

# ANNUAL REPORT

## Church of St. Pius X

September 2017 through August 2018



*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,

Our parish is continuing to grow! Your unfailing generosity and willingness to share your time and talent contribute greatly to our parish's vibrancy! Thirty-one new families registered with our parish and 71 new students joined our religious education program. Our formal outreach programs expanded to include donations of blood for those in our area, school tuition and fees for additional students in the Philippines, backpacks and school supplies for children in the Philippines, and bake sales to benefit various worthy causes. I encourage each of you to continue to actively support our outreach programs and, if you are not involved, I implore you to become involved "[f]or it is in giving that we receive." (*St. Francis of Assisi*)



Our Liturgy Committee hosted Light Up the Night, an evening of adoration, music and prayer for our parishioners, and the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience where participants learned about St. Bernadette Soubirous and the Apparitions of Our Lady at the Grotto. Dolores Brett turned over the leadership for many of the Adult Activities group events to Marina Cardillo, Kathy Cripps, Eileen Donovan and Jo Ann Sciortino and the group hosted its first annual wine tasting evening. Liza Trauzzi retired from our Youth Ministry team in June 2018 and Jill Gettinger and Tricia Moralda joined Fr. Dexter and Joey Fornier on the team. We thank Liza for her many years of service and look forward to her continued involvement in the parish. In October 2017, we officially welcomed Fr. Dexter Jay M. Nebrida, A.M.

We participated in the mandatory archdiocesan capital campaign, *Renew + Rebuild*, to raise money for our parish's needs and to contribute funds to various archdiocesan causes. We met our goal and are very grateful to all who donated to the initiative. The funds raised for our parish are being used to cover the costs of our new pipe organ not covered by JoAnn M. Turstone's gift including the expansion of the sacristy at the back of the church. The back of the church was readied for the installation of the organ and the installation began with completion expected by Spring 2019.

Over the course of the past year, we updated our sound equipment, upgraded our audio/visual equipment to allow streaming of our Masses for our homebound parishioners, updated the security cameras in the church and school, replaced the ceiling and lighting in the school lobby, repainted and refinished the floors in the school classrooms, installed WiFi throughout the school building, purchased the smart projectors in the classrooms from the French American School for use by our religious education classes, installed a high definition projector and screens in the Parish Hall, replaced the entry doors to the school lobby, placed a stained glass window of St. Pius X in the school lobby, repaired and restained the outdoor Stations of the Cross and the wooden structure over the statue of Mary in the parking lot, put black tar on the cracks in the parking lot, and repaired water leaks in the Narthex and church caused by the movement of the new roof from the old roof. In addition, the Rainbow Club sponsored the installation of a new commercial stainless steel refrigerator and new flooring in the Parish Hall kitchen.

The lease with the French American School ended in June and, as of the date of this letter, we have not secured a new tenant for the building. In the past, a portion of the rental income was used to cover operating deficits and, in the near term, we anticipate that our reserves will cover any shortfall. We are a dynamic parish that does Christ's work on earth. If every parishioner participates financially according to his or her means, I believe that our parish will continue to financially support the good works and spiritual community that we have become.

Your commitment to the Church of St. Pius X is inspirational. As we begin our 65th 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 Guestar Jr.*  
Father Sebastian  
Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago, I was sitting in our church while the first grade religious education students practiced for the upcoming Christmas pageant. The sun was shining through the stained glass windows and the sound of the children's voices filled the air. I was uplifted and gratified. As I looked around at the renovations that have been completed and the meticulous installation of the new pipe organ, I was overwhelmed with pride in this place of worship. In this moment, I felt God's presence.



I was not raised Catholic so I do not take these experiences for granted. As a child, I often accompanied my observant Catholic grandmother to Sunday Mass and remember wanting to receive Communion and to be a part of the Catholic community. My grandmother and the parishioners always made me feel welcome; I was an important part of the parish even though I had not received any of the sacraments. As an adult, I realized that my faith was an important part of my identity and that I yearned to be a member of the Catholic community.

Twenty years later, my faith and sense of Catholic community remain strong and continue to strengthen under the leadership of Fr. Sebastian Bacatan and his fellow priests of the Disciples of Mary, Fr. Jose Ramos and Fr. Dexter Nebrida. Their faith and energy along with the willingness of our parishioners to give their time, talent and treasures to our various ministries, including Adopt-a-Family, Midnight Run, the Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities, the Baby Shower Drive, the Coat Drive, the Food Pantry, and the Teen Boutique, are awe-inspiring. As you read the Annual Report for 2017-2018, I hope you are proud to know that our work together to serve others supports the tenets of our Catholic faith and helps many less fortunate persons in our community and around the world.

Our community is a warm and respectful worshiping community. We continue to grow and to thrive because of you! Thank you to our priests, our Parish Trustees, members of the Finance Committee and Parish Council and everyone who makes our parish the flourishing community it has become and continues to be.

Yours truly,

*Danielle Bryson*

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President, St. Pius X Parish Council

# Our Parish Governance

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## *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 (2018-2019) year are:**

Danielle Bryson, President	Tom Battistoni, Vice-President	Kathy Cripps, Secretary	
Katherine Berthod	Mary Ingriselli	Marina Cardillo Pratt	<u>Teen Council Members</u>
Ryan Berthod	Kapo Kasanda	Alexandra Rodriguez	Mia Dell'Orto
James Briggs	Hernan Marambio	Maryellen Saenger	Angela Ferrigno
J Mark English	Federico Marini	Joanne Sciortino	Hope Walker
Jill Gettinger	Al Naclerio	Harry St. John	Kevin Walker

Nicholas Black, Georgann Callaghan and Beth Rosen, along with teen members, Anthony Johnson, Ella Saenger and Joe Scarcella, stepped down from the Parish Council in May. Audrey Hendley resigned from the Parish Council in order to pursue a new career opportunity. 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.

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

Rev. Francisco Sebastian P. Bacatan, Jr., 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

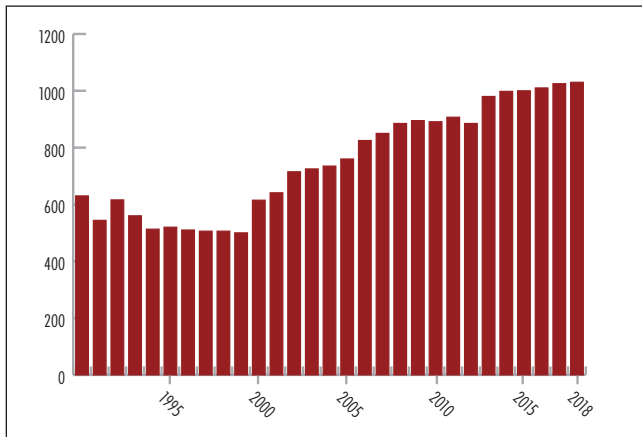
## ***Music Ministry Team***

David Schmidt, Music Director/Principal Cantor  
Francis Kim, Associate Music Director/Organist  
Elizabeth de Almeida, Cantor  
Elizabeth Farnum, Cantor  
Joanna Fusco, Children's Music Director



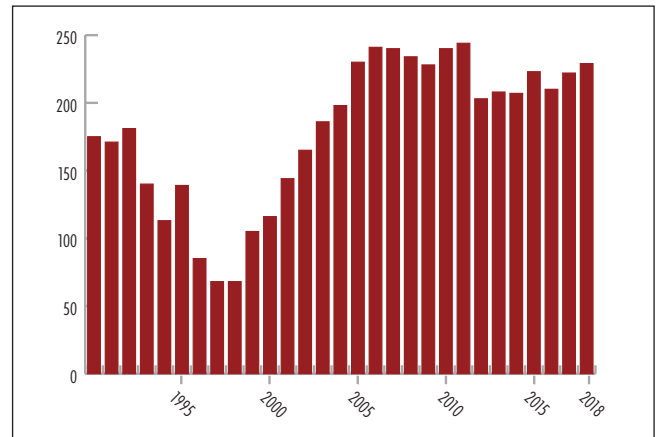
# Parish Demographics

## AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



1990 .....	630	2000 .....	615	2010 .....	891
1991 .....	544	2001 .....	641	2011 .....	907
1992 .....	616	2002 .....	715	2012 .....	885
1993 .....	560	2003 .....	725	2013 .....	980
1994 .....	513	2004 .....	735	2014 .....	998
1995 .....	520	2005 .....	760	2015 .....	1,000
1996 .....	510	2006 .....	825	2016 .....	1,010
1997 .....	506	2007 .....	850	2017 .....	1,025
1998 .....	506	2008 .....	885	2018 .....	1,030
1999 .....	500	2009 .....	895		

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT



1990 .....	175	2000 .....	116	2010 .....	240
1991 .....	171	2001 .....	144	2011 .....	244
1992 .....	181	2002 .....	165	2012 .....	203
1993 .....	140	2003 .....	186	2013 .....	208
1994 .....	113	2004 .....	198	2014 .....	207
1995 .....	139	2005 .....	230	2015 .....	223
1996 .....	85	2006 .....	241	2016 .....	210
1997 .....	68	2007 .....	240	2017 .....	222
1998 .....	68	2008 .....	234	2018 .....	229
1999 .....	105	2009 .....	228		

## 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 (33) and adults (1))	34
First Reconciliations & First Holy Communions	47
Confirmations (teens (37) and adults (2))	39
Marriages	3
Anointing of the Sick	251

### SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS

Masses celebrated	864
Family Masses	57
Family Mass host families	39
Funerals/Memorial services of the deceased	12
Liturgical Ministers	162
Wedding Jubilarian couples blessed	18
Expectant mothers and newborns blessed	27
Hours of adoration	70
Animals blessed	31

### EDUCATION

Religious Education enrollment	
Grades 1-8	229
New students	71
New families in RE	31
Bible Study participants	20 – 25

### MINISTRY AND STEWARDSHIP AT ST. PIUS X

Number of families registered	870
Number of families receiving envelopes/using We Share	833
Average weekly attendance	1,030
Number of new families	31
Number of parish volunteers for all ministries	331
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
Baby Shower donations (value of gifts)	\$3,000+
Bag 2 School (number of bags distributed)	90
Blood drive (parishioners who donated)	38
Christmas Angel Giving Tree donations (gifts collected)	460
Coat drive (coats and jackets collected)	204+
Food donated to St. Peters/St. Denis during Lent	2,000++ lbs.
Luncheon for persons with disabilities (persons served)	90
Midnight Runs and Breakfast Runs	6
Homeless assisted by Midnight Runs and Breakfast Runs	400+
St. Isidore & St. Joseph the Worker Educational Partnership Program (students supported)	40
St. Patrick's Home Christmas donations (parishioners who donated)	150+
Service projects by Religious Education students	
Service hours	180+
Money raised	\$2900
Service projects by teens (number of projects)	22
Service performed by teens (number of hours)	553
Teen Boutique (number of teens who shopped)	250+
Turkeys collected for St. Peters/St. Denis at Thanksgiving	298

## Sacraments / Faith Formation / Learning Opportunities

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Baptism of the Zambrano-Shpitz Twins.

### *Baptisms*

Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ and followers of Christ. Our parish welcomed 34 new members -- 1 adult and 33 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.



Wedding ceremony in the main church.

### *Weddings*

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

### *Religious Education Program for Youth*

The 2017-2018 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. Thirty-one 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 eleven catechists and eighteen assistants or hall monitors who devoted their time and talent to evangelize 229 students.



Second grade Religious Education class at First Reconciliation.

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.

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 Fifth 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. In December, our first and second graders sang songs rehearsed with Elizabeth Farnum and their teachers for our annual Christmas pageant in the Parish Hall and our third and fourth graders performed in the pageant with the guidance of Theresa Regan and their teachers. 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-six second graders and one seventh grader 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, thirty-seven teens and two adults received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their commissioning as adults.



Annual Backpack Blessing at the Family Mass in September.



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

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.

As part of the Religious Education Program, students participated in various service projects including donating money to the Rice Bowl Operation; donating money, personal items and boxed gifts along with preparing cards for our deployed military as part of the United for Troops-“Bringing Them A Little Comfort From Home” Operation Cupid; 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 the Teen Boutique 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 Kim Angelo 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 bake sales, a Bingo night, 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 an array of group community service projects as well as self-initiated service projects along with opportunities for social engagement and collaboration. In September, the youth ministry sponsored a welcome lunch meeting where teens registered, learned about the schedule, shared ideas and socialized. During the year, the teens participated in a variety of community service events including two Midnight Runs to distribute food and clothing to the homeless in New York City; visits to assisted living residences to play board games and share conversation with the seniors; and delivery of meals to the homebound. 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; participated in the parish’s Adopt-a-Family social outreach; helped with set-up, clean-up and supervision of the young children who participated in the parish’s annual Easter Egg Hunt; assisted with set-up, serving and clean-up for the First Communion breakfast; held a bake sale for Hurricane Harvey victims;



*7th grade St. Patrick's bake sale.*



*First Communion candidates, from the 2017-2018 class.*



*Confirmation candidates, from the 2017-2018 class.*



*YM Teens preparing for the Midnight Run.*





Teen helping a child with crafts at Brunch with Santa.



Youth Awards.



Father Dexter and a member of our Youth Group playing games with residents at Ambassador Assisted Living Residence.



RCIA Baptism at Easter Vigil Mass.

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

helped with the Blood Drive and babysat for the New Parishioner/Volunteer Reception. 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, Our Lady of Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage and the “Light Up the Night” Lenten Candlelight Service.

Forty-nine teens participated in the Youth Ministry this year and, as a group, performed a total of 553 community service hours. Danny Fournier and Isabella Lelis received the Salt of the Earth Award for earning the highest number of community service hours of the group, 38 hours. Seven teens, Veronica Belloso, Mia Dell-Orto, Anthony Johnson, Laura Paternoster, Angelina Pil, Elizabeth Scarcella and Luca Schettino, 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, Anthony Johnson, Ella Saenger and Joe Scarcella, were also honored for their service.

### **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 Baptism and two catechumens received the Sacrament of Confirmation with our eighth graders in April.

### **Scripture Study**

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

*“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 with a presentation by To-Dao Casey, a licensed real estate broker, who gave seasonal tips on how to refresh your home and a presentation on market conditions in the Scarsdale area. In October, the group traveled to a German festival in Pennsylvania for German food, dancing and beer in a lovely resort setting on a lake. They hosted their 10th annual Christmas luncheon in December and annual St. Patrick's luncheon with food provided by Pauline O'Hanlon in March. In May, the group held its first wine tasting event where participants enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and deserts while tasting and learning about Mediterranean wines with the guidance of Dean Morretta of Vintology.

## 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 two hundred fifty 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 5 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 2017.



Children preparing eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt.



Hospitality table after the 10:30 am Family Mass.





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



Parish Council meeting.



Poinsettias at Christmas.



The Narthex decorated for Christmas.

## Community Building *(continued)*

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### *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 31 new families join our parish this year.

### *Parish Website*

Our parish website at [www.saintpiusxchurch.com](http://www.saintpiusxchurch.com) is very user friendly. We invite you to visit the website to find out about current events in our parish.

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*

*(1 Peter 4:10)*

## Liturgical Ministries

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### *Commitment Appeal*

Our 6th 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 49 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 fifty-one 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 Advent



Altar servers at Mass with Father Sebastian.



Eucharistic Adoration at the Holy Thursday Altar of Repose.



Gift bearers.



Lector at the 5 pm Mass.



*Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.*



*Bringing up statues to the manger during Advent.*



*Celebrating Mary's birthday.*



*St. Pius X Festival Choir at Christmas.*

## **Liturgical Ministries (continued)**

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 18 couples renewed their wedding vows, Blessing of the Animals, a Mass where newborns and expectant families received a special blessing, and the fifth annual Backpack Blessing for school children of the parish. In September, our parish hosted the Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience where participants learned about St. Bernadette Soubirous and the Apparitions of Our Lady at the Grotto and touched water and rocks from the Grotto. In March, our Reflection Series continued with "Light up the Night," an evening of adoration, music and prayer.

### ***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 to celebrate Mary, Queen of Angels. 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.

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 allows our choir to reach more of our parishioners. 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 Mass and Carols, Christmas Eve, and the Holy Week liturgies.

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. The first musical event of the year for our students is the annual Christmas pageant. Throughout the year, during their respective Ministry Sundays, students in grades 1-4 sing a song during Mass and the 2nd grade students sing during their First Reconciliation Liturgy and



## Liturgical Ministries (continued)

First Communion Mass. Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in the Music Ministry by playing instruments or cantoring during Masses at holidays and 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. This year, we welcome our new Children's Choir Director, Joanna Fusco, and we thank Elizabeth Farnum for her service in that role for the last two years.

Our music ministry also strives to enrich the musical and cultural life of the broader Westchester community through our Concerts@SPX concert series. With the installation of the new pipe organ, the concert series in the 2018-2019 season will feature concerts that showcase our new pipe organ to parishioners and the community at large.

### *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.



Choir and cellist on Holy Thursday.



Our choir director, David Schmidt, and his wife, Abby, singing at Mass.

## Stewardship Service – Outreach

### *Baby Shower Outreach*

Parishioners donated approximately \$3000+ of new and gently used infant and toddler clothing as well as miscellaneous additional children's items, such as bedding, diapers, and formula to the Good Counsel homes as part of our May Baby Shower drive.

### *Bag 2 School*

Over 75 parishioners donated backpacks and school supplies to benefit children in the Philippines under the pastoral care of the Disciples of Mary.

### *Blood Drive*

Parishioners donated 38 pints of blood to the New York Blood Center to help replenish the blood supply.



"Light Up the Night" candles in the Narthex.



Youth volunteers at the Blood Drive.





Christmas Angel Giving Tree.



Greeters at the Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities.



Midnight Run volunteers.



7th and 8th grade Confirmation students with their families at the Breakfast Run in New York City.

## Stewardship Service – Outreach (continued)

### *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/Saint Gabriel in New Rochelle, the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Manhattan, and Corpus Christi and the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary in Port Chester by purchasing gifts and providing a special Christmas dinner. Parishioners purchased 460 new gifts for less fortunate children and placed them under our “Angel Giving 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.

### *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 90 challenged individuals for our yearly luncheon for persons with disabilities. Once again, our parishioners contributed cash 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/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 and young adult participation and two for youth participation. In addition, in November 2017, members of the St. Pius X Young Adults and Young Professionals group did a Breakfast Run to serve breakfast and provide clothing to the homeless in NYC, and, in March 2018, the St. Pius X Confirmation group also did a Breakfast Run.

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



## Stewardship Service – Outreach (continued)

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.

### *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 60 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 visited the Ambassador to pray the Rosary with the residents. Holy Mass is also celebrated in the Ambassador every Thursday morning.

### *St. Isidore & St. Joseph the Worker Educational Partnership Program*

In conjunction with the Alagad ni Maria, this program seeks to assist students, who attend the St. Isidore Diocesan School on the island of Patnanungan Quezon, Philippines or the St. Joseph the Worker School in Napocor Village, Quezon City, Philippines, with expenses for tuition and reading materials for one-year periods. This past year, 40 students were assisted.

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

St. Peter's Parish and St. Denis' 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, 5 hams and all the fixings during our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the food pantry, over 1000 pounds of food for the weekly food pantry and over 2000 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 St. Pius X Young Adults and Young Professionals Group for parishioners and their friends ages 19 through 40 provided opportunities for young persons to grow in faith and community through participation in spiritual, social and service activities. Over the past year, the group participated in Midnight Runs, Breakfast Runs, and the parish's Adopt-a-Family outreach programs.



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



Teen boutique.



Thanksgiving Food Drive collection.



Members of the Young Adult Group bringing donations to a Food Pantry in Harlem.

# A Letter from the Finance Committee

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November 5, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

The following pages contain detailed information regarding our parish income and expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018. Our ordinary expenses amounted to \$811,662, compared to \$741,632 last year. In addition to those ordinary expenses, we made charitable contributions in the amount of \$2,148, compared to \$12,129 last year; used \$21,531 for program and development, compared to \$8,326 last year; and we purchased new computers and equipment amounting to \$7,050, compared to none last year. We also paid \$83,639 to the archdiocese in church tax assessments, compared to \$79,329 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 levied an additional tax on our parish because we had rental income. This levy was \$41,291, compared to \$45,045 last year.

The expenses totaled \$1,038,698 (\$811,662, of ordinary expenses and \$227,036 of extraordinary expenses) and were funded as follows: \$777,952 from Christmas, Easter and weekly collections, fundraisers, votive shrine donations, bequests, Cardinal's appeal rebate and Religious Education tuition; and the balance of \$260,746 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 \$21,041; and interest and dividend income was \$31,298; both amounts were added to 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. In June 2018, the lease expired and a new tenant has not been secured. Based on the budget we submitted to the archdiocese that assumed no rental income, we are projecting an operating deficit of \$295,662 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2019. In the absence of rental income and increased offertory collections, we anticipate that the shortfall will be funded from our reserves in the near term.

During the fiscal year, we participated in the mandatory Archdiocesan *Renew + Rebuild* campaign. As of October 3, 2018, 126 families have donated or pledged \$905,466, of which \$436,372 has been collected and \$469,094 remains as outstanding pledges. Of the \$905,466, \$598,536, is available to fund our parish's projects and \$306,930 (which included \$91,000 for the 2018 Cardinal's Appeal) must be contributed to the archdiocese. In addition, some families have contributed \$150,405 directly to the parish to fund costs for the installation of the new pipe organ. The funds collected pursuant to the campaign, the additional funds donated directly to the parish and our reserves have been used to pay for various capital projects during the fiscal year. The reserve funds used will be repaid as pledge monies are received.

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, 2018 AND 2017

REVENUES COLLECTED	2018	2017
REGULAR RECEIPTS		
Sunday & Holy Days	469,094	449,281
Holiday Collections	202,485	184,027
Votive Shrines & Candles	8,921	8,416
Rental Income	281,787	413,955
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>962,287</b>	<b>1,055,678</b>

<b>RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAMS</b>		
Tuition Collected	56,677	52,662
RCIA Income	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56,677</b>	<b>52,662</b>

<b>EXTRAORDINARY INCOME</b>		
Cardinal's Appeal Rebate	8,115	-
Fundraiser	20,412	12,897
Donations & Bequests	12,248	12,563
Unrealized Gains/Losses	131,934	110,144
Interest & Other Income	31,298	25,108
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204,007</b>	<b>160,712</b>

<b>CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS</b>		
Renovation Campaigns	226,644	9,437
Renew + Rebuild Campaign	213,454	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>440,098</b>	<b>9,437</b>

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,663,068</b>	<b>1,278,489</b>
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	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>		287,270
<b>DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS (20,762)</b>		

DISBURSEMENTS PAID	2018	2017
CHURCH & RECTORY EXPENSES		
Clergy Remuneration & Benefits	185,422	160,509
House Maintenance	53,781	45,267
Salaries & Employee Benefits	267,016	246,869
Church Exp's (Music, Books, etc.)	47,491	48,092
Rent, Utilities, Tel., Water, Other	30,005	27,092
Maintenance, Contracts, etc.	41,317	34,936
Insurance & Pension	62,126	61,332
Office Expenses	40,560	32,290
Church Tax Assessment	83,639	79,329
Global Regional School		
System Assessment	71,377	71,377
Additional School Support based on		
Rental Income	41,291	45,045
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>924,025</b>	<b>852,139</b>

<b>RELIGIOUS ED. EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries, Social Security	65,444	65,663
Religious Ed. Expenses	18,400	19,481
RCIA Expenses	100	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83,944</b>	<b>85,244</b>

<b>EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES</b>		
Charitable Contributions	2,148	12,129
Program & Development	21,531	8,326
Furniture & Equipment	7,050	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,729</b>	<b>20,455</b>

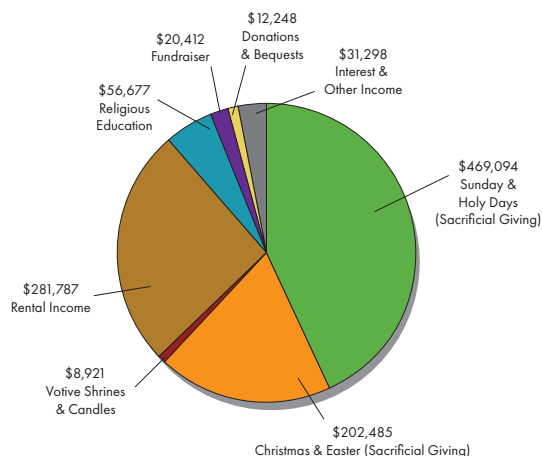
<b>CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS</b>		
Architect & Building Improvements	645,132	33,380
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>645,132</b>	<b>991,219</b>

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,683,830</b>	<b>991,219</b>
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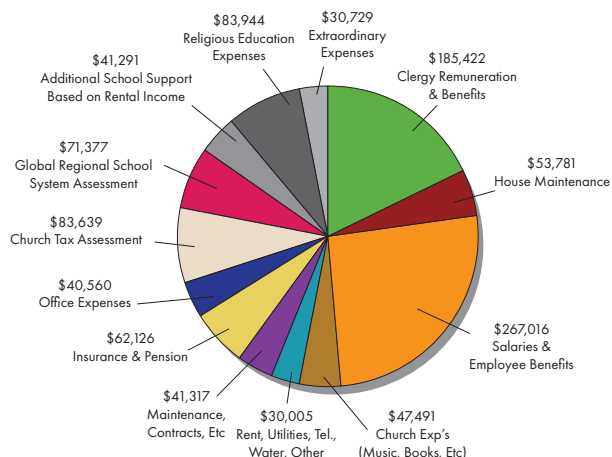
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# Financial Report

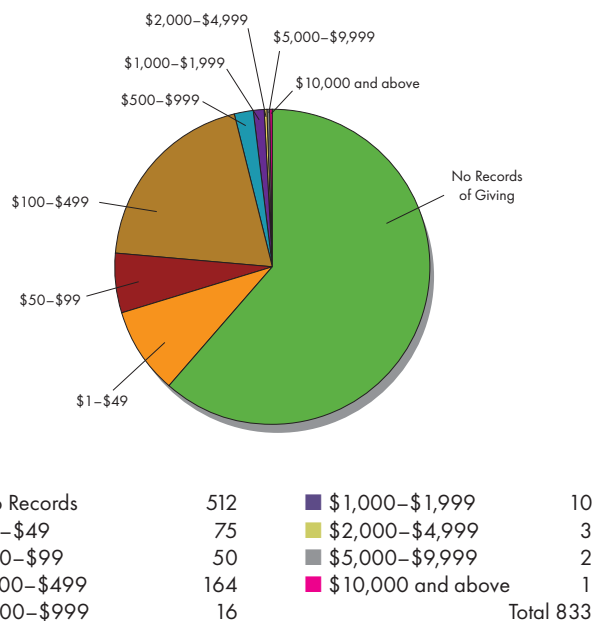
## 2018 Church of St. Pius X Revenue and Income



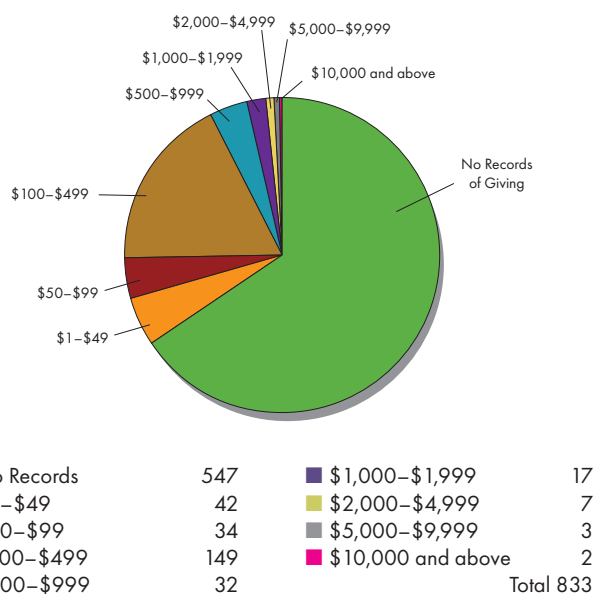
## 2018 Church of St. Pius X Expenses



## Analysis of Easter 2018 Sacrificial Giving of 833 Families Who Received Envelopes\*



## Analysis of Christmas 2018 Sacrificial Giving of 833 Families Who Received Envelopes\*



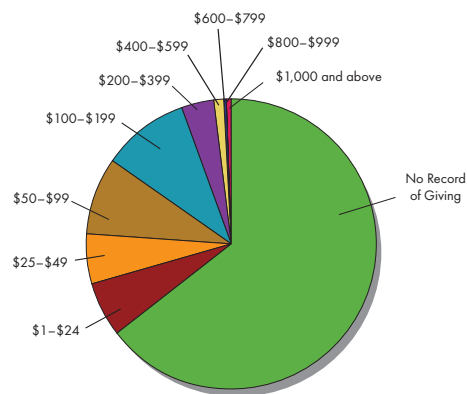
\*Includes those who contribute using envelopes, We Share and make donations by check.

*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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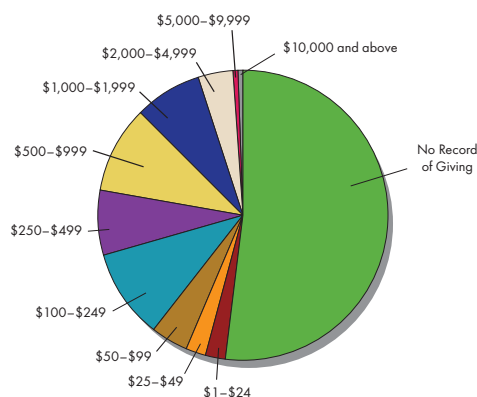
## Analysis of the Monthly Sacrificial Giving of 833 Families Who Received Envelopes\*



No Records	539	\$200-\$399	28
\$1-\$24	50	\$400-\$599	10
\$25-\$49	47	\$600-\$799	2
\$50-\$99	70	\$800-\$999	1
\$100-\$199	83	\$1,000 and above	3
Total 833			

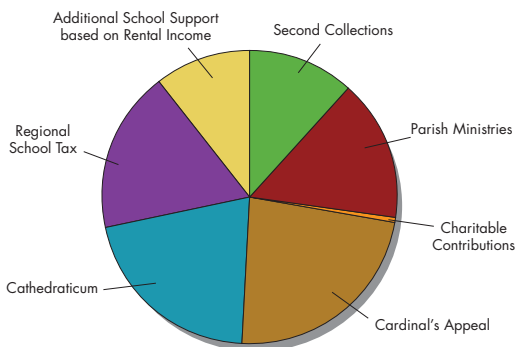
\*Includes those who contribute using envelopes, *We Share* and make donations by check.

## Analysis of the Yearly Sacrificial Giving of 833 Families Who Received Envelopes\*



No Records	433	\$500-\$999	80
\$1-\$24	20	\$1,000-\$1,999	64
\$25-\$49	18	\$2,000-\$4,999	31
\$50-\$99	34	\$5,000-\$9,999	5
\$100-\$249	84	\$10,000 and above	4
\$250-\$499	60	Total 833	

## Making a difference in the world in 2018



\*This amount reflects clothing and food donations.

Second Collections (Mandated by the ADNY & US Bishop's Conference)	\$46,663
Parish Ministries* (including Midnight Run, Luncheon for the Disabled and others)	\$62,285
Charitable Contributions	\$2,148
Cardinal's Appeal - Goal \$91,000	\$92,430 (102% of goal)
Church Tax Assessment (Mandated contribution to the ADNY Church Tax)	\$83,639
Global Regional School Tax (Mandated contribution to the ADNY to support the regional school GRSS)	\$71,377
Additional School Support based on Rental Income	\$41,291
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$399,833</b>

### 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](http://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](mailto: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 in the Narthex, in the Bulletin, or on our website [www.saintpiusxchurch.com](http://www.saintpiusxchurch.com).

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



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