

CHRIST THE KING

ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC CHURCH

359 WEST AREBA AVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

We, the Eucharistic Community of St. Joan of Arc Parish, by the grace of God and through our participation in His Word, the Church's sacraments, and prayer, seek our eternal salvation.

We live out the doctrines and traditions of our Faith in communion with the holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, established by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

With courage, we follow the example of our patron saint and invoke her intercession as we strive to know God, love God, and serve God which moves us to actively promote and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the midst of our every



MASS SCHEDULE

MORNING MASSES

SUNDAY

7:30 am, 9:30 am (live), 11:30 am

MONDAY - FRIDAY

6:45 am, 9:00 am (live)

SATURDAY

9:00 am (live)

LOCATION

359 W Areba Ave, Hershey PA

EVENING MASSES

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

5:00 pm

LOCATION

1525 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown PA

FROM THE PASTOR



SENDING OUR CONDOLENCES

Please pray for the soul of **Margaret J. Cardamone** who died recently. The parish community of St. Joan of Arc extends our deepest sympathy to her family and friends on their loss.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS

The following parishioners or family members are ill. Please remember them, and all the sick of our parish, in your prayers: **David Lynch, Drew Fischer, Tracy Habacivch, Larry & Sharon Shindel, Grubb Family, Kokenvie Family, Barbara Kayser, Susan Peters, Mort Kayser, Joseph Grecia, and the Schilnder Family.**

ALTAR FLOWERS

Main Altar Vases: In loving memory of Donald Fox from the Fox Family

Blessed Mother: In Thanksgiving

Saint Joseph: In loving memory of Joseph and Tony Nestico from their family



With Much Gratitude...

We wish to thank the sponsor of the week for advertising in our parish bulletin:

DR. PAUL EICHMAN

Happy Thanksgiving
WE ARE BLESSED & GRATEFUL



The Priests of the parish wish you a Happy and Holy Thanksgiving!

Thank you for your continued love and support throughout the years.

Enjoy your time spent with friends and family.

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING
AND HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE:
GIVE THANKS TO HIM & PRAISE HIS NAME.

Psalm 100:4

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME TURKEY?

HAPPY Thanksgiving

Parish Office Schedule

CLOSE AT 12:00 PM
Wednesday, November 25

CLOSED ALL DAY
Thursday, November 28 - Monday, November 30

The office will re-open on
Tuesday, December 1 @ 8:00 am



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKLY READINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23: SAINT CLEMENT I, POPE AND MARTYR; SAINT COLUMBAN, ABBOT; BLESSED MIGUEL AGUSTÍN PRO, PRIEST AND MARTYR

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

6:45 AM Pete Bowman

9:00 AM Tony Nestico

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24: MEMORIAL OF SAINT ANDREW DŨNG-LẠC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

6:45 AM Patricia Henson

9:00 AM Ken Hahn

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25: SAINT CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

6:45 AM Kay Succa

9:00 AM All Souls

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26: THANKSGIVING DAY

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

9:00 AM Deceased Priests, Sisters and Religious who served at St. Joan of Arc

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2; Lk 21:29-33

6:45 AM Donald K. Fox

9:00 AM John Clark, II

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

9:00 AM William & Judith Jacobs

5:00 PM Special Intention for Ed & Kathy Weiss on their 50th Wedding Anniversary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Come and save us from our sins. Let us turn again to you and so be found blameless when you return in glory.

7:30 AM Colleen Dowling

9:30 AM Mary E. Lewis

11:30 AM David Pegher

5:00 PM People of the Parish



YOUTH NEWS

LIFE TEEN (HIGH SCHOOL)

We will meet in the social hall from 6:15-7:30 pm.

This Week: Life Teen Holy Hour: In honor of Thanksgiving, we will have a Eucharistic Holy Hour in the church. We will spend some much needed time in prayer and silence as we slow things down, even for just a little while.

Next Week: No Life Teen. Have a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

*** During Life Teen, everyone is required to wear a mask and to practice social distancing. Teens who have been around anyone with Covid-19 or have had any symptoms, please stay home. If you have recently traveled outside of the Hershey area, please stay home for at least a two week quarantine period. ***

📍 John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



EDGE (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Edge is for grades 6-8 and meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm. Edge meets next on December 2 with a night on the Season of Advent. We will have **EDGE via Zoom.**

📍 John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

📍 Earl: etropp@stjoanhershey.org | Ext. 122

ADULT FAITH

YOUNG ADULTS (21-39)

Calling all young adults between the ages of 21-39, married or single! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom. We meet next on December 9 for our Annual White Elephant Gift Exchange. Bring a wrapped gift (\$5-\$10 value). We'll meet in the gym on Areba Avenue.

We meet not meet on November 25.

📍 John Triscik: jtriscik@stjoanhershey.org



We may not be able to have the large and boisterous family gatherings as in the past, but this year Thanksgiving brings into focus what is truly important in our lives. Long distance calls and video chat bring us closer together and remind us that nothing can be taken for granted, especially with family and friends. There is greater appreciation for the time we have and using it wisely. It is also quite a humbling experience to realize that ultimately we aren't in control, even though we would like to think we are. Let us pray for the gifts God bestows on us each and every day and that we draw nearer to Him through the Eucharist, which is the Sacrament of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving also reminds us that we are grateful to all who have contributed to The Centennial Project 2020:

Thank you for your gifts and pledges. Every dollar matters.

Thank you to those who have fulfilled their pledge.

Thank you to those who have increased their pledges and gifts.

Thank you for sharing your gifts of stock, your retirement funds, and your real estate.

Thank you to those who use the monthly envelopes.

Thank you to those who give on line.

Your donations have enabled us to expand our ability to pass on the faith. We still have much to accomplish.

May you and your families have a blessed Thanksgiving!

For more information on how you can help, please visit www.stjoanhershey.org/TheCentennialProject



STEWARDSHIP

We Are A Tithing Parish Following God's Plan For Giving

Weekly Tithing: \$27,343

Weekly Budget: \$26,442

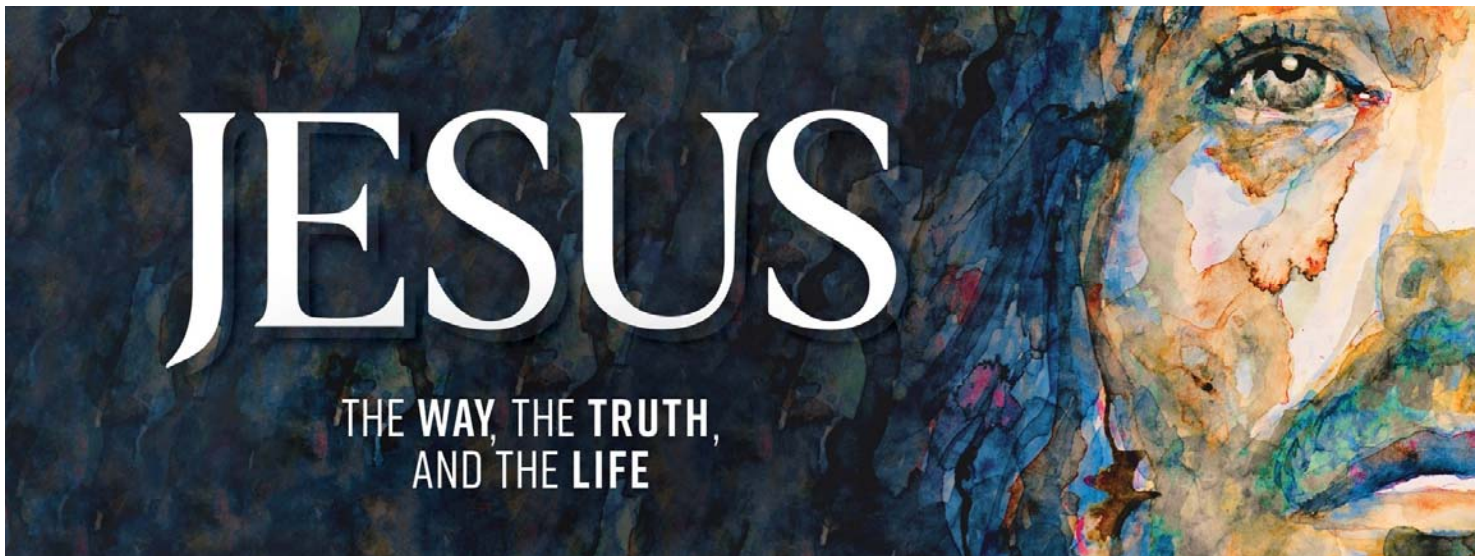
Weekly Heart of the Parish: \$2,048

Week of November 8, 2020

VOCATIONS CORNER

Tending the needs of others is a gift of service to God as well as those in need. Imagine that you chose to serve God as a deacon, priest, brother or sister. What do you think/feel about this choice?

Matthew 25: 31-46



Jesus is our savior, our redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know him as we should? Is Jesus a part of your life, or is he at the center of your life as he should be? We invite you to make him the center of your life by joining us for Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life, a 10-week video study program that explores the entirety of Jesus' life and what he means for us as Catholics today. St. Joan of Arc will begin the Jesus study on **January 12, 2021** at 10:00 am in person and 7:00 pm via Zoom. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation by Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Jeff Cavins, and Edward Sri, followed by a lively group discussion and fellowship.

An informational presentation will be held on **December 8** at 10:30 am in person in the Parish Social Hall as well as at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Please contact Earl Tropp at etropp@stjoanhershey.org or at 717 533-7168 x122 to make a reservation.

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

The 2021 Mass Book is open. You can schedule up to 4 intentions for the year for \$10 each. You can order online or pick up a form at the parish office. A post card confirming your dates will be mailed to you. You can complete a request and payment online at the link below.

🔗 www.stjoanhershey.org/store/p74/intentions.html

RESPECT LIFE

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion....Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You will come to understand that nothing is definitively lost and you will also be able to ask forgiveness from your child, who is now living in the Lord.” -*Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life), no. 99*

LIVING OUR FAITH

Due to the pandemic, we must cancel our Caring Cards and Calendars collection. However, there is a still a great way to make use of your holiday cards. Royer's is collecting cards for service members and veterans for the American Red Cross' "Holidays for Heroes" program. Cards can be dropped off at any Royer's location through November. Cards should be signed with a note of gratitude.

🔗 [More Info: www.royers.com/usrf.cfm?aboutus=holidayheroes](http://www.royers.com/usrf.cfm?aboutus=holidayheroes) | (717) 534-2834

GIVING TREE PROGRAM

The Christmas Giving Tree Program, sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will look different this year. This year we are **asking for donations to St. Vincent de Paul Society by December 13** either electronically on the church's online giving page under St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree or you can drop your donation in a separate envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree and place in collection or at the Church office.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to memorialize a loved one with flowers for decorating the Church at Christmas, forms are available in the online bulletin, the parish website, or at the Parish Office. Requests are due to the parish office by **Friday, December 4 @ 12 pm.**

✠ MINISTRY NEWS

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

The Centennial Committee is presenting a Monthly Virtual Event during this year of Celebrating the Parish Centennial! The November Monthly Virtual Event is a video that was made for our 75th Anniversary (filmed by Tony Mayan). It details the history of the parish. It is a wonderful overview of our parish, as a refresher for established parishioners and a way to learn about St. Joan of Arc Parish for new members. Please take a few minutes to view!

The Religious of the Parish, past and present, is the December Monthly Virtual Event.

ROAD TO KINDNESS

We wish everyone the very best for the Thanksgiving holiday! We are so thankful for everyone in our parish! We are also so thankful for the way that you have embraced our Kindness Program! Thanksgiving is a special time for sharing! Let's keep a thanksgiving spirit of sharing our time with our family, friends, and those in need! We have so much to be thankful for; let's share our time this Thanksgiving with those who need it! Many members from our parish have told us that they plan to do a special family kindness act this Thanksgiving! This is so wonderful to hear! Thank you and let your hearts be filled with kindness this Thanksgiving! Blessings to you! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Day and a week filled with kindness!

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

R E M I N D E R :

Please take note of the early bulletin deadlines for the rest of the year.

All requests must be submitted by 9:00 am.

Bulletin	Article Deadline	
December 6	Monday	November 23
December 13	Monday	November 30
December 20	Monday	December 7
December 27	Monday	December 14
January 3	Friday	December 18

✠ **MINISTRY NEWS**

FATHER BEITING A.M.C.

Our Parish Volunteers have not gone to Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center this year, but the needs of the people in the three poorest counties in America has not changed. With coal mines shut down, there are fewer jobs and more poverty than ever before.

This summer three seminarians volunteered as summer interns at FBAMC. Two from the Harrisburg Diocese (Cole Mase from Palmyra and Andrew St. Denis from Maytown) and one seminarian from the Diocese of Lexington, (he grew up in Lexington). The three of them, along with the four full time staff members, repaired decks, built ramps and dug ditches. There is still a lot of other repair work that needs to be done, but with the Covid epidemic, these jobs will be there in the spring and fall when our Parish volunteers travel to Kentucky.

Due to the pandemic, their work was restricted to the outside jobs and a lot of these people’s needs will have to be completed by those who live in these homes or will have to wait until next year. There is a great need for the cost of the work that was done this summer by the seminarians and staff to be covered. With resources stretched very thin, the volunteers from St. Joan of Arc want to help in any way we can, and that means we should help financially because we did not travel to Louisa, Kentucky this year.

Our Parish’s volunteers are hoping to travel to Kentucky in the spring of 2021 and again in the fall. We will have to decide whether we are allowed to work on the homes of those we serve, or will be working on “outside” jobs next year. Either way, our Parish volunteers from St. Joan of Arc are hoping to travel to Louisa, Kentucky next year.

Our goal is to raise **\$3,000** to help cover the cost of the work that the seminarians and staff did this summer and to cover their expenses that they incurred this summer. As in the past, your generosity has always been very much appreciated, not only by the work that was done, but by St. Joan of Arc volunteers who rely on your help and encouragement to continue this charitable work.

✠ **SCHOOL NEWS**

WISH LIST ITEMS

St. Joan of Arc School is currently in need of the following wish list items. To make a contribution, please contact Sister Eileen or Deb Rizzotto.

Thank you to those who have so generously contributed to our wish list items. We greatly appreciate every contribution.

Item	Cost	Qty.	Total
Classroom Projectors	\$2,000	1	\$2,000
Student Chromebooks (Grades 4-5)	\$300	22	\$6,600
Samsung Tablets (Grades 1-3)	\$245	13	\$3,185
License Renewals for Tablets (Grades 1-5)	\$25	25	\$625
Apple TV (Pre3)	\$149	1	\$149
Learning Toys (Pre3)	\$108	1	\$108
Art & Music Toys (Pre3)	\$106	1	\$106
Playground Toys (Pre3)	\$700	1	\$700
Misc. Toys (Pre3)	\$260	1	\$260
Printer Ink (Pre3)	\$46	1	\$46

**Some items above are grouped together, to view a full list of individual items, please visit school.stjoanhershey.org/wishlist*

- 📧 **Deb: drizzotto@stjoanhershey.org**
- 📧 **Sister Eileen: sreileen@stjoanhershey.org**



How to wear a mask ✓

**HELP US
KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS
SAFE AND HEALTHY!**

With the recent rise in Coronavirus cases related to cooler weather and more indoor activities, we thought it would be a good time to remind you of our mask wearing obligation. All in attendance are required to wear a mask, except for those with a medical condition that prohibit it and children too young to understand. Those who may be particularly vulnerable are encouraged to view our livestream Mass at home in place of in-person participation.

We have also received some feedback of masks being worn improperly. Masks should cover both the nose and the mouth. Masks should be worn at all times during the service, including processing to and from Holy Communion. Masks should only be lowered when consuming the Host.

Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



If you would like to memorialize flowers for a loved one on Christmas, requests are due to the parish office no later than **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 before NOON.**

Note: Please Print Clearly

In Loving Memory of:

Dedicated from: _____

Submitted by: _____

Phone: _____

Donation enclosed of: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to St. Joan of Arc.



“Let us ask the Lord for
the *grace of being generous*,
so that our *hearts may be opened*
and we may *become kinder.*”

—Pope Francis

CONSIDERING A YEAR-END GIFT TO ST. JOAN OF ARC CHURCH?

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. We appreciate you!

More than 30 percent of all charitable donations are made in the month of December. We're honored that you're considering a gift to St. Joan of Arc.

2. Christmas Week Office Hours

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24) — 8:00 AM to Noon

Tuesday, December 29 — 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Closed Noon to 1:00 PM*)

Wednesday, December 30 — 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (*Closed Noon to 1:00 PM*)

New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31) — 8:00 AM to Noon

3. Special Tax Breaks – this year only

As part of its response to the coronavirus, Congress made temporary changes to the tax code to incentivize charitable giving in 2020. Make sure to speak with your attorney or financial advisor to find out how you can save money on taxes while benefiting St. Joan of Arc. Charitable contributions of cash are deductible up to 100% of your adjusted gross income (AGI) in 2020. Ordinarily these contributions are limited to 60% of AGI. And for 2020 only, if you do not itemize your deductions, you are allowed to reduce your taxable income by up to \$300 for cash contributions to charity.

4. You can donate online, right up until the ball drops!

The Internet isn't just for video chatting with friends and grandkids! Now, you can donate to St. Joan of Arc online at: <https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1376> and use the “Quick Give” option. A link for more information About Online Giving can be found in the Stewardship menu on the parish website. You can donate right up until 11:59 p.m. on December 31 and have it applied to your 2020 tax year.

Saint Joan of Arc Annual Financial Report

Fiscal Year July 1, 2019 to June 31, 2020



2020 has been a challenging year for all of us in many ways. St. Joan of Arc Parish has been blessed but not immune to these challenges.

Many wonderful things have happened in our Parish including the opening of the new school and the beginnings of the celebration of our Centennial.

Looking at the financial report for our past fiscal year, we can see that in spite of the pandemic our parish families have continued to display tremendous generosity in support of the Parish. We see this demonstrated in the participation in the

Centennial campaign, the contributions made at Easter, and the number of families that have chosen to take advantage of the online giving opportunity. Outside of financial matters we have also seen increased enrollment and parish wide support for the move to the new school. Attendance at our Centennial and other Parish socially-distanced community events has also been very high.

Our parish was one of thousands of organizations who took advantage of a Federal PPP Loan Program to help small businesses and non-profits keep people employed during the early days of the crisis. We were approved for the loan, and we used it as intended – to cover payroll and our utility costs for a period of two months. Because we utilized the loan for these purposes, it converts into a grant and is forgiven by the federal government.

We do have some obstacles to overcome as the pandemic continues and we are working on plans to address what we hope will be only short-term challenges. Our average weekly collections are down by approximately \$1,900. We are facing a shortfall of close to \$100,000 in our obligation to the Diocesan Annual Appeal which will have to be funded from our Parish savings. The Parish staff and the Finance Committee are focused on mitigating the impact of these challenges and we feel we have a plan that will guide us in navigating through the current fiscal year.

We are truly blessed to have parishioners that are so generous and supporting of our mission as a Parish. We pray that as a Parish we can continue to support all of our families and help us all through these challenging times.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Father Al Sceski, Pastor

Saint Joan of Arc Annual Financial Report, Cont.

Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019	2020	2019	Increase (Decrease)
Cash Received in Support of Operations			
Contributions	166,343	167,666	(1,323)
Sunday offerings	1,345,256	1,434,019	(88,763)
Christmas offerings	60,355	60,286	69
Easter Offerings	51,199	39,748	11,451
Holy Feast Liturgical Day Offerings	48,543	50,957	(2,414)
Tuition, tuition assistance and support from Holy Spirit Parish	1,327,820	1,325,311	2,509
Fundraising	124,230	175,402	(51,172)
Activity Fees--after school programs	153,214	181,612	(28,398)
Interest Income	30,168	29,201	967
Sale of food and government subsidy-cafeteria	98,786	119,757	(20,971)
Other income, rental, votives, candles, pamphlets	69,664	21,123	48,541
Sub total--routine sources	3,475,578	3,605,082	(129,504)
Payroll Protection Loan / Grant	456,900	-	456,900
Sale of Property--St. Lucy	-	213,345	(213,345)
Withdrawal from Savings-- operations	23,201	23,336	(135)
Sub-total other sources	480,101	236,681	243,420
Total cash received in support of operations	3,955,679	3,841,763	113,916
Operating Expenses			
Salaries and wages	1,869,074	1,724,821	144,253
Benefits	648,352	591,067	57,285
Professional Services	68,102	69,610	(1,508)
Utilities	135,777	129,086	6,691
Insurance	59,529	57,111	2,418
Communications, cable, internet, telephone	14,456	12,468	1,988
Supplies	223,248	253,809	(30,561)
Business expense	16,208	17,931	(1,723)
Conferences and dues	18,765	28,953	(10,188)
Fundraising expenses	17,909	36,514	(18,605)
Diocese Annual Campaign shortfall	28,337	39,537	(11,200)
High school assessment	201,656	197,790	3,866
Hospital Chaplaincy assessment	20,691	20,691	-
Computer hardware and software	28,472	5,540	22,932
Donations expense	49,740	48,601	1,139
Property repairs and maintenance	32,321	68,999	(36,678)
Other	71,099	71,461	(362)
Total operating expenses	3,503,736	3,373,989	129,747
Operating surplus before interest expense	451,943	467,774	(15,831)
Interest expense	107,852	7,797	100,055
Operating surplus	344,091	459,977	(115,886)
Non-operating Activities			
Centennial Campaign receipts	1,157,798	448,584	
Heart of the Parish offerings	94,243	108,445	
Withdrawal from FOCUS	60,772	66,612	
Loan from Diocese--Sand Hill Road School	4,979,157	-	
Withdrawal from savings-- property and equipment	1,544,644	190,063	
Payment on debt (2020 includes down payment for School)	(1,039,157)	(60,000)	
Purchase of Property and improvements	(5,665,055)	(290,411)	
Deposit to savings--building	(1,301,334)	(822,044)	
Deposit to savings--restricted bequest	(70,355)	(65,592)	
Other deposits to savings	(37,969)	(15,808)	
Non-operating activity --net	(277,256)	(440,151)	
Net Surplus	66,835	19,826	