

# Saint Michael Parish

2015-2016

Annual Report



*Our parish community seeks to grow stronger in Christ through Worship and the Sacraments. It is as a faith community that we seek to make the Good News alive in our hearts as we attend to the needs of one another through the guidance of the Spirit. Indeed, the Father's compassion and love are everlasting.*

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PARISH OFFICES ARE OPEN MONDAY - THURSDAY,  
FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM, CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

# THE GOOD NEWS OF SAINT MICHAEL PARISH!



We have many blessings for which to be thankful to God as you can see below:

Baptisms: 39	Weddings: 2
First Holy Communions: 53	Students in Religious Education: 515
Confirmations: 56	RCIA Candidates: 4

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These are some of the many, many ways in which our parishioners live out their faith as Disciples in Mission, reaching out beyond themselves to bring others peace, comfort and joy as participants in our various ministries. What a blessing!

- Our **Visitation Ministry** brought the Eucharist to 24 parishioners who were unable to be present at weekly Mass.
- Monthly Eucharistic **Adoration**
- Monthly Carleton-Willard Mass for Residents.
- Our **Arimathea Society** assists families with funeral preparations.
- The **Men's & Women's Groups, Women of Grace** and **Moms Connect** are some ways parishioners engage, reflect and deepen their faith.
- **Adult Education Speaker Series** brought four (4) speakers to discuss faith and highlight the importance of our Catholic Tradition.
- **Community Outreach:** Blessing of the Bikes, 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Mass (where we prayed and gave thanks for our police, fire and military servants), Easter Egg Hunt (125 children), Thanksgiving dinners for those in need, "Giving Tree" program supported 22 Bedford Families and 50 children.
- **Special Needs** Religious Education Classes
- Confirmation classes assist our local veterans with transportation and companionship to Mass at the Bedford Veterans Hospital.
- **Knights of Columbus** members raised funds for the Pro-Life cause, charitable works and youth scholarships.
- **Annual Parish Holiday Fair** raised \$8,719 (net) to help support our Religious Education Program.
- Redesigned our **website** to provide our parish with a modern tool to communicate parish information and it provides parishioners with access to **Online Giving**.

*Let us, as a parish family, continue to pray, study, be generous and evangelize, bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet!*



## Saint Michael Parish

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2016

Total Income	\$809,990
Total Expenses	<u>668,160</u>
Net Operating Cash	\$141,830*

\*Funds committed to Driveway Expansion Project

### Completed Capital Improvements Projects

- Roof Repairs (Church, Rectory and Parish Center) \$13,555
- New Floor Parish Center Hall \$13,820
- Paint Interior of Parish Center \$10,400

### INCOME

• Offertory	\$341,652
• Grand/Semi Annual	\$161,207
• Religious Education	\$ 93,125
• Parish Center Rentals	\$ 37,102
• Capital Contributions	\$ 79,001
• Gifts and Other Income	\$ 97,903

### EXPENSE

#### Church & Rectory

• Salary/Benefits	\$220,143
• Facilities	\$102,513
• Administrative	\$ 30,276
• Pastoral	\$ 21,024
• Archdiocese Costs	\$ 42,431

#### Parish Center

• Salary/Benefits	\$33,318
• Facilities	\$84,976
• Administrative	\$17,822
• Pastoral	\$18,870

#### Religious Education

• Salary/Benefits	\$69,188
• Facilities	\$ -
• Administrative	\$20,534
• Pastoral	\$ 7,065

## Growing in Faith



First Communion



Confirmation

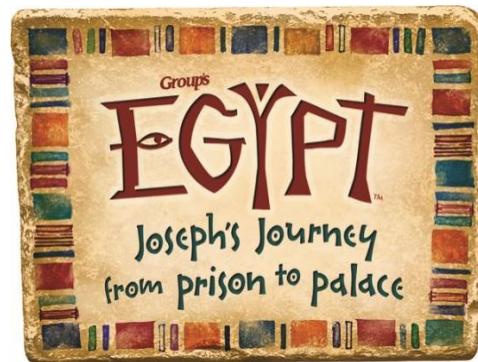


Children's Choir

## Growing in Love



Parish Egg Hunt



Vacation Bible Camp

## Growing in Service to Others



Pine Street Inn Ministry



Knights of Columbus

Visit our website [www.bedfordcatholic.org](http://www.bedfordcatholic.org) for information on our ministries and how to get involved in parish life!

## Saint Michael Parish



Parishioners have the opportunity to make donations to St. Michael Parish through online giving. This giving option allows you to make electronic donations from your bank account as well as credit card donations. Online giving provides you with the freedom to give anytime, anywhere by selecting the "Give" tab found on our St. Michael website, [www.bedfordcatholic.org](http://www.bedfordcatholic.org). Online giving ensures safe and confidential transactions with the highest security standards.

- Parishioners are in charge of the process: Parish does not have access to personal bank account or credit card information
- Financial planning allows donors to align offertory schedule w/ paycheck cycle
- Convenient for traveling parishioners – can be done from anywhere
- Self-service application where members can view their giving history
- Online payments eliminate the need for writing checks
- Can easily adjust amount of automatic contribution
- Ability to schedule giving
- Ability to make one-time donations
- The Offertory Commitment Program will allow us to stabilize our budget and to plan the future of this vibrant parish. We hope that you will prayerfully consider an increase in your stewardship commitment as well as utilize this easy-to-use system. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Colasante @ [reledoffice@bedfordcatholic.org](mailto:reledoffice@bedfordcatholic.org)

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*Growing in Faith, Love and Service to Others*

**Weekly and Annual Giving Guidelines (based on percentage of income)**

<i>"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good God has done for me?"</i>	Annual	3.5%	5%	10%			
	Household Income	Weekly	Annually	Weekly	Annually	Weekly	Annually
	\$25,000	\$17	\$875	\$24	\$1,250	\$48	\$2,500
	\$30,000	\$20	\$1,050	\$29	\$1,500	\$58	\$3,000
	\$40,000	\$27	\$1,400	\$38	\$2,000	\$77	\$4,000
	\$50,000	\$34	\$1,750	\$48	\$2,500	\$96	\$5,000
	\$60,000	\$40	\$2,100	\$58	\$3,000	\$115	\$6,000
	\$70,000	\$47	\$2,450	\$67	\$3,500	\$135	\$7,000
	\$80,000	\$54	\$2,800	\$77	\$4,000	\$154	\$8,000
	\$90,000	\$61	\$3,150	\$87	\$4,500	\$173	\$9,000
<i>Psalm</i>	\$100,000	\$67	\$3,500	\$96	\$5,000	\$192	\$10,000
	\$150,000	\$101	\$5,250	\$144	\$7,500	\$288	\$15,000
<i>116:12</i>	\$200,000	\$135	\$7,000	\$192	\$10,000	\$385	\$20,000

**Saint Michael Parish  
Offertory Commitment Card**

In thanksgiving for God's blessings, our/my yearly offertory commitment is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This \_\_\_\_\_ amount will be contributed:

- Yearly
- Semi-Annually
- Quarterly
- Monthly
- Weekly
  
- Please contact us/me regarding online giving.
- We/I cannot commit financially at this time, but we/I do commit to pray in support of St. Michael Parish.
- I am no longer a parishioner of St. Michael Parish. Please remove me from the mailing list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return the bottom portion to St. Michael Parish, 90 Concord Rd Bedford, MA 01730)*