

Annual report 2014



What a memorable year we have had here at SJTE as we celebrated the 125th Anniversary of our Parish. The Liturgical Year began with the historic visit of Cardinal Dolan who was the celebrant at the Opening Mass for the Celebration of the Anniversary. The Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land was the experience of a lifetime and we prayed for all our parishioners every day as we walked in the footsteps of Jesus. The new Lakeside Prayer Garden (opening 2015) in front of OLQA Chapel will serve as a permanent memorial to the countless generations who have made our Parish such a vibrant and necessary presence in the community. November 23rd 2014, the Solemnity of Christ the King, will bring the year of celebration to its conclusion with a Special Mass celebrated by our Episcopal Vicar, Bishop Peter Byrne. The Sacramental Report of the Parish for 2014 submitted to the Archdiocese of New York gives clear evidence to the vitality of our parish:

Baptisms	144
First Communions	163
Confirmations	137
Adult Confirmation (RCIA)	4
Weddings	19
Funerals	95

Each weekday at least three Masses are celebrated at OLQA Chapel. The Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration are available daily and appreciated by parishioners in our neighboring parishes as well by our own community. The beautiful chapel is a sought after location for the celebration of Weddings and this experience will be enhanced with the addition of the new Prayer Garden. The vibrancy of the OLQA Chapel activity would be the envy of many a stand-alone parishes. Here, OLQA, is at the heart of our parish and compliments the worship at our beautiful modern Main Church.

At weekends, we have seven English Masses as well as regular Masses in Polish, Spanish and Filipino. Our Parish is served by four priests and two deacons and well as a wonderful support staff and hundreds of volunteers. The Parish Finance Committee and the Parish Council provide invaluable council and support to the Pastor.

We currently have 1200 children enrolled in Faith Formation and 204 children in CYO. Our School building is in use seven days a week. We plan to make some needed renovations to the School Building in the next year to accommodate our expanding programs.

All of this is only made possible by the generosity of time, treasure and talent of our thousands of active parish families. My sincere thanks to you all as we strive together, with the help of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to continue to be a vital Catholic community bringing the Good News to all.

Your Brother in the Lord,

Fr. Quinn, Pastor

St. John the Evangelist
Financial Highlights
For the Year Ended August 31, 2014

	Parish	Religious Education	School	Total
Revenue	\$ 1,190,128	\$ 262,391	\$ -	\$ 1,452,518
Less: Cathedraticum	(99,549)			(99,549)
Regional School Support	(144,000)			(144,000)
Net Revenue	\$ 946,579	\$ 262,391	\$ -	\$ 1,208,969
Expenses	(916,196)	(258,431)		(1,174,627)
Net Activity	\$ 30,383	\$ 3,960	\$ -	\$ 34,343
Other Items Affecting Cash:				
Loan Principal Repayments	(92,273)	-	-	(92,273)
Reserve for Major Maintenance	50,000	50,000	-	100,000
Restricted for Prayer Garden	11,000		-	11,000
Increase in Restricted for Food Pantry	17,859		-	17,859
Increase in Due to Vendors and Other Accrued Liabilities	16,741	(172)	-	16,569
Net Cash from Operations	\$ 33,710	\$ 53,788	\$ -	\$ 87,498
Cash - Beginning of Year	164,568	(577)	-	163,991
Cash - End of Year	\$ 198,278	\$ 53,211	\$ -	\$ 251,489

Parish Debt as of August 31, 2014	Parish	Religious Education	School	Total
Loans from the Archdiocese				
Heating and Air Conditioning - 2003	\$ 163,780	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 163,780
Building Improvements - pre 2003	514,484	-	-	514,484
Stacy Property - 2008	151,105	-	-	151,105
Total Loans from the Archdiocese	\$ 829,369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 829,369
Other Liabilities to the Archdiocese - see Note				
Consolidated invoice - School			\$ 1,043,224	\$ 1,043,224
Pre 1997 - Parish	\$ 300,545	\$ -		\$ 300,545
Total Parish Debt	\$ 1,129,914	\$ -	\$ 1,043,224	\$ 2,173,138
Fiscal Year 2014 Debt Repayments	\$ 92,273			

Note - Consolidated invoices due to the Archdiocese consist of expenses for employee health and disability insurance, retirement plan contributions, property insurance and cathedraticum. Pre 1997 amount relates to unpaid inter parish financing assessments.

St. John the Evangelist
Annual Financial Report
Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 2014

The financial statements of the parish were recently presented to and approved by the members of the Finance Council prior to submission to the Archdiocese of NY. On behalf of the Finance Council, we would like to share with you the following highlight report that summarizes the financial activity of the parish in the fiscal year ended August 31, 2014.

Overall, St. John's continued its mission to spend prudently and focus on the reduction of the outstanding debt owed to the Archdiocese. Total revenue over several years had been on a steady decline. However, the increased giving campaign held in the spring has helped to stabilize the collections and we are now able to balance spending and expenditures. Prior to the campaign, our average weekly collection was \$18,500 and currently we are maintaining at \$19,300. This is due in a large part to the increased participation in our electronic giving program, or Parish Pay. This convenient giving program enables the parish to rely on a steady inflow of cash especially during vacation and bad weather times to meet its fixed expenses.

Our mission this year was met with a few more challenges than in the past. As are all Parishes within the Archdioceses, St. Johns is committed to support Catholic Education. The introduction of the regional school tax assessment for all parishes in the Archdiocese of NY will support Catholic education in our regional schools. Our rate is 12% of gross revenue and is capped at \$144,000. This tax is in addition to the 8% cathedraticum tax which the Parish pays for the services and administration of the Archdiocese. In total we paid 20% or \$243,549 in assessments to the Archdiocese in the last fiscal year.

Expenses for the parish were down overall by \$95,150, or 9% mainly due to less major maintenance in 2014. Continued increases in employee health and pension costs were offset by a decrease in the number of salaried positions. The Religious Education program ended with a slightly higher surplus of \$3,960 due to a decrease in overdue accounts. In 2014, we have earmarked \$100,000 for major projects expected to begin this year in the church, school, and chapel buildings. These are needed to maintain and upgrade obsolete facilities and improve the safety and security of the buildings which service thousands of children, parents and parishioners throughout the year.

For the third year in a row, the parish has made significant progress toward repayment of its outstanding debt owed to the Archdiocese. This year's principal repayment was \$92,273, for a total of \$349,867 paid since fiscal year 2012. Additionally, we have collected restricted funds of \$17,859 for the Food Pantry and \$11,000 for the new Prayer Garden.

In addition to oversight of the parish, the Finance Council also reviews the activity reports from the following parish sponsored programs: CYO Basketball, Food Pantry, Respect Life and Rosary Altar Society. Their respective reports are also included in the bulletin this week.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who so generously support and believe in our parish. It is our responsibility as stewards and parishioners to secure the future for the young families to experience belonging to this wonderful community of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Eileen A. Podlovits CPA
Parish Accountant

Bill Donohue
Chairman, Finance Council

St. John's Food Pantry

St. John's Food Pantry is available each week to serve our parishioners and others in Putnam County in need of food. Over the past twelve months, we have helped feed 19,411 adults and children. On average we feed about 980 adults and 640 children each month.

The winter months (November through March) we see the heaviest demand and on average, we serve 1,699 clients, 1,026 adults and 673 children each of these months.

In addition, during the past year the Food Pantry, with the help of the Social Outreach Ministry Committee of the Parish Council, conducted a special Lenten Outreach and distributed over 200 specially packaged bags of Easter candy, over 200 bags of personal grooming items and over 200 bags of cleaning supplies.

This summer, through the generous donations from some of our parishioners, we were able to make available to our clients fresh vegetables, including tomatoes, cucumbers, kale, parsley, and squash.

This fall the Food Pantry also gave out school supplies and over 150 backpacks loaded with notebooks, paper, pens, pencils and glue to the children of our clients to help them get ready for the new school year.

The St. John's Food Pantry receives an annual food grant from the Regional Food Bank of New York that helps defray the cost of running the food pantry. This year's grant \$22,000 which is the same as last year. However, the nutritional requirements we must give out for each family was raised by the State and increase the amount of food each client receives. This has put an even greater strain on our budget.

The Food Bank's grant covers approximately 30% of the yearly cost of operating the pantry. The balance of funds, approximately \$60,000, comes from contributions from individual parishioners, fund raisers, corporate and foundational donations and through the direct support of St. John the Evangelist Parish.

During the winter months as we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas, our demand significantly increases the need for food and cash contributions. The cash is needed to meet our weekly purchases of milk, bread and other supplies which are not covered by our food bank grant.

We greatly appreciate the support of our parishioner's for without you, it would be impossible to continue this ministry!

Deacon Bernie & Teri Moran

	Food Pantry	CYO	Rosary Altar Society	Respect Life
Revenue	\$ 82,494	\$ 51,991	\$ 4,432	\$ 10,647
Expenses	(64,635)	(50,768)	(5,210)	(12,385)
Net Activity	\$ 17,859	\$ 1,223	\$ (778)	\$ (1,738)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	1,099	7,318	2,603	9,757
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 18,958	\$ 8,541	\$ 1,825	\$ 8,019