

St. Ann Catholic Church
Fayetteville, NC



State of the Parish
July 2016 – June 2017

Dear Parishioners,

As I begin my fifth year as your pastor, I am happy to present you with our annual report on the state of our parish. As each year passes, I become more aware of how blessed we are as a community of faith. With God's grace we are touching the lives of so many people.

I am grateful for your good stewardship that makes such a big difference in our community. This report is a statement on the status of our parish during the past fiscal year (July 2016 – June 2017). The report also highlights the progress of the councils, ministries and organizations of our parish community. May we always recognize the many blessings that we have received, and with the Lord's grace, may we always make a generous return to God.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Steve

Fr. Steve Shott, OSFS
Pastor

St. Ann Mission Statement

St. Ann Catholic Parish is dedicated to living and handing-on the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Word, Sacrament and Service.

St. Ann Parish is administered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales is a congregation of priests and brothers who follow the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. Salesian Spirituality is a practical everyday spirituality for living in the modern world as learned, lived and shared by St. Francis de Sales (1567-1622) and St. Jane de Chantal (1572-1641), spiritual friends. Salesian spirituality gives expression to a way to journey in the spiritual life as we embrace the duties of our state in response to the universal call to holiness - in the words of St. Francis de Sales to "bloom where you are planted." It is a "spirituality of the heart," as relevant today as in the time of St. Francis de Sales himself, an all-embracing, down-to-earth spirituality for everyone.

The essence of the spirituality can be found in the *Introduction to the Devout Life*, a book written by St. Francis de Sales at the beginning of the 17th century. The book, often referred to as a spiritual classic, contains the collective wisdom of the first sixteen centuries of the Christian experience. Salesian Spirituality can best be summed up in the motto of St. Francis de Sales, "Live Jesus."

Direction of Intention

My God give me the grace to perform this action with you and through love for you. In advance I offer to you all the good that I will do and accept all the difficulty I may meet therein.

Parish Office Reports

Parish Demographics

Total number of Active Parishioners: 1106

Total number of Registered Households: 496

Male	341
Female	422
Children (to 18)	343
Adult (18-20)	40
Adult (21-64)	549
Seniors (65 & Over)	240

Total Families w/children 178

Total Families w/out children 318

Where We Live

Cameron	1%	Eastover	2%
Fayetteville	80%	Ft. Bragg	2%
Hope Mills	6%	Raeford	2%
Sanford	1%	Spring Lake	1%
Stedman	1%	Other	4%

Average Age 55.32

Median Age is 48

Faith Formation

Director of Faith Formation/Pastoral Associate: John Bunting

Pre-School	5
Grades K – 5	45
Grades 6 - 8	13
Grades 9 - 12	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	79

Confirmation Prep (both years)	16
Confirmed	12
RCIA Adapted for Children	3

Children/Youth in Faith Formation/RCIA

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (11 AM)	26
Nursery (1-3 year old) (11 AM)	5
Adult Faith Formation (approximate)	40
Faith Matters (meets Tuesday/Thursday)	50
Baptismal Preparation Workshops	22
First Reconciliation Parent Meetings	27
First Communion Parent Meetings	25
Confirmation Meeting – Parents	15
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	5

Sacramental Record

Baptisms	24
Confirmation (Teen)	12
Confirmation (Adult)	4
First Communion	31
Anointing of the Sick	28
Marriage / Convalidation	2
Funerals and burials -	7

St. Ann Catholic School

Principal: Rene’ Corders

St. Ann Catholic School has been providing a quality Catholic education for those boys and girls whose parents are totally committed to the propagation of the faith for 61 years. Tuition, the generosity of St. Ann parishioners and the success of North Carolina's Opportunity Scholarship Program have helped the school maintain fiscal soundness. The enrollment for 2016-17 averaged 131 students.

The school received reaccreditation in March after a very positive review. Our school won the Battle of the Books competition for the 4th consecutive year competing against other private schools in Fayetteville. Our school chorus won the Sing For Your School Big Mac Jingle Competition for which they received a check for \$500. Other highlights included the Fall Festival, Las Posadas, the Christmas Concert/Play, the Spring Concert, the 8th grade retreat and the 8th grade trip.

The School Volunteer Organization is the backbone of the school's parent participation program. The School Advisory Committee, comprised of parents, staff, parishioners and community representatives, provides counsel to the principal. All stakeholders are dedicated to the school's mission - "promoting spiritual, academic, physical and moral excellence in a safe, structured environment." The students of St. Ann "enter to learn and depart to serve."

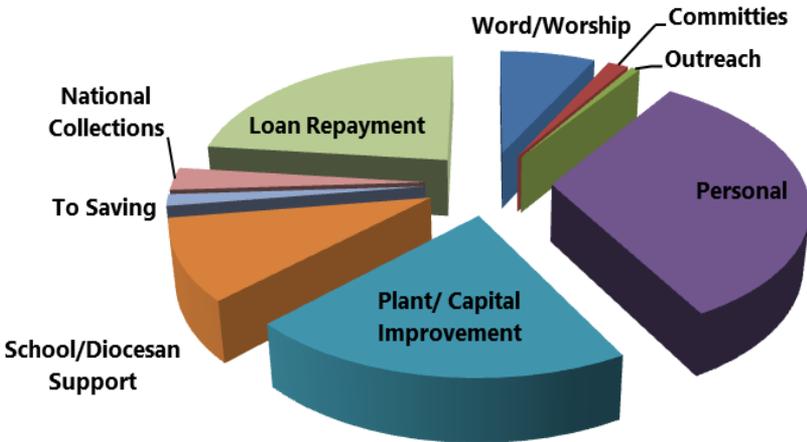


School Community 2016- 2017

Financial Report
Pok-Hui Folsom: Parish Bookkeeper
Steve Stanfield: Finance Council Chair

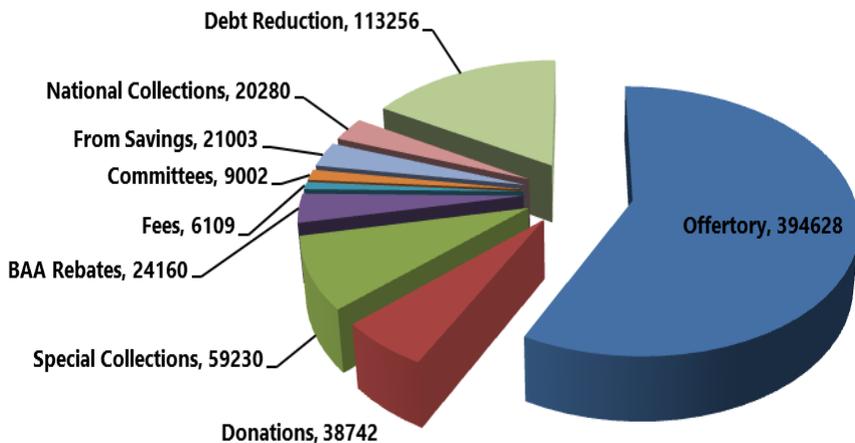
Expenses Fiscal Year (July 2016-June 2017)

Word/Evangelization (<i>Youth/Adult Edu. &RCIA</i>)	\$13,410.84
Worship (<i>Sacraments & Music</i>)	\$36,441.27
Committees (<i>Altar Rosary Society, AAMEN</i>)	\$10,629.05
Outreach (<i>Catholic Charities/Urban Ministries & Care Clinic</i>)	\$4,720.93
Personnel	\$202,087.47
Office	\$12,323.12
Plant (Utilities & Maintenance of Facilities)	\$ 93,494.33
Capital Improvement	\$35,782.46
School/Diocesan/Deanery Support	\$69,601.13
Transfers to Savings	\$10,000.00
Diocesan/National Collections	\$19,467.92
Payroll Related Items	\$24,403.87
Loan Repayment (<i>Mortgage & Church/School Roof</i>)	\$160,333.29
Total Expenses	\$692,695.68



Revenues Fiscal Year (July 2016- June 2017)

Offertory (<i>Money Collected on weekends and Holy Days</i>)	\$394,628.01
Donations	\$38,741.83
Special Collections (<i>Second Collections</i>)	\$59,229.87
BAA/Cathedral Campaign Rebates	\$24,160.18
Fees/Refunds.	\$6,108.59
Committees (<i>Altar Rosary Society & AAMEN</i>)	\$9,002.30
Transfers From Savings	\$21,003.00
Diocesan/National Collections	\$20,279.86
Building/Debt Reduction	\$113,255.54
Total Revenues	\$686,409.18



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Total Expenses	\$692,699.68
Balance	(- \$6,309.50)

Debt owed to the Diocese for 2002 Building Project	
Total Debt as 06/30/2017	\$124,527.43*
Debt Collection	\$ 113,255.54
Loan Payment	\$160,333.29
Shortfall	(-\$47,077.75)
Annual Scheduled Payment July 2017-June 2018	\$83,470.11*

*Two additional loans were taken out in 2007 and 2013 to make repairs to the school and church roofs. These loans are part of the overall parish debt but not part of the debt from the 2002 building project.

Summary of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2017

Number of Households Participating	244 of 496
50.6% of the parish participated either financially or through prayers in the BAA	
Goal	\$57,313.00
Pledged	\$75,740.00
2016 BAA money returned to the parish	\$21,822.18
2016/17 Cathedral Campaign money returned to the parish	\$2,338.00

The Financial State of our parish is good. When we fall short on our monthly debt collection, money is then transferred from our parish operating account to make up the difference each month. As we enter into the last year of our debt payments our monthly payments have increased by \$2000.00.

Capital Improvements Completed 2016 – 2017

Major portions of these projects were paid for because we surpassed our annual goal to the Bishops Annual Appeal and from money returned to the parish from the Cathedral Campaign.

- Painted the Elementary and Middle School Hallways Summer 2016
- Remodeled Social Hall Bathrooms – Summer 2016
- Made repairs to Parish Office interior due to hurricane damage – Fall 2016
- Upgraded lighting in Social Hall kitchen fall 2016
- Improved lighting outside entrance of church – Fall 2016
- Replace gas line in Social Hall kitchen – Winter 2017
- Replaced upstairs windows in Parish Office Spring 2017
- Made repairs to Parish Hall exterior due to Hurricane – Spring 2017
- Replace carport ceiling at Rectory – Spring 2017

Reports from Parish Organizations

AAMEN

Outgoing President: Rene' Corders

New President: Don Bennett

AAMEN is an acronym for African Ancestry Ministry and Evangelization Network. The St. Ann Chapter of AAMEN operates with direction from the Diocesan Office of AAMEN and under the "umbrella" that is the Secretariat of Lay Formation, Marriage and Family Life. Father Andrew McNair, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Southern Pines, has been appointed chaplain for this ministry. The goal of the local chapter is to support the mission of the Diocesan Office and engage in activities which allow members to maintain their identity, heighten

their visibility and enhance their lives as Catholics. Currently, AAMEN has 27 active members. Membership in the chapter is open to anyone.

Activities over the past year include:

- AAMEN has held 2 major fundraisers - a Holy Bears sale and the annual Spring Gala. Funds raised have afforded the chapter the opportunity to contribute financially to a variety of worthwhile causes.
- Sponsored a student's participation in the Fayetteville Symphony Youth Group.
- Made a significant monetary contribution to the victims of Hurricane Matthew through Catholic Charities.
- Made a sizeable donation to the purchase of a new stove for the parish hall kitchen
- Donated generously to the purchase of the statue of St. Martin de Porres, the first African Ancestry Saint of the Americas, which is housed in the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh.
- Hosted the winter quarterly meeting of all the AAMEN chapters in the Diocese and hosted a Christmas luncheon for senior citizens of all faiths in an effort to evangelize.
- AAMEN members also volunteered during the annual bike giveaway (started by the "Bicycle Man") for needy youngsters which has become a seasonal tradition in the Fayetteville community.



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide organization of lay apostolate in which Catholic men and women sanctify themselves through prayer and spiritual work in union with Our Blessed Mother.

Legion of Mary: Queen of Heaven Presidium (Morning)

President: Carol Philpott

Total Active Members: 7 (1 man, 6 women)

Total Auxiliary Members (Praying support group): 47

Legion of Mary: The Queen of Peace Presidium (Evening)

President: Betty Houghtaling

8 active members; 74 auxiliaries

Activities of both adult groups included:

- 11 active members; 2 on probation; 74 auxiliaries
- Meets every Wednesday @6:00 pm in the School Library
- Visiting nursing home residents weekly
- Carried Holy Communion to homebound and sick parishioners
- Make hospital and home visitations to sick parishioners
- Two active members teach Faith Formation to school children on Sundays
- Assisted in the “Junior Kids Get Ignited” camp held last July
- Distribute Catholic literatures and rosaries to parishioners and non-members of the parish
- Assisted the church office in the Bishops Annual Appeal by making phone calls to parish members
- Coordinated the Divine Mercy celebration and Month of May Crowning of Mary
- Execute the Pilgrim of Mary Statue rotation weekly
- Partook in the “Bookbarrow” event held at the NC State Fairground in Raleigh, NC sponsored by the Morning Star Curia
- Hosted a luncheon for our Auxiliaries to show gratitude for all their prayers

- Hosted the Curia Outdoor Function in September
- Visited the Holy Door at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Newton Grove
- One member volunteers in the Youth Center twice a week for 2 ½ hours and assists in the Junior Presidium
- One member assists in the Kids Liturgy during one of the masses on Sundays
- One member volunteers in the church's nursery some Sundays during mass for 1 hour
- Persevere in evangelizing fallen Catholics and non –Catholics we encounter
- Attending funerals of deceased parishioners
- Works on tasks assigned by our pastor

Mother of Divine Grace Junior Presidium of Legion of Mary

Outgoing Coordinator: Tina Marsh

Total members: 22 Auxiliary Members: 27

- Met once a week throughout the entire year
- Members served the parish each week in a variety of ways; altar servers, choir members, lectors, leading the school rosary, and assisting with Children's Liturgy.
- Made weekly visits are made by leaders and junior members to Heritage Place, where we visit, pray with, and take the Eucharist to residents.
- Made a pilgrimage to the Basilica Shrine of Saint Mary in Wilmington in November to visit the Holy Door.

The Altar and Rosary Society

President: Outgoing President Mary Ann Peeples

Membership: 31 members

- Purchased new albs for Pastor and Deacon
- Laundered altar linens
- Purchased fabric for new pall for funerals, tabernacle veils, gathering space table banner, banner for the chapel ambo, and antependium for the main altar
- Maintained the small candles in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Cleaned of the sanctuary (dusting, etc.)
- Prayed the rosary and had a memorial mass said for deceased members
- Sponsored a Spring Fling with funds supporting feeding the homeless program
- Provided a reception to honor high school and college graduates
- Sponsored a Prayer Line
- Visited hospitalized or shut-in members
- Contributed to the cost of the Paschal candle and altar candles

The Knights of Columbus: Father William P. Ryan Council

Outgoing Grand Knight: John Rock

73 Active Members

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and originally serving as a mutual benefit society to low-income immigrant Catholics, it developed into a fraternal benefit society dedicated to providing charitable services, promoting Catholic education and actively defending Catholicism in various nations.

In the past year the Knights of Columbus have contributed nearly \$9000.00 to St. Ann Parish. Much of this was accomplished through fund raisers and activities that contributed to the purchase of a new stove for the Parish Hall, helped fund the 8th grade trip to Washington DC. The Knights also continued the annual Fish Fry during Lent. We were involved in numerous Parish work days and grounds clean up events.

Neighborhood Youth Center

Director: Michael Patterson

In July 2015, the NYC Board of Directors revised the Mission Statement of the Neighborhood Youth Center. “The St. Ann Neighborhood Youth Center provides economically disadvantaged students with academic support, fosters the enhancement of their life skills, and engages them in enrichment experiences that expand their vision of the world. This is achieved through innovative programs facilitated by dedicated volunteers who are supported by active community partnerships.

This mission was made manifest to 48 children in grades 2-5 from Walker-Spivey and T.C. Berrien Elementary Schools during the 2016-2017 school year. The instructional model employed was tutoring. Family support activities included Thanksgiving Baskets and Family Night Dinner in November and the Giving Tree in December. Also, generous support from the parish through “It is Better to Give” weekend,” allowed field trips to FSU Planetarium, The Arts Council Gallery and other activities. St. Ann Middle School student volunteers were very helpful to tutors and at meal times. A summer camp was held June 19-23, 2017 for 37 children using the theme, “Are You Art Smart?” An integrated experience of art, music, dance and drama made for a fun filled, positive week.

This was made possible by many donors from Cumberland Community Foundation and their Summertime Kids Grant. Also, contributions from the Women’s Giving Circle, Florence Rodgers Trust, the Raleigh

Diocese of AAMEN, Daniel Rudd Fund, and many donations by local churches and individuals. The Neighborhood Youth Center is truly grateful for the generosity of so many.

Proposed Parish Goals for 2017 - 2018

Spiritual Improvement

- Foster devotion to the Blessed Sacrament through Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays

Pastoral Council

- Review the 3 Year Pastoral Plan
- Host Town Hall Meetings concerning the future of St. Ann School in conjunction with the Feasibility Study

Faith Formation Improvement

- Implement new strategies to foster a vibrant Youth Ministry
- Continue to provide adult formation opportunities
- Form a faith formation committee to explore ways in which the program could be improved or expanded.

Finance Council

- Create a 5 year plan for parish financial and capital needs
- Enroll 30 new families to participate in the on-line giving option
- Increase the School and Church Endowment by 5%

Capital Improvement

- Replace doors of original church
- Replace first floor windows of parish office

Community

- The Social Committee will continue to explore opportunities to provide family oriented activities for the community
- Social Committee will explore the idea of an ethnic – cultural event

- To participate and assist Catholic Charities – Fayetteville with assistance through food and diaper drives

Significant Parish Events 2016 – 2017

July 2016 – St. Ann Feast day and Pot-luck Picnic attended by over 300

August 2016 – St. Ann School opens with 131 students

October 2016 – Bishop Michael Burbidge appointed Bishop of Arlington, VA

October 2016 - Hurricane Matthew causes much damage in the area and cancels weekend Masses

December 2016 – Knights of Columbus holds a successful holiday dinner dance

January 2017 – Deacon Royce Winters, Director of the Office of African American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati speaks at annual Dr. Martin Luther King Lecture Series;

January 2017 – First St. Ann Women’s Day – 150 attend

February 2017 – Fr. Michael Murray, O.S.F.S., and Mrs. Susan Gardner leads annual Parish Lenten Retreat

April 2017 – 3 Adults and 3 children were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil

April 2017 – First Holy Communion administered to 31 parish members

April 2017 – Confirmation administered to 12 parish members

May 2017 – 13 students graduate from St. Ann School

June 2017 – Parish signs contract with Meitler Inc. to conduct a feasibility study to examine future of St. Ann School

July 2017 – Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama appointed 6th Bishop of Raleigh

August 2017 – Diocese of Raleigh consecrates new Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh

St. Ann Endowment Funds

An endowment fund provides a source of annual income to a Catholic organization for future operations and development. The St. Ann Endowment Funds were established to provide a means for individuals and organizations to provide long-term financial stability for St. Ann Parish. Please consider making a donation or including these endowment funds in your will or estate planning. For more information contact the parish office.

The St. Ann School Endowment Fund

The St. Ann Church Capital Endowment Fund

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