# Queen of all Saints Basilica

## November 3rd, 2019

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## WE REMEMBER THEM...

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The community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts and building the Church together, through word, worship and service.

## FROM FR. SIMON



I continue to be humbled and honored to serve as your pastor, proud of what our parish has accomplished in the past year. When I was appointed administrator about three years ago, I realized that I had the responsibility not only to be a man of faith, prayer and service in the midst of God's people but also to be a good steward of the resources and offerings entrusted to this parish. Since then, but especially in the last year and a half that I have been pastor, as you will read in the financial report, we have undertaken many repair projects to preserve and protect what has been handed down to us. I am indebted to the many

experienced, dedicated and knowledgeable members of the Finance Council and parish staff who have advised me on finances and facilities management.

Over this past year we accomplished much. Most notably we completed repairs to the altar in the east transcept, we are nearing the completion of major repairs to the bell tower and we have completed phases I and II of our Capital Campaign *From Generation to Generation*. None of this could be done if it were not for the generosity of our parishioners as well as the commitment of our incredibly dedicated staff.

Last Sunday, we celebrated 90 years as a faith community in our part of Chicago. We rejoiced as we gathered around the altar to be grateful to the past, mindful of the present, and hopeful and committed to the future. As we look forward to continually strengthening our parish as we look forward to our centenary celebrations, I am mindful that our Sunday collections have slightly improved over the last year to help us meet our operating costs. That said, more needs to be done in order to replenish our endowments from which we borrowed to finish the needed repairs to the basilica ceiling and bell tower. An increase in our financial stewardship by a minimum of 25% each week will help us reach our goal to replenish our savings by \$5 million over the next ten years. We owe it to ourselves to do this!

Being pastor is not however just about financial and facilities management, it's about furthering our parish's mission which is defined by our mission statement: to be a community that is 'committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts and building the Church together through the ministries of word, worship and service'.

Much of what we have been able to accomplish is due in large part to the hundreds of volunteers who give so generously of their time, talent and treasure. Their enthusiasm, commitment and faith inspire me daily. Our work however is far from being finished. Each of us is called to continually confirm our faith in Jesus Christ, to be open to his spirit as he guides us as individuals and as a parish, to take the initiative to share our faith with our friends and neighbors and to reach out in service to others. The more we stand together in faith the stronger we are and the more that the Lord can do through us. I hope you will find the following report informative. The members of the Finance Council and I welcome any comments and questions that you may have.

Blessings!!

## Financial Report - Queen of All Saints - For Last Two Fiscal Years Ending June 30

All members of the Church are called to service as disciples of Christ. Charity begins at home, then to the community, the parish, at work and in the world. Queen of All Saints parish is proud to offer over 40 different ministries to our parishioners and our community.

The following pages describe how we manage our financial resources, an important part of our ability to support these ministries. It is also a testament to the stewardship shown by our parishioners, a grateful return of the gifts they have been given—in the service of others.

## **Queen of All Saints Mission Statement**

The Community of Queen of All Saints is committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts and building the Church together through word, worship and service.

This Annual Report provides you with a basic overview and accountability of how your generosity of time, talent and treasure is a living witness to our Mission. Please keep in mind that numbers tell only part of our story. Our faith cannot be quantified and the call to discipleship and ministry lies in the hearts of God's holy people. Taken individually, each activity our parish sponsors is significant. Collectively, we work together to grow in faith, hope and love.

#### **Outreach Ministries**

Bereavement Support Group
Scouts
Elizabeth Ministry
FACA
Finance Council
Girl Scouts
Men's Club

Ministry of Care - Homebound Ministry of Care - Hospital Ministry of Praise - Partners in Prayer

Ministry of Praise - Peterson Park Nursing Home

Moppets & Me Money Counters Parish Council

Queen of All Saints Parent Association (QASPA)

Respect Life
School Council
Single Parents
Social Justice Ministry
St. Dymphna Society

St. Vincent dePaul Society
Wedding Rehearsal Ministry
Widowed Group
Youth Ministry
Women's Auxiliary

#### **Education Ministries**

QAS School
Religious Education Program
Baptismal Preparation
Bible Study
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
Special Religious Education (SPRED)

#### **Worship Ministries**

Altar Servers
Basilica Choir
Lectors
Ministers of Communion
Sacristans
Ushers

#### Financial Report - Queen of All Saints Parish - For Last Two Fiscal Years Ending June 30

- Parish revenues were up 3.0% for FY 18/19. Sunday and Holy Day collections were up 2.0%, while Christmas and Easter were up 1.7% and 1.0%, respectively. UPP was up 11.1%.
- Parish expenses remained under control, with a 2.8 increase, aided by reductions in school staff expense due to retirements and other adjustments, despite normal increases in salaries and health benefit costs.
- The basilica ceiling and bell tower projects represented highly unexpected expenditures, discussed elsewhere in this report. Payments for these projects and certain other basilica repairs were made from parish savings, which must be replenished in future years. Increased repairs and maintenance are expected with any aging physical plant, but we believe our planned schedule for those items is prudent and will keep our buildings safe and attractive for the long run on a cost effective basis.

<u>Parish Income</u>	6/30/19	6/30/18	% change
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	1,445,704	1,417,324	2.0
Christmas	193,152	189,879	1.7
Easter	121,627	124,654	1.0
Other Collections and Misc. Parish Income	84,215	93,900	(10.3)
United Parish Program—Net (see footnote*)	313,890	282,702	11.1
Interest on Savings	39,348	24,993	<u>57.4</u>
Total Income	2,197,934	2,133,362	3.0
<u>Parish Expenses</u>	<u>6/30/19</u>	6/30/18	% change
Salaries and Benefits	1,054,401	1,053,370	0.0
Liturgies and Music	42,184	48,413	(12.9)
Other Parish Ministries	44,256	62,396	(32.3)
Archdiocesan Assessment	213,588	228,288	(6.5)
Religious Education Subsidy	85,359	71,918	18.7
Utilities	86,006	82,893	3.8
Maintenance and Repairs	273,165	266,303	2.6
Property Insurance	52,006	50,472	3.0
Rectory and Office Expenses	153,186	147,558	3.8
Sub Total	2,004,150	2,011,610	(0.4)
Direct School Subsidy	64,328	<u>0</u>	
Total Expenses	2,068,478	2,011,610	2.8

- \* Additional funds in the amount of \$62,000 were collected during FY 18/19 at the May 2019 UPP to fund certain technology and security features for the early education portion of the Benedict Center project, which was completed and made available for use in August 2019 as part of the parish capital campaign. To avoid distortions in financial reporting, the amount collected at the May 2019 UPP is not included in the FY 18/19 operating revenue and the corresponding capital expenditures will not be included in FY 19/20 expenses.
- \* Parish revenues and expenses do not include the Third Sunday Collections for Sharing Parishes and other second collections, which are directly paid out as intended by the donors. In contrast to prior years the parish did not receive a rebate from the Annual Catholic Appeal, due to an increase in the goal set for the parish by the Archdiocese and a reduction in contributions to the Appeal from parishioners.

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#### Financial Report - Queen of All Saints School - For Last Two Fiscal Years Ending June 30

- School enrollment decreased significantly during the year, primarily due to the closing of the Benedict Center for construction of the new early education program space, which was an impediment to full enrollment. Nevertheless, enrollment continued to be strong, with 608 students enrolled for the year, preschool through eighth grade. Largely due to the enrollment difficulties tuition revenue decreased 5.5%.
- Tuition and fees covered 90% of direct school expenses, which shows the vitality of the school and the commitment of the parents. With the support of both parents and parish our school was able to spend \$137,000 on technological infrastructure, devices, applications and training, all to provide the best possible educational experience for our children.
- As is the case with parish expenses, repairs and maintenance continue to rise. We will continue to keep our school plant safe and suitable for an optimal learning experience.

School Income	6/30/19	6/30/18	% change
Tuition and Fees	3,226,516	3,414,299	(5.5)
Direct Parish Subsidy*	64,328	0	
School Endowment Subsidy*	300,000	155,270	<u>93.2</u>
Total Revenue	3,590,844	3,569,569	0.6
School Enrollment Preschool to 8th Grade	608	652	(9.3)
School Expenses	6/30/19	6/30/18	% change
Salaries and Benefits	2,780,907	2,752,788	1.0
Books, Instructional Supplies	128,338	157,808	(18.7)
Utilities	85,203	92,411	(7.8)
Maintenance and Repairs**	182,149	211,282	(13.8)
Insurance	96,582	93,720	3.1
Office Expenses	317,664	241,560	<u>31.5</u>
Total Expenses	3,590,844	3,559,569	0.9

<sup>\*</sup>The Queen of All Saints School Endowment was established in 1991 to provide an additional source of revenue for our parish school, supplementing tuition paid by parents and a direct subsidy from parish operations, if necessary. During FY 18/19 the school received \$300,000 from the endowment and \$64,328 from parish operations.

#### **Members of the Parish Finance Council**

John Andrus Randy Darlak Lou Manfredini Susan Besch James DeRose Neal McNamara Sandra Wisniewski John Conway Dennis Hammer Rico Ramos

<sup>\*\*</sup>Additionally, certain expenses paid by the parish indirectly benefit the school, such as common area maintenance and improvements. A full allocation of these school-related expenses is estimated at \$340,000 for FY 18/19.

#### A Message From Our Parish Finance Council

We are pleased to send you the operating financial statement of our parish for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. We encourage you to read this closely, but here are some of the highlights as we see them:

#### We have much to be proud of

- Our parish continues to provide an ever-increasing number of services and ministries to our parishioners. This is the future of a healthy parish, but it requires an increasing number of lay volunteers and associated expenses. We have been in the fortunate position of having the resources, especially the many dedicated people who devote their time and energies to their neighbors, fellow parishioners and to others outside our parish.
- Our parish operating expenses continue to be under strict control, both church and school, with staffing being
  maintained at the right levels and materials, supplies and utilities being purchased at the right cost and at the
  right times.
- Our school remains very strong, with 608 students during the period despite difficult enrollment issues resulting from the Benedict Center construction project affecting our early childhood education program. Parents provide 90% of the direct operating costs of the school, which clearly demonstrates their commitment to a quality Catholic education for their children.

#### But we have big challenges

- On the other hand, maintenance and repairs will continue to grow as our buildings age. Just as our own homes
  require increased maintenance costs over time, so too will our beautiful and valued parish properties, especially
  our basilica.
- More significantly, our parish Sunday collections have remained relatively level for several years. Perhaps this might be sufficient for some parishes, but it is not enough for us. Our future depends on doing more for ourselves and that will demand more financial resources.
- Equally as important is the matter of our basilica ceiling and bell tower, which were capital expenses not reflected in the operating statement. We have mentioned many times the unfortunate and sudden need to replace our entire ceiling last year and to make extensive repairs to the bell tower this year. Due to the prudent foresight of those who came before us we were in the fortunate position of being able to fund the massive costs of our basilica repair projects from our savings. However, prudence also demands that our savings must be replenished in the coming years.

So, what must we do? This means we must increase our Sunday collections immediately and substantially, in order to replenish our savings by \$5 million over the next 10 years. This will require a minimum increase of 25% over what we receive today.

What do we ask for? We know that we have many faithful supporters, who provide for their church on a regular basis. We are extraordinarily grateful for their efforts. Without them we would not be able to be where we are today.

However, we have suggested an increase in our Sunday collections over the last few years, but the results have been much less than needed. At this time, we are forced to be much more vocal. We have no choice but to step up our Sunday collection efforts forcefully and we ask that you consider an immediate increase in your Sunday offertory of 25%, and hopefully more if you can afford it. We know that many of our parishioners stretch themselves to support our parish, which is why our average Sunday envelope contains about \$35 per week. Others certainly have the ability to support our parish beyond that average and should take action now.

We know that our fellow parishioners always do the right thing when they are given the facts, and that is why we confidently lay before you the situation we now face.

As always, if you have any questions about our financial condition or the various ways you can provide an increase in your support, please contact our business office at 773.736.6060.

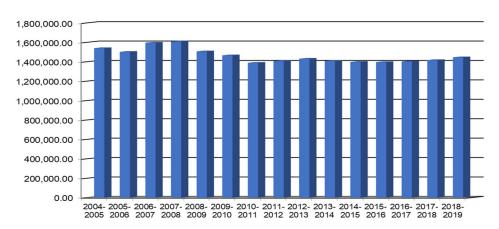
#### The Basilica Ceiling and Bell Tower, and Our Sunday Collections

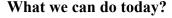
We have talked a lot about our ceiling and bell tower projects over the last two years—that very sudden circumstances forced us to act promptly and prudently to replace the entire ceiling of the Basilica, which dated back to the original construction of the church building, and do a very extensive repair and reconstruction of the bell tower. We have also talked about how we were in the fortunate position to be able to fund the entire upfront cost of these critical projects from our savings, due to the foresight and generosity of those who came before us.

The cost of these projects and other basilica repairs is enormous. That's why we have a long-range objective to replenish \$5 million back to our savings.

## The only way we can do that is to significantly increase our Sunday collections for the foreseeable future.

Following a decrease at the last national recession, our Sunday collections have been stable for a number of years. That's good, but not good enough for a parish like ours.





Please take the time to consider the role our parish plays in our lives. Read the list of ministries our parish now supports. Ask yourself how many of those ministries have touched your own life.

Consider how important it is to have a broad array of ministries and activities that hold together our parish family.

Consider the sacrifices of those who came before us to build the magnificent basilica in which we worship.

Then consider how you can help, and if you can increase your help.

Your parish needs your attendance at weekly Mass, your volunteer help where your talents are most useful, and your financial assistance on a planned and proportionate basis.





#### How electronic giving can help

You have certainly heard this message before. Our parish, like an increasing number of other parishes, is hoping to enlist your help in moving to electronic giving. We pay our household bills electronically—why not support our parish that way? Sign up for GiveCentral. It's safe, convenient and dependable! Go to gasparish.org, click on the GiveCentral logo and follow the quick and easy prompts.

# Veterans Masses

## Sunday, November 10 at 11 am

Veterans of military service, their families and family members of soldiers currently serving are invited to a special Mass. Additionally, you are invited to wear your uniform, if possible. There will be a special blessing at the end of the Mass. If any veterans and/or families would like to participate in the liturgy by walking in the opening procession, carrying up the gifts or proclaiming the Word, please contact Paul Scavone at the rectory.

# Thanksgiving Thursday, November 28 10am

Our Thanksgiving celebration will take place on Thanksgiving Day. In addition to offering thanks and praise to God for all with which we are blessed, at that Mass we will pray in a special way for the members of our community currently serving in the armed forces, first responders and their families. In the midst of the holiday season, it is important to give gratitude for their great sacrifice, service, dedication to freedom throughout the world, and their safe and swift homecoming. Anyone in the military, veterans, and their families who would like to participate in the Mass, please contact Paul Scavone at the rectory (773-736-6060, ext. 225). If you are unable to attend the 10am Mass, there is also an 8am Mass on Thanksgiving morning.

Queen of All Saints extends God's blessings to all those who serve, including our own...

## **Army**

Matthew Allen **Bruce Anderson** J.R. Andrin James Ausmann **Erwin Balacy** Ian Buxton **Russell Corwin** Timothy F. Eddy, Jr. Luke Dondlinger **Matthew Dondlinger** John Hannon Zachary Kendzora Hannah Kobit Kurt Kolwalski **Roy Marchert Kyle Charles Martin Robert Martin** Nick McCann Sean McDermott **Brian Sellergren Michael White** 

## **Navy**

Noel Angelo Babao Megan Smith Donnelly Michael Donnelly James Patrick Gaytan **Luis Francis Gavtan** Justin Halligan John Lynch Michael McGreevy, Jr. — RIP Rory Keel Austin Kendzora **Thomas Moore** Neil R. Murphy Wilfred Oueiada John Schneider Michael Shonder **Samuel Schultz Trevor Skelly Justin Will** 

## <u> Marines</u>

Barbara Feeley Heather Klein Brian Kukla Joey Daniel Mandro Brian McDermott Edward McDonough Laura Ramsey Nathan Schoemer

## **Air Force**

Jacob Allen
Jim Biedenbender
William P. Flaherty
Jesus Alexander E. Galera
Marc Johansen
Marshall E. Lewis
John Monnelly
Colin J. Quinn
Gerald P. Szybist
Timothy Wallen

## **Other**

James Hagerty - Coast Guard Tim Kirschner - National Guard Richard Mercader - National Guard Bryan Mowrey - Coast Guard Brian Rice - Coast Guard John P. Riordan - USAID Heidi Schmidt - Coast Guard



If you have a loved one or friend currently serving in the military, please contact Michael Jolls at the rectory so that we can include them in our prayers.

## PARISH NEWS



The Queen of All Saints Women's Auxiliary presents

THE 15TH ANNUAL

# Ladies Shopping spree

Sunday, November 3, 2019 12:00 – 4:00 pm 6230 N. Lemont (Queen of All Saints Gymnasium)

Don't miss this unique shopping event! Handmade items, jewelry, clothing, accessories, holiday decor & more!

Plus, enter for the chance to win one of 40 custom raffle baskets!

\$5.00 entry fee - Open to the public

[ QAS Women's Auxiliary members and seniors are free ]



Tuesday, November 5th

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Mother's Chapel

in the Basilica

(Use southwest door, on Keene / parking lot side)

Whether your rosary is a little rusty or has been a life-long companion, all women are invited to pray together on the Feast of St. Elizabeth. Just as Mary and Elizabeth came together in joy to celebrate the Lord, the Elizabeth Ministry invites you to join us as we pray a full rosary together for our children, families and loved ones.

No experience necessary! Rosaries will be provided, or bring your own favorite beads.



The Queen of All Saints Elizabeth Ministry is a response to the needs of women in our parish during motherhood and family life. We fulfill our mission through spiritual and social events, prayer, meal preparation for families in need, and connecting women of similar experiences. Email elizabethministry.qas@gmail.com with questions or requests.

## PARISH NEWS

## Women's Spiritual Spa Day

## **Thursday November 14**

Morning Session: 9:30am to 12:30pm Evening Session: 6:30pm to 9:00pm (Each session contains the same material)

# Becoming An Everyday Contemplative Presented by Judith Valente

How can we become more mindful and reflective amid noise and distractions of contemporary life? We will explore some of the simple practices from our great, but often overlooked Catholic monastic tradition, and discover how we can incorporate these practices into our daily lives in order to see "the real behind the real" and "the story behind the story" of our lives. Through individual reflection and discussion in small groups, we will leave with a new vision of ourselves as "everyday contemplatives."

Judith Valente is the author of four spirituality titles, including most recently *How To Live: What the Rule of St. Benedict Teaches Us About Happiness, Meaning and Community.* She is the co-author of *The Art of Pausing: Meditations for the Overworked and Overwhelmed* and of *Twenty Poems to Nourish Your Soul.* She has also written two collections of poetry. She worked previously for PBS-TV, Chicago Public Radio, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post. She contributes articles to U.S. Catholic magazine and National Catholic Reporter. Her easily accessible, yet poetic style of presenting has made



her a popular speaker and retreat and workshop leader across the country. Her other books include *Atchison Blue: A Search for Silence, A Spiritual Home and A Living Faith*, the memoir of her time at Mount St. Scholastica Monastery in Atchison, Kansas. She is an Oblate (lay associate) of Mount St. Scholastica. She currently lives in Normal, IL and is married to former Illinois Circuit Court Judge Charles Reynard.

Felician Sisters Convent 3800 W. Peterson Ave. Chicago, IL 60646



Cost is \$10 per session. Please register with Mary Kelly at mpkell@sbcglobal.net or call, 847-800-5654. You can also register online at qasparish.org and click on the Women's Spiritual Spa Day link.

WALK-INS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

## Calling all the Faithful

Gather with your parish community and nourish the personal faith which bestows meaning on your participation in the work of the Church

# From Maintenance to Mission

## Queen of All Saints Formational Conference Saturday, November 9, 11am to 12:30pm In the School Cafeteria

How do we move from taking care of our facilities and all of the maintenance work on our campus to a parish serving the mission of the Church, where all feel welcome? *Elizabeth White* from the Office of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship will present and lead a discussion to help us begin to make that move.

# Culture of Evangelization

Evangelization happens in the way the faithful live God's love everyday through support for one another, and is, essentially, the key moment of welcoming and sharing who Christ is. To evangelize also means to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to every human situation. As Christians, we encounter Jesus and transform the lives of others through service and sharing the faith.

# All parishioners are invited to this special event. All liturgical ministers and all major council and board members are especially encouraged to attend.

Elizabeth Jennings White is the Director of the Office of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Previously she served as the Vice President of Advancement and the Director of Development for Cristo Rey Jesuit High School and prior to that was the Director of Marketing and Communications for Catholic Theological Union, both in Chicago.

"I love to work with a team and together create something new and innovative. For years I have been able to work for organizations who have a clear mission and are forward-thinking. Developing projects and tools, managing talented teams, and

focusing on how to improve and grow are my strengths. Currently, I serve the Archdiocese of Chicago in a role dedicated to helping parishes be filled with men and women who intentionally share their faith stories of how God is active in their lives so others can see God working in their own lives."

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Ticket includes barbeque, drinks, tailgate games, raffle prizes, limited silent auction, wine pull, TVs with college football games, half-time entertainment, and more!



To register and/or learn more, please visit www.stjosephservices.org or call (773) 278-0484

## Domestic Abuse Prayer Service

Wednesday, November 6th at 7:30pm

The Social Justice Ministry of Queen of All Saints invites you to a prayer vigil hosted by "Friends Against Domestic Abuse", a joint initiative of QAS, St. Mary of the Woods and St. Martha's.

All are welcome to join us in the basilica to pray for those affected by domestic violence. Coffee will be served following the vigil in the Holy Name Room.



## Worldwide Candle Lighting & **Prayer Service**

#### Sunday, December 8th at 6:45pm in the Basilica

The Elizabeth Ministry and the Compassionate Friends Organization will host the annual prayer service and candle lighting to honor the memory of children gone too soon. All are welcome.



## Social Justice Meetings

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 to 9pm in the Benedict Center Fireplace Room. For more information, contact us at: justice@gasparish.org.

Our meeting schedule is as follows: November 19, January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19 and June 16

## Bereavement Support Group

Sessions are being held Sunday afternoons from 1:30 to 3:30pm on the following dates: November 10, 17, 24. For more information or to register, please call Sheila Morrow at 773-383-4405 or smorrow@qasparish.org.

## Third-Grade Family Mass

Next Saturday, November 16th at 5pm

#### **Upcoming Grade Masses**

8th Grade - November 23rd @ 5:00pm Pre-School - December 7th @ 5:00pm 5th Grade - December 14th @ 5:00pm



## Stewardship — It's Our Turn

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our parishioners through our Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections, and our one and only parish-wide fundraiser, the United Parish Program, our parish operations have been able to break even in recent years.

This is good, but not nearly good enough.

On the capital side we encountered a series of major expenses in recent years, including the replacement of the Basilica ceiling and extensive repairs to the Basilica bell tower, as well as a host of other water-related repairs which tend to afflict buildings the same age as ours.

Fortunately, we were able to pay for those repair expenses by drawing on our savings, which were prudently set aside by those who came before us for precisely that type of unforeseen problem. We were able to begin repairs promptly before our problems got worse.

The good news is that we've addressed our immediate problems. The challenging news is that we are left with a serious hole in our savings. Now it's time to address that problem.

We need to move from a mere break-even operation to instead generate at least \$5 million total surplus over the next 10 years to replenish our savings and restore our parish's financial position.

This will require a 25% increase in our Sunday collections.

We know that it took a lot of hard work and a lot of very generous giving to fund our magnificent parish buildings from people, just like us, who sat in the same pews we sit in today.

Now it's our turn.

## Today's Readings

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything I shall repay it four times over."

(Luke 19:8)

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the blessings we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but is called to give equal sacrifice. No amount is too small or insignificant! Open your heart. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

# SUNDAY COLLECTIONS OCTOBER 17 TO OCTOBER 23, 2019

<b>Donation Type</b>	Amount	Users
Envelopes	\$22,237.18	503
<b>Loose Donations</b>	\$3,979.00	n/a
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	\$6,365.00	151
Total	\$32,581.18	
YTD Total	\$464,262.31	





Just a reminder that the *From Generation to Generation* pledge "reminders" will have the *To Teach Who Christ Is* logo and NOT the *From Generation to Generation* logo. Please keep this in mind and be sure to open any mail with <u>either</u> of these logos.

# MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 3rd (Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time) - All Sunday Masses will be offered for the people of Queen of All Saints and the benefactors of our endowments for the school and the parish

Monday, November 4th (St. Charles Borromeo) - School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS Homebound, George Stegmaier, Alma & George Brown, John Lutsch, Sara Testa, Mary Bachanowski, Luz Pahati, Wladimir "Wally" Semaszczuk

Readings: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday, November 5th** - Deceased members of the QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, Joe Kilroy, Bornschlegl & Morcinek families, Laurence Nee, Lionel Garcia, Fe Salvador & Jessica Martin, Rosanna Bollo

Readings: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday, November 6th - Basilica Fund members, Ruth Stegmaier, Wednesday Women, Angie Minelli, Richard F. Scheuer, Gaspar & Ria Erdelyi, Dr. Clifford H. Miller, Charles J. O'Connor, Virginia Acosta Readings: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday, November 7th** – Leslie Guderyahn, Charles Hansen, Kathryn Hansen, John Hansen, Rita Mitchell, In honor of our Blessed Mother - Ben & Sara Testa, Claudia Giometti, Virginia Acosta Readings: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10

Friday, November 8th - Helen & Jerry Martin, Francis & Margaret McCormick, Mark Poker, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Guderyahn, Timothy Kevin Madden
Readings: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday, November 9th (Dedication of the Lateran Basilica) -** *Estelle E. Skodowski, Salvy Monastero, Trudy Kelly* 

Readings: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

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#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil			5:00pm
Sunday	.6:45, 8:00,	9:30, 11:00am,	12:30pm

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Monday-Friday	6:30, 8:30am
	8:00am
Rosary	Daily after the 8:30am Mass

## **Devotions and Holy Day Masses**

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday......After the 8:00 am Mass until all are heard

## To Register in the Parish

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## The Sacrament of Baptism

Queen of All Saints rejoices in the incorporation of new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are a registered parishioner, please come to the rectory during business hours to schedule your child's baptism. If it is not possible for you to come to the rectory, please call the rectory to make arrangements. The Sacrament of Baptism for infants is celebrated two or three Sundays of the month, depending on the time of year, at 1:30pm. Please call the rectory for the exact schedule. A Baptismal Preparation class for the parents is required. They are held once a month on alternate Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and must also be scheduled in advance. If an adult or a school age child seeks baptism, special arrangements should be made with one of the priests.

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## OTHER NEWS

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Therefore you rebuke offenders little by little, warn them and remind them of the sins they are committing, that they may abandon their wickedness and believe in you, O Lord! (Wisdom 11:22-12:2)

Psalm: I will praise your name forever, my king and my God. (Psalm 145)

Second Reading: We ask you, brothers and sisters, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling with him, not to be shaken out of your minds suddenly, or to be alarmed. (2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2)

Gospel: "Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and save what was lost." (Luke 19:1-10)



Next Sunday, November 10th

5:00pm - Fr. Robert Heidenreich

6:45am - Fr. Michael Cronin

8:00am - Fr. Michael Cronin

9:30am - Fr. Walter Cheboi

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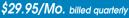
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