

St. Bede Catholic Church



Annual Report 2008 - 2009

Dear Parishioners of Saint Bede,

It is my pleasure to share with you the highlights of our annual report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

Each year the parish is required to submit a full report to the Bishop's office, which contains financial information based on the budget of the parish. Also, it provides the diocese statistics for census, sacramental and accounting information for their planning purposes.

In the interest of transparency and clarity the reporting of fiscal budgets for all parishes and institutions is made available to its members.

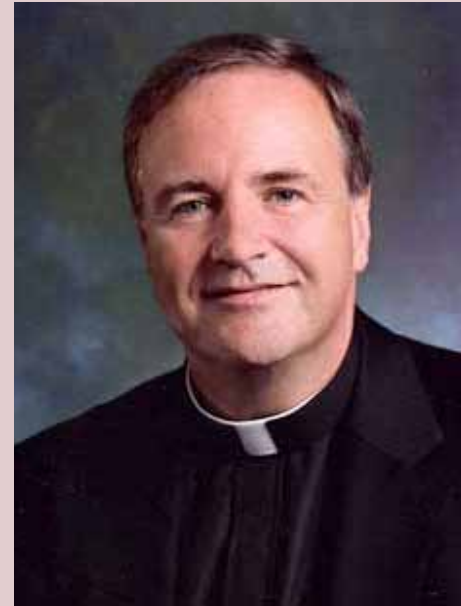
While this report contains a summary of our financial situation, it is a broader review of our parish life. Over time, I have found that some parishioners are not familiar with who we are or what we do. Within these pages you will find an easy-to-read synopsis of information about staff members, Parish and Finance Councils, ministry work, and parish life along with financial information.

Thank you for taking the time and interest to read about Saint Bede Parish. I appreciate your interest in the matters of your Parish.

Cordially yours in Christ, your Pastor



A Message from Our Pastor



Reverend John A. Abe

We are a Catholic faith community
proclaiming Christ's message in
word and action.

Our Staff



Leslie Andersen	Receptionist
Antonio Arrington	Custodian
Joshua Bitting	Director of Religious Education
Rosanne Black	Stewardship Coordinator
Michelle Bolton	Confirmation Coordinator
Rhonie Butler	Director of Social Ministry & Human Concerns
Rev. Mr. Dominic Cerrato	Deacon & Adult Faith Director
Ginger DiLoreto	Administrative Assistant & Secretary to Pastor
Heber Dunkle, III	Music Ministry
Al Jaroszewicz	Director of Facilities & Maintenance
Joyce Koch	Bookkeeper
Neil Kraft	Director of Music Ministry
Nicole Lancour	Youth Group Coordinator
Anna Muto	Catholic Campus Ministry Intern
Margaret O'Brien	Parish Center Receptionist
Don Pierce	Lead Custodian
MaryEllen Pitard	Director of Campus Ministry
Erin Pitre	Development Coordinator
Celeste Prezioso	Catechetical Coordinator
Megan Provoncha	Catholic Campus Ministry
Rev. Mr. Frank Roettinger	Deacon
Mary Stutz	Music Ministry & Website
Rev. Arlon Vergara	Parochial Vicar
Terri Werle	School of Religion Coordinator

As outlined fully in the Diocese of Richmond's Code of Ethics, we are "faithful to Biblical values [and] social teachings of the Catholic Church...[in order to] promote the highest standard of business ethics and integrity,...act[ing] in good faith and in the best interest" of St. Bede.

Present Parish Leadership

Pastoral Council

Jon Andre, Vice Chair 09-10	Peg Crews
Cathy Fronheiser, Vice Chair 08-09 and Chair 09-10	
Mark Jakobowski, Secty 09-10	Jeff Lancour
Bill Minich	Bob Morris
Tara Neville	Mary Oles
Jim Stonebridge	Bill Theroux, Chair 08-09
Jimmy Trentham	

Finance Council

Ellen Bellio	Charles Connelly
Larry Fronheiser, Chair 08-09	H. William Healy
Roger "Pete" Peterson	Barbara Poma
Don Snyder	Dick Woestman, Chair 09-10

Around One Table Committee

Greg Allen	Charles Connelly
Brenda Fochtman	Cathy Fronheiser
Larry Fronheiser, Chair	Matt Hipple
Frank McGuirk	Don Seger
Bill Theroux	Lynne Williams

Our Parish Family

Registered Catholic Men	
683 ages 18 - 30	1,296 ages 31 - 59
1,111 ages 60 & Up	90 unknown
3,180 TOTAL	

Registered Catholic Women	
759 ages 18 - 30	1,626 ages 31 - 59
1,313 ages 60 & Up	138 unknown
3,836 TOTAL	

Registered Catholic Children	
20 under 1 year old	284 ages 1 - 5
771 ages 6 - 12	627 ages 13 - 17
35 unknown	
1,737 TOTAL	

2,517 Adult Households (with no children at home under 18)
 806 Married Couple Families (with children at home under 18)
 180 Single Parent Families (with children at home under 18)

3,503 Total Registered Families

Williamsburg	3,272
Toano & Lightfoot	72
Newport News & Hampton	39
Lanexa	27
Providence Forge	16
Yorktown & Poquoson	16
Suffolk & Surry	10
Barhamsville	6
Charles City	6
West Point & New Kent	5
Gloucester & Gloucester Point	4
Carrollton & Elberon	3
Hayes	2
Seaford	1
Tabb	1
Other	8

Where We Call Home

We are a diverse group of young and old, military and civilian, working professionals and retirees. We realized a 2.7% net increase in families as a result of adding 292 new families.

As much as we are pleased to welcome so many wonderful individuals into our fold, we will miss the 201 families who left our parish. Some of those are families who simply moved from the area; however, many loved ones joined our Heavenly Father.

During the past year, St. Bede recorded the passing of 82 parishioners. Our abiding faith in God and the healing comfort of the Holy Spirit give us strength during these particularly sad moments for our parish. We have proven to come together for the families of the deceased by providing prayers, compassion, generosity, and comfort.

May we continue to hold these dearly departed deep within our hearts.

RCIA with Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist	13
RCIA with Confirmation, Eucharist ONLY	10
Baptism (under 1 year old)	50
Baptism (ages 1 - 7)	24
First Eucharist	101
Confirmation (ages 17 - 19)	61
Confirmation (ages 31-59)	2
Catholic Marriages	29
Mixed Marriages	17
Catholic Marriage Validations	6
Mixed Marriage Validations	5

Those We Welcomed

Our Ministries at Work

Religious Education

Mission: At all age and catechetical levels, “put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity” (John Paul II, Catechesi Tradendae, 5). Therefore, it follows that “at the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son from the Father...full of grace and truth...” (CT 5).



Unduplicated youth and adults served

Grade School Students (K-8) = 473
Vacation Bible School = 85% of the 203 children were from St. Bede
High School Students (9-12) = 186
Adults (18 years and over) = 630



Music Ministry

“Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth; break into song; sing praise.” (Psalm 98:4)

Striving to make each liturgy a rich and fulfilling experience

45 members in Adult Chorale at 9:00 a.m. liturgy
30 Ensemble Singers at 11:00 a.m. liturgy
15 members in Youth Ensemble at 5:00 p.m. liturgy
12 members of the “Bells of St. Bede”
16 Cantors
50 boys and girls in the Angel Choir
11 members of the Children’s Handbell Choir
Newly established Middle School Choir



Social Ministry

Committed to serving our parish and community as faithful disciples of Jesus by promoting justice and peace, as responsible stewards of the gifts we receive through your generosity.

Programs

Bereavement Group
Divorced Catholics
FISH
Friends for Life
Funeral Ministry
Haiti Outreach
Hispanic Ministry
Inclusion Ministry
Joy Ministry
Legislative Advocacy
Military Outreach
Parish Nurse
Prison Ministry
Social Outreach

Highlights

With the help of 20 volunteers, **Social Outreach & Hispanic Ministry** provided school supplies for 50 children. Ninety-eight families were assisted with food and gifts during the holidays.

There are 10 active members of **Haiti Ministry**. They serve as collaborators and liaisons to provide support for our twin parish in Haiti, St. Joseph of Thomode. Their work assisted with establishing a school library at St. Joseph, provided teacher salary supplements and education materials, as well as overall church repair in excess of \$27,000.

The 25 members of **Friends for Life** were particularly proud of the effort put forth for the annual baby shower last October. All baby items and cash gifts benefited Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia’s Care Center located in Williamsburg.

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: Render true judgement, and show compassion toward each other. Do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the alien or the poor” (Zechariah 7:9-10)

Our Parish Life

Three parish nurses are available daily in the parish nurse office or by phone. They arrange monthly lectures, weekly exercise classes, one-on-one counseling, community resources and home, hospital and nursing home visits.



936 volunteer hours logged in the Finance Office.



181 adults, teens and youth gave of their time and helped make our Friday Lenten Soup Suppers more successful than ever!



The mission of the Family Ministry is to instill a moral and value-based foundation within a prayerful framework to the parents and children of St. Bede Catholic Church.

We have a wonderful parish, one that reaches out to people in need, comforts those in trouble or suffering grief, builds a strong foundation of faith for its children, and celebrates God's promise of life at each and every mass. You make it wonderful, with your prayers, your presence and your gifts!

Active members of the Legion of Mary perform works that include parishioner visitation, visitation of the sick or aged, Catholic education, visiting the newly baptized, visiting families, and meeting the other spiritual needs of the parish community that include home enthronement of the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Close to 100 Joy Ministers bring the grace and healing power of the Holy Eucharist to any sick or home bound parishioner who cannot attend Mass.



"Welcome Home" brought 36 people back to the Church in a six month period.



Volunteers gave 1,248 hours to assist with counting the weekly offertory collection.

"Volunteers have come weekly to do their jobs, some for 11. " Joyce Koch

"Cub Scouts started slowly, with only 7 boys and 6 adult volunteers, and grew to about 40 boys in the first year! We have an amazing group of dedicated adult leaders." Jim Findley

In addition to meeting the spiritual needs of our Hispanic parishioners and others in the community, Hispanic Ministry offers English as a Second Language classes at the church and distributes food to the need in the community weekly.



The Knights of Columbus sponsor St. Bede's annual parish picnic. In addition to providing food and drink, they help organize, set-up, serve and clean-up afterward.



Social Ministry provides monthly financial support to organizations such as, Angels of Mercy, Avalon, Child Development Resources, Colonial CASA, FISH, Hospice House & Support Care, Meals On Wheels, Poor Clares, Rita Welsh Adult Literacy Program, St. Peter the Apostle in Onley, VA and Williamsburg Faith In Action.



Forty-five women serve as volunteer hostesses for St. Bede funeral receptions. The ministry also includes 114 volunteer bakers who supply refreshments for receptions.



**Word,
Worship,
Community
&
Service**



Parishioners Cathy Morrison and Nancy Obadal from our Inclusion Ministry were named to the Diocesan Commission for and with Persons with Disabilities.



Our beautiful Nave is also a popular concert site. It has served as the venue for performances by the Virginia Symphony and the Tidewater Intergenerational Orchestra.



"I enjoy the company of those I encounter while being active at St. Bede. It keeps me feeling sharp and active as well." Doris Pin

"Knowing that I am doing work for God while enjoying what I do among the company of staff and fellow parishioners is deeply rewarding." Patti Carini

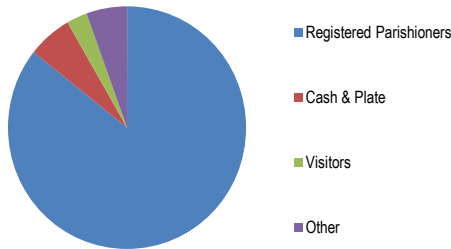
**Annual Financial Report
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009**

Comparative summary of financial highlights for Fiscal Years Ending June 30:

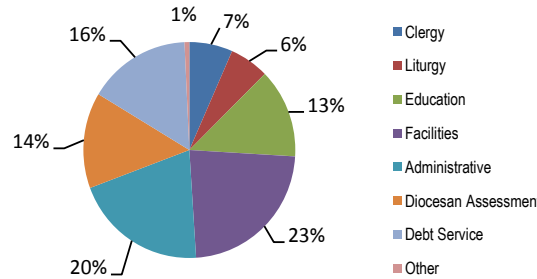
<u>Operations*</u>	2009	2008
Revenue	\$ 2,323.2	\$ 2,149.2
Expenses	\$ 2,323.1	\$ 2,095.0
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 0.1	\$ 54.2

Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009

Revenue



Expenses

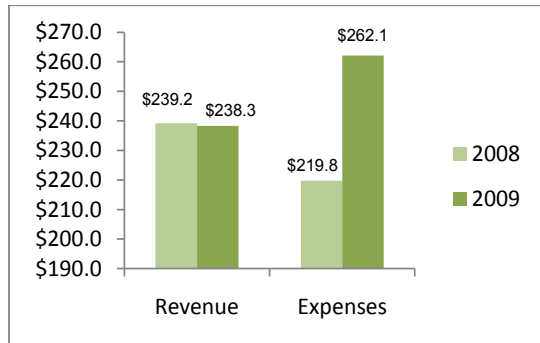


Total revenue increased by \$174,000 (8%) to \$2,323,200. Greater generosity by registered parishioners accounted for all of the increase, partly reflecting your commitment to increased giving in support of the Catholic education and faith formation initiative launched September, 2008. Cash and plate collections and visitor envelopes fell off. This is likely due to the downturn in tourism for the area.

Major factors leading to an increase in operating expenses include our new adult and youth ministry programs (\$77,000), higher tuition assistance grants to applicable Walsingham students, higher utility costs (\$17,000), necessary repairs and maintenance (\$15,000) and payment to the Diocese for St. Bede's share of the Diocesan education initiative (\$91,000).

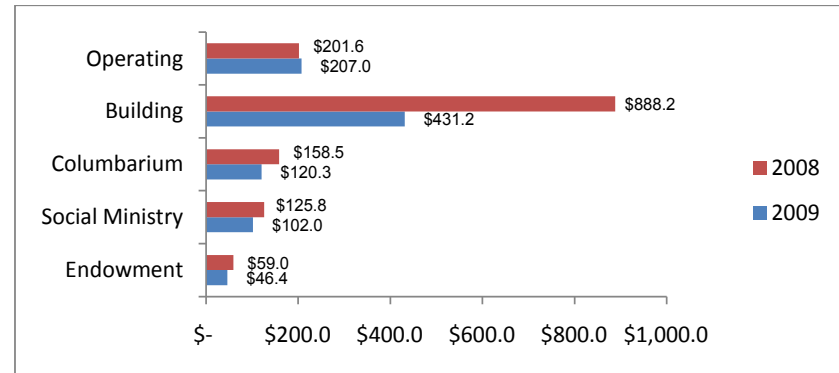
Social Ministry*

Social Ministry is largely a self-funded program whose income relies solely on the stewardship gifts you give to the Social Outreach second collection each month. Additional revenue is generated via fundraisers or through designated contributions. The program ran a deficit of \$23,800 in 2009. Although revenue was relatively flat, donations to outside organizations increased by \$24,200. The parish also contributed \$27,000 to our sister parish in Haiti for a new roof.



Parish Funds*

The overall parish fund balance declined by \$526,000 over the previous fiscal year. The building fund decrease reflected payment for the parking addition at our SE side entrance (\$269,900) and for payment of architectural fees to support planning for the Parish Life and Ministry Center (\$206,900). Columbarium funds were reduced by payment for the new columbarium wall and because of a loss in the market value of investments. Likewise, the Endowment fund was negatively impacted by decreased market values.



* dollar amounts are in thousands

Heavenly Father, may our vision of needs be clear; guide us along the path as we strive daily to do Your will.

Our goals & future

Saint Bede has a bright and prosperous future ahead! Among our foremost priorities is the addition of a Parish Life and Ministry Center, a project which has until just recently been a labor of love and planning for the Around One Table Committee. Between fifteen and twenty parishioners and staff, under the leadership of our pastor and parochial vicars along with the ever-present guidance from our Lord, have been meeting regularly for almost three years. Their efforts to bring to the parish-wide family a building expansion design which will accommodate St. Bede's growing needs, while seamlessly flowing with the existing architecture, is just now coming to fruition. The Parish Life and Ministry Center will be a multi-year project beginning with parking improvements and site development to be completed some time in 2011.

To realize this future, the goals for fiscal year July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010 are as follows:

- Parish debt was **reduced by \$166,400** in fiscal year 2009. The balance was **\$3,155,900** as of June 30th. Father Abe, Finance Council and Pastoral Council have approved motions to more aggressively pay down the outstanding balance. Rates were renegotiated and parishioners are encouraged to offer their support with the new, monthly Debt Reduction second collection.
- We are Catholics who *live* the mission of Christ and our church through Word and Action. We will provide more opportunities to understand, embrace and live a stewardship lifestyle.
- "The Finance Council will continue to assist Fr. Abe in the financial administration of St. Bede. This includes, with the assistance of parish administrative staff, developing a balanced parish budget for the current and subsequent fiscal years according to the priorities and goals set by the Pastoral Council and approved by Fr. Abe. Moreover, we will continue to provide oversight over all parish finances and investments relating to the parish or any program conducted in the name of the parish." *Dick Woestman, Chair*
- As servant leaders to the parish community, the Pastoral Council will gather in prayer, discern the direction of the Holy Spirit, and empower others to serve so that all may be one in Christ. We will "work closely with the Pastor, Finance Council and Staff to ensure that our stewardship work meets the mission and vision of the Parish." *Cathy Fronheiser, Chair*





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