

Annual Report

2010

Corpus
Christi
Church



A Message From The Pastoral Staff

This was certainly a good year in many ways! The Pastoral Staff during this fiscal year remained unchanged. The Parish Ministries and Programs continued to develop and improve. The financial health of the parish continued to improve – thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners. The Faith Building Program saw the completion of the work in the sanctuary and the dedication of our beautiful Altar of Sacrifice, Ambo, Baptismal Font and Presider's Chair. Congratulations to everyone who had a hand in making this past year truly a most memorable year.

As the parishioners approached the end of the past fiscal year, however, they learned that their pastor of 10 years, Rev. Msgr. Rich Bozzelli, was asked to take a new parish as pastor. This certainly was a painful surprise. And the parish and the parishioners wished him well as he bid

Corpus Christi farewell on the weekend following the Dedication of the new Sanctuary.

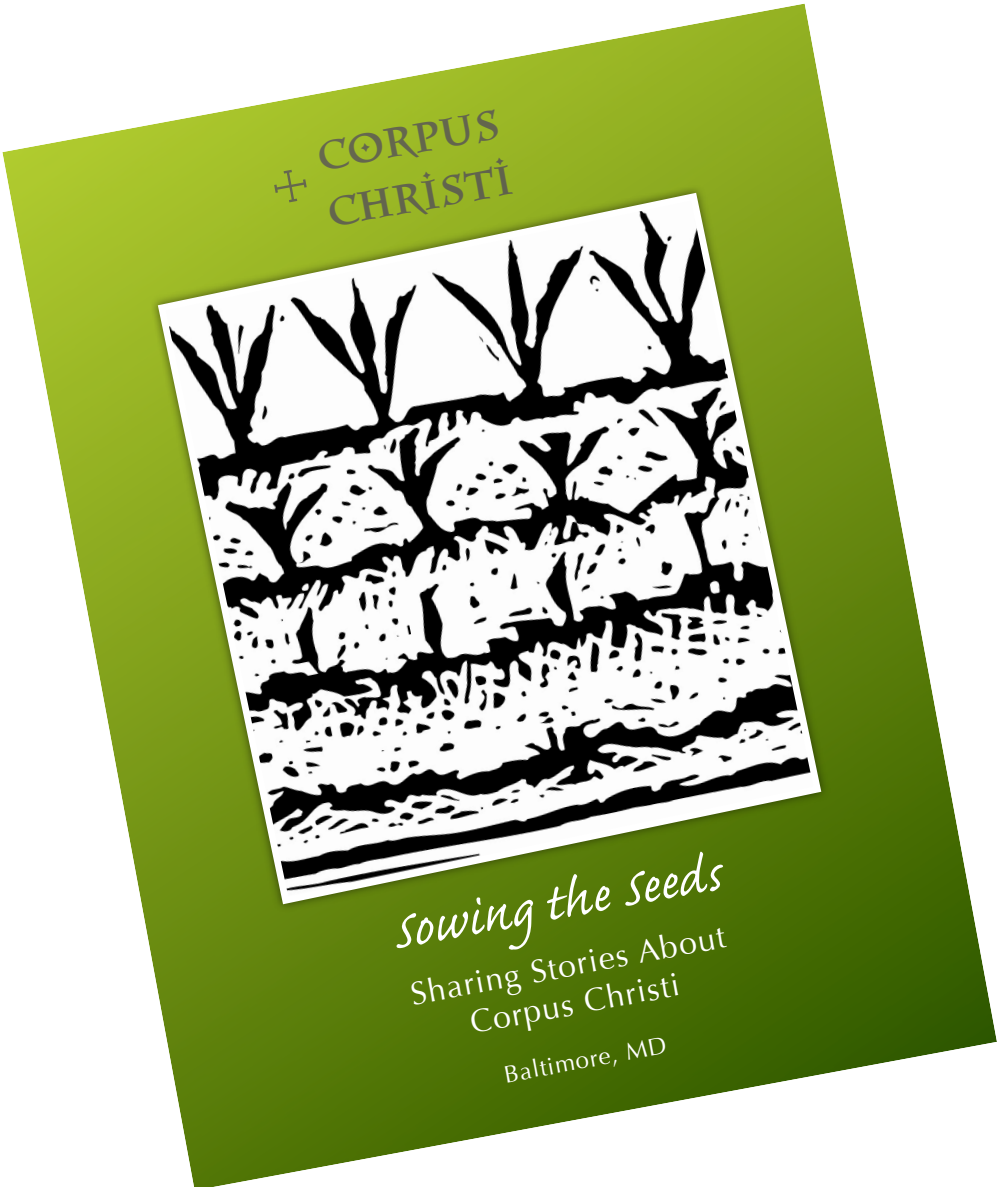
The Pastoral Staff and the Parishioners did not have to wait too long for a new pastor to come onboard. Rev. Martin H. Demek was asked to follow Msgr. Rich as pastor. Father Marty has spent the summer meeting with the Staff and various committees and groups. He certainly looks forward to working with the parish over the next several years in continuing to build up the Body of Christ.

We are pleased to present this year's Annual Report. Please review it and come to our Annual Meeting on Sunday, September 26, at 11:45 am. Thank you for your support and hard work, which makes all of this possible. May God continue to bless us, as we strive to be Corpus Christi.



The Corpus Christi Staff

Rev. Martin H. Demek, *Pastor* | Betsy Lafferty, *Pastoral Associate* | Frank Hodges and Fritz Bauerschmidt, *Deacons* | Stephanie Roberts, *Director of Religious Education* | Roberta Preston-Brown, *Food Program Manager* | Daniel C. Meyer, *Director of Music* | Robert Wissmann, *Business Manager* | James A. Dimmer, *Maintenance Supervisor*



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Worship

The Community Gathered

Weekend liturgies are the central focus of the Corpus Christi community and this year there were many opportunities for celebration. The liturgy committee worked overtime planning and choreographing celebrations that included as many diverse groups as possible. Liturgical ministers were trained and commissioned as we began the new liturgical year.

Despite record snowfalls, Advent and Christmas celebrations, focusing on the theme "He shall be peace," gathered families and visitors, and the Filipino community shared with us their Misa de Gallo masses with great music and a wonderful dinner with traditional dishes.

"May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened" was the focus of the Lent and Easter seasons as we welcomed Laura Dougherty and Dan Meyer into our community at the Easter Vigil. Lenten evening prayer services provided a prayerful mid-week break for parishioners to enjoy the quiet beauty of our church. Seven eager children finished months of preparation and celebrated their First Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday of Easter while first time moms and

dads were especially celebrated on Mother's and Father's Days as they thanked God for the gift of their children.



The mass represented the culmination of 4 years on the part of the furnishings committee working with designers and craftsman to create a new altar, ambo, and baptismal font, and marked the end of our capital campaign to renovate the church. The dedication of the altar with chrism, incense, and light is a service rarely performed but one that will be long remembered in the history of Corpus Christi Church.

Sunday liturgy was also the venue for transition to new leadership. Fr. Rich's departure on June 27th and Fr. Marty's arrival on July 4th were marked with blessings, tears of gratitude, and new beginnings for our parish.

My sincere gratitude to members of the liturgy committee, coordinators, and liturgical ministers who have worked tirelessly in preparing and executing consistently beautiful, prayerful and inspiring liturgies not just for special occasions, but each and every time we gather for worship.

Cynthia Tifft, *Liturgy Chair*

The highlight of liturgy this year, and the most elaborate celebration came on the Feast of Corpus Christi when we welcomed Bishop Denis Madden to celebrate the Dedication of the Altar & Blessing of Liturgical Furnishings on June 5th.



Outreach Ministries

Father Charles Hall School. This year, one of the snow storms we had prevented our two communities from coming together to celebrate FCHS Weekend. It was a disappointment, as the plans included FCHS staff and students to join us in the various liturgical roles of lectors, prayer of the faithful and communion ministers. Additionally, we were saddened by the decision to close FCHS at the end of the 2010 academic year. Betsy Lafferty went over to the school the morning after the announcement to tell the students and staff that Corpus Christi Church was with them in the next few months of their difficult journey. With the principal, Kathleen Filippelli and staff, we put our heads together to plan celebrating the school. The students from the Newman Center at the University of Rochester came for their alternative spring break the week after the announcement. Having enthusiastic college students assisting in the classrooms was a boon to both the students and staff. At the end of the week, we sponsored a pizza party for everyone. This year after we treated the University of Rochester students to the annual meal at Café Hon, they asked Fr. Rich and Betsy to join them for their reflection session. It was truly humbling to hear how the college students were moved by their interactions with the FCHS students.

We sponsored first/last class trips for Grade 2 - Grade 5 to Washington, D.C. The 2nd Graders went to the Smithsonian and the students in Grade 3 – 5 took a walking tour of the monuments. We funded the farewell gift of a silver plated bowl for each staff member. Their name and the years of service were inscribed on the bowl. Although sad and

difficult we “concluded” our year of ministry to FCHS rich in our relationships and experiences together for all these many years. We look forward to following the students who will be going to Holy Angels Catholic School this September.

Sister Parish. We continue to receive periodic reports from Sepalau, Guatemala from Sergio Balan, a staff member of Sister Parish, Inc. Because Sergio travels (with great difficulty) to the village, for the first time, parishioners were able to send Christmas greetings. Some of the villagers have left Sepalau to go to the cities to procure work. This summer

there were very heavy rains that impacted their crop production. It is a long and slow process, but they are still working on their chicken coop project. This year at ARTSCAPE, our Sister Parish sales of coffee, candies and handmade materials raised a record amount.



Corpus Christi Meal and Food Bag Programs. We provided 5,579 dinner meals at our center and gave out 1, 1974 lunches at the rectory door. Some 753 food bags were distributed at the center's Wednesday food bag program. On January 5,

2010, out of concern for the safety and well being of our guests, we began serving dinner from 2 to 3:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. At the rectory we continue to give out lunch bags on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 am to Noon.

Emergency & Other Assistance. We assisted eight individuals/families for a total of \$4,269.

Grants given from our Outreach Advisory Board

- *Youth Ministry Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation* - \$400 for rental of a van. (two of our Confirmandis participated in this outreach project)
- *CRS' SE Asia/Pacific Rim Earthquake* - \$2,125 to Catholic Relief Service' earthquake assistance
- *Christmas Celebration for Residents at Lakeview Towers* - \$600 (many of the residents are guests at our center's Dinner Program)
- *Midtown Academy* - \$1500 to their Helping Hands Project (provides such things as eye glasses and other personal items to students); \$250 - graduation celebration assistance
- *Samaritan Community* - \$4000 (\$1500 to subsidize their food pantry and \$2500 for direct emergency support)
- *Father Charles Hall School* - \$9,070 (see FCHS Ministry above)
- *Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma* - \$2500 for emergency housing and other basic needs

Stewardship

This report, including financial statements, covers the actual income and expenses for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2010 (FY 10) and the projected income and expenses for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2011 (FY 11).

Parish Operations

The offertory campaign undertaken in the second half of FY 10 was quite successful. Due to your generosity, that campaign, and a vacancy in our maintenance supervisor position, allowed us to finish FY 10 with a surplus. Based on the results of the offertory campaign, and plans to repeat the campaign in the fall of 2010, the Finance Committee has adopted an aggressive budget for FY 11, one that by the slimmest of margins, for the first time in recent years, does not project a deficit. We will continue to rely on the generosity of all of our parish members as we work through the coming year.

Capital Campaign

The Faith BUILDING Community campaign, begun in July 2003, continues even though the scope of work and number of projects is somewhat less than what it was at the height of the campaign. During the past year the campaign funded repairs to the church's south side drainage system, alleviating a long standing problem. Also, through the work of the Church Furnishings Committee, Murphy & Dittenhafer, the John Franz Company, and some generous donations to fund specific pieces, the campaign made possible the exquisite new altar, ambo, presider's chair, and baptismal font that we have enjoyed and were able to celebrate with their dedication on the parish feast day weekend in June.

Faith BUILDING Community Campaign cumulative from 7/1/2003 thru 6/30/10

<i>Total Amount Pledged</i>	\$995,283
<i>Funds Collected</i>	
Individual Contributions & Interest	770,267
Corpus Christi Jenkins Memorial Historical Trust Grant	50,000
2002 Historic Preservation Tax Rebate from Maryland	78,000
France-Merrick Foundation Grant	50,000
<i>Expenses</i>	
Development Expenses	23,963
Exterior Repairs - Phase One	188,424
Interior Repairs - Phase Two & Three	632,921
Clock & Bell Tower - Phase Four	53,315
Interest on Debt Paid to Parish Savings	7,289
<i>Funds Available for Additional Repairs and Renovations</i>	\$42,356



Stewardship Contacts

Finance Committee:

Mike Booth (*chair*), Andy Frake, Regina Hambleton, Avendui Lacovara, John Massad, Pamela Tuma, Fr. Marty Demek (*staff*), Deacon Frank Hodges (*staff*), Bob Wissmann (*staff*)

Facilities Committee

Marty Calon, Barbara Craig, Beth Dellow, John Grosskopf, Mark Herkersman, Jim Dimmer (*staff*), Deacon Frank Hodges (*staff*)

Money Counters

Mike Tabegna, *coordinator*

Stewardship Statistics

Registered Households:

Registered Individuals:

- Avg. Weekly 1st Collection: \$4,160
- Avg. Weekly 2nd Collection: \$861
- 2010 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Pledges/Gifts: \$18,043

**Operations Financial Report
(excluding Outreach Ministries)**

	FY 10 Actual	FY 11 Budget
Income		
Offertory (first) collection	242,020	277,001
Donations, Bequests, Gifts, Stipends	16,021	15,676
Wedding Stipends	23,000	22,200
Annual Appeal Grant	5,000	5,000
Diocesan & Special Collections	12,593	13,948
Interest & Dividend Income	6,774	6,200
Religious Education Income	6,575	7,000
Church Fundraisers	752	1,000
Rental Property Income	72,126	71,807
Miscellaneous	599	632
Total Parish Income	385,460	420,464
Expenses		
Personnel Costs	172,812	207,036
Facilities Costs	68,932	73,692
Program Costs	49,524	58,782
Building Reserve Fund	20,000	20,000
Archdiocesan Tax	41,474	45,368
Diocesan & Special Collections	12,593	13,948
Miscellaneous	826	1,078
Total Parish Expenses	366,159	419,904
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	19,301	560



Future Capital Campaign

The Finance Committee, Pastoral Council, and Corporators have had discussions about a future capital campaign. However, the outlook for economic conditions continues to be weak, our recent change in parish administration, and the Archdiocesan decision to move forward with an Archdiocesan campaign all are factors that we must consider in determining when is the appropriate time for us at Corpus Christi to move ahead with a campaign for the parish. Of course, there is also the task of culling from our extensive list of projects, i.e. the Wish List shared with the parish on a number of occasions in FY 10, the church, rectory, and/or school projects that we will attempt to address in such a campaign. We will continue to plan as we look to identify an appropriate time to initiate a campaign.





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CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH



Our Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, 26 September 2010

11:45 a.m.

The Pastoral Council invites you to our annual discussion and assessment of the previous year's activities, as we seek direction for the year to come.

We'll meet in the church after Mass.