



# Catholic Church of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary • 1960 - 2010

## 2009-2010 Parish Stewardship Report



With great joy and intensity our parish has begun to celebrate our 50th anniversary of being established in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Our members, both those who have been around for some time and those who have just recently become a part of Most Blessed Sacrament, have embraced the spiritual gifts which both emphasizes that something wonderful is happening and also the sense of expectant waiting for something more is yet to come. Both of these experiences are true and real.

50 years ago a group of Catholics began a journey together to

build a community where they could worship God and grow as Christians. They only hoped that these experiences would come to fruition within a year or two as they broke ground for a building to meet in together. No one thought about what life might be for this parish community in 20 or 30 or 50 years. Many things have changes in these 50 years – and there are some things that will always remain the same. 50 years later a new group of Catholics continue to build a community where we can worship God and grow as Christians. New faces occupy the pews but the same faith drives our hearts and minds.

Over the next two months the Catholic Church of Most Blessed Sacrament will be a buzz with many

different activities and programs, celebrations and observances. Past members will return to visit and new people will become new members of this community. All together we continue to thank our Lord and Savior for the courage to take another step in making this parish a place where we emphasize that something wonderful is happening and continue with a sense of waiting for that which is yet to come. 2010 is the year we celebrate our 50th anniversary of becoming a parish. We hope that 50 years from today what we do now will help those who stand in our history to worship God and grow as Christians.

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## SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

- Began the brick donation phase of our Rosary Garden Project. Raised \$12,000 toward the \$26,000 total project cost;
- Repaired and replaced the flooring in the parish center leading to the two lavatories and classrooms;
- Middle School and High School ministries began an aluminum can recycling program;
- Vacation Bible School celebrated it's 3rd year, increasing its youth participation by adding a middle school section, and added an adult scripture study section;
- Improved exterior lighting by the church building;
- Expanded our community outreach with a larger Fall Festival celebration;
- Liturgical Dance Ministry became a regular feature of our combined Masses and other worship experiences. Ministry produced DVD;
- Began on-line and electronic giving option for our parish members;
- 65% of parish membership involved in active stewardship of time & talent in one or more of the parish ministries, committees, or organizations, and;
- Parish Membership continued to grow in both diversity and at a slow and steady pace throughout the year.



## PARISH OUTREACH AND CHARITY

- Parish Lenten Charity Tithe and Stewardship donated \$200.00 each to the following charities and organizations: *Heifer International, American Diabetes Association, Wellspring Living, The Vineyard Home (West Virginia), and St. Francis Table*;
- Parish distributed \$2,000.00 in scholarship gifts to graduating high school seniors of the parish (\$400.00 to each graduate);
- Parish collected and distributed nearly \$1,400.00 of donations to help feed the needy through the generous support of the parish's annual Christmas "Angel Tree" ministry via gift cards and direct cash donations to the program;
- Parish collected and donated 540 pounds of food to the *Atlanta Community Food Bank* during the annual November Food Drive;
- In conjunction with the *Red Cross* our parish hosted once again a successful community Blood Drive;
- Through the parish's "Service for Christ" Saturday Ministry our young people made donations of shoes to Soul for Souls, coats and sweaters for the needy, recycled news paper, blankets during the winter season, and recycled bottle glass to make decorations. Thanks for your support, donations and help.



## CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS

July 1 through June 30, 2010	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	# OF RECEPTIONS INTO FULL COMMUNION WITH CHURCH	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	# OF CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE	# OF FUNERALS
Children	5		9		Catholic: 1	
Adults		1	1	1	Interfaith: 1	2
Total	5	1	10	1	2	2

## PARISH DEMOGRAPHICS

	NUMBER OF REGISTERED PARISH FAMILIES	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS	NUMBER OF FAMILIES NEWLY ADDED	NUMBER LOST THRU MOVING, TRANSFER, OR DEATH
<b>JUNE 2010</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7</b>

Average Weekly Mass Attendance	9:00a.m. 99	11:30a.m. 128
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