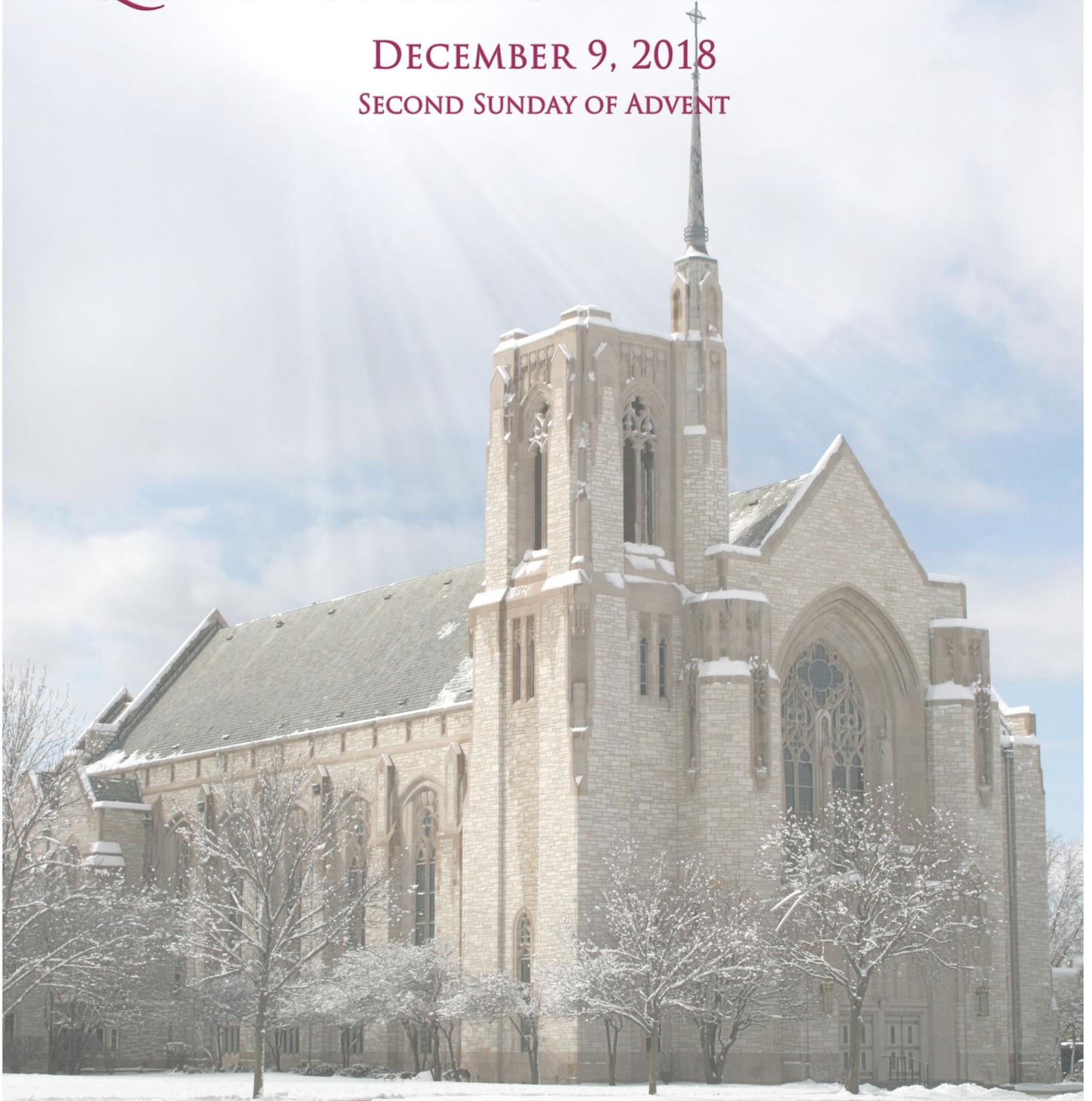


QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS BASILICA

DECEMBER 9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Committed to Christ, sharing God's gifts
and building the Church together through
the ministries of word, worship and service*

ADVENT 2018 CALENDAR

Advent Prayer - Monday Evening Holy Hour

On Monday, December 10 & 17, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Prepare your heart for Christ with an hour of prayer each week before the Blessed Sacrament. Priests will be in the confessionals during the Holy Hour for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

First Week of Advent

December 8, Saturday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation) with Masses at 8:00am & 10:00am

Second Week of Advent

December 9, Sunday - Second collection to support the Retired Religious

December 9, Sunday - "Share Christmas" and "Toy Drive" gifts collected at all of the weekend Masses

December 9, Sunday - Bereavement Ministry's "Getting Through the Holidays" at 1:30pm in the Holy Name Room

December 9, Sunday - Worldwide candle lighting memorial at 6:45pm in the basilica

December 15, Saturday - Religious Education Students Christmas Pageant at 10:00am in the basilica

Third Week of Advent

December 16, Sunday - Second collection to support our monthly sharing with the needy

December 18, Tuesday - Holiday coffee after all morning Masses

December 20, Thursday - School Concert, "The Angels Sing", 7:00pm in the gym

December 21, Friday - Youth Ministry's "Feed the Homeless" at 4:30pm

December 22, Saturday - Confessions will be heard after the 8:00am Mass. This will be the last opportunity to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas

December 22, Saturday - Simbang Gabi, Traditional Filipino Advent Liturgy, 7:00pm in the basilica with a reception following in the gym

Fourth Week of Advent

December 24, Monday - only one morning Mass at 8:30 am

December 24, Monday - Midnight Mass Prelude, Christmas Carols & Choral Reflections beginning at 11:00pm

December 24, Monday - Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 & 6:00pm and 12:00 midnight

December 25, Tuesday - Christmas Day Masses at 6:45, 8:00, 9:30, 11:00am & 12:30pm



FINANCIAL REPORT - QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH

All members of the Church are called to service as disciples of Christ. Charity begins at home, then extends to the community, the parish, work and 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 of 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.

No pastor likes to talk about money, but that is a responsibility that I take very seriously. Our attached parish financial statement conveys a very clear message:

- that we are a strong, vibrant parish with countless energetic parishioners who are dedicated to each other and our common goals,
- that we owe it to ourselves and to those who came before us to maintain and enhance the financial resources and buildings with which we have been entrusted, and
- that we need to achieve a substantial increase in our Sunday giving as well as an increase in our capital campaign pledges.

Many people use this year-end period to reexamine their giving, so I hope you can remember all the ways our many parish ministries benefit all of us, from the very young to the very old.

Please know that your parish is grateful for all you do!

Father Simon Braganza

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, 2017 to June 30, 2018, as well as a status report on our Capital Campaign, *From Generation To Generation*. We encourage you to read this closely, but here are some of the highlights as we see them:

We have much of which to be proud:

- Our parish continues to provide an ever-increasing number of services and ministries to our parishioners. **This is the future of a healthy parish, and 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 Capital Campaign began in 2016 and succeeded in reaching its \$5,000,000 goal in pledges to remodel and reconfigure space in the Benedict Center and in the Lemont and Keene Avenue buildings. **This massive project will enable us to far more efficiently use the space within our buildings for the benefit of all members of our parish, from the very young to the very old.**
- Our school remains very strong, with 652 students during the 2017/18 school year. Parents provided 96% 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**, despite closely attentive and regularly scheduled inspections. Just as our own homes require increased maintenance costs over time, so too will our beautiful and valued parish properties.
- Just as important is **the matter of our Basilica ceiling**, which is a capital expense not reflected in the operating statement. We have mentioned a number of times the unfortunate and sudden need to replace our entire ceiling last year.
- In addition to the Basilica ceiling is the **current situation in the Basilica bell tower**, where recent inspections indicated an immediate need to repair stone work and other structural elements to arrest water infiltration and damage to the interior of the Basilica.
- Due to the prudent foresight of those who came before us we were in the fortunate position of being able to fund the over \$1.8 million cost of the ceiling project (including the full replacement of the ceiling, the removal and reinstallation of the organ, and other repair expenses) and the estimated \$1.3 million cost of the bell tower project from our savings. **However, we have borrowed so deeply from our savings that prudence and fairness demand that our savings must be replenished in the coming years.**
- In the course of our capital campaign work in the Benedict Center we encountered a number of unforeseen construction problems, including an expanded scope of the asbestos removal and a number of construction adjustments inherent in working in an older building. Those of us who have managed home remodeling projects are familiar with project adjustments. In our parish buildings those are far more costly, **since we have to construct and maintain our buildings for constant use by thousands of people both today and for generations to come.**

So, what must we do:

We are faced with two immediate financial needs:

- **First, we need to acknowledge that our Sunday collections** have been level over the last few years. Some parishes might consider that a positive. We do not. Standing still is not an option. Our future depends on doing more for ourselves and that will require more financial resources.

To the contrary, **we need to increase our regular Sunday collections by a minimum of at least 20% annually.** That will allow us to begin to run annual operating surpluses and to repay our own savings for the funds borrowed to pay for the Basilica ceiling and bell tower projects.

- **Second, we need to increase our Capital Campaign pledge goal from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000.** The good news is that we have already raised about \$200,000 toward that new goal, so we have \$800,000 to go.

What do we ask:

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.

- We have not made a vigorous appeal for a Sunday collection increase for several years, but now we must. At this time, we ask that you **increase your Sunday offering ideally by a minimum of 20%**, 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.
- We also ask those whose circumstances permit to increase their capital campaign pledges.
- We ask those who have not yet pledged or are new to our parish and are benefitting from the generosity of the past to make a pledge.

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.

Parish Finance Council

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FINANCIAL REPORT - QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH - FOR LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

- Parish revenues were up 2.0% for FY 17/18. Sunday and Holy Day collections were up 1.0%, while Christmas was down 3.6% and Easter was down 1.5%, but UPP (excluding the Lemont Building window pledges of \$52,000) was up 6.1%. The relatively small decreases in Holy Day collections are attributed to the far greater amount pledged to our capital campaign during the preceding fiscal year. We hope this will adjust positively during the 18/19 fiscal year.
- Parish expenses in general remained under control, while noting a significant increase in repairs and maintenance. Salaries and benefits were up due to normal salary adjustments as well as a continued increase in health insurance costs.
- The Basilica ceiling project and bell tower project represent highly unexpected expenditures, discussed elsewhere in this report. Payments for these projects 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>	<u>6/30/18</u>	<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>% change</u>
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	1,417,234	1,403,528	1.0
Christmas	189,879	196,943	(3.6)
Easter	124,654	127,121	(1.9)
Other Collections and Misc. Parish Income	93,900	85,971	9.2
United Parish Program net (see footnote*)	282,702	266,335	6.1
Interest Savings	<u>24,993</u>	<u>11,135</u>	<u>224.4</u>
Total Income	2,133,362	2,091,032	2.0
<u>Parish Expenses</u>	<u>6/30/18</u>	<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>% change</u>
Salaries and Benefits	1,053,370	978,195	7.7
Liturgies and Music	48,413	44,058	10.0
Other Parish Ministries	62,396	59,713	4.5
Archdiocesan Assessment	228,288	240,475	(5.1)
Religious Education Subsidy	71,918	65,472	9.8
Utilities	82,893	115,713	(28.4)
Maintenance and Repairs	266,303	169,124	57.5
Property Insurance	50,472	48,660	3.7
Rectory and Office Expenses**	147,558	104,557	41.1
Total	2,011,610	1,825,968	10.2

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. The parish also received \$92,217 from the Annual Catholic Appeal, representing the excess contributed by parishioners over the parish's target collection goal as set by the Archdiocese, as adjusted for the fact that we conducted a capital campaign during this fiscal year.

*Additional funds were collected during FY 17/18 at the May 2018 UPP in pledges for the Lemont Building window replacement project, which was completed in the summer. To avoid distortions in financial reporting, the amount collected at the May 2018 UPP is not included in the FY 17/18 revenue and the corresponding expenditures will not be included in FY 18/19 expenses.

** The increase in expenses were due to the change in priest personnel and relocation of various offices to accommodate the Campaign construction.

FINANCIAL REPORT—QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS SCHOOL—FOR LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30

- School enrollment continued to be strong, with 652 students enrolled for the year, pre-school through eighth grade. Tuition revenue rose 2.1%, while total tuition/subsidy/endowment was down 1.1% and total expenses was down 1.4%. Pre-school enrollment for the FY18/19 year was sharply reduced due to the capital campaign construction in the Benedict Center, along with the corresponding tuition and expenses. It is expected that this situation will be corrected in FY19/20 when the new pre-school facilities are opened.
- Tuition and fees covered 96% 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 \$99,702 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.

<u>School Income</u>	<u>6/30/18</u>	<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>% change</u>
Tuition and Fees	3,414,299	3,342,782	2.1
Direct Parish Subsidy*	0	0	0
School Endowment Subsidy*	<u>155,270</u>	<u>267,950</u>	<u>(58.0)</u>
Total Revenue	3,569,569	3,610,732	(1.1)
School Enrollment Pre-school to 8th Grade	652	657	(0.7)
<u>School Expenses</u>	<u>6/30/18</u>	<u>6/30/17</u>	<u>% change</u>
Salaries and Benefits	2,752,788	2,809,953	(2.0)
Books, Instructional Supplies	157,808	149,069	5.9
Utilities	92,411	80,287	15.1
Maintenance and Repairs**	211,282	211,686	(0.2)
Insurance	93,720	90,372	3.7
Office Expenses	<u>251,560</u>	<u>269,365</u>	<u>(6.6)</u>
Total Expenses	3,559,569	3,610,732	(1.4)

*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 17/18 the school received \$155,270 from the endowment and \$0 from parish operations.

**Additionally, certain expenses directly paid from the parish budget indirectly benefit the school, such as common area maintenance and improvements. An allocation of these school-related expenses is estimated at \$340,000 for FY 17/18.

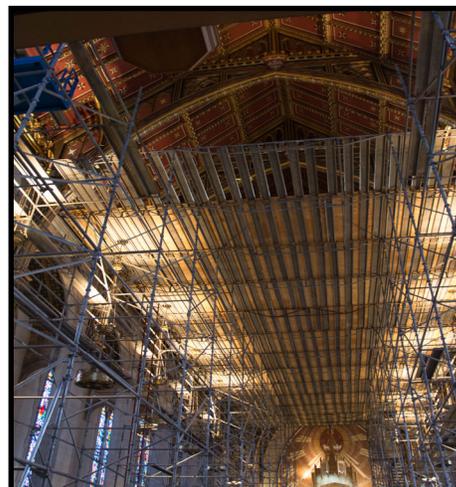
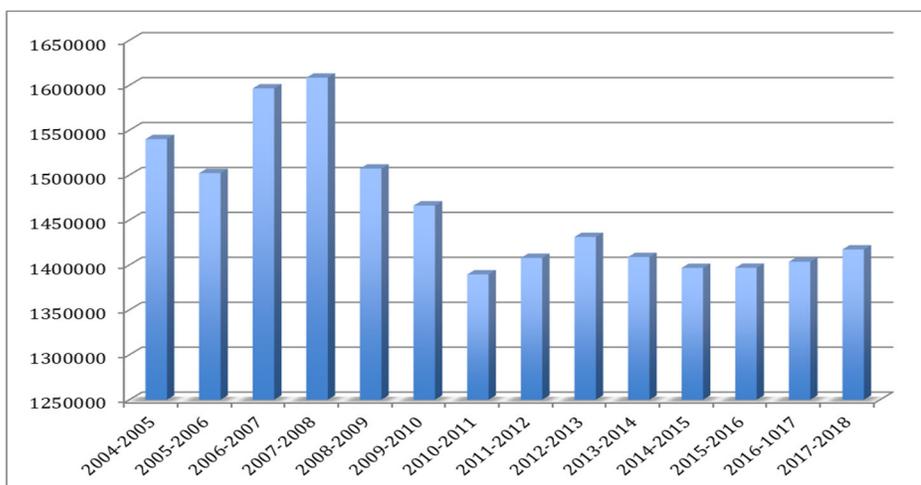
The Basilica Ceiling and Bell Tower, and Our Sunday Collections

We have talked a lot about our ceiling project and our bell tower projects these past two years—that 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, which then uncovered the need for significant repairs to our 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 projects from our savings, due to the foresight and generosity of those who came before us.

The ceiling project cost \$1.8 million (including the full replacement of the ceiling, the removal and reinstallation of the organ, and other repair expenses) and the bell tower project is estimated to cost \$1.3 million. That's at least how much we need to replenish our savings.

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

Our Sunday collections have been stable for a number of years. That's good, but not good enough for a parish like ours.



WHAT WE CAN DO TODAY?

Please take the time to consider the role our parish plays in our lives.

Consider 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 already 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.





Our Capital Campaign Project

What is it? Why we are doing it? Who is it for? How can you do your part?

Why are the renovations necessary?

Our Benedict Center was constructed in 1952 as the Queen of All Saints Convent for the Benedictine Sisters who served our community until 1993. Since that time, much of the building became underutilized, increasingly more costly to maintain and inaccessible to those with limited mobility. This remarkable structure was integral to our architectural beauty and parish history, but had fallen into disrepair and underuse. **Meanwhile, we have real needs on our campus for more and better classroom space and accessible meeting rooms.** Not only does renovating the Benedict Center go a long way toward meeting these needs, stewarding our historic structures is a responsibility for the entire Church community.

Why are we also renovating spaces in the Lemont and Keene Buildings?

The Benedict Center renovation will create space by renovating former living quarters for small meetings and, importantly, allowing us to move school functions – such as the pre-Kindergarten classes and the SPRED ministry – to the Benedict Center from the Lemont and Keene buildings. In turn, the plan then opens up larger spaces for classrooms and meetings inside Lemont and Keene. Renovating the Benedict Center alone would not solve our space issues, because the building footprint is simply too small. Additionally, this plan consolidates the pre-K students in one building and ensures the new classrooms remain in the main school buildings.

What will it cost?

Our initial fundraising goal was for \$5,000,000 in pledges, and was based on early and often incomplete drawings from the original construction of the Benedict Center building. **Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our parishioners we were able to meet that goal!** However, after actual construction began we were faced with better estimates of our ultimate construction costs, including an expanded scope of the asbestos removal and a number of construction adjustments inherent in working in an older building.

Our revised fundraising goal is now \$6,000,000, an increase of \$1,000,000. The good news is that we are already \$200,000 of the way toward meeting that new goal!

Please consider how you can help this vital investment in our parish. If you have already pledged, perhaps your current circumstances will permit an increase in that pledge. If you have not yet pledged, or are new to our parish, consider becoming part of **our great project to ensure the continued vitality of our shared future!**





Children's Christmas Choir

All parishioners in 3rd through 8th grade are invited to sing in this year's Children's Christmas Choir!

Rehearsals in the Basilica

Thursday, December 13th: 4:00 - 5:30pm

Friday, December 21st: 4:00 - 5:30pm

Service

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th
(Call time of 3:00pm)

Service of Lessons and Carols at 3:30pm
Mass at 4:00pm



**THE FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OF
QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS PARISH INVITES YOU TO...**

The 30th

Simbang



Gabi



Queen of All Saints Basilica

7:00 p.m.

Reception follows in the gym



Simbang Gabi is a nine-day novena of Marian Masses before Christmas to prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and in honor of the Mother of God. The celebration shares a rich Filipino tradition with our fellow parishioners and friends from the community and other parishes. For more information, send an inquiry to facafqas@gmail.com or contact: Maureen Isidoro at 224-723-3912 or Sylvia Aziyu at 773-766-5102.

PARISH NEWS

2019 UPP Field of Dreams Gala

Mark your calendars! Queen of All Saints Parish is celebrating our 90th year in 2019 and we are excited to honor this special anniversary at our Field of Dreams gala on Friday, May 17 2019. We hope you will join us. Watch future parish communications for more details on the UPP and the gala.



Sign-Up Parties

Each year, a highlight of the Field of Dreams gala is reserving your spot(s) at our unique Sign-Up parties.

Sign-Up parties are hosted by parishioners, families and friends and are a great way to socialize with your community. We would love to speak with enthusiastic hosts about new party ideas. Would you, and possibly your friends, like to host a Sign-Up Party but are not sure what needs to be done?

Our Sign-Up Party chairs, Blanca Cabrales, bcabrale@starbucks.com, and Shannon Stumm, s_stumm@yahoo.com, would love to talk with you and share their experiences about hosting successful sign up events. Please feel free to reach out to them and start the discussion. We look forward to welcoming you to the Sign-Up Party committee!

Youth Ministry Events

Sunday, December 9th - Mass at 4:00pm, followed by Youth Ministry meeting

Sunday, December 16th - Christmas Party at Brunswick with caroling at a local nursing home. Time TBD.

Friday, December 21st - Feed the Homeless Mission at 4:30pm.



St. Vincent de Paul Share Christmas Gift Drive

This is the last weekend we are collecting presents for the *Share Christmas* gift drive. If you have a gift not yet turned in, please do so immediately as the presents are going to be distributed starting this week (i.e. Monday).

Many families in the Chicagoland area, including local households, deeply appreciate your generosity.



Lectors & Homebound Ministers Calendar Reminder

Please let Paul Scavone know of any conflicts for the months of January, February and March. You can reach Paul at the rectory by phone at 773-736-6060 (ext. 225) or email, paul.scavone@qasparish.org. We will need this information by tomorrow, Monday, December 10th. Thanks in advance!

Bereavement Ministry Presents “Getting Through the Holidays”

Today - Sunday, December 9th at 1:30pm

The holiday season can be especially difficult for those who have lost a loved one. We invite all to come join us as we support each other, share stories and explore positive alternatives for coping with memories and feelings associated with the holidays.

Where: The Holy Name Room
Time: 1:30pm — 4:00pm

If you wish, you may bring a small snack to share.



PARISH NEWS

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

**Thursday, December 13th, 7pm to 8:30pm
in the basilica**

“The Importance of Mass” and *Tour of the Basilica*
The Mass is the central prayer of the Catholic Church. Learn why Mass is so important for us as Catholics. Learn about the different parts of the Mass and get a tour of the basilica where we celebrate the Mass every day. Fr. Michael Trail will be the presenter. Please meet in the Basilica at 7:00pm.

Thursday, January 10th, 7pm in the cafeteria

The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of our Faith
Everything we do is centered on the Eucharist and our lives flow from the Eucharist. Come and learn why Catholics put the Eucharist first in our lives of faith.

6th Grade Family Mass

Sunday, December 16, at 9:30am

Reception to follow in the cafeteria

We are asking the sixth graders to donate adult winter hats, gloves, scarves and/or cereal, rice and canned meats to the St. Cornelius food pantry. The donation can be dropped off in the vestibule before Mass.

Any child interested in having a special responsibility at the Mass should email their request to Danielle Smith at danielleot@comcast.net.

Please indicate if your child is interested in a reading, a petition, bringing up the gifts or being an usher. We will do our best to accommodate as many students as we can.



Worldwide Prayer Service & Candle Lighting

to honor and remember children gone too soon

Sunday, December 9

6:45pm Program Begins

7:00pm Candle Lighting

The **Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting** service will be hosted by the Elizabeth Ministry of Queen of All Saints parish. Our simple gathering includes a short service, a reading, music and an opportunity to light a candle. At 7:00pm local time, family and friends around the globe unite in lighting candles for one hour to honor the memories of any child of any age who has died (miscarriage, medical trauma, suicide, military service or any other reason).

You are welcome to participate in part or all of the ceremony. If you wish, please bring a keepsake for the Remembrance Table. All are invited to a reception in the narthex following the service.

Elizabeth Ministry

[www.qasparish.org/
Elizabeth-ministry.html](http://www.qasparish.org/Elizabeth-ministry.html)



Contact Kathy Haring
at kmharing@gmail.com
with questions or concerns.

The Compassionate Friends

www.compassionatefriends.org



**THE
COMPASSIONATE
FRIENDS**
Supporting Family After a Child Dies



Stewardship

Queen of All Saints Basilica

Committed to Christ,

sharing God's gifts, building the Church together

2nd Sunday of Advent —December 9, 2018

“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”
PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

Stewardship—Understanding our Parish Finances

We rely on three main sources of funds:

Sundays, Holidays, UPP—This is our regular revenue and is by far the largest source of funds to pay for our parish operations. In a sense, this is what “keeps the lights on” by paying for our staff, our routine repairs and maintenance, and the other day to day costs of running the parish. **Our Christmas collection is our parish’s largest holiday collection and is critical in reaching our annual financial goals.**

Long-Term Savings—We are blessed with savings resulting from the generosity of the past, including parish and school endowments. The earnings from these accounts is used to supplement our regular revenue to balance the budget and, on occasion, to pay for extraordinary repairs. We have recently drawn upon those savings deeply to pay for the unanticipated basilica ceiling project and the bell tower project, and now need to take steps to replenish those savings. **We will need a significant increase in our Sunday collections to pay ourselves back and restore our savings to a prudent level.**

Capital Campaign—Our capital campaign drive will be used to make our older parish buildings more suitable for today’s and tomorrow’s needs, including making better use of space for school needs and for the needs of our increasing numbers of lay ministries. **Our new construction projections require us to raise our target from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000. We have already raised \$200,000 of that new target. Please consider how you can help us reach our new goal.**

We believe that a well-informed parish membership deserves an explanation of parish finances. Please be as generous as you can in your Christmas and other year-end giving to our parish.

Is it time to join your fellow parishioners who have already made the move to electronic giving? *It’s safe, convenient and dependable. Just go to the parish website at qasparish.org, click on the GiveCentral logo and follow the prompts.*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Are you receiving our monthly newsletter? It’s a great way to keep track of the many opportunities in which you can take part in worship ministries, social activities and stewardship of our parish life. If you are not receiving the newsletter, simply send your email address to qasoffice@qasparish.org.

Nov 22 to 30, 2018 Sunday Stewardship

Donation Type	Amount	Users
Envelopes	\$14,691.78	473
Loose Donations	\$3,210.00	n/a
Electronic Giving	\$6,618.34	162
Total	\$24,520.12	
YTD Total	\$594,977.22	
November 2018	\$114,568.79	
November 2017	\$110,105.37	



Benedict Center Construction Progress

Please consider adding your pledge to our campaign. Contact our business office at (773) 736-6060 for further information.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 9th (Second Sunday of Advent) - *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, December 10th - *School Endowment Fund benefactors, QAS Homebound, George Stegmaier, Maria Friedrich, Dr. Clifford H. Miller, Dr. Rigoberto Rodriguez, Leonard Nied, Paul Puky Sr., Beata Garcia & Sotto family*
Readings: Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 11th (St. Damasus I) - *Deceased members of the QAS Widowed Group, Eileen Stegmaier, In honor of our Blessed Mother - Ben & Sara Testa, Peter Puky Jr., Lydia C. Alcaraz, Floro M. Cabrera*
Readings: Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 12th (Our Lady of Guadalupe) - *Basilica Fund members, Ruth Stegmaier, Fred Stummer, Ria Erdelyi, Richard F. Scheuer, Katrina Kimovec, Rita Neff*
Readings: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the *Lectionary for Ritual Masses*, the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Thursday, December 13th (St. Lucy) - *Leslie Guderyahn, John T. Kelly, Vincie J. Lentino, Charles Hansen, Katherine Hansen, John Hansen, Elmer Campana, Farrah Kimovec*
Readings: Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 14th (St. John of the Cross) - *Helen & Jerry Martin, Joab P. Merza, Clement C. Stegmaier family, Cecilia Jara, Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Guderyahn Sr., Jacek Drozdziak, Maria Lourdes David*
Readings: Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 15th - *Margaret Wold, Sullivan & Grady families, Danilo Manuel, Francis & Margaret McCormick, Eugene & Elaine Gniadek, Anthony D. Rodriguez, Irena Kolejda, Salvy Monastero, Bartolo Villa*
Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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Pastor.....	Rev. Simon Braganza
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Associate Pastor.....	Rev. Michael Trail
Resident.....	Rev. Michael Cronin
	Rev. Edward D. Grace
Pastoral Associate.....	Dr. Carole Eipers
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Director of Music.....	Dr. Kenneth Sotak
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Youth Minister.....	Morgan O'Leary

Rectory Hours

Monday-Friday.....8:30am-4:00pm

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Pre K-3 through Grade 8

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Sunday Masses

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

Daily Mass and Rosary

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

Devotions and Holy Day Masses

Holy Hour.....	Monday 7:00pm
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Please consult the parish bulletin or website for the Holy Day Mass schedule.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

To Register in the Parish

Please contact the Rectory Office.....773-736-6060

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.

The Sacrament of Matrimony

Queen of All Saints helps couples prepare not only for their wedding day, but also for the lifelong commitment of living a Christian marriage. Parishioners of Queen of All Saints Basilica who are baptized and free to marry in the Catholic Church may celebrate their marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica. Couples from Queen of All Saints seeking marriage in Queen of All Saints Basilica should contact one of the parish priests at least six months prior to their intended date of marriage. The couple must meet with one of the priests before the date for the marriage can be confirmed.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death. As soon as one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him or her to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived. Therefore, any member of the faithful who is seriously ill because of sickness or advanced age may properly receive this sacrament.

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Next Sunday, December 16
5:00pm - Fr. Michael Trail
6:45am - Fr. Edward Grace
8:00am - Fr. Michael Cronin
9:30am - Fr. Simon Braganza
11:00am - Fr. Robert Heidenreich
12:30pm - Fr. Michael Trail

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever. (Baruch 5:1-9)

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Psalm 126)

Second Reading: And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more. (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11)

Gospel: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Luke 3:1-6)



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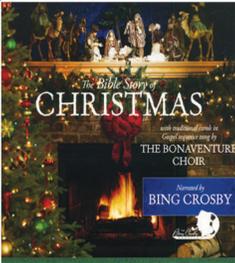
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