

ANNUAL REPORT

Church of St. Pius X

September 2016 through August 2017



To Renew All Things In Christ

The Church of St. Pius X is under the pastoral care of the Religious Community of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)

A Roman Catholic Faith Community • Founded in 1954 • Renovated 2013

Dear Parishioners,

Your generosity and participation in our faith community is truly inspirational! Your willingness to share your time, talents and treasures have contributed to our parish's continued growth and expanding outreach programs.

This past year, 44 new families registered with our parish and 50 new families joined our religious education program. Hundreds of caring volunteers in our parish helped the homeless, the physically challenged, unwed expectant mothers, the working poor including students in the Philippines and teens in Westchester County, the elderly, prison inmates and many others in numerous ways. Our newest outreach program calls young adults to grow in faith and community through participation in spiritual, social and service activities.



We hosted three evenings of reflection with our Cluster Parishes and, as part of our Reflection Series, we hosted an evening of adoration, music and prayer for our parishioners. Bob Gillin stepped down from the Finance Committee and Mark Fitzsimmons joined the committee. In 2018, Dolores Brett will turn over the leadership for most of the Adult Activities Group events to Marina Cardillo, Kathy Cripps, Eileen Donovan and Jo Ann Sciortino. We are most grateful for the many years of service given to the parish by Bob and Dolores and look forward to their continuing participation in parish activities. On September 24, 2017, we bid farewell to Fr. Romeo Ascan, A.M. and in October 2017, we officially welcomed Fr. Dexter Jay M. Nebida, A.M. to our pastoral team. In January 2018, the back of the church will be readied for the installation of the new pipe organ donated by our late parishioner, JoAnn M. Tursone, with completion expected in August 2018.

In 2015, the Archdiocese of New York commenced a new capital campaign, the *Renew and Rebuild Campaign*, pursuant to which parishes are required to raise money for their own needs and to contribute funds to the archdiocese for the extraordinary capital projects of needy parishes, the St. Patrick's Cathedral restoration, Catholic high schools, evangelization and lay leadership formation, Catholic Charities and campaign costs. In August, the archdiocese notified St. Pius X that we are required to participate in the *Renew and Rebuild Campaign* and to contribute a minimum of \$91,000 to the 2018 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal.

The Archdiocese of New York has asked us to raise \$ 921,500 (the computation is based on our 3-year offertory gifts multiplied by 1.89 plus \$91,000 for the 2018 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal). The first \$91,000 raised will go towards the Cardinal's Appeal; thereafter, 26% of every dollar raised will be contributed to the Archdiocesan *Renew and Rebuild Campaign* and the remaining 74% of every dollar raised will be used by our parish to fund the costs of installing our new pipe organ not covered by JoAnn M. Tursone's gift and the pipe organ's future maintenance and to increase our parish's reserves. Our reserves will be used to cover unexpected costs, such as unbudgeted repairs, and will be available to cover operating budget deficits that will arise if we do not find a new tenant for our school building, or a new tenant pays less rent or archdiocesan assessments on lease revenue increases, and weekly and special offerings do not increase sufficiently to cover the shortfall.

I ask that you prayerfully consider contributing, to the extent your circumstances allow, to the Archdiocesan *Renew and Rebuild Campaign* in addition to maintaining or increasing your weekly and special offerings.

Your commitment to the Church of St. Pius X inspires me as your shepherd. As we begin our 64th year, we ask God to continually bless our parish and to help us to live up to our Mission Statement to be a welcoming and teaching community.

With much gratitude,

Fr. Sebastian Guevara Jr.
Father Sebastian
Pastor

Dear Parishioners:

When I was in college, there was a popular song that repeated the refrain, “more today than yesterday but not as much as tomorrow.” I often think about how those words aptly describe what is happening at the Church of St. Pius X. While our parish has a history of sponsoring an extraordinary number of ministries and outreach programs, there has never been a sense of “good enough.” Inspired by the leadership and tireless efforts of our pastor, Fr. Sebastian Bacatan, as well as the contributions of his fellow priests of the Disciples of Mary, Fr. Jose Ramos, Fr. Romeo Ascan and Fr. Dexter Nebrida, our parish continues to seek new ways to serve and assist. As you read this report, you will realize that hardly a day goes by that someone’s life is not touched in a positive manner by St. Pius X. This is a direct result of the generosity and energy of you, the parishioners of this wonderful community.



The St. Pius X community is truly blessed to enjoy a unique sense of family and collegiality. This sense of community is recognized by visitors and new parishioners alike. The parish enjoys a spirit of sincerity, enthusiasm and cordiality that greatly contributes to our spiritual experience.

Not only do we share this wonderful sense of community, but as a result of your generosity, we enjoy one of the most beautiful and inspirational facilities in the area. As we always seek to improve on a great thing, we look forward to the installation of a pipe organ as part of the “Renew and Rebuild” initiative. This organ can only serve to enhance the already outstanding musical program of our parish.

I invite you to review this Annual Report for 2016-2017. It gives a comprehensive overview of how we are striving to fulfill our mission. It also gives a picture of the financial state of the parish as we undertake to serve. I want to thank the members of the Finance Committee and the Trustees who worked to put this report together. I want to thank the members of the Parish Council as well as the many participants in the various programs who give so generously of their time. And I want to thank you, the parishioners of St. Pius X. Collectively, all of you are the reason why this parish thrives.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Al Naclerio'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Al Naclerio

President, St. Pius X Parish Council

Our Parish Governance

Trustees

Our two Trustees, Christopher Saenger and Nicholas Brusco, serve as the legal representatives of the parish in cooperation with our pastor.

Parish Council

In conjunction with our Parish Trustees, our Parish Council serves as a unifying structure for our parish community and a consultative body to our pastor. The Parish Council provides a means for the laity to initiate, coordinate and participate with our priests in all spiritual and temporal works of the parish. The president of the Parish Council, in consultation with our pastor, sets the agenda for the meetings that take place on the first Monday of each month (except January, July and August) at 8:00 pm in the Parish Pavilion. All registered parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Each May, our parish community elects its members for three-year terms. In addition, each year the council appoints several teens to its ranks to ensure that this group is represented in the parish.

The members of our Parish Council for the upcoming (2017-2018) year are:

Al Naclerio, President	Danielle Bryson, Vice-President	Audrey Hendley, Secretary	
Tom Battistoni	Jill Gettinger	Beth Rosen	<u>Teen Council Members</u>
Nicolas Black	Mary Ingriselli	Maryellen Saenger	Anthony Johnson
Georgann Callaghan	Kapo Kasanda	Joanne Sciortino	Ella Saenger
Marina Cardillo Pratt	Hernan Marambio	Harry St. John	Joe Scarcella
Kathy Cripps	Federico Marini		
J Mark English	Alexandra Rodriguez		

Christie Davidson, Eileen Donovan, Aurelie Ferrera, Lisa Trauzzi and Marissa Wellstood along with teen members, Jack Brady, Hernan Marambio Jr., Matthew Myron, and Shannon Regan, stepped down from the Parish Council in May. We thank all for their service on the Parish Council and look forward to their continued involvement in the parish!

Finance

Our Finance Committee serves as a financial consultative body to the pastor. The committee meets regularly to discuss the parish's finances and create a budget, and performs accounting services for the parish in accordance with the financial rules and regulations promulgated by the Archdiocese of New York. They also prepare an annual financial statement.

Denis Andreuzzi, Mark Fitzsimmons, Blaise Fredella, and Kathi Fredella are the current members of the Finance Committee. Bob Gillin stepped down from the Finance Committee this past year. We are very grateful to him for his many years of service!

Our Pastoral Team – Religious Community of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)

Rev. Francisco Sebastian P. Bacatan, Ph.D., A.M., Pastor

Rev. Joselito C. Ramos, A.M., Parochial Vicar and Director of Religious Education

Rev. Dexter Jay M. Nebrida, A.M., Parochial Vicar

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Theodore Gaskin, Deacon

Our Parish Staff

Elizabeth Pirinea, Secretary/Bookkeeper

Ellen Aslanian, Religious Education Assistant Administrator

Charles Junjulas, Adult Formation

Stanley Demczuk, Maintenance

Claudia Lopez, Housekeeper/Cook

Music Ministry Team

David Schmidt, Music Director/Principal Cantor

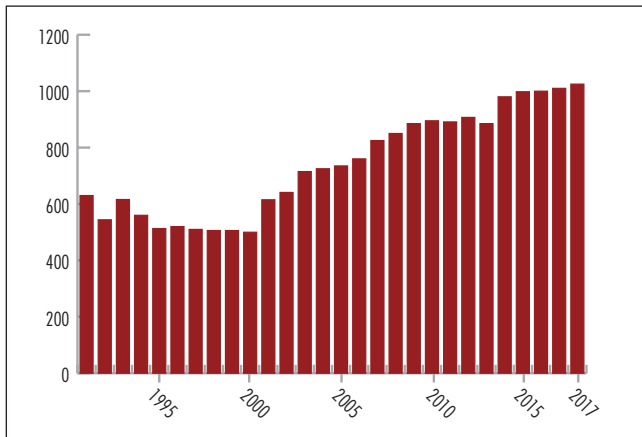
Francis Kim, Associate Music Director/Organist

Elizabeth de Almeida, Cantor

Elizabeth Farnum, Cantor/Children's Music Director

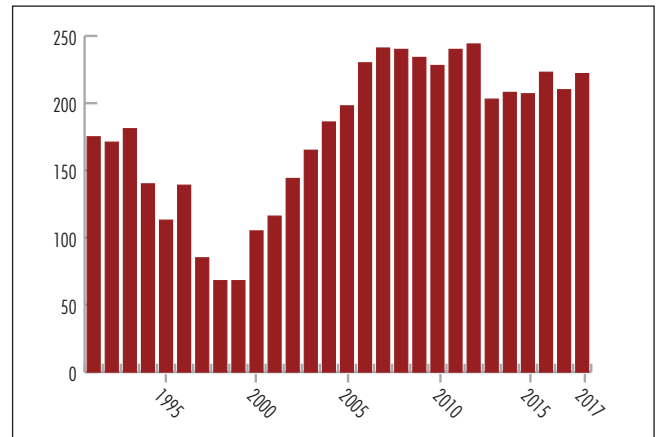
Parish Demographics

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



1990630	2000615	2009895
1991544	2001641	2010891
1992616	2002715	2011907
1993560	2003725	2012885
1994513	2004735	2013980
1995520	2005760	2014998
1996510	2006825	20151,000
1997506	2007850	20161,010
1998506	2008885	20171,025
1999500		

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT



1990175	2000116	2009228
1991171	2001144	2010240
1992181	2002165	2011244
1993140	2003186	2012203
1994113	2004198	2013208
1995139	2005230	2014207
199685	2006241	2015223
199768	2007240	2016210
199868	2008234	2017222
1999105		

Our Accomplishments as a Parish in the Last Fiscal Year

A quick look at St. Pius X "by the numbers" is outlined below. Later in this Annual Report, there is more detail about the Sacraments and ministries. We are proud of our parish for its many good works.

THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms (infants+24 and adults+1)	25
First Reconciliations & First Holy Communions	45
Confirmations (teens=29 and adults=3)	32
Marriages	4
Anointing of the Sick	248

SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS

MASSES Celebrated	870
Family Masses	59
Family Mass Host Families	40
Funerals/Memorial Services of the Deceased	20
Liturgical Ministers	162
Wedding Jubilarian Couples Blessed	23
Expectant Mothers and Newborns Blessed	51
Hours of Adoration	70
Animals Blessed	40

EDUCATION

Religious Education Enrollment	
Grades 1-8	222
New Students	71
New Families in RE	50
Bible Study Participants	20 – 25

MINISTRY AND STEWARDSHIP AT ST. PIUS X

Number of Families Registered	832
Number of Families receiving envelopes/using Parish Pay	688
Average Weekly Attendance	1,025
Number of New Families	44
Number of Parish Volunteers for All Ministries	311
Teen Youth Ministry Participants	49
Volunteers ministering to sick and homebound	19
Young Adult Participants	15
Adopt a Family (104 Parish families participated) (number of families adopted)	44
Angel Giving Tree Donations (gifts collected)	460
Annual Coat Drive (coats and jackets collected)	204+
Annual Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities (persons served)	120
Baby Shower Donations (value of gifts)	\$3,000+
Food Donated to St. Peters/St. Dennis during Lent	2,000++ lbs.
Midnight Runs and Breakfast Run	5
Homeless Assisted by Midnight Runs and Breakfast Run	370+
St. Isidore Educational Partnership Program (students supported)	23
St. Patrick's Home Christmas Donations (parishioners who donated)	150+
Service Projects by Teens (number of projects)	13
Service Performed by Teens (number of hours)	550
Turkeys Collected for St. Peters/St. Dennis at Thanksgiving	298



Father Sebastian with Baptized twins.

Sacraments / Faith Formation / Learning Opportunities

Baptisms

Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ and followers of Christ. Our parish welcomed 25 new members – 1 adults and 24 infants – into our community in the past year. We pray that they will grow in faith with us, serve others and join us in the praise of God.

Weddings

Our parish prepared four couples for the Sacrament and united them in Holy Matrimony in the last year.

Religious Education Program for Youth

The 2016-2017 Religious Education Program of the Church of St. Pius X offered instruction to students in elementary and middle school who were members of our parish. Fifty new families joined our program in the last year. We were blessed to have our program under the leadership of Fr. Jose this past year with nearly 16 catechists and 18 assistants or hall monitors who devoted their time and talent to evangelize 222 students.



Wedding ceremony in the main church.

Each month, throughout the school year, one of the 10:30 am Family Masses was designated as a Ministry Mass for a specified grade in our Religious Education Program. At these Masses, our students became active participants in the Mass as readers and presenters of the Gifts.



A Religious Education class.

In September, we held a special Sunday Family Mass to commission our volunteer catechists to teach and pass on the faith to our children. We also had our Fourth Annual Backpack Blessing at a Family Mass in September to remind our children that Christianity is a way of life that moves into all aspects of their lives and that God is with us always. In October, our first graders went on a tour of the church with Fr. Sebastian, our second graders received their Gold Books at a Mass of Blessing in preparation for their First Holy Communion, and our Confirmation candidates came together at their Inscription Service to commit to do what was necessary to become Christian adults. Our Confirmation candidates attended a Spirit Mass in November and January, and they went to a seven-hour retreat in preparation for their Confirmation Day in March. Also, in March, forty-five second graders celebrated their First Reconciliation and, in May, each received First Holy Communion. During Lent, students participated in a devotion to the Stations of the Cross and a special Washing of the Feet liturgy. In April, twenty-nine teens and two adults received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their commissioning as adults in our church at a Confirmation Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan. Finally, in May, we held a Mass to close out the school year at which all children in the parish were invited to bring flowers to honor our Blessed Mother Mary.



Annual Backpack Blessing at the Family Mass in September.

Sacraments / Faith Formation / Learning Opportunities (continued)

As part of the Religious Education Program, students participated in various service projects including donating money to the Rice Bowl Operation; preparing, delivering and serving meals for a local soup kitchen; performing a Christmas Pageant for seniors; holding bake sales to benefit homeless people in New York City and to provide Bibles to inmates at the Westchester Department of Corrections in Valhalla; doing a Breakfast Run for New York City homeless; and participating in the parish's Adopt-a-Family Christmas Outreach.

REPTA

The Religious Education Parent Teacher Association consists of parents of students in the Religious Education Program of the Church of St. Pius X under the leadership of Teresa Black and Pamela Mo. The association promotes activities designed to supplement the Religious Education Program and foster fellowship among parishioners. Some of the activities sponsored by REPTA this year included a Bingo night in March, a First Communion reception for the students and their families the Sunday after First Communion, a multi-cultural potluck dinner, an Easter egg hunt with help from our Youth Ministry Group, and refreshments after the 7th and 8th grade Spirit Masses.

Youth Ministry for High School Students

The St. Pius X Youth Ministry for high school students, grades 9-12, endeavors to build fellowship among the parish's teens while helping them grow in their faith and spiritual lives by providing social activities and a variety of planned group community service projects as well as self-initiated service projects. The year opened with a welcome lunch in September. During the year, the teens participated in a variety of community service events including a two-day Scarsdale Village environmental beautification planting project; the parish's Adopt-a-Family outreach; a holiday food drive at a local supermarket to raise money and collect food items for Grace's Kitchen, the soup kitchen of Lifting Up Westchester in White Plains; visits to Grace's Kitchen and the Food Bank of Westchester in Elmsford to sort and pack meals; two Midnight Runs to distribute food and clothing to the homeless in New York City; and a visit to the Ambassador Assisted Living Residence in Scarsdale to play Bingo and board games and share conversation with the seniors. They also sorted clothing and helped with inventory for an adult Midnight Run; helped with set-up, clean-up, crafts and face painting at the parish's Annual Brunch for Santa; helped with set-up, clean-up and supervision of the young children who participated in the parish's Annual Easter Egg Hunt; and assisted with the Birthday Mass for our Blessed Mother. In addition to these service projects, the teens attended the Holy Thursday Washing of the Feet liturgy, two Teen Ministry Masses led by the Parish Council teen representatives followed by a pizza social get-together and the "Light Up the Night" Lenten Candlelight Service.



8th grade bake sale.



First Communion girls, from the 2016-2017 class.



Confirmation candidates, from the 2016-2017 class.



Youth Group volunteers at the Food Bank of Westchester.



Teens helping children with crafts at Brunch with Santa.

Sacraments / Faith Formation / Learning Opportunities *(continued)*

Forty-nine teens participated in the Youth Ministry this year and, as a group, performed a total of 550 community service hours. Elizabeth Scarcella received the Salt of the Earth Award for earning the highest number of community service hours of the group, 31 hours. Seven teens, Daniel Fournier, Isabella Lelis, Hernan Marambio, Matthew Myron, Daragh Regan, Shannon Regan, and Joseph Scarcella, earned the Light of the World Award for performing at least 20 hours of community service. All others were awarded Certificates of Participation at the Awards Mass in June. Parish Council teen representatives, Jack Brady, Hernan Marambio, Matthew Myron and Shannon Regan were also honored for their service.



Youth Awards.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which persons who are considering conversion to the Roman Catholic faith participate in a period of reflection, prayer and instruction in the Catholic way of life. RCIA welcomes persons who seek to be baptized or desire to complete Sacraments. Our classes are held on Thursdays between 8:00 pm and 9:00 pm in the Parish Pavilion. There is a nominal parish fee.

At the Saturday evening Easter Vigil, one catechumen received the Sacrament of Confirmation and two catechumens received the Sacrament of Confirmation with our eighth graders in April.



Our Youth Group playing games with residents at Ambassador Assisted Living Residence.

Scripture Study

This past year, our Adult Faith Formation Program studied the Gospel of Matthew for an hour on Thursday evenings from late September to June under the direction of our Adult Faith Formation Moderator, Charles Junjulas.



RCIA Confirmation Candidate at Easter Vigil Mass.

“Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

(John 4:14)

Community Building

Adult Activities

The Adult Activities Group welcomes all adult parishioners and their friends to participate in their activities. The group started the calendar year in September learning how Mount Rushmore was designed and built from the grandson of the chief carver of Mount Rushmore followed by a lecture in October on the lives of Sts. Zelig and Louis Martin, parents of St. Therese of Lisieux (The Little Flower). They hosted their annual Christmas luncheon with the entertaining “Yankee Gift Swap” in December and annual St. Patrick’s luncheon with food made by a parishioner in March. In April, the Sisters of Life told the group about their establishment in 1991 by Cardinal O’Connor and how lay persons could become involved in their mission. Finally, in May, the group held its annual evening event where the “Garden Guru,” a well-known plant specialist, gave a humorous talk about plants, told anecdotal stories and discussed his famous shoe collection.

Catholic Widows and Widowers

The Catholic Widows and Widowers Group welcomes each parishioner whose spouse has passed away and focuses on the surviving spouse’s spiritual and social welfare. Members of the group attend a 7:00 pm Monday Mass monthly for their deceased spouses followed by a meeting at 7:45 pm. In October, the group met at Gate of Heaven for their annual Mass followed by dinner.

Children’s Activities

Our parish strives to include children in our parish family by organizing fun activities for them. This year, Brunch with Santa was again a resounding success with two seatings for approximately 231 multi-generational guests and volunteers in our Parish Hall.

Planning for our annual Christmas Pageant that reenacts the story of Christ’s birth through the eyes of our 1st through 4th grade religious education students began in September and culminated in a wonderful presentation during one of our Family Masses in December.

On Easter Sunday, over 3,500 eggs, including three silver eggs filled with special prizes, were hidden and the children were broken out into two groups – grade 2 and under and grade 3 and above – for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Our Youth Ministry Group helped.

Family Mass Hospitality

A gathering of parishioners in a social setting in the Narthex after the 10:30 am Family Mass promotes parish community and fellowship. Parish families volunteer to provide snacks, juice and coffee and invite all parishioners to linger after Mass.



Adult Activities Christmas Luncheon.



Christmas Pageant cast 2016.



Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday.



Hospitality table after the 10:30 am Family Mass.



Annual Volunteer Appreciation and new parishioners gathering in the Parish Hall.



Revive Mission.



Christmas manger 2016.



The Baptismal Font, in the main church, decorated for Easter 2017.

Community Building *(continued)*

New Parishioner Welcome Committee

The New Parishioner Welcome Committee reaches out to families new to our parish. This year, new families were invited to our Volunteer Appreciation Evening Event. We had 44 new families join our parish this year.

Parish Website

Our parish website at www.saintpiusxchurch.com is very user friendly. We invite you to visit the website to find out about current events in our parish.

Revive Mission

As part of the Archdiocese of New York program to encourage parishes to work together, our parish hosted three evenings of reflection in May with our Cluster Parishes: Our Lady of Sorrows, St. John the Evangelist, St. Bernard, Holy Name in Valhalla and St. Anthony in West Harrison. On the first two nights, Fr. James DiLuzio, a Paulist priest and a missionary to the United States, led the reflections and on the last evening Mass was celebrated. On successive evenings, the choirs from St. Anthony, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Pius X provided the music. Each evening after the reflection, our parish hosted a brief reception to promote a sense of community among the participants from the various parishes.

Liturgical Ministries

Commitment Appeal

Our 5th Annual Commitment Appeal was held over several weeks during the summer. The appeal included an introduction to the stewardship efforts of our parish, information regarding how our parishioners could volunteer their time and talent to different parish ministries, and finally, in September, a Stewardship Commitment Weekend where parishioners were asked to respond to God's call to generously commit their time, talent and treasure.

Some of our liturgical, sacristan and Christian service ministries are discussed below.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild cares for the needs of the altar and decorates the church for Easter and Christmas. Members of the Altar Guild share their talents to beautify our worship space by arranging flowers, caring for plants and otherwise creating an environment for the celebration of the Eucharist.

Liturgical Ministries (continued)

Altar Server

Altar servers at the Church of St. Pius X assist the priests at Sunday Mass, weddings, funerals and special liturgies. This year, we had 56 altar servers.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is available in our parish after the 9:00 am Mass each first Saturday of the month until 4:30 pm. Parishioners can pray silently, read the Bible, or just sit in the presence of God.

Eucharistic Minister

Eucharistic Ministers share the Body and Blood of Christ with those gathered at the celebration of the Mass.

Gift Bearer

Gift bearers represent the entire parish by returning a small part of the many blessings that God has granted to us. The unleavened bread and wine carried by the gift bearers to the altar will become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Greeter and Usher

Greeters and ushers perform a valuable function in welcoming persons attending our Sunday and special services. They also pass the collection baskets, ensure the orderly flow of persons receiving Communion and distribute the weekly Bulletin after Mass.

Lector

The proclamation of the Scriptures is an ancient and important ministry in the church. Our 63 lectors proclaim, with reverence, the Scripture readings and the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, and read the special announcements after Communion. Their task is to draw the assembled faithful into the Scripture and to bring out its meaning through interpretation and intonation.

Liturgy Committee

The Liturgy Committee strives to enhance our parish's liturgical celebrations, encourage active participation in our celebrations by all parishioners and foster religious growth. In consultation with our pastoral staff, the committee plans liturgies for special events. This year, for Advent, families were asked to volunteer to bring a piece of the manger to the altar and to light an



Altar servers at Mass with Father Jose.



Eucharistic Adoration at the Holy Thursday Altar of Repose.



Gift bearers.



Greeters and ushers.



An Evening of Broadway.

Liturgical Ministries (continued)

Advent candle each week and for Lent, different ministry groups were asked to lead devotions to the Stations of the Cross. Other Liturgical celebrations included a Tenebrae service held on Good Friday, a Pentecostal multi-cultural Mass with parishioners reading a Prayer of the Faithful in his/her own native language, a Wedding Jubilee Mass at which 23 couples renewed their wedding vows, Blessing of the Animals, a Mass where newborns and expectant families received a special blessing, and the fourth annual Backpack Blessing for school children of the parish. In March, our Reflection Series continued with “Light up the Night,” an evening of adoration, music and prayer.



Bringing up statues to the manger during Advent.

Marian Devotions

After daily Mass and each first Saturday of the month, parishioners gather to pray the Holy Rosary. In May, the parish hosted “Mary under the Stars” with the Rosary prayed in different languages and a crowning of our outdoor Marian statue to celebrate Mary, Queen of Angels with the final blessings given by Deacon Ted Gaskin. In September, members of our parish gathered in the church to celebrate our Blessed Mother’s birthday by praying the Rosary and singing hymns.

Music Ministry (Choir/Instrumentalists)

The Music Ministry at St. Pius X is a thriving model for integrating devoted worship and musical excellence. Music is an essential component of our liturgies. It enhances our prayer and worship resulting in a deeper overall spiritual and communal experience for our congregation.

Our Director of Music Ministries, David Schmidt, has continued to build our dedicated St. Pius X Choir as well as our Festival Choir Program and has expanded the participation of guest instrumentalists at our special and holiday Masses. Our choirs along with our roster of professional cantors, organist and guest musicians, encourage all Mass attendees to participate in glorifying God through music.



Mary under the Stars.

Because congregational singing is an integral part of our music ministry and liturgies, the St. Pius X Choir alternates between singing at the 5 pm Mass on Saturdays and the Noon Mass on Sundays. This schedule means our choir reaches more of our parishioners, and also has encouraged some new members to join. Our Festival Choir Program offers parishioners, families, and friends, who cannot commit to the weekly choir, the opportunity to sing for special occasions, such as our annual Christmas Holy Mass and Carols, Christmas Eve, and the Holy Week liturgies.



St. Pius X Festival Choir at Christmas.

Our Music Ministry also strives to enrich the musical and cultural life of the broader Westchester community through our Concerts@SPX concert series. Last Fall, our planned concert by the Philippines Madrigal Singers was canceled because some of the singers were unable to secure visas to enter the U.S., so it was moved to the Fall of 2017. In the Spring, we hosted a

Liturgical Ministries (continued)

concert, “An Evening of Broadway,” featuring our parishioner, Maria Failla, our Music Director, David Schmidt, and special guests, Gillian Hassert and Kyle Torrence, with Georgia Stitt at the piano.

Music is incorporated into our Religious Education Program as a facet of religious training and as an opportunity for the youth in our church to participate in the music ministry. This year, Elizabeth Farnum, one of our professional cantors, was appointed the Children’s Music Director. In her new role, Elizabeth conducts music rehearsals during religious education classes and leads the students in singing at the Christmas Pageant and during Mass. During their respective Ministry Sundays, students in grades 1-4 sing a specially prepared song during Mass and the 2nd grade students sing a specially prepared song during their First Communion Mass. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in Mass by playing instruments or cantoring during Masses throughout the year. Our Music Ministry continues beyond the religious education years with high school students, who play an instrument or participate in the St. Pius X Choir, and college students, who dedicate their time and talent in the Mass during school breaks.

Thanks to a generous gift from our late parishioner, JoAnn M. Tursone, the Church of St. Pius X has commissioned Russell and Company from Chester, Vermont to build a new pipe organ for our church. The builder is currently casting the pipes and is on track to complete the installation by August 2018.

Sacristan Ministry

Sacristans, under the direction of the pastoral staff, prepare for liturgical celebrations. In particular, sacristans arrange the liturgical books needed for the celebration, mark all the divisions or readings and lay out vestments and anything else needed for the Mass including cruets, chalices, ciboria, linens, oils, processional Cross and candles.

Stewardship Service – Outreach

Baby Shower Outreach

Parishioners donated approximately \$3,000 of new and gently used infant and toddler clothing as well as miscellaneous additional children’s items, such as bedding, diapers, and formula to Good Counsel as part of our May Baby Shower drive.

Christmas Outreach

Our parish reaches out to many needy families and individuals at Christmas. This year, 104 St. Pius X families adopted 44 needy families at the Churches of Saint Joseph’s/Saint Gabriel’s in New Rochelle, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Manhattan, and the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary in



Instrumentalists and the St. Pius X choir at Easter Sunday Mass.



The St. Pius X – JoAnn M. Tursone Pipe Organ in progress.



Baby Shower outreach.



Adopt-A-Family Christmas Outreach.



Christmas Angel Giving Tree.

Stewardship Service – Outreach (continued)

Port Chester by purchasing gifts and providing a special Christmas dinner. Parishioners purchased 386 new gifts for less fortunate children and placed them under our “Angel Tree”. Our Confirmation candidates wrapped the gifts and transported the gifts to the parishes.

Over 150 parishioners donated new, unwrapped Christmas gifts including sweaters, socks, wallets, change purses, watches, calendars, and crafts for nursing home patients at St. Patrick’s Nursing Home in the Bronx that filled two cars.



Greeters at the Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities.

Coat Drive

During our Annual Coat Drive, our parish collected over 204 coats and jackets for St. Peter’s/St. Dennis’ Church in Yonkers and Midnight Run.

Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities

In October, the Church of St. Pius X hosted 120 challenged individuals for our yearly Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities. Once again, our parishioners contributed cash donations for the expenses related to running the luncheon, purchased ice cream, soda and other goodies, made chicken casseroles, baked brownies, set-up the night before the luncheon and assisted in the kitchen the day of the luncheon. Our Confirmation candidates also helped with the set-up and escorted our guests to tables, served them lunch, and helped with clean-up. Fr. Sebastian said Mass before the luncheon. Guests left with smiles on their faces, a small gift, flowers and leftover desserts.



Midnight Run cataloging shoes and clothing.

Midnight Run/Breakfast Run – Adults and Youth

Midnight Run is a volunteer organization based in Dobbs Ferry, New York. Numerous organizations provide and distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless and the needy on the streets of New York City. Our parish currently performs four Midnight Runs each year – two aimed at adult participation and two for youth participation. In addition, in April 2017, members of the St. Pius X Confirmation group did a Breakfast Run to serve breakfast and provide clothing to the homeless in NYC.

Our Midnight Run Ministry is financed by the goodwill and generosity of our congregation. Approximately \$1,400 is needed to support each run along with the coordinated efforts of about 20 to 25 volunteers who prepare food, sort clothing and toiletries and make the trip into Manhattan. Typically, between 14 and 26 St. Pius X parishioners, both teens and adults, go into the city to deliver food, clothing, toiletries and, most importantly, conversation and friendship to the homeless. The number of persons served on each run is between 60 and 100.



Setting up for the Breakfast Run in NYC (West Side).

Stewardship Service – Outreach (continued)

Pastoral Care

The Ministry of Pastoral Care seeks to integrate sick and homebound parishioners and hospitalized/elderly Catholics into our spiritual community and address their needs by bringing them Communion and/or providing transportation to Mass and medical appointments. Two teams of parishioners brought Communion to patients at White Plains Hospital where they saw upwards of 70 patients per visit. Each Sunday, a member of the ministry visited the Ambassador Assisted Living Residence in Scarsdale to share the Sunday readings and bring Communion and once a week, Pastoral Care Ministers visit the Ambassador to pray the Rosary with the residents.

St. Isidore Educational Partnership Program

In conjunction with the Alagad ni Maria, the St. Isidore Educational Partnership Program seeks to assist students, who attend the St. Isidore Diocesan School on the island of Patnanungan Quezon, Philippines, with expenses for tuition and reading materials for one year periods. This past year, 23 students were assisted.

St. Peter's/St. Dennis' Food Pantry

St. Peter's Parish and St. Dennis' Parish in Yonkers jointly operate a food pantry that distributes food to the working poor without charge. Over the past year, our parishioners donated cash, 298 turkeys, 6 hams and all the fixings during our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the food pantry, over 1,000 pounds of food for the weekly food pantry and over 2,000 pounds of food during the Lenten season. During Lent, the children of the parish brought canned goods to the altar during the Family Mass and other parishioners filled bags with requested food items.

The Teen Boutique

In April, our parish collected and donated gently used spring and summer clothes, shoes, accessories and cash to support the Teen Boutique, an event organized by The Sharing Shelf, which is part of the Family Services of Westchester. During this one-day free shopping boutique, more than 250 teen girls from families in financial need "shopped" for clothing and accessories. Our parishioners volunteered to organize the event and help the girls shop.

Young Adult and Young Professionals

The newly formed St. Pius X Young Adults and Young Professionals Group for parishioners and their friends ages 19 through 40 aims to provide opportunities for young persons to grow in faith and community through participation in spiritual, social and service activities. The group plans to participate in Midnight Runs, Breakfast Runs, and the parish's Adopt-a-Family outreach programs in the coming year.



Lenten Food Drive at the 10:30 am Family Mass.



St. Isidore students.



Thanksgiving Food Drive collection.



Young Adult Group.

A Letter from the Finance Committee

November 8, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

The following pages contain detailed information regarding our parish income and expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017. Our ordinary expenses amounted to \$741,632, compared to \$738,967 last year. In addition to those ordinary expenses, we made charitable contributions in the amount of \$12,129, compared to \$16,657 last year; used \$8,326 for program and development, compared to \$6,186 last year; and we did not purchase any new computers or equipment, compared to \$10,497 last year. We also paid \$79,329 to the archdiocese in church tax assessments, compared to \$84,217 last year; and paid a percentage of our collections amounting to \$71,377 to the archdiocese as our Global Regional School System assessment, compared to the same amount last year. (These church and school tax assessments represent our required Archdiocesan Cathedraticum). The archdiocese levies an additional tax on our parish because we have rental income. This fixed annual tax of \$45,045 is equal to 20% of our three-year average gross receipts for the three fiscal years ending August 31, 2015 and will be payable by our parish for the duration of the French-American School lease. The \$45,045 levy for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2016 has been paid and is reflected in the 2015–2016 financial statement. The \$45,045 levy for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017 has been included in the 2016–2017 financial statement as an expense but it had not been paid at fiscal year-end.

The expenses totaled \$957,838 (\$741,632 of ordinary expenses and \$216,206 of extraordinary expenses) and were funded as follows: \$719,846 from Christmas, Easter and weekly collections, fundraisers, votive shrine donations, bequests and Religious Education tuition; and \$237,992 from a portion of our rental income collected from the French-American School. The portion of the rental income remaining after funding our expenses was \$175,955, which was added to our reserves.

This year, as in the past few years, we have used part of the rental income from the French-American School to pay for ordinary operating expenses. During the summer, the French-American School notified the parish that it will not renew its lease after June 2018. Accordingly, if we do not find a new tenant for our school building, a new tenant pays less rent, or archdiocesan assessments on lease revenue increase, and if offertory collections do not increase sufficiently to cover the shortfall, our operating deficit will need to be funded from the parish's reserves or other sources.

During the summer, the archdiocese notified the parish that it will be required to raise money for its own needs and to contribute funds to the archdiocese as part of the Archdiocesan Renew and Rebuild Campaign. We encourage all parishioners to contribute to this campaign so that we can reach our goal and finance our needs, including adding funds to our reserves to fund our potential operating deficits.

Thank you for your support.

Denis Andreuzzi
Kathi Fredella
Blaise Fredella
Mark Fitzimmons
Finance Committee Members

Nicholas Brusco
Christopher Saenger
Trustees

Financial Report

CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2017 AND 2016

REVENUES COLLECTED	2017	2016
REGULAR RECEIPTS		
Sunday & Holy Days	449,281	448,305
Holiday Collections	184,027	164,375
Votive Shrines & Candles	8,416	7,197
Rental Income	413,955	343,719
TOTAL	1,055,678	963,595

RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAMS		
Tuition Collected	52,662	46,073
RCIA Income	0	1,150
TOTAL	52,662	47,223

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME		
Fundraiser	12,897	5,220
Donations & Bequests	12,563	10,100
Unrealized & Realized Investments	110,144	60,024
Interest & Other Income	25,108	20,603
TOTAL	160,712	95,947

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN		
Contributions Collected	9,437	226,810
TOTALS	1,278,489	1,333,575

	2017	2016
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	287,270	339,880

RENOVATION PLEDGES AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017		
Phase I Remaining Pledges	24,400	25,600
Phase II New Pledges	36,440	77,435

DISBURSEMENTS PAID	2017	2016
CHURCH & RECTORY EXPENSES		
Clergy Remuneration & Benefits	160,509	154,949
House Maintenance	45,267	44,880
Salaries & Employee Benefits	246,869	234,424
Church Exp's (Music, Books, etc.)	48,092	47,763
Rent, Utilities, Tel., Water, Other	27,092	20,813
Maintenance, Contracts, etc.	34,936	51,475
Insurance & Pension	61,332	64,774
Office Expenses	32,290	39,131
Church Tax Assessment (Cathedraticum)	79,329	84,217
Global Regional School		
System Assessment	71,377	71,377
Additional School Support based on		
Rental Income	45,045	45,045
TOTAL	852,139	858,849

RELIGIOUS ED. EXPENSES		
Salaries, Social Security	65,663	59,905
Religious Ed. Expenses	19,481	20,751
RCIA Expenses	100	100
TOTAL	85,244	80,757

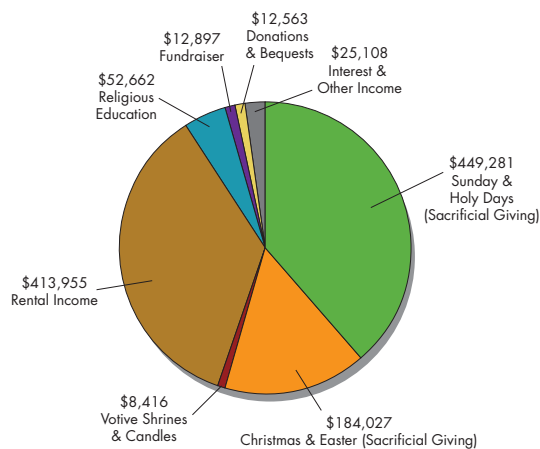
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		
Charitable Contributions	12,129	16,657
Program & Development	8,326	6,186
Furniture & Equipment	0	10,497
TOTAL	20,455	33,340

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN		
Architect & Building Improvements	33,380	20,750
TOTALS	991,219	993,695

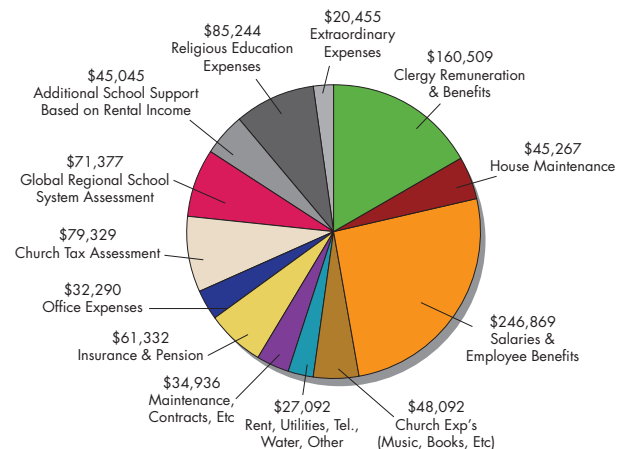
Questions regarding the Financial Report?
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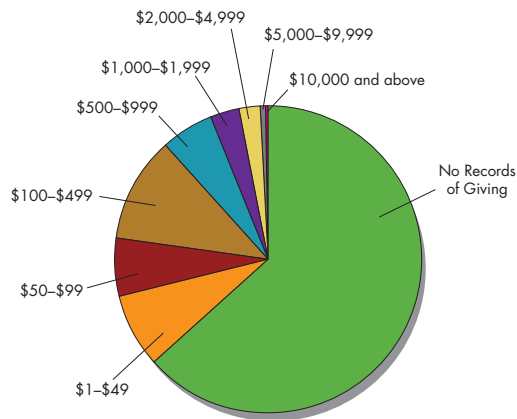
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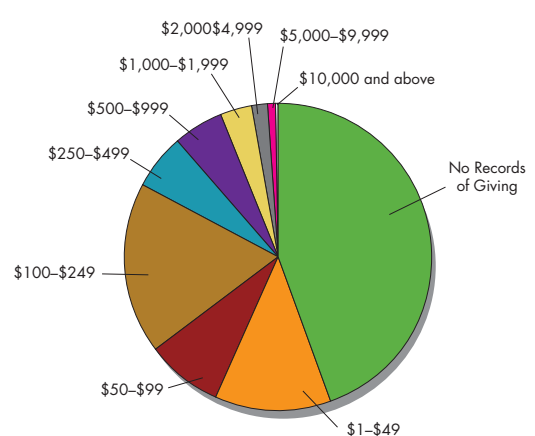
2017 Church of St. Pius X Expenses



Analysis of Easter 2017 Sacrificial Giving of 688 Families Who Received Envelopes*



Analysis of Christmas 2017 Sacrificial Giving of 688 Families Who Received Envelopes*

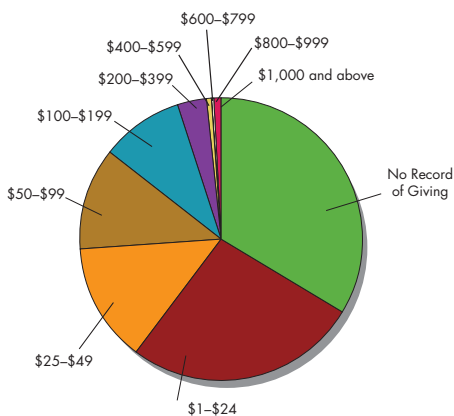


*Includes those who contribute using envelopes, Parish Pay and make donations by check.

More than 10% of the parish donations come from unidentified cash placed in the collection baskets. These funds cannot be tracked and included in our parishioners' annual tax statement from the church.

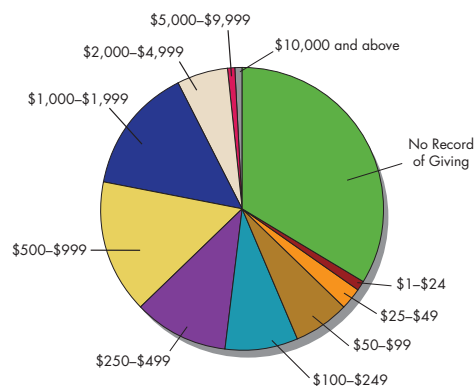
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Analysis of the Monthly Sacrificial Giving of 688 Families Who Received Envelopes*



No Records	245	\$200-\$399	22
\$1-\$24	178	\$400-\$599	4
\$25-\$49	91	\$600-\$799	1
\$50-\$99	79	\$800-\$999	2
\$100-\$199	62	\$1,000 and above	4
Total 688			

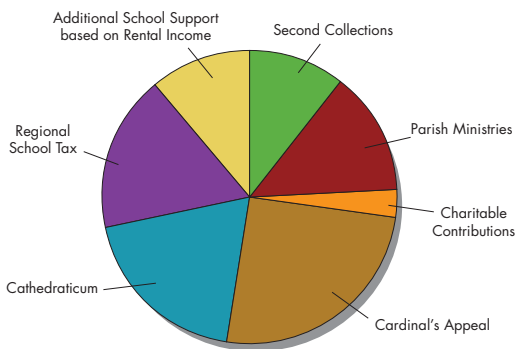
Analysis of the Yearly Sacrificial Giving of 688 Families Who Received Envelopes*



No Records	245	\$500-\$999	102
\$1-\$24	7	\$1,000-\$1,999	97
\$25-\$49	17	\$2,000-\$4,999	38
\$50-\$99	43	\$5,000-\$9,999	6
\$100-\$249	56	\$10,000 and above	5
\$250-\$499	72	Total 688	

*Includes those who contribute using envelopes, Parish Pay and make donations by check.

Making a difference in the world in 2017



*This amount reflects clothing and food donations.

**This amount includes donations to non-profit institutions and the Disciples of Mary Seminary for the education of priests.

Second Collections (Mandated by the ADNY & US Bishop's Conference)	\$43,623
Parish Ministries* (including Midnight Run, Luncheon for the Disabled and others)	\$56,740
Charitable Contributions**	\$12,129
Cardinal's Appeal - Goal \$91,000	\$104,425 (115% of goal)
Cathedraticum (Mandated contribution to the ADNY Church Tax)	\$79,329
Regional School Tax (Mandated contribution to the ADNY to support the regional school GRSS)	\$71,377
Additional School Support based on Rental Income	\$45,045
Total:	\$412,668

ONLINE GIVING

Many of our parishioners are making automatic online gifts to the Church of St. Pius X. You may make gifts to our weekly collections and archdiocesan special collections online. By giving online, you will no longer need to receive envelopes in the mail each month.

For further information, or to enroll in the Church of St. Pius X online giving program, *We Share*, please visit saintpiusxchurch.churchgiving.com to complete the enrollment form. Our easy-to-use enrollment takes just a few short minutes.

"GIVING" FOR THE FUTURE

A donation to the Church of St. Pius X in your will is fully tax deductible and will help us sustain our work, our mission, and our ministries for future generations.

If you choose to include us in your will, won't you let us know? You can contact Fr. Sebastian at (914) 725-2755 or email fbacatan@yahoo.com.

Thank you for ensuring the legacy of your memory through a bequest to the Church of St. Pius X.

The Church of St. Pius X Welcomes You!

Have You Registered?

If the Church of St. Pius X is where you regularly worship and/or where your children attend religious education, we invite you to fill out a parishioner registration card that can be found on the table near the church entrance, in the Bulletin, or on our website www.saintpiusxchurch.com.

Registration is our only means of certifying membership in the parish.



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