

ANNUAL REPORT

Church of St. Pius X

September 2018 through August 2019

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 a vibrant and welcoming community that seeks to live the “good news” in its actions and programs. We welcomed 50 new families to our parish and 62 new students to our religious education program. Our religious education students, high school students and adults participated in our parish’s outreach programs, including: hosting our 53rd annual Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities; delivering a record-breaking 374 turkeys to the hungry; providing food and clothing to hundreds of homeless; donating clothing to mothers for their infants and toddlers; bringing Holy Communion to patients at White Plains Hospital and residents of the Scarsdale Ambassador Assisted Living; purchasing, wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts to needy persons; donating clothing, shoes, accessories and cash to support the teen shopping boutique; and paying school tuition and fees for children in the Philippines. In our newest outreach program, sponsors assist with the costs of educating seminarians of the Religious Community of the *Alagad ni Maria* (Disciples of Mary) in the Philippines.



We enjoyed many celebrations and social gatherings in the past year, including: a Mass of Thanksgiving followed by a reception to mark my 25th anniversary of priestly vocation; our annual volunteer and new parishioner reception where we recognized Margaret and Ronald Cardillo, Anne Marie and Joseph Cassarini, Terese Cerni, Kathi and Blaise Fredella, Kapo Kasanda, Thomas Morris and Teresa Taormina for their volunteer efforts; a dedication concert to introduce our new pipe organ followed by a reception; an evening with dinner and a mind reading mentalist; our 2nd annual wine tasting event; and our annual Christmas and St. Patrick’s luncheons. High school students attended a welcome lunch, a pizza social and the Broadway musical, *Come from Away*. Our parish children were treated to brunch with Santa and an Easter Egg Hunt.

During the year, we circulated a questionnaire to solicit suggestions from parishioners. As a result of the input from these questionnaires, we are planning several new activities for the upcoming year, including: a Halloween event, a prayer service and a barbecue with beer tasting.

We participated in the Tri-State Con Edison Green Team initiative pursuant to which we replaced the light fixtures on the property with LED bulbs provided by Con Edison. We also fixed the main church boiler, refinished the floors of the Parish Hall and Parish Pavilion, and hung the Risen Christ in the main church above the main exit doors with a new wooden backdrop that mimics the beams of the Church.

This past year, we had an operating deficit in excess of \$326,000 and we are projecting an operating deficit in excess of \$201,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. In the past, we used a portion of the rental income from the school building to cover our operating deficit but we have not been able to secure a new tenant yet who is willing to share the property with us so that we can conduct our religious education classes in the building. Last year, we used collected pledges from the Renew + Rebuild Campaign and direct contributions from parishioners to fund our operating deficit. In the absence of rental income and increased offertory collections, we expect to fund the shortfall for the current fiscal year from our reserves or additional collections of Renew + Rebuild Campaign pledges. Since funding our operating deficit from reserves or pledges is not sustainable, we commenced the **Committed Giving and Sharing Our Gifts Campaign** to encourage parishioners to make a consistent financial commitment to support our parish’s good works by using the envelopes they receive in the mail or by signing up for *We Share* online. If every parishioner participates in our parish financially according to his or her means, I believe that we will be able to continue the good works and spiritual community we have become. If you have not made a commitment to your parish already, I ask you to prayerfully consider doing so.

Your willingness to share your time, talent and treasure with your parish community and others is inspirational. I am grateful and honored to be entering my 10th year as your pastor and 20th year as your shepherd! We ask God to continue to bless our Parish and to strive to be the best that we can be.

Yours truly in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Sebastian".

Father Sebastian, Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

You already know that we have something very special at St. Pius X. When friends from other parishes visit, they tell us that they are struck with how joyful and welcoming we are. We are blessed with wonderful priests and an engaged laity. With Father Sebastian's guidance, we work together to be an inclusive community living as The People of God. As this Annual Report shows, we are a vibrant community that lives our faith and joins together to help those in need.



Earlier this year we conducted a Parish Survey to get your comments and criticisms. We are working on implementing a number of your suggestions. We also have a record number of Youth Representatives serving on the Parish Council. We welcome your talent and ideas in serving each other and nurturing the spiritual life of our children – and in giving food, hospitality and necessities to people with disabilities, the poor, homebound, and homeless.

Father Sebastian has asked the Parish Council to look ahead to where we would like to be as a parish community in five years. In response, we are focusing on these initial themes: More Participation in Parish Life and Community, Catholic Outreach at Every Stage of Life, Financial Stability, and Helping Others to Come Home to the Church.

This year we also initiated a **Committed Giving and Sharing Our Gifts Campaign** asking parishioners to commit to consistent weekly/monthly contributions to fund the ongoing operations of our parish. We are making progress in encouraging more parishioners to support our parish and programs on a regular basis. If you have not already done so, please sign up to make weekly electronic payments through *We Share* at <https://saintpiusxchurch.churchgiving.com>.

We strive to live in accord with our Parish Mission Statement “to be a welcoming and teaching community led by the Holy Spirit that joyously celebrates the Mass and the Sacraments, lives and teaches the good news of the gospels in word and deed, and encourages an ever deepening imitation of Christ.”

This is your parish. There are so many opportunities for your participation in this very special community. Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Tom Battistoni, President
tom.battistoni@gmail.com



The Church of St. Pius X
**Committed Giving and
Sharing Our Gifts**

The Trustees, Finance Committee and Parish Council determined that our parish's ability to continue to support and expand the good works and spiritual community we have become is dependent on our ability to cover the expenses associated with the operation of our parish, which includes our ministries. Fewer than half of our registered parishioners regularly use envelopes or *We Share* online giving, so it has been impossible for the parish to know what funds will be available. Accordingly, the parish launched the **Committed Giving and Sharing Our Gifts Campaign** to ask parishioners to make a commitment to give to the parish on a consistent basis.

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 (2019-2020) year are:

Tom Battistoni, President	Kathy Cripps, Vice-President	Joanne Sciortino, Treasurer	Mark English, Secretary	
Katherine Berthod	Mary Ingriselli	Marie-Hélène McAndrew	<u>Teen Council Members</u>	
Ryan Berthod	Augustin Lago	Al Naclerio	Angela Ferrigno	Christopher Saenger
James Briggs	Renee La Torre	Carrie Parker	Danny Fournier	Hope Walker
Denise Craft	Hernan Marambio	Alexandra Rodriguez	Natalia Lago	Kevin Walker
Rich Foran	Federico Marini	Frank Scinicariello	Angelina Pil	

Danielle Bryson, Mia Dell’Orto, Jill Gettinger, Kapo Kasanda, Marina Cardillo Pratt, Maryellen Saenger, and Harry St. John 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, Joanne Sciortino, 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

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Theodore Gaskin, Deacon

Our Parish Staff

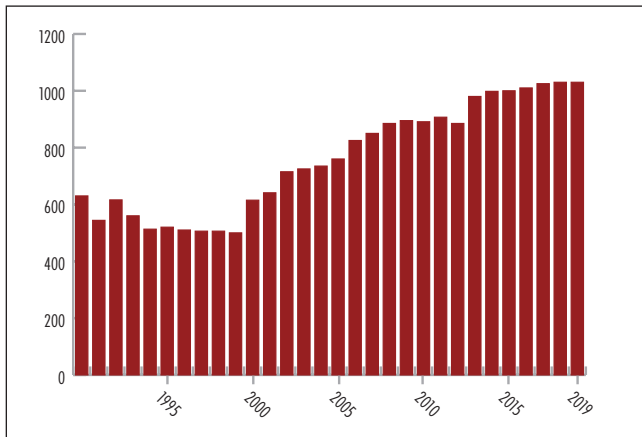
Elizabeth Pirinea, Secretary/Bookkeeper
Ellen Aslanian, Religious Education Assistant Administrator
Charles Junjulas, Adult Formation
Stanley Demczuk, Maintenance
Claudia Lopez, Housekeeper/Cook

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

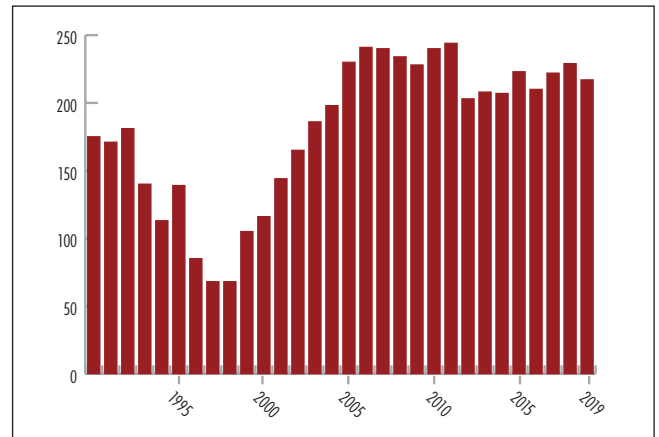
Parish Demographics

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



1990630	2000615	2010891
1991544	2001641	2011907
1992616	2002715	2012885
1993560	2003725	2013980
1994513	2004735	2014998
1995520	2005760	20151,000
1996510	2006825	20161,010
1997506	2007850	20171,025
1998506	2008885	20181,030
1999500	2009895	20191,030

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT



1990175	2000116	2010249
1991171	2001144	2011244
1992181	2002165	2012203
1993140	2003186	2013208
1994113	2004198	2014207
1995139	2005230	2015223
199685	2006241	2016210
199768	2007240	2017222
199868	2008234	2018229
1999105	2009228	2019217

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	42
First Reconciliations & First Holy Communions	45
Confirmations (teens (19) and adults (5))	24
Marriages	6
Anointing of the Sick	263

SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS

Masses celebrated	864
Family Masses	57
Family Mass host families	39
Funerals/Memorial services of the deceased	11
Liturgical Ministers	162
Wedding Jubilarian couples blessed	12
Expectant mothers and newborns blessed	24
Hours of adoration	70
Animals blessed	31

EDUCATION

Religious Education enrollment	
Grades 1-8	217
New students	62
New families in RE	37
Bible Study participants	20 – 25

MINISTRY AND STEWARDSHIP AT ST. PIUS X

Number of families registered	888
Number of families receiving envelopes/using <i>We Share</i>	694
Average weekly attendance	1,030
Number of new families	50
Number of parish volunteers for all ministries	331
Teen youth ministry participants	53
Volunteers ministering to sick and homebound	23
Young adult participants	15
Adopt-a-Family (104 parish families participated) (number of families adopted)	44
<i>Alagad ni Maria</i> Seminarian Sponsorship (seminarians assisted)	2
Baby Shower donations (value of gifts)	\$3,000+
Bag 2 School (number of bags distributed)	90
Blood drive (parishioners who donated)	40
Christmas Angel Giving Tree donations (gifts collected)	460
Coat drive (coats and jackets collected)	130+
Food donated to St. Peters/St. Denis	3,000++ lbs.
Luncheon for persons with disabilities (persons served)	80
Midnight Runs and Breakfast Runs	5
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	\$3,625
Service projects by teens (number of projects)	21
Service performed by teens (number of hours)	456
Teen Boutique (number of teens who shopped)	250+
Turkeys collected for St. Peters/St. Denis at Thanksgiving	374



Sacrament of Baptism.

Sacraments / Faith Formation / Learning Opportunities

Baptisms

Baptism makes us members of the Body of Christ and followers of Christ. Our parish welcomed 42 new members 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 six couples for the Sacrament and united them in Holy Matrimony in the last year.



Wedding ceremony in the main church.

Religious Education Program for Youth

The 2018-2019 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. Sixty-two new students 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 11 catechists, 13 assistants and 7 hall monitors who devoted their time and talent to evangelize 217 students.



First grade Religious Education class.

Each month, throughout the school year, one of the 10:30 am Family Masses was designated as a Ministry Sunday Mass for a specified grade in our Religious Education Program. At these Masses, our students became active participants in the Mass as greeters, readers, presenters of the Gifts, altar servers and ushers. Our 7th and 8th grade students spent at least an hour with the Blessed Sacrament twice during the school year as part of their preparation for Confirmation.

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 Sixth 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 1st graders went on a tour of the church with Fr. Sebastian, our 2nd 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 1st and 2nd graders sang songs rehearsed with Joanna Fusco and their teachers for our annual Christmas pageant in the Parish Hall and our 3rd and 4th 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 in March, they went to a seven-hour retreat in preparation for their Confirmation Day. In December, one 7th grader and one 8th grader received their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Also, in March, our 2nd graders celebrated their First Reconciliation and, in May, each received First Holy Communion. During



Annual Backpack Blessing at the Family Mass in September.

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

Lent, students participated in a devotion to the Stations of the Cross, a special Washing of the Feet liturgy and donated food as part of the parish's Lenten Food Drive. In May, nineteen students received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their commissioning as adults in our church at a Confirmation Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan. 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. On Pentecost Sunday, students read Prayers of the Faithful in different languages and participated in the Parade of Nations as flag bearers at the beginning of Mass.

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; 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; participating in the parish's Adopt-a-Family Christmas outreach; and donating snacks, toiletries and sundries along with preparing cards for our deployed military as part of Operation Cupid – United for Troops.

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 REPTA assisted with this year included: a Bingo night; a First Communion reception for the students and their families the Sunday after First Communion; a multi-cultural potluck luncheon; an Easter egg hunt with help from the Religious Education office and its Easter Egg Hunt Committee as well as our Youth Ministry group; the 7th grade Christmas Adopt-A-Family Community Service Project; the Brown Bag Lunch Project; 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 in Scarsdale and White Plains to play board games, sing Christmas carols, and share conversation with the seniors; delivery of



St. Patrick's Day bake sale.



First Communion candidates, from the 2018-2019 class.



Confirmation candidates, from the 2018-2019 class.



7th grade students organizing food items for the Hope Soup Kitchen.



Teen helping a child with crafts at Brunch with Santa.



9th Annual Youth Ministry Awards.



Youth Ministry on their way to sing carols and make crafts at the Bristol Senior Facility.



RCIA Confirmation at Easter Vigil Mass.

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

meals to the homebound through Meals on Wheels; conducting a food drive for Bread of Life, an organization in Westchester County that feeds the hungry; and preparing grocery bags to distribute to the needy for Bread of Life. They also helped with set-up, serving, child supervision and clean-up at the parish's annual Brunch with Santa, annual Easter Egg Hunt, and First Communion breakfast. In addition, the teens conducted two Teen Ministry Masses led by the Parish Council teen representatives followed by a pizza social, and participated in the "Light Up the Night" Lenten Candlelight service. For fun, they attended a Broadway musical, *Come From Away*.

Fifty-three teens participated in the Youth Ministry this year and, as a group, performed over 450 community service hours. Seven teens, Emi Belloso, Angela Ferrigno, Nicholas Gettinger, Joshua Kersting, Isabell Lelis, Laura Paternoster and Angelina Pil, 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, Mia Dell'Orto, Angela Ferrigno, Hope Walker and Kevin Walker 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, five catechumens received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Scripture Study

This past year, our Adult Faith Formation Program studied the Sunday Gospel readings 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 year in October with Tom Kennedy, a mind reading mentalist, followed by their 11th annual Christmas luncheon in December and annual St. Patrick's luncheon with food prepared by Pauline O'Hanlon in March. In May, the group held its second annual wine tasting event where participants enjoyed antipasto, hors d'oeuvres and desserts while tasting and learning about Old World and New World wines under the guidance of Dean Morretta of Vintology.

Aging in Place

The Aging in Place Program offers aid to older adults and their caregivers by providing emotional support, outreach, and consultation. The Program features complimentary educational and wellness programs and an annual information fair that hosts a number of providers.

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 all parishioners are invited to linger after Mass.



Adult Activity Group event with "The Other Mentalist Tom Kennedy."



Christmas Pageant cast 2018.



Religious education students stuffing eggs for the 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.



Altar servers at Mass with Fr. Sebastian.



First Saturday Adoration.

Community Building (continued)

Musical Chair Yoga

Parishioners gather on Tuesday afternoons with Ellen Cohen, a certified yoga teacher, for fun, fitness, music and relaxation.

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 and New Parishioner Evening Event. We had 50 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.

Liturgical Ministries

Stewardship Commitment Appeal

Our 7th Annual Stewardship 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.

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 61 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.

Liturgical Ministries (continued)

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 Advent candle on the Advent wreath each week. For Lent, different ministry groups led devotions to the Stations of the Cross. In March, our parishioners and neighbors gathered for our annual Light up the Night evening of adoration, prayer, reconciliation and music. 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 couples renewed their wedding vows, a Blessing of the Animals service celebrating the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, a Mass where newborns and expectant families received a special blessing, and the annual Backpack Blessing for school children of our parish.



Gift bearers.



Lector at Mass.



Children lining up for the parade of nations on Pentecost Sunday.



Bringing up statues to the manger during Advent.



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



Mary Under the Stars.



Mary's Birthday celebration.



Annual Mass and Carols with the St. Pius X Choir.

Liturgical Ministries (continued)

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 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 marked a major milestone in the musical and liturgical life of our parish with the completion of our new pipe organ made possible by a major gift from our late parishioner, JoAnn M. Tursone, and the many generous contributions of our parishioners to the Renew + Rebuild Campaign. In June, we celebrated this magnificent instrument with a dedication concert showcasing Francis Kim, our Associate Music Director and Principal Organist, along with the St. Pius X Festival Choir and vocal soloists, Elizabeth

Liturgical Ministries (continued)

Farnum and David Schmidt. The concert of virtuosic solo organ repertoire, choral works and vocal solos highlighted the broad range of sounds and colors of this new pipe organ and featured the world premiere of a new piece based on the motto of Pope Pius X, “*Renew all things in Christ*,” written especially for the occasion by acclaimed composer, John Ferguson.

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 completion of the new pipe organ, the concert series in the 2019-2020 season will feature performances that showcase our new pipe organ to parishioners and the community at large.

Stewardship Service – Outreach

Alagad ni Maria Seminarian Sponsorship

In conjunction with the *Alagad ni Maria*, this program seeks to assist seminarians with tuition for one-year periods. This past year two seminarians were assisted.

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 40 pints of blood to the New York Blood Center to help replenish the blood supply.

“For it is in giving that we receive...”

(Saint Francis of Assisi)



Organist Francis Kim and the St. Pius X Choir.



Music Director, David Schmidt, conducting the choir.



Alagad ni Maria seminarians.



Children in the Philippines receiving backpacks with school supplies.



Angel Giving Tree at Christmas.



Volunteers and guests at the Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities.



Midnight Run Young Adult volunteers preparing food.



Youth Ministry teens on a Midnight Run.

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 St. John Bosco Church 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 patients at St. Patrick’s Nursing Home in the Bronx.

Coat Drive

During our Annual Coat Drive, our parish collected over 130 coats and jackets for the Churches of Saint Joseph/Saint Gabriel in New Rochelle and Midnight Run.

Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities

In October, the Church of St. Pius X hosted 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 helped with set-up, 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 April 2019, the members of the St. Pius X confirmation class performed a Breakfast Run to serve the homeless in NYC.

Our Midnight Run Ministry is financed by the goodwill and generosity of our congregation. Approximately \$1,400 to \$1,600 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 New York City. Typically, between 15 to 20 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.

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 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive and Food Pantries

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, 369 turkeys, 2 chickens, 1 ham 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. Our parish also donated 75 turkeys and the fixings for Thanksgiving meals to Sacred Heart of Jesus in Manhattan. 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 donated gently used spring and summer clothes, shoes, accessories, toiletry items 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 assisted the girls as personal shoppers.

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, Light up the Night, Our Lady Queen of Angels' Soup Kitchen and the parish's Adopt-a-Family outreach programs.



St. Joseph students with a “thank you” banner to St. Pius X sponsors.



“Personal shoppers” for the Teen boutique.



Thanksgiving Food Drive – turkeys ready for delivery.



Young Adult Group helping with the Adopt-A-Family outreach.

A Letter from the Finance Committee

October 28, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

The following pages contain detailed information regarding our parish income and expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2019. Our ordinary expenses amounted to \$912,669, compared to \$811,662 last year. The increase in ordinary expenses is attributable to salaries and utilities paid by the parish that had been paid by the school building tenant during its tenancy.

In addition to those ordinary expenses, we had extraordinary expenses of \$186,646 consisting of: \$12,347 for charitable contributions, compared to \$2,148 last year; \$23,307 for program and development, compared to \$21,531 last year; \$77,103 for archdiocesan church tax assessments, compared to \$83,639 last year; \$71,377, a percentage of our collections, as our archdiocesan Global Regional School System assessment, compared to the same amount last year (These church and school tax assessments represent our required Archdiocesan Cathedraticum.); and \$2,512, an additional tax levied by the archdiocese on our school building rental income attributable to the 2017-2018 fiscal year, compared to \$41,291 last year attributable to the 2016-2017 fiscal year. We also spent \$96,773 for major improvements and repairs.

These expenditures were funded as follows: \$869,214 from Christmas, Easter and weekly collections, fundraisers, votive shrine donations, bequests, Cardinal's Appeal rebate, rental, and Religious Education tuition; \$48,179 from collections of Renew + Rebuild Campaign pledges, and \$278,694 from direct contributions from parishioners to fund these extra costs.

The total added to reserves in fiscal 2018-2019 was \$101,480, consisting of: \$27,555 of interest and dividend income and \$73,925 from collections of pledges to the Renew + Rebuild Campaign and the prior renovation campaigns. This amount represents repayment of a portion of the reserves used in the 2016-2107 fiscal year for capital projects.

As noted above, \$326,873 (\$48,179 and \$278,694) of collected pledges to the Renew + Rebuild Campaign and direct contributions from parishioners were used to fund our operating deficit. Based on the budget we submitted to the Archdiocese, we are projecting an operating deficit of \$201,340 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020. In the absence of rental income and increased offertory collections, we anticipate that the shortfall will be funded from our reserves or additional collections of Renew + Rebuild Campaign pledges. Since funding our operating deficit from reserves is not sustainable, the parish is continuing to seek a tenant for the school building and studying other means to increase income.

As of October 28, 2019, the remaining uncollected pledges from the Renew + Rebuild Campaign amount to \$374,232.

Thank you for your support.

Denis Andreuzzi
Kathi Fredella
Blaise Fredella
Mark Fitzimmons
Joanne T Sciortino
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, 2019 AND 2018

REVENUES COLLECTED	2019	2018
REGULAR RECEIPTS		
Sunday & Holy Days	492,110	469,094
Holiday Collections	232,484	202,485
Votive Shrines & Candles	10,114	8,921
Rental Income	900	281,787
TOTAL	735,608	962,287

RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAMS		
Tuition Collected	56,977	56,677
TOTAL	56,977	56,677

EXTRAORDINARY INCOME		
Cardinal's Appeal Rebate	1,002	8,115
Fundraiser	8,286	20,412
Donations & Bequests	67,341	12,248
Unrealized Gains/Losses	22,404	131,934
Interest & Other Income	27,555	31,298
TOTAL	126,588	204,007

CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS		
Renovation Campaigns	278,694	226,644
Renew + Rebuild Campaign	122,105	213,454
TOTALS	400,799	440,098

TOTAL INCOME	1,319,972	1,663,068
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	2019	2018
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	123,884	
DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS		20,762

DISBURSEMENTS PAID	2019	2018
CHURCH & RECTORY EXPENSES		
Clergy Remuneration & Benefits	184,509	185,422
House Maintenance	47,487	53,781
Salaries & Employee Benefits	324,224	267,016
Church Exp's (Music, Books, etc.)	53,017	47,491
Utilities, Tel., Water, Other	62,057	30,005
Maintenance, Contracts, etc.	54,387	41,317
Insurance & Pension	63,611	62,126
Office Expenses	37,942	40,560
Church Tax Assessment	77,103	83,639
Global Regional School System Assessment	71,377	71,377
Additional School Support based on Rental Income	2,512	41,291
TOTAL	978,226	924,025

RELIGIOUS ED. EXPENSES		
Salaries, Social Security	69,836	65,444
Religious Ed. Expenses	15,499	18,400
RCIA Expenses	100	100
TOTAL	85,435	83,944

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		
Charitable Contributions	12,347	2,148
Program & Development	23,307	21,531
Furniture & Equipment		7,050
TOTAL	35,654	30,729

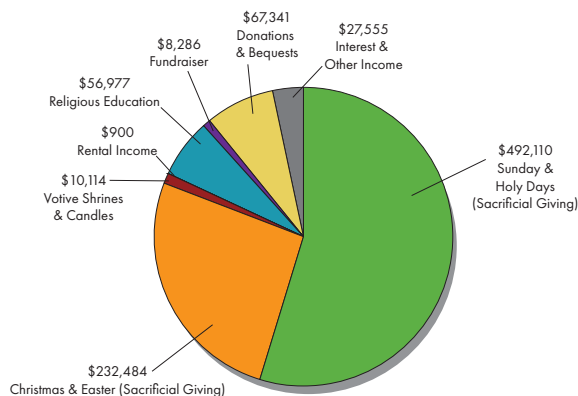
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS		
Architect & Building Improvements	96,773	645,132
TOTALS	96,773	645,132

TOTAL EXPENSES	1,196,088	1,683,830
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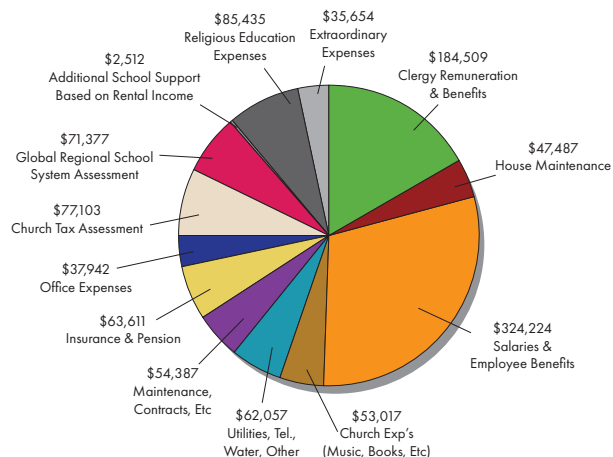
Questions regarding the Financial Report?
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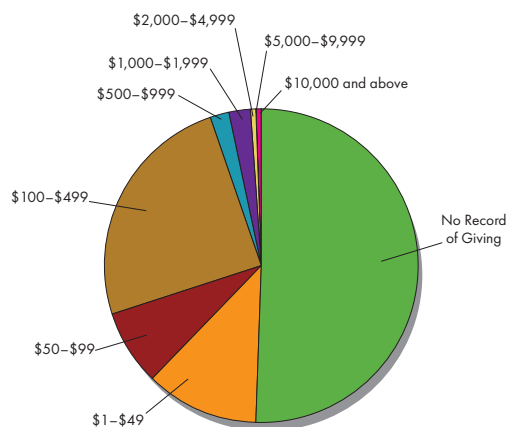
2019 Church of St. Pius X Revenue and Income



2019 Church of St. Pius X Expenses

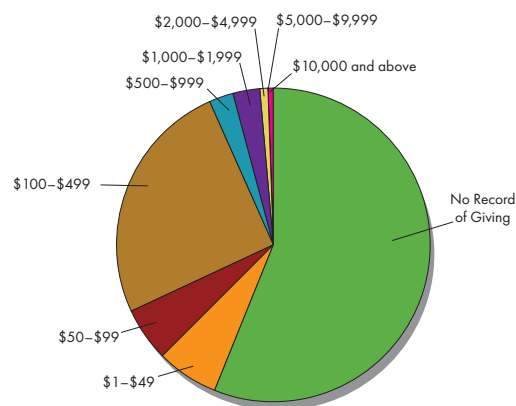


Analysis of Easter 2019 Sacrificial Giving of 694 Families Who Received Envelopes*



No Records	351	\$1,000-\$1,999	16
\$1-\$49	82	\$2,000-\$4,999	3
\$50-\$99	54	\$5,000-\$9,999	1
\$100-\$499	172	\$10,000 and above	2
\$500-\$999	13		
Total 694			

Analysis of Christmas 2019 Sacrificial Giving of 694 Families Who Received Envelopes*



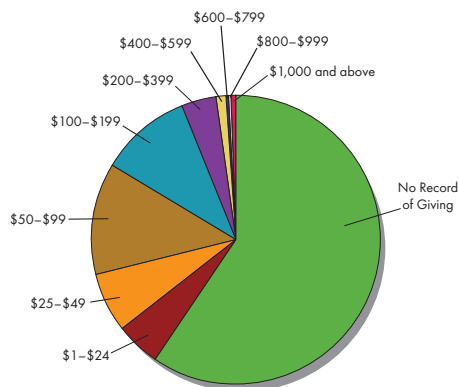
No Records	390	\$1,000-\$1,999	19
\$1-\$49	45	\$2,000-\$4,999	6
\$50-\$99	38	\$5,000-\$9,999	1
\$100-\$499	175	\$10,000 and above	2
\$500-\$999	18		
Total 694			

*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 statements from the church.

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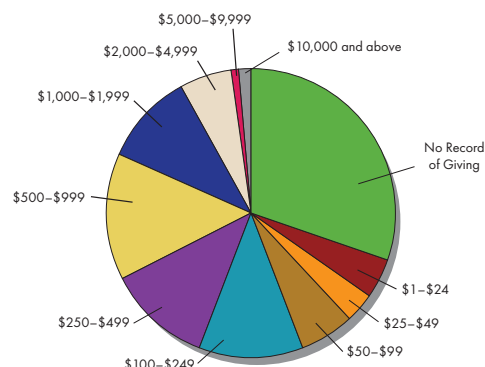
Analysis of the Monthly Sacrificial Giving of 694 Families Who Received Envelopes*



No Records	415	\$200-\$399	26
\$1-\$24	34	\$400-\$599	8
\$25-\$49	47	\$600-\$799	1
\$50-\$99	87	\$800-\$999	2
\$100-\$199	71	\$1,000 and above	3
Total 694			

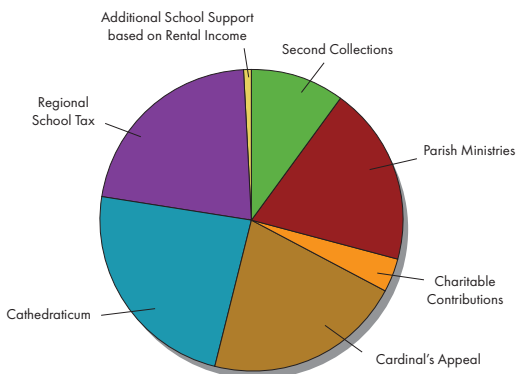
*Includes those who contribute using envelopes, We Share and make donations by check.

Analysis of the Yearly Sacrificial Giving of 694 Families Who Received Envelopes*



No Records	212	\$500-\$999	98
\$1-\$24	29	\$1,000-\$1,999	72
\$25-\$49	25	\$2,000-\$4,999	40
\$50-\$99	41	\$5,000-\$9,999	6
\$100-\$249	81	\$10,000 and above	9
\$250-\$499	81	Total 694	

Making a difference in the world in 2019



*This amount reflects clothing and food donations.

Second Collections (Mandated by the ADNY & US Bishop's Conference)	\$33,509
Parish Ministries* (including Midnight Run, Luncheon for the Disabled and others)	\$62,567
Charitable Contributions	\$12,347
Cardinal's Appeal (94 gifts)	\$69,910
Church Tax Assessment (Mandated contribution to the ADNY Church Tax)	\$77,103
Global Regional School Tax (Mandated contribution to the ADNY to support the regional school GRSS)	\$71,377
Additional School Support based on Rental Income	\$2,512
Total:	\$329,325

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 in the Narthex or on our website www.saintpiusxchurch.com.

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



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