

ANNUAL REPORT

Church of St. Pius X

September 2019 through August 2020



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 thrived in the first half of our fiscal year. The pandemic, in the second half of our fiscal year, caused numerous cancellations and created many new challenges. In light of the current situation, we decided to change the format of the Annual Report this year to describe our activities as an array of photos.

We welcomed 27 new families to our parish and 62 new students to our religious education program. Our parish made a significant difference in the lives of many with our outreach programs. Although many of our social action programs were suspended because of the pandemic, we organized a successful food drive over Father's Day weekend and, with the partial reopening of our church building, we have been able to resume food and clothing collections for the poor.



Many of our liturgical celebrations were cancelled because of the pandemic but we have been able to stream and record our Masses. In June, we re-opened the church building for limited in-person worship subject to several safety protocols, including pre-registration for weekend Masses so that the maximum number of persons physically present at Mass would not exceed the number deemed safe by NYS and the ADNY. We also made Communion available after some Masses under the glass canopy to any parishioner who was not comfortable attending Mass in person.

Prior to the pandemic, we enjoyed some celebrations and social gatherings, including our annual volunteer and new parishioner reception where we recognized Lucy and Nick Brusco, Lorna David, Peter Eigo, Mary Ingriselli, Audrey Kelly, Frank Mangiatordi, Vinny and Lucy Maraldo and JoAnn Tursone (in memoriam) for their volunteer efforts. As part of our adaptation to the situation presented by COVID-19, we hosted a virtual tour of NYC and a virtual Bingo night. In an effort to maintain a connection with our parishioners, members of our Parish Council have reached out to parishioners to check on them and to ask whether they have any particular needs that the parish is not addressing.

COVID-19 has had a significant impact on our music ministry. Although it has not been safe for the choir to sing together in person, our music ministry director, David Schmidt, has returned and has gone above and beyond to include the choir in our services. To this end, he has asked each member of our choir to make a recording of himself/herself singing his/her part, and he has edited the individual recordings together to create a single recording of a virtual choir. We are thankful to Steve Amato for building a plexiglass stand for David's use in the main church to minimize potential aerosol spray coronavirus infection to congregants.

In July, Fr. Jose was reassigned to the Church of Saint Katharine Drexel in Egg Harbor Township in New Jersey and we welcomed Fr. Raymond as our new assistant parochial vicar and director of religious education.

The Parish Council has met every month since the start of the pandemic, including in July and August. Elections for the Parish Council were held via email and, at our June meeting, we welcomed Kim Angelo, Michael Cosgrove, Maria Dhingra, Maria Pick and Ivan Pooran as new members of the Parish Council. We extend a big thank you to outgoing members J. Mark English, Angela Ferrigno, Danny Fournier, Natalia Lago, Hernan Marambio, Federico Marini, Al Naclerio, Alexandra Rodriguez, Christopher Saenger, Hope Walker and Kevin Walker for their service on the Parish Council and look forward to their continued involvement in parish activities.

This past year, we had an operating deficit in excess of \$104,000 and we are projecting an operating deficit in excess of \$232,000 for the 2020-2021 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. Last year, we received a one-time bequest of \$250,000 which we used to cover 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 collections of outstanding Renew + Rebuild Campaign pledges. It is not prudent to fund our operating deficit from reserves or collections of outstanding pledges, so we continue 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. We understand that current circumstances are difficult but ask that every parishioner participate in our parish financially according to his or her means so that we are 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.

As we begin our 67th year, we ask God to continually bless our Parish and pray for an end this coronavirus pandemic that is upending our daily lives. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Yours truly in Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Fr. Sebastian Gustin, Jr." in a cursive script.

Father Sebastian, Pastor

"When things do not go your way, remember that every challenge — every adversity — contains within it the seeds of opportunity and growth."
— Roy T. Bennett, author

Dear Parishioners,

As we rejoiced last December in the birth of our Lord Jesus with so many wonderful events, music and liturgies, we could not have imagined that our world would soon change so drastically. And as we got together in January to celebrate fellowship and volunteering, we did not know that it would be the last time we gathered as a community for many months. As weeks passed, fear, confusion, insecurity and anxiety (not to mention, the hunting for toilet paper!) soon took over our lives.



When social and spiritual interactions are thwarted, not by choice but by circumstances beyond our control, we are forced to adjust. Our faith gives us reasons for courage and hope, and our parish has found the strength to resurrect as a community. We certainly miss all the ministries and activities that we have enjoyed for so many years. However, together we have discovered the ability to connect with God and one another in additional, creative and "try on" new ways.

In reading through our Annual Report, I am reminded once again why I am so proud to be part of our parish. So many parishioners this past year have shared their talents, time and means very generously in outreach programs and social action to benefit not only our own community, but also the less fortunate in our country and abroad. We have continued to do so even when confined in our homes! Members of the parish council and different committees met in person and then on Zoom (and were forced to become tech savvy!) to ensure that our community stayed together in faith, to create social virtual events, and to continue our outreach involvement that is so dear to us.

We are blessed by our clergy and lay-leaders. As the months passed by, and isolation and physical separation became the norm, Father Sebastian, Father Jose and Father Raymond, together with the liturgy committee and Deacon Gaskin, have kept our faith alive with online masses and rosary. The church-opening committee has worked tirelessly to reopen our church in a welcoming but safe way and resume in-person spiritual gatherings, indoors and outdoors.

Even with so much uncertainty, the generosity of our parishioners has been remarkable, with an increase in donations through the We Share program and by mail (<https://saintpiusxchurch.churchgiving.com>), allowing us to continue the ongoing operations of our parish. My most heartfelt thank you to all who have so generously contributed. However, our parish can only remain active and vibrant with everyone's strong financial support, especially since we have been unable to rely on our traditional income provided by the school rental, a situation that we can expect to continue in view of the pandemic.

With my best wishes for good health and brighter days ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marina Cardillo".

Marina Cardillo, PC President
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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. It would be helpful for our planning if you committed to give to your parish on a consistent, ongoing basis. You can do this by enrolling in electronic giving by visiting *WeShare* at <https://saintpiusxchurch.churchgiving.com>, clicking on *WeShare: Give to St. Pius X* on our homepage at <http://saintpiusxchurch.com>, or calling the parish office at (914) 725-2755. Alternatively, you can use the parish envelopes mailed to you, write a check or set up recurring payments from your bank account or credit card.

Social Action

The social action activities we participated in this past year included hosting our **54th Annual Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities**; delivering a record-breaking 388 turkeys to the hungry during our **Thanksgiving Food Drive**; providing food and clothing to hundreds of homeless and less fortunate persons through programs such as **St. Peter's/St. Denis Food Pantry** and **Midnight Runs**; preparing, delivering and serving meals for a local **Soup Kitchen** in conjunction with our Confirmation class preparation and Youth Ministry group; holding **bake sales** to benefit the homeless and to provide **Bibles to inmates** at a local prison as part of our Religious Education program; bringing Holy Communion to patients at White Plains Hospital and residents of the The Ambassador of Scarsdale through our **Pastoral Care Ministry**; purchasing, wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts to needy persons through programs such as **Adopt-a-Family**, the **Christmas Angel Giving Tree** and the **St. Patrick's Nursing Home Christmas Wish List**; paying the school tuition and fees for children in the Philippines through our **St. Isidore & St. Joseph the Worker Educational Program**; purchasing computer tablets and traditional school supplies for local children under our **Bag 2**

School program; assisting with the cost of educating seminarians of the Religious Community of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary) in the Philippines; sending snacks, toiletries and cards to our deployed military pursuant to **Operation Cupid**; and visiting our seniors in their homes, nursing homes or assisted living residences to chat or play games as part of our Youth Ministry group.

Many of our usual outreach programs including our *weekly pantry food drive, baby shower drive, blood drive and some midnight/breakfast runs* were cancelled because of the pandemic. Nevertheless, we were able to organize a **Father's Day Food Drive** where parishioners drove their cars to the church entrance and popped open their trunks filled with food donations, so volunteers could retrieve the food from the trunks without any personal contact. With the partial opening of our church building for weekend and weekday Masses, parishioners have left food and clothing donations in the appropriate closet in the Narthex and others have mailed cash donations to the parish office or other charitable institutions.





Liturgical Services

Prior to the closing of our church building in March, school children brought their backpacks to church for the **7th Annual Backpack Blessing**; several of our religious education grades participated in a **Sunday Ministry Mass** where our students became active participants in the Mass as greeters, readers, presenters of the Gifts, altar servers and ushers; teens participated in a **Spirit Mass**; parishioners gathered to celebrate **Mary's Birthday**; families gathered for the **Blessing of Expectant Mothers and Newborns**; pet owners assembled with their pets for the **annual animal blessing**; families brought a piece of the manger to the altar and lit a candle on our **Advent Wreath**; children participated in our annual **Christmas Pageant**; our Festival Choir sang **Christmas Carols**; different ministry groups led devotions to the **Stations of the Cross**; and parishioners and neighbors gathered for our annual **Light Up the Night** evening of adoration, prayer, reconciliation and music.

The NYS mandate prohibiting all in person services/ classes in March for several months resulted in the cancellation, among others, of our *Wedding Jubilee Mass*; *Adoration*; *Tenebrae* service on *Good Friday*; and *Pentecostal Multi-Cultural Mass*. We adjusted to the new reality by **streaming Masses** and **praying the Rosary** via Zoom on Wednesdays.

In June, we were able to re-open the church building for **limited in-person worship** subject to several safety protocols including hand sanitizing, social distancing and the wearing of face masks. We asked parishioners to register if they wished to attend a weekend Mass in person so that we did not exceed the number of persons physically present at Mass in our church building deemed safe by NYS and the ADNY. Our parish has made Communion available after Saturday evening Mass and on Sunday afternoon after Mass under the glass canopy to any parishioner who is not comfortable attending Mass in person.





Learning and Sacramental Preparation

We welcomed **62 new students** to our religious education program. The NYS mandate prohibiting all in person services/classes in March for several months resulted in the cancellation of our religious education and Bible study classes; First Penance and First Holy Communion for our second graders; and Confirmation for our eighth graders. We made materials available to parents to assist them in the religious education of their children and started Bible Study classes via Zoom.

In July, after the partial opening of our church building, each second grader was given the option to make his/her first confession privately and to receive his/her **First Holy Communion** at a weekend Mass with limited guests. Our eighth grade Confirmands have been given the option to receive Confirmation in October with a limited number of guests, at another parish if that parish has room or with the class of candidates next Spring.



Community Building

Prior to the pandemic, we enjoyed some celebrations and social gatherings including our **Annual Volunteer and New Parishioner Reception**; our **Family Mass Hospitality** table; a **Fall Fest Barbecue and Beer Tasting**; our annual **Christmas Luncheon**; **Brunch with Santa**; a **Trunk or Treat** event where candy was given to costumed parishioners; one of four **music concerts** showcasing distinguished organists in our region; and our youth enjoyed a **Welcome Lunch** and pizza social. Our parish hosted a **Virtual tour of NYC** in May and a **Virtual Bingo** night in July and started virtual **Musical Chair Yoga**. Members of our **Parish Council** have been reaching out to parishioners to check on them and to ask whether they have any particular needs that the parish is not addressing.



A Letter from the Finance Committee

October 28, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The following pages contain detailed information regarding our parish income and expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2020. Our ordinary expenses amounted to \$834,954, compared to \$912,669 last year. The decrease in ordinary expenses is attributable to reduced costs as a result of the pandemic and reduced clergy staff, house maintenance expenses and religious education expenses.

In addition to those ordinary expenses, we had extraordinary expenses of \$179,215, compared to \$184,134 last year. Our extraordinary expenses consisted of: \$10,745 for charitable contributions, compared to \$12,347 last year; \$8,399 for program and development, compared to \$23,307 last year; \$66,308 for archdiocesan church tax assessments, compared to \$77,103 last year; \$71,380 for our archdiocesan Global Regional School System assessment (calculated as a percentage of our collections), compared to \$71,377 last year; and \$22,383 for improvements and furniture, compared to none last year. (The church and school tax assessments represent our required Archdiocesan Cathedraticum.)

The expenditures described above total \$1,014,169 and were funded as follows: \$883,252 from Christmas, Easter and weekly collections, fundraisers, votive shrine donations, rental, and Religious Education tuition; \$26,549 from interest and dividend income; and \$104,368 from a \$250,000 one-time bequest.

The total added to reserves in fiscal 2019-2020 was \$339,484, consisting of: the portion (\$145,632) of the one-time \$250,000 bequest not used to cover expenses; \$96,927 from collections of pledges to the Renew + Rebuild Campaign; and \$96,925 from collections of final pledges to the prior renovation campaigns and direct contributions from parishioners to cover extraordinary expenses.

Based on the budget we submitted to the Archdiocese, we are projecting an operating deficit of \$232,228 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021. In the absence of rental income and increased offertory collections, the deficit will be funded from our reserves and additional collections of Renew + Rebuild pledges. It is not prudent to rely on one-time bequests, collections of pledges from past renovation campaigns, and interest and dividend income to fund our annual expenses; therefore, we need to continue to seek increased annual collections and a tenant for the school building.

As of October 28, 2020, the remaining uncollected pledges from the Renew + Rebuild Campaign amounted to \$ 200,417.

Thank you for your support.

Finance Committee Members:

Denis Andreuzzi Kathi Fredella
Blaise Fredella Mark Fitzimmons
Joanne T Sciortino

Trustees:

Nicholas Brusco
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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.

Financial Report

CHURCH OF ST. PIUS X COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2020 AND 2019

REVENUES COLLECTED	2020	2019	DISBURSEMENTS PAID	2020	2019
REGULAR RECEIPTS			CHURCH & RECTORY EXPENSES		
Sunday & Holy Days	527,150	492,110	Clergy Remuneration & Benefits	134,954	184,509
Holiday Collections	269,132	232,484	House Maintenance	29,457	47,487
Votive Shrines & Candles	5,390	10,114	Salaries & Employee Benefits	353,737	324,224
Rental Income	250	900	Church Exp's (Music, Books, etc.)	45,956	53,017
			Utilities, Tel., Water, Other	52,333	62,057
			Maintenance, Contracts, etc.	40,497	54,387
			Insurance & Pension	72,160	63,611
			Office Expenses	41,452	37,942
			Church Tax Assessment	66,308	77,103
			Global Regional School		
			System Assessment	71,380	71,377
			Additional School Support based on		
			Rental Income	-	2,512
TOTAL	801,922	735,608	TOTAL	908,234	978,226
RELIGIOUS ED. PROGRAMS			RELIGIOUS ED. EXPENSES		
Tuition Collected	53,595	56,977	Salaries, Social Security	55,055	69,836
RCIA Income	250	-	Religious Ed. Expenses	9,253	15,499
			RCIA Expenses	100	100
TOTAL	53,845	56,977	TOTAL	64,408	85,435
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME			EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		
Cardinal's Appeal Rebate	-	1,002			
Fundraiser	20824	8,286	Charitable Contributions	10,745	12,347
Donations & Bequests	256,661	67,341	Program & Development	8,399	23,307
Unrealized Gains/Losses	103,573	22,404	Furniture & Equipment	22,383	
Interest & Other Income	26,549	27,555			
TOTAL	407,607	126,588	TOTAL	41,527	35,654
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS			CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS		
Renovation Campaigns	96,925	278,694			
Renew + Rebuild Campaign	96,927	122,105	Building Improvements	-	96,773
TOTALS	193,852	400,799	TOTALS	-	96,773
TOTAL INCOME	1,457,226	1,319,972	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,014,169	1,196,088

	2020	2019
RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	443,057	123,884

Questions regarding the Financial Report?
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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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our Annual Report, please contact:*

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