

**ST. MALACHI PARISH
ANNUAL REPORT**

**Transitions, Endings, Beginnings, Moving Forward
MAY 2010**

MISSION STATEMENT

**St. Malachi is formed as a Eucharistic people,
United in prayer,
Welcoming to all,
Serving those who are poor and in need.**

ST. MALACHI INTERIM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

2009 – 2010

Co-Chairs	Lou Keim & Kevin O'Donnell
Pastor	Fr. Anthony Schuerger
Recording Secretary	Pam Pulizzi
Education & Lifelong Faith Formation	Mary Jane Treichel
Christian Formation Liaison	Pam Pulizzi
Hospitality	Terry Jungquist
Liturgy	Charlene McElwee
Communications	Pam Pulizzi
Social Concerns/Justice/ Action Liaison	Ken Rocco
Stewardship	Patrick Cleary-Burns
Spiritual Development Liaison	Patrick Cleary-Burns
Evangelization	Kate Galo
Evangelization	Dave Kennard
Near West Cluster Rep	Joe Nagel
Nominating Committee	Bill Johansen
Nominating Committee	Mary Jo Schwartz
Pastoral Council Guidelines	Matt Rossman

ST. MALACHI PARISH – YEAR IN REVIEW

This 2009 – 2010 Annual Report presents major events of the past year and the development of St. Malachi Parish. It reflects on the many varied ways parishioners shared their time, talent and treasure to fulfill the mission and ministry of the Church.

March 12, 2009: After reviewing the proposed cluster plan and consulting with the Presbyteral Council, Bishop Richard G. Lennon announces his decision regarding the Near West Side Cluster: “The Community of St. Malachi and St. Malachi Parishes will merge at their present site, with related issues to be addressed in further discussion with Bishop Lennon.” He also stated the hope that “the Community of St. Malachi and St. Malachi Parish will see this merger as an opportunity to build upon all the good these parishes have done and to create a deeper witness of unity and cooperation as one people living in service to others in the coming years.”

June 13, 2009: first meeting of the Merger Team of fifteen members (seven members chosen by each Parish Council and the pastor). Their task was to provide the structure and process of merging the existing parishes into a newly merged parish community. It was to develop a shared vision and strategy that would serve the common good and provide the best possible pastoral care for parishioners during the transition process. After two meetings, the Merger Team changed its name to *Our New Parish Team*.

August 15-16, 22-23 2009: sign-up weekends for people to join one of the Working Groups formed to assist with the development of the new parish. The following Working Groups were formed: Parish Staffing & Administration, Pastoral Council, Finance, Communications, Stewardship, Liturgy/Worship,

Parish Ministries. Member(s) the *Our New Parish Team* facilitated each Working Group. A total of 122 people were a part of the groups. Additionally, a Finance group was formed from the members of existing St. Malachi Parish and Community of St. Malachi Finance Councils.

August 21, 2009: following parish voting, which overwhelmingly voted for “St. Malachi,” Bishop Lennon wrote that the name of the new, merged parish would be: St. Malachi Parish.

August 25, 2009: Kick-off meeting of the Working Groups.

September 20, 2009: Parish picnic held at Morgan’s Hollow with Mass at 10 a.m. followed with donuts, juice and coffee. A delicious potluck lunch was eaten along with a number of individuals taking part in fun and a corn-hole game!

October 18, 2009: Town Hall meeting held to present and receive feedback and input on the recommendations of the Working Groups for the life and ministry of the new St. Malachi Parish.

October 25, 2009: at a Special Meeting of the Community of St. Malachi, the members vote to accept the determination that all the financial assets of the Community of St. Malachi should be transferred to the new St. Malachi Parish as of the merger on November 7, 2009. The members also defeated a resolution to dissolve the Community of St. Malachi as a non-for-profit corporation in the State of Ohio.

October 31-November 1, 2009: Final weekend liturgies for the original St. Malachi Parish and the Community of St. Malachi.

November 7, 2009: Bishop Richard Lennon celebrates the opening Mass of the new St. Malachi Parish and installs Rev. Anthony J. Schuerger as pastor. The liturgy began with a procession in song of the entire assembly from the parish hall to the church. A reception followed. On Sunday, November 8, the parish celebrated one Mass, observing the Feast of St. Malachy, parish patron.

December 13, 2009: first meeting of the Interim Parish Pastoral Council, comprised of the members of the *Our New Parish Team*.

March 21, 2010: Interim Parish Pastoral Council approved the proposed Parish Pastoral Guidelines presented by the Pastoral Work Group and submitted the Guidelines to the parishioners for ratification.

April 25, 2010: The Proposed Parish Pastoral Guidelines were approved by parishioners, with 96% of voters in favor.

May 8, 2010: Annual *Celebration of Service* hosted by the pastoral staff of St. Malachi for all the volunteers of the parish was held in the hall.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Christian Formation

In 2009-2010 The Christian Formation program enrolled 104 students in classes from kindergarten through 12th grade. Grades K-8 meets on Sunday mornings on the St. Malachi campus and the high school students meet on Sunday evenings at the Burke's home in Lakewood. The twenty volunteers that make up the teaching staff are fingerprinted for Background checks and attended Virtus training.

Outreach Projects:

- Hand-made cards were created by the fourth grade students for distribution to St. Malachi shut-ins and residents at Malachi House.
- Christmas wreaths to decorate the church Christmas were created by each class.
- Second grade students put together special snacks for the Back Door ministry.
- The third grade led a Stations of the Cross prayer service during Lent and a May crowning on May 2nd

Retreats: The Spirit Retreat was at Cedar Hills in Painesville March 26-28; 25 students and five adults attended

Sacraments: Twelve children participated in First Reconciliation in December and 11 children received their First Communion April 25 at 11:00 Mass. Bishop Roger Gries celebrated Confirmation at St. Malachi on April 12 and a total of 55 candidates were confirmed from Urban Community School, St. Patrick, St. Wendelin, St. Adalbert, including 15 from St. Malachi. A reception for all was held in the hall immediately following the service.

Six St. Malachi students and four adults participated in the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, November 19 – 22.

Communications Commission

Commission Members: Pam Pulizzi, Joe Pulizzi, Mary Jo Schwartz, Joe Nagel, Dolores Sullin, Nadge Herceg, Kay Vine, Ellen McIntyre, Mary Cleary, Mike May, Peter Toomey, Gary Pritts

Overview: The Communications Commission played an integral role in disseminating information regarding the merger and opening of our new parish.

Highlights Include:

- New Parish Website www.stmalachi.org
 - Ability to subscribe to automatic notices of New Posts
 - Electronic donations may be made via PayPal
 - Ability to view weekly Bulletin and monthly Calendar online
- Increase in subscribers to iContact Prayer and Funeral alerts and/or emergency-type announcements

- LPI (Liturgical Publications Inc.) continues to print bulletin – allows “inserts” 20 times per year – with information submitted by members much like the former Newsletter
- New Logo
- New Prayer Cards
- New Letterhead
- Proposed publication of tri-fold brochure for new members, tours, etc. with information regarding church and its services
- Proposed quarterly *Communio* style newsletter for members’ reflections/sharing of experiences – printed in-house

Communications Commission continues to meet approximately every 6 weeks

Evangelization Commission

Headed by: Kate Galo and Dave Kennard

We will be having our first meeting on May 24, 2010. We are meeting to discuss materials given to us by the Cleveland Diocese Evangelization Office, and to form our goals for the coming year. Our meeting in June will (hopefully) include a talk given by Sr. Margaret Mach from the Diocese. We plan to meet once a month, and to encourage Commission members to attend those meetings and events that tie into our aims.

We will be addressing and incorporating three aspects of Evangelization which are:

- 1) deepening the faith of the active Catholic;
- 2) inviting and welcoming baptized members who are alienated and separated from the church;
- 3) inviting new members.

We will also be integrating another very important aspect of evangelization: that it is the energizing core of all ministry.

The Evangelization Commission plans to address these aims, by alternating the focus of our monthly meetings (one month focusing on spirituality and faith sharing, one month focusing on attracting and retaining parishioners at St. Malachi’s). We will also be working closely with other commissions, as evangelization supports and is part of the efforts of such commissions as Spiritual Development, Stewardship and Membership.

Hospitality Commission

Commission Members: Terry Junquist, Marie James, Nancy Mura

The highlight of the past year was the preparation for the reception following the opening Mass on November 7. A small but mighty crew responded to the call for help. Special thanks to Caroline Meyer who gave her talent and time to help prepare chicken and ham salad in huge quantities.

The next day, it was time to assemble sandwiches, cheese and cracker plates, and fruit trays. Special

thanks to Bill Meaney, Linda Wilson, Peter Chengelis, Caroline Meyer, and two brave souls who were volunteering at the Back Door only to be drafted to help us. We also decorated for a festive touch. Many thanks to the parishioners who brought homemade baked goods to share. Mary Piar shared her "always good" punch recipe for a special touch. Thanks to Pam Pulizzi for asking a friend to create a beautiful cake, and even a special one for Fr. Tony in honor of his installation as Pastor. It was a memorable event!

This past year we have mostly responded to specific needs, usually small receptions after some other Commissions' events. We have relied on the help of parishioners to bake, and create "finger food" trays for various functions. An example of another highlight was assisting in the preparation for the retirement reception for Sister Francis.

Our relatively tiny Commission has talked about ways we might attract members to our commission. It would seem good to have input from other people, and to share the positive (and fun?) experience that planning and preparation can bring. It also provides an opportunity to meet new people and develop friendships along the way.

We have been encouraged to take a more proactive role in creating events for our parishioners with opportunities for people to get to know each other. This will be a challenge for the year ahead. The welcoming aspect of our parish has been emphasized throughout our beginnings as a new parish. As a commission, we want to explore ways to bring a spirit of hospitality in our welcome of visitors and new parishioners. We also want to consider the needs of our parish "family" to promote the creation of our "spiritual home."

Liturgy Commission

The Worship/Liturgy working group that came together to prepare for our merger accomplished some major goals this year:

- Annual Mass of Remembrance was held October 31, 2009. We honored the memory of 48 departed loved ones this year. A sub-committee from the larger working group helped with much of the preparation of this event, including the sending of invitations, follow up calls, hospitality in church and at the luncheon
- The First Mass (prepared by the First Mass sub-committee) of the new St. Malachi parish was held November 7 at 5:00PM
- A decision was made to leave the Mass schedule as is for the present

Preparing for the seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter has occupied the most of the Commission's work this year. Our next meeting (Tuesday, June 8) will focus on the structure and format of our new Commission and its goals for the year. In the coming season, the Commission will devote time to educate ourselves on the new English translation of the Roman Missal so that we can prepare together for these changes as a parish.

Since November 7, 2009 we have celebrated:

- 17 Funerals

- 4 Baptisms
- 1 Wedding
- 12 First Reconciliation
- 12 First Communion
- 15 Confirmation (in collaboration with Urban Community School, St. Patrick, St. Wendelin and St. Adelbert)

About 106 individuals attended Diocesan Training sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and have been commissioned to serve here at St. Malachi.

Social Action Commission

The Social Action Commission was comprised of five active members who met eight times to work on, 1) reporting the status of current ministries, 2) discuss activities and programs for the coming year and, 3) share ideas on perceived goals and activities compatible with social action. Originally, the Social Action Commission was the Social Action Committee of the Community of St. Malachi. In November 2009, with the merger of the Community of St. Malachi Parish and the St. Malachi Parish, it became the Social Action Commission of St. Malachi Parish.

In July, the Committee attended the Block Party of the Center sponsoring, *On One Accord - Gospel Singers*, for the entertainment of the neighborhood people attending the party. *Pet Ministry*, a one-hour social encounter with parishioners and their pets and with persons living in the neighborhood, began with the cooperation of the Monday Nite Meal.

The *Need Some Help Ministry* had about 20 calls from persons needing our temporary assistance. We responded by providing, drivers, shopping and light housekeeping service. We connected with Concordia, an organization in the neighborhood, which called on us to assist them in providing services on an urgent basis. It would be beneficial to establish a relationship with similar agencies to help this ministry progress and develop.

Carnations were given out at the door of the church on Father's Day.

At Christmas time we sponsored *The Giving Creche* to provide undergarments for men and women who use St. Malachi Center's Shower Program. We also made distribution from our budget and purchased clothing for the Shower Program during the year. *On One Accord* sang for us on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day. The group is comprised of men who met in a shelter and formed a vocal group while in rehabilitation. The Center Shower Program is in need of undergarments and white socks all through the year and a promotion project in the late Summer is encouraged.

The *Furniture Ministry* continued this year, allowing funds from the Social Action Commission budget to help needy persons obtain furniture (three rooms) through the Furniture Bank. The Commission coordinated with St. Malachi Center. The Center determined who needed furniture and the Social Action Commission, through budget planning, provided money to offset the cost.

We joined with the St. Malachi Youth Ministry and provided a reflective/prayer drumming session for the teens. It was taught by a music therapist and well received. This could be expanded to a monthly teen prayer group using the drums to set a reflective surrounding for prayer. One member of the teen group joined the St. Malachi Musicians.

The Spiritual Development Commission and Social Action Commission worked together to sponsor Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy of Pax Christi, in presenting a retreat *Jesus' Way – Non-Violent Love*. It began Friday evening, March 19, with Lenten Stations of the Cross, and continued Saturday for seven hours. The Center for American Islamic Relations, St. Colman, St. Patrick and St. Wendelin parishes co-sponsored the program.

The *Mother's Day Project* supported Metro-Health Friends of Mothers & Infants. A significant number of infant and toddler gifts and money were brought to the church on Mother's Day.

Through the efforts of the Social Action Commission, an octogenerian sewing group from the east side of Cleveland provided over one hundred sleeping bags for the Center's Shower Program.

The Social Action Committee at the time of the merger tried to produce a DVD on the ministries of St. Malachi. It was to be used to attract volunteers, educate and publicize all the ministries. This project was not completed but is suggested to be considered as a future project

The office staff at Lakeview Towers invited us to start a social discussion group with residents who do not frequently go out. This project shows potential for increasing parish membership in the parish and is recommended to be considered.

One commission member continued to service the children of a Somali refugee family by assisting them with their school needs and helping them orientate to life in the United States. This ministry was started with diocesan encouragement and an appeal to St. Malachi parish. Now the family could benefit greatly by interest and involvement of the Council. Currently, for the well-being and safety of the children, alternative, safer housing for the family is needed.

The ideal of the Social Action Commission was: "I am only one, what can only one do? God sent Jesus and hope began with only One." The motto of the members of the Social Action Committee was from a saying of St. Francis: "Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary use words." It was the goal of the Commission to involve parish members in as many projects as possible. The purpose of the Commission was to involve the parish members as a group to serve the poor. The vision was: "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." The "patron saint" of the commission was Jean Donovan of the Cleveland area, lay missionary to El Salvador and martyr in El Salvador. It was planned to commission a painting of Jean Donovan and have it placed in the St. Malachi Church.

Education, of the in-service type, is essential for the motivation and continued commitment of the Social Action Commission members. This requires budget support. It deserves attention from the parish council in order to encourage parish involvement, thereby raising the level of consciousness to broad and effective Social Action concepts.

Spiritual Development Commission

Commission Members: Patrick Cleary-Burns, Mike Graham, Renee Kaster, Jan Leitch, Taylor Slivka, Kay Vine, and Jackie Krejcik. Other Prayer Leaders include: Charlene McElwee, Terry Jungquist, Gene Witts, and Ginny Shiros.

Mission Statement: The St. Malachi Spiritual Development Commission offers individuals and groups opportunities for learning and for deepening their experiences of God's love and their love of God through Jesus Christ for the building of community and service.

Speaker Series

We enjoyed supporting two Speaker Series this year. One, titled *Meeting Jesus* gathered during the evenings, preceded by a Pot Luck dinner in St. Malachi Hall. Through the work and presentation of Fr. Lorenzo Tosco (professor at St. Mary Seminary & Graduate School of Theology), Dr. Sheila McGinn (professor at John Carroll University), and Dr. Louise Prochaska (professor at Notre Dame College) we met Jesus in Eucharist, in history, in Scripture, in His humanity and in His Divinity.

The other series was born from our June 2009 Planning Meeting. *Everyday Prophets* is a series that presents ordinary people doing extraordinary things through their Faith – Cleveland's Peacemakers and Community Builders. We meet after Noon Mass on the second Tuesday of the month. It is a brown bag lunch (bring your own). We learn how Grace leads to effort by people who expand their gifts by serving others.

Prayer/Reflection

Wednesday Evening prayer continues at 7 pm in the Church with *Praying the Scriptures*, *Taizé*, *Bridges to Contemplation*, the *Rosary*, and *Adoration of the Eucharist*.

We prayed and reflected with the Parents of Christian Formation on Christian Formation Sundays.

We hosted *Praying with St. Ignatius*, funded by the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland through the Jesuit Retreat House. We invited parishioners from all the Central West District Parishes, neighbors who do not attend Church, and others who would not have afforded this retreat otherwise. We built a small community of people who otherwise may never have met and developed a relationship.

The Spiritual Development Commission presented different remembrances of the *Stations of the Cross* every Friday evening. Different leaders each week guided *Everyone's Way of the Cross* (Clarence Enzler), *The Way of the Cross Continues* (Mary Knoll), *The New Scripture Way of the Cross*, and one leader wrote his own, basically from the Old Testament. The other two included one in collaboration with the Social Action Commission with Fr. Charles McCarthy (*Nonviolent Love*) and one in collaboration with Liturgy/Teens (from Mary's point of view) led by Charlene McElwee.

We also prayerfully and financially supported (paid the deposit) the men's St. Malachi *Male Spirit* Retreat held in 05, 07, 09 & now 2011. Other St. Malachi Men's Group activities include three men's sharing groups meeting bi-weekly about 8 men in each group; Men's Breakfast held at Ascension Parish quarterly with guest speaker; *Fire Side Men's Gathering* held twice a year; Men's Retreat Planning Team meeting once or twice a month starting nine months before a men's retreat; Saturday Men's Walk and Breakfast at Sandy Ridge held twice a year; Pancake Breakfast and candy sale fund raisers held at St. Malachi's for Men's Retreat. Men's Movie & Discussion Night held twice during the

year. New this year is a Men's bi-monthly Fr. Richard Rohr Live Broadcast Saturday gathering for the men of St. Malachi and Ascension Parish held out in Strongsville.

The *Second Annual Pentecost Fest* is this Wednesday May 19th in the Hall. There is a Pot Luck dinner at 6pm. St. Malachi Parishioners will share a moment of their experience with the Holy Spirit, starting at 7pm.

EnJoying God in Nature (a working title) is a reflection about finding God in nature. It starts in the Women's Pavilion in Lakewood Park on Tuesday June 15th in the early evening. The reflection is led by the St. Malachi Parish young people.

Plans for next year will start at an annual Planning meeting on June 19th at St. Malachi Hall from 10am to 2pm. The plan is to keep the two Speaker Series and Wednesday Prayer. All are invited to participate in person or via email (jackierose@aol.com). Please tell us what will help you learn and deepen your experiences of God's love and your love of God through Jesus Christ for the building of community and service.

Stewardship Commission

This Commission began as the Stewardship Working Group. Made up of more than 30 members of the two parishes of St. Malachi, this Working Group met weekly last fall to gain an understanding of stewardship as a concept and to develop an Action Plan for developing a stewardship program in the new parish. The Action Plan was delivered to the Merger Team and the two parishes before the birth of our new parish on the Feast of Saint Malachy. When the new parish was formed, the Stewardship Working Group was reconstituted as the Stewardship Committee. It continued to work to implement the Action Plan. When the Council guidelines were approved the Committee became the Stewardship Commission.

Members of the Commission have been actively attending Diocesan Stewardship Office trainings and gathering and studying the fundamental literature about stewardship in a Catholic parish. After reflecting on this input, the Commission developed a new structure for implementing an ongoing stewardship program. The Commission sees its work as an essential part of the effort to build a vital new parish.

Commission Structure

The Commission will be led by the steering committee, which will meet monthly. The Commission will also have five working committees: Commitment, Ministry Assessment, Ministry Fair, Education, and Outreach. Committees will meet on an as-needed basis.

The steering committee will be made up of the chairs of the working committees, representatives of the Finance Council, and other interested parties. Meetings of the steering committee will be open.

Pat Cleary-Burns is the chairperson of the steering committee. Judy Comeau-Hart is the Commission's representative on the Parish Pastoral Council.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Membership: John Hisel, Chairperson; Jennifer Blankenship, Diane Brinich, James Connell, Noranne Flanagan, William Graham, Christian Jensen, William McLaughlin, Kevin O'Donnell, Robert Simoneau, Fr. Tony Schuerger

Overview of the Parish Finance Council

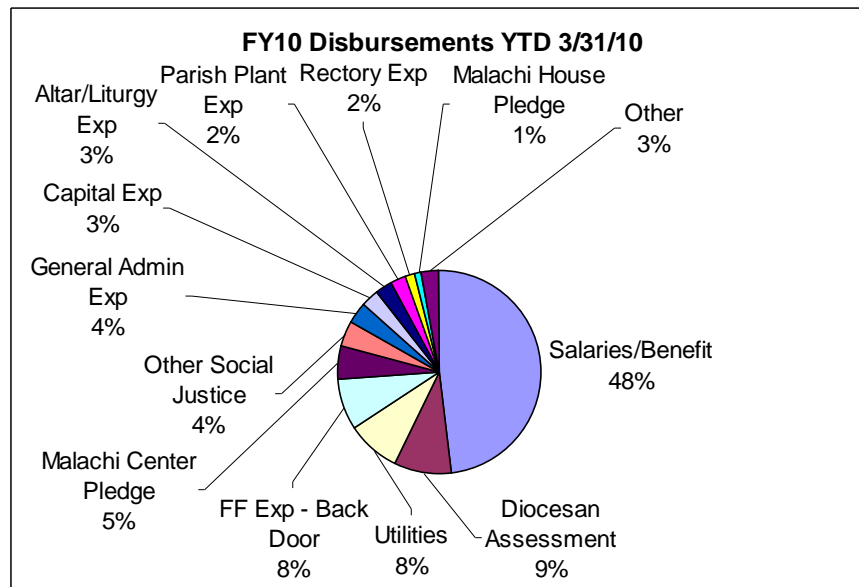
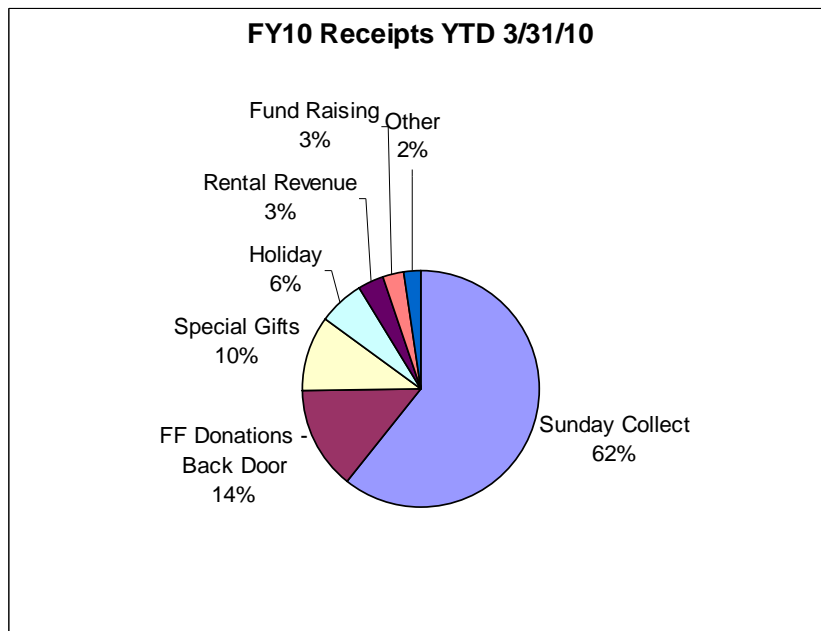
Status: The Code of Canon Law (Canon #537) mandates that every parish must have a Parish Finance Council. The Finance Council has its own existence and responsibility that is distinct from the Parish Pastoral Council. The Finance Council is not a Commission of the Parish Pastoral Council; both communicate with each other to advance the mission of the parish.

Role and Responsibilities: The Finance Council is a consultative body to the pastor. The pastor is required to consult with the Finance Council on matters of major financial concern. The Finance Council advises the pastor on financial matters and other matters connected with the administration and care of parish goods (financial resources, buildings and grounds). The Parish Pastoral Council's focus is the spiritual development of the parish and the mission of the parish. The Finance Council is composed of parishioners with skills in finance, administration and/or law appointed by the pastor.

Highlights and Accomplishments of the Finance Council:

- The Finance Council first met as joint meetings of the St. Malachi Parish Finance Council and the Community of St. Malachi Finance Council. They became the Finance Working Group in the merger process. Their first task was to prepare for the merger of the two parishes. This included identifying the various accounts, preparing to merge accounts, determining the financial status of the new parish.
- With the merger of the two parishes and the creation of the new St. Malachi Parish on November 7, 2009, the Finance Working Group became the Finance Council for the parish.
- The Finance Council published to the parish two financial reports for the current fiscal year, for the first half of the fiscal year (June 30-December 31, 2009) and through the third quarter (June 30, 2009 through March 31, 2010). This report is included with this report. The Finance Council intends to publish reports to the parish each quarter.
- Going forward, the Finance Council recommended a seven-member Council (including the pastor) and will identify qualified candidates for membership.
- Under the leadership of Diane Brinich, procedures for counting and depositing the weekly collection have been strengthened, updated and streamlined. New counting teams have been recruited and trained.
- The Finance Council created an Investment Committee, chaired by Christian Jensen. In consultation with the Diocesan Finance Office, the Committee developed an Investment Policy for St. Malachi Church, which was approved by the Finance Council. This policy addresses socially responsible investing which adheres to the Church's moral and ethical guidelines while generating investment income for the Parish. The Investment Council also interviewed candidates to serve as the investment manager for the parish savings and investments. The Investment Committee recommended and the Finance Council approved the selection of the Alexander Boeckman Cotter Wealth Management Group (affiliated with UBS).

- The Finance Council investigated options for electronic giving. Through the efforts of Pam Pulizzi of the Communications Commission, a donation using PayPal was added to the website. The Finance Council concluded that beginning an electronic-giving option at this time might conflict with the work of the Stewardship Commission and their plans for the commitment process this fall. Bob Simoneau and Bill Graham from the Finance Council also serve on the Stewardship Commission.
- Kevin O'Donnell is working with Joe Mohar and Steve Greshem, our custodian/ maintenance head to review the findings of the Facility Assessment prepared by the Catholic Charities Facilities Corporation as part of the clustering process to determine capital repair needs and estimated costs.



NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2010

	FY2010	Year-To-Date	Year-To-Date	Over(Under)		
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	BALANCE SHEET	3/31/10
Receipts					Assets	
Vigil/Sunday Collections	\$ 281,958	\$ 211,469	\$ 204,369	\$ (7,100)	Checking Account - Operating	\$ 3,784
Christmas/Easter Collections	40,000	20,000	20,642	642	Checking Account - Food Fund	37,717
Other Holy Day Collections			4,168	4,168	Checking Accounts - Other	15,396
Bequests, Special Gifts	55,423	41,567	34,992	(6,575)	Money Market Accounts - Various	133,605
Fund Raising Net Income	6,101	4,576	10,929	6,353	Money Market Accounts - Food Fund	95,415
Income From Parish Programs	5,298	3,974	2,592	(1,382)	Investment Funds - Various	688,279
Rental Revenue	8,440	6,330	11,114	4,784	Investment Funds - Food Fund	286,075
Miscellaneous Revenue	4,324	3,243	275	(2,968)		
			-		Total Assets	\$ 1,260,271
Food Fund Donations - Back Door, Miscellaneous	-	-	46,163	46,163	Liabilities & Fund Balance	
Food Fund Donations - Monday Night Meal	-	-	150	150	Accounts Payable	\$ (17,768)
					Fund Balance	1,278,039
Total Receipts - Operating	401,544	291,158	335,394	44,236	Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$ 1,260,271
Disbursements						
Salaries & Benefits	264,993	198,745	219,283	20,538		
General Administrative Expenses	25,853	19,390	17,003	(2,387)		
Rectory & Household Expenses	8,028	6,021	7,147	1,126		
Altar & Liturgy Expenses	14,694	11,021	12,755	1,735		
Other Celebrating Expenses			2,257	2,257		
St. Malachi Center Pledge	25,000	18,750	24,500	5,750		
Malachi House Pledge	10,000	7,500	4,900	(2,600)		
Other Social Justice Donations	5,171	3,878	17,822	13,944		
Teaching Expenses	7,758	5,819	3,735	(2,084)		
Evangelizing/Participating Expenses			4,285	4,285		
Parish Plant Expenses	37,059	27,794	10,608	(17,186)		
Utilities Expenses	52,859	39,644	38,580	(1,064)		
Insurance & Property Taxes	17,079	12,809	997	(11,812)		
Diocesan Assessment	60,289	45,217	40,814	(4,403)		
Miscellaneous Expenses	2,779	2,084	-	(2,084)		
Capital Expenses	830	623	13,154	12,532		
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Food Fund Expenses - Back Door, Miscellaneous	-	-	37,620	37,620		
Food Fund Expenses - Monday Night Meal	-	-	1,028	1,028		
Total Expenses - Operating	532,392	399,294	456,488	57,194		
Surplus (Deficit) - Operating	\$ (130,848)	\$ (108,136)	\$ (121,094)	\$ (12,958)		

This report presents the combined Operating Results of the Community of St. Malachi, former St. Malachi Parish and Food Fund for the period of July 1, 2009 through these entities' closing date of November 6, 2009, and the new Parish from November 7, 2009 through March 31, 2010. The Balance Sheet shows the values of the new Parish's assets, liabilities, and fund balance as of March 31, 2010.

The Food Fund, which was previously treated as a separate entity has been incorporated into the new Parish's books effective with the merger. The Food Fund's assets remain segregated and separately identifiable, however.

The Parish accounts for revenues and expenses on a cash, rather than accrual basis. Therefore, certain actual expenses such as pledges to various organizations and property taxes which are paid at various points of the fiscal year may not necessarily correspond to the budgeted year-to-date amount.

St. Malachi Church Finance Report

Nine Months: July 1, 2009- March 31, 2010

Notes about this Financial Report:

- This report represents at the operating income and expenses after 9 months of the fiscal year (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010).
- In the current fiscal year, St. Malachi has an operating deficit of \$121,000 after nine months. The Finance Council is currently projecting an operating deficit of \$131,000 for the current fiscal year (ending June 30).
- Assuming that expenses continue at about the same level, in order to balance our income and expenses, the weekly collection would have to increase about \$2,580 each week from its current level.
- This report is a combination of 4 sets of receipts and disbursements:
 - The Community of St. Malachi income and expenses from the beginning of the fiscal year to the merger (July 1, 2009 through the closing date of November 6, 2009)
 - St. Malachi Parish income and expenses from the beginning of the fiscal year to the merger (July 1, 2009 through the closing date of November 6, 2009)
 - The new St. Malachi Parish income and expenses from the merger (November 7, 2009) to March 31, 2010
 - Food Fund income and expenses from July 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010
- The Food Fund is the charitable fund of St. Malachi Church, used for our food programs, outreach efforts and assistance to needy individuals. When the merger took place, The Community of St. Malachi Monday Night Meal fund and the Personal Needs Fund (which was established to provide for the financial needs of church members) were incorporated into the Food Fund. These funds remain segregated and will be separately identified and tracked. (Before the merger, the Food Fund was treated as a separate entity)
- When the merger of the Community of St. Malachi and St. Malachi Parish took place, the assets and liabilities of both were combined in the new St. Malachi Parish. This is reflected in the balance sheet.
- Although the balance sheet total of over a million dollars may look like a lot of money, the picture is more complicated than just looking at the total.
 - About \$419,000 of the money belongs to the Food Fund. It is restricted to our charitable work and cannot be used for operating expenses.
 - Another \$275,000 is the principal of the Endowment Fund. We can use the income produced from the Endowment Fund investments, but we cannot touch the \$275,000 principal.
 - This means that only about half of the balance sheet total, some \$566,000 is available as operating reserves. Assuming that the projected deficit of another \$10,000+ during the final 3 months of this fiscal year proves true, our operating reserves will be less than \$556,000 to begin the next fiscal year. Were this trend to continue in future years, we would use all our savings in 5 years.

Pastor's Report

Assignment:

Bishop Lennon has given me two assignments:

- Pastor of St. Malachi Parish, a six-year term (renewable)

- Director of the Diaconate Program, with responsibility for applications and admissions, formation program in preparation for deacon ordination, a six-year term (renewable). The Diaconate Program is housed at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (seminary)

As a result,

- My time will be divided between the Diaconate Office and St. Malachi. I will certainly be less available at times. I will do my best to balance both responsibilities
- The Diaconate Office will pay half of my salary and benefits, beginning July 1, 2010.

Transitions:

This year, there are three transitions in the Pastoral Staff:

- Sr. Francis Borgia OSU, who formally retired as full-time Pastoral Minister at the end of July, but continued to be active until she moved to the Ursuline Motherhouse in mid-August.
- Mary Jane Treichel, who will retire as Pastoral Minister (part-time) on June 30.
- Karen Duffy, who will step down as Director of Religious Education (DRE) (part-time) on June 30

St. Malachi is seeking a new Pastoral Minister (Lay Ecclesial Minister) and a Director of Religious Education.

Clustering:

- As we gather for our first annual meeting and look ahead to our future, let us keep the people of St. Wendelin in our prayer. One week from today, on May 23, Pentecost, they will celebrate their final Mass. They have partnered with us for many years; let us be thankful. We know that the people and staff are mourning; let us pray with them and for God's consolation and healing.
- In addition to deciding the future of the parishes, Bishop Lennon's letter also addressed ongoing collaboration to minister to the people of our parishes and neighborhood.
- The Cluster Planning Team has become the Near West Side Pastoral Plan Team, with the pastors and six other members continuing from the Cluster Team or chosen by Council (Jackie Krejcik Bluett, Jim Connell, Phil Daly, Joe Nagel, Nancy Saegel, Kay Vine).
- When the Team reviewed the Bishop's letter, especially in light of the different consolidation result, it was evident that the Pastoral Plan submitted for this Cluster reflected a very different future, with a different merging of the parishes in our cluster. For this reason, the Team has worked to prepare a revised Pastoral Plan, which will be presented to the Pastoral Councils of both parishes later this month.
- The *Vibrant Parish Life* process and the Bishop's letter envision ongoing collaboration. As part of the revised plan, the Team envisioned an ongoing "Near West Side Pastoral Plan" Team composed of the pastors and representatives from each Parish Council and each Finance Council to continue working collaboratively and strengthening the pastoral care we provide for this neighborhood.
- The pastors submitted an interim report to Bishop Lennon in October, 2009. A more comprehensive report is due June 30.

Moving Forward:

- Since the merger on November 9, 2009, there have been 17 new registrations at St. Malachi. One of the keys to our future as a parish and a diocesan church is evangelization to the unchurched, reconciling those who are alienated or inactive and welcoming newcomers. It is everyone's responsibility – and opportunity.
- The Diocese of Cleveland has adopted a new series of programs *Called to Protect*, to provide training for adults and children in matters of protection from abuse and creation of safe environments. There is a series for parents and families, for youth (high school and middle school-aged youth) and for young children. There is training this spring for leaders. The expectation is that it will be implemented in all Catholic schools and religious education (PSR) programs (Christian Formation) across the diocese. This will almost certainly apply to Christian Formation.

This is part of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People adopted by the U.S. Catholic Bishops in 2002. (“Article 12. Dioceses/eparchies are to maintain “safe environment” programs which the diocesan/eparchial bishop deems to be in accord with Catholic moral principles. They are to be conducted cooperatively with parents, civil authorities, educators, and community organizations to provide education and training for children, youth, parents, ministers, educators, volunteers, and others about ways to make and maintain a safe environment for children and young people.”) For more information on *Called to Protect*, visit the Diocese of Cleveland website: <http://www.clevelandchildprotection.org/website/praesidium.html>

- There is a proposal under study to enlarge and renovate the rectory kitchen, to create more efficient and useable space, to facilitate storage and proper handling and preparing of food. To undertake such a project would require significant new funds. Given the large operating deficit, this will be a major challenge.
- The experience of the last year has demonstrated that merging is a process, not an event. We have accomplished a great deal in just over a year. Many people have shared their time, talent and, yes, treasure to bring us to this moment. Let us be grateful for these many people and these gifts!! At St. Malachi, we are richly blessed in so many ways! Let us continue to come together, to trust God, to work together to live and proclaim the Gospel. Let us all seek to live our mission statement: *St. Malachi is formed as a Eucharistic people, united in prayer, welcoming to all, serving those who are poor and in need.*