46,589
Catechesis/Faith Formation Expense	26,250	-	26,250
Community/Service Expense	153,772	-	153,772
School Instructional Expense	-	18,641	18,641
Student Services Expense	-	10,062	10,062
Parish Investment in School	-	-	-
Facilities Expense	93,801	85,374	179,174
Utilities Expense	55,542	34,710	90,253
Technology Expense	40,292	47	40,340
Administrative Expense	68,533	47,844	116,377
Office Expense	12,419	6,221	18,641
Diocesan Assessments	147,478	-	147,478
Development/Fundraising Expense	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,212</b>	<b>\$ 1,701,475</b>	<b>\$ 3,171,687</b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 83,109</b>	<b>\$ 94,627</b>	<b>\$ 177,736</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE</b>			
Capital Campaign	-	-	-
Bequests	-	-	-
Other Extraordinary Income	-	-	-
Gains/Losses on Investments	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Capital Expenditures	621,319	5,745	627,064
Interest on Debt	-	-	-
Other Extraordinary Expense	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE</b>	<b>621,319</b>	<b>5,745</b>	<b>627,064</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>	<b>\$ (621,319)</b>	<b>\$ (5,745)</b>	<b>\$ (627,064)</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (538,209)</b>	<b>\$ 88,882</b>	<b>\$ (449,327)</b>
<i>Adjustments Related to Prior Periods</i>	-	-	-
<i>Adjusted Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</i>	<b>\$ (538,209)</b>	<b>\$ 88,882</b>	<b>\$ (449,327)</b>

# Annual Financial Report: Our Economic Situation

Our mission is supported by the sacrificial financial offerings of our parishioners. Fundamentally, a parish runs on its offertory collections: everything we do is thanks to your generosity. Below is a report on Fiscal Year 2022-2023, a summary of our current financial situation. As you reflect on this year's parish appeal, consider how you support our mission with your sacrificial monetary gifts.

- Thanks to you, our offertory (“collections”), our primary source of income, increased this year—although the 2% increase did not keep pace with inflation.
- Parish charities income was lower relative to the previous years—but in those years people responded to the extraordinary needs resulting from the Covid pandemic.
- The projected closing of our preschool in 2025 in preparation for our redevelopment resulted in a decrease in enrollment and in revenue, yet it remains profitable.
- Our balance sheet indicates we have enough liquid assets (cash available) to handle our upcoming liabilities (things we need to pay for), which is important as we continue to invest in upfront “soft costs” related to our redevelopment project. Funds that are more than required for our normal operating needs are kept in the “DIAL” (Diocesan Savings and Loan) account to earn higher interest.
- We recently changed eGiving platforms, transitioning from FaithDirect to Pushpay. Though most of our parishioners made the change, and a number of new parishioners signed up for eGiving, we experienced an overall decrease in electronic giving.

We are always fully conscious of the fact that we are accountable for the stewardship of funds raised through your hard-earned sacrificial gifts, and we pledge to you that we will continue to manage the parish responsibly and transparently.



# Annual Parish Appeal: Login, Give, Serve, Gather

Our parish mission is accomplished—the good things we do that are described in the preceding pages—are thanks to your generous financial and volunteer support, and to our unity in fellowship. Consider how your financial gifts, service time, and fellowship gatherings contribute to our unity in charity.

## Login to our New Platform

All parishioners are asked to [login to their profile](#) in our new portal, powered by ParishStaq. It is THE BEST way to stay connected and receive the customized information you need such as: access to review your online giving, sign up for volunteer participation, access schedules, calendars & more!

For a step-by-step guide [click here](#)

## Give

Giving to your parish offertory collections is a wonderful, tangible expression of your gratitude to God for his many blessings, of your love for others, and of your desire to support the mission of your parish. I ask you, please, to take time prayerfully to consider how you can best respond to God's love for you by committing to a regular, sacrificial, financial gift to our offertory collections by eGiving using [Pushpay](#) (part of the *Parishstaq* platform & app).

## Serve

Our ability to proclaim, to celebrate, and to live the Gospel is directly affected by what you do: the more people volunteer, and the more time they give, the more we can grow the Church in the heart of Arlington. There are many ways you can serve your parish and you can explore all of them online, but I especially ask you prayerfully to consider serving in one of these ways:

**Ushers.** Ushers welcome parishioners to Mass and serve them by answering their questions, assisting them in finding seats, guiding communicants, and managing the offertory collections. Sign up to learn more [here](#)

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.** "EMs" assist our priests and deacons in distributing Holy Communion at Mass, and take Communion to the homebound and nursing home residents. Sign up to learn more [here](#)

**Sacristans.** Sacristans ensure everything is prepared for Mass, including setting up and checking in our liturgical volunteers. Sign up to learn more [here](#)

**Welcome & Hospitality Committee.** Members welcome new parishioners and introduce them to all our parish has to offer, integrating them into our faith community. Sign up to learn more [here](#).

**The link to these and other service opportunities is [here](#).**

## Gather

Our Small Communities of Faith ("small groups"), our *Borromeo Brothers* men's group, our *Walking with Purpose* women's Bible study, and our *Teams of Our Lady* couples' groups meet regularly to enable members to support one another as they grow together in faith, living the four pillars of Christian discipleship: praying, learning, celebrating, and sharing the Christian life. Consider [filling out an interest form](#) so we can connect you to the groups you are interested in getting involved in!

## THE GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED GIVE AS A GIFT

I encourage you to allow these words of our Lord Jesus (Mt 10:8) to inspire you to spend some time prayerfully reflecting on how you should give back to the Lord and his people, on how you can embrace personal and parish renewal by committing to registering for our new engagement platform and app, by giving generously to our collections through eGiving, by serving as a volunteer, and by gathering in a group fellowship.

I am most grateful for your continued support of our parish, and I ask you please to join me in praying daily to our patron, St. Charles Borromeo, for our parish renewal and re-development. I assure you that I pray daily—especially in the Mass and in the Rosary—that God may bless you abundantly!

*Fr. Don*

