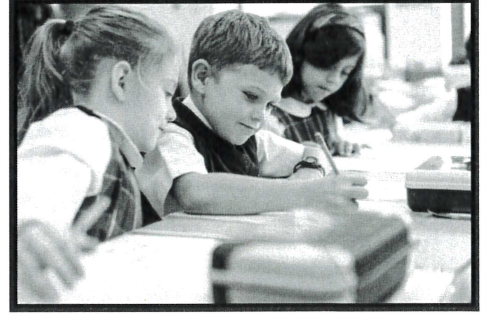
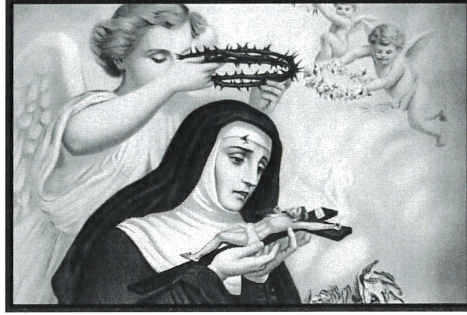
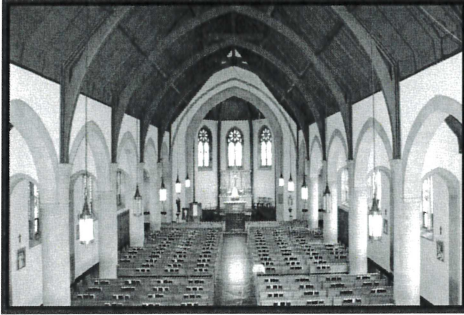


SAINT RITA PARISH ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Parishioners of St. Rita,

November 2024

100 years!! What a joy it has been to celebrate our centennial with all of you! The vibrant life of this faith community is so evident and is so encouraging both to me and to many who have the opportunity to engage with you. The Lord has blessed us at St. Rita with many good gifts and graces, and we cannot be but thankful to Him. We have written a book about the history of the parish, we have carved the new tympana on the front of the Church, refinished the doors of the Church, are working on cleaning and resealing the floor inside the Church, have commissioned and performed a play about the life of St. Rita, showcased our organ and organist with a Pentecost recital, made a pilgrimage to Philadelphia, and more! I am excited to cap off our celebrations with another parish pilgrimage, this time to Italy – Cascia, Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Norcia, and Rome – this November! I am carrying your intentions and the whole parish on this pilgrimage.

As we look ahead to the next 100 years for our parish, you are probably thinking what I am thinking: Things around St. Rita are feeling a bit tight! With the continued kindness of the Birchmere for Sunday parking, some of that pressure has a relief valve, but we are constantly on the lookout for new ways to assist our growth. To that end, I am pleased to share with you the good news that St. Rita was able to purchase one of the adjacent properties, which perhaps someday will give us some more breathing room. Those stone buildings directly behind the rectory which look like they belonged to St. Rita at some point in the past (they didn't) now in fact do belong to St. Rita officially. We closed on the property at 3706 Mount Vernon Avenue in June for a price of \$2.15 million. We have a \$1 million loan from the Diocese which we'll pay off over 10 years. There are 5 commercial tenants in the buildings on that property, so I encourage you to support them as you need or desire!

One of the important parts of sticking around for another 100 years is also maintenance and upkeep of our existing buildings. The former convent (attached to the left side of St. Rita School, by the large playground) has been the main focus in recent months. You may know that we had a sewage flood in the basement of the convent back in February, which was due to an error by the construction company next door. Restoration work is ongoing (paid for by the adjacent developer), and we have also found some issues with the convent roof. Other larger maintenance projects over the next several years will include the windows of the school and incremental replacement of our HVAC units.

More important than buildings if we want to stick around for another 100 years, however, is people! Last year's plan in this annual report was to hire a Director of Hispanic Family Apostolate, and things were marching smoothly in that direction...until they weren't! In conversation with some parishioners and staff who are excited about the opportunity to work with our Spanish-speaking families, I decided that it would be a more effective use of our resources to integrate the ideas for this apostolate into existing work and volunteer positions.

This year's Religious Education classes are providing a (popular) opportunity also for parents to receive some catechesis using the materials available at Formed.org. (The parish still has a subscription there, and you can sign up to access a lot of great Catholic content for free!). There are so many more things I could tell you about what we are doing at St. Rita.

Please know that none of this would be possible without your generosity, and I am very grateful!

In Christ,

Fr. Christensen

Every parishioner is asked to sustain St. Rita through a commitment of financial support.

“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.”

Sirach 35:9-10

“One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church”

Parish Statistics

Registered Parish Families
1,286

Registered Members
3,559

Religious Education Enrollment
(1st Grade—High School)
140

School Enrollment
(Grades Pre-K – 8)
252

Altar Servers
82

Sacraments Celebrated

65 Baptisms for Newborn to 1 year olds

47 Baptisms for 1—7 year olds

7 Baptisms for 7—17 year olds

7 Baptisms for 18 and older

71 First Communicants

71 Confirmandi

30 Weddings

14 Funerals

Over 280 Hours of Confessions heard.

Over 500 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

Over 700 Friday Communion calls to homebound parishioners and Envoy of Alexandria Nursing Home residents.

20 Catechists spread the Word of Jesus Christ to 140 children (1st Grade-High School Students).

Over 50 Young adults regularly attended the weekly Bible Study, bi-weekly Men’s and Women’s Groups, and monthly Reading Group, Brunches, and other social events hosted by the Young Adults Apostolate.

50 American Heritage Girls obtained 1,260 wreath sponsorships for the graves of our veterans at Alexandria National Cemetery.

1000 Contacts made by the English and Spanish Legions of Mary going door-to-door to Alexandria residents within the parish boundaries.

800 Contacts made during 28 visits by the Junior Legion of Mary, at the Alexandria Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center. Residents also received numerous cards made by the Junior Legion Members.

\$128,941 Donated to Social Outreach that helped 397 families in need of assistance.

\$209,153 Given in school tuition assistance from designated tuition donations and parish support.

\$55,000 Raised by the PTO for direct classroom support for St. Rita School.

3,971 Pounds of food collected by the Knights of Columbus during two food drives for Catholic Charities St. Lucy Project.

1000’s Of hours volunteered among 26 parish groups and ministries.

Saint Rita Parish
Report to Parishioners
FY24 Financial Report

	Church School Parish		
	ASSETS		
Operating Accounts	209,582	418,332	627,914
DIAL Savings	2,465,103	242,204	2,707,307
Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Endowment Investments	-	-	-
Other Assets	-	13,890	13,890
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,674,685	\$ 674,425	\$ 3,349,111
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable	-	-	-
Loans Payable	1,000,000	30,000	1,030,000
Deferred Revenue	-	426,101	426,101
Other Liabilities	62,954	66,810	129,764
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 1,062,954	\$ 522,911	\$ 1,585,866
NET ASSETS			
Without donor restrictions			
Unrestricted	982,547	99,081	1,081,629
With donor restrictions			
Temporarily Restricted	454,183	52,433	506,616
Permanently Restricted	175,000	-	175,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 1,611,731	\$ 151,514	\$ 1,763,245
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 2,674,685	\$ 674,425	\$ 3,349,111
Income Statement			
REVENUE SOURCES			
Offertory/Tuition Related Income	1,254,453	2,081,051	3,335,504
Ministry	224,948	-	224,948
School	-	323,829	323,829
Other Sources	364,911	404,688	769,599
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,844,313	\$ 2,809,568	\$ 4,653,881
EXPENDITURES			
Clergy	140,570	-	140,570
Staffing	555,696	1,974,977	2,530,673
Ministry	218,000	-	218,000
School	214,484	150,582	365,066
Buildings	152,582	210,977	363,559
Admin	237,890	286,463	524,353
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 1,519,222	\$ 2,622,999	\$ 4,142,221
NET OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 325,091	\$ 186,569	\$ 511,660
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE			
Campaign/Extraordinary Income	-	-	-
Capital Expenditures/Renovations	2,434,053	192,244	2,626,297
NET OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ (2,434,053)	\$ (192,244)	\$ (2,626,297)
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ (2,108,962)	\$ (5,674)	\$ (2,114,637)