

ANNUAL REPORT

Church of St. Pius X

September 2021 through August 2022



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)

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Dear Parishioners,

Although COVID continues to affect many, its impact on our parish has diminished over the last fiscal year. Most of our programs resumed with safety protocols in place recommended by our Safety Committee.

We welcomed 22 new families to our parish and 50 new students to our religious education program. Most of our religious education classes resumed in person. Our First Communion and Confirmation candidates received their respective Sacraments in socially distanced liturgies in our church building. Our Bible Study and RCIA classes continued via Zoom.

Our formal outreach programs expanded to include the adoption of three mothers and their babies at the Good Counsel Home, the assembling and donation of gift baskets to persons with developmental disabilities at The New York Foundling, the collection of funds to support the humanitarian efforts in the Ukraine and the creation of Thread for Life, a knitting and crocheting group that donates finished items to various organizations. If you are not involved in our outreach programs, I encourage you to become involved. It is an incredibly rewarding experience to give your time to help your fellow brothers and sisters!

In-person attendance at our Masses continues to increase. Our choir returned and our annual Christmas Pageant was held in person for the first time in two years. We continued to make Communion available after some Masses under the glass canopy to any parishioner who was not comfortable attending Mass in person.

Our Parish Council held its first in-person meeting after holding meetings only by Zoom for months. Elections for the Parish Council were held and, at our June meeting, we welcomed Tom McEvily, Yvonne Saavedra, and Richard Vera as new members of the Parish Council. We extend a big thank you to outgoing members Tom Battistoni, Augustin Lago, and Ivan Pooran for their service on the Parish Council and look forward to their continued involvement in parish activities.

Laeh Baihu, a member of our Parish Council, helped set up a social media account on Instagram in an effort to keep our young parishioners informed about parish events. Steve Amato has been taking photos at Masses and other liturgical celebrations that are shared weekly in an email blast and showcased in the weekly Bulletin. Steve has volunteered to assist our bulletin staff in compiling a digital journey of our parish's history and in preparing a photo journal of our parishioners.

Mary Ingriselli handed the reins for the Thanksgiving Food Drive to our "sister-team," Ali and Leeney McEvily. We are grateful to Mary for the many years she chaired this important social action program and we look forward to working with Ali and Leeney. Stanislaw Demczuk (Stanley) retired as our building operations manager after 39 years and we welcomed Marco Reyna.

In October 2021, Pope Francis launched The Synod on Synodality, a two-year synod process that will conclude in October 2023 in Rome. Pope Francis invited the entire Church to participate in this Synodal Process that began at the diocesan level. In this connection, our Parish asked parishioners to take part in a 20 question survey. We compiled the results of our surveys and sent a summary to the diocese to be combined with the input from other parishes. In May, parish delegates who represented St. Pius X at the Deanery Synod hosted a St. Pius X Round Table Discussion during which they presented a summary of our Parish's responses to the survey and reported on the synod they attended.

We would have had an operating deficit in excess of \$216,000 this past year but for one-time bequests and donations received during the year and rental income from The French American School, which leased our school building for six months while their building underwent repairs needed because of flooding in Mamaroneck.

We are projecting an operating deficit in excess of \$156,000 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year, notwithstanding a budgeted increase in offertory collections. Accordingly, we ask every parishioner to 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.

We ask God to continually bless our Parish and pray for world peace. May God bless you and keep you safe.



Yours truly in Christ,
Fr. Sebastian
Father Sebastian

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." – Mother Teresa, missionary

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

For as long as I can remember, I have been fascinated by the human body. As a young girl, I would follow my father, who was a primary care physician, while he was taking care of his patients. (There was no HIPPA then, and certainly not in Italy!) Once in medical school, I developed an interest in learning about diseases and how to cure them. However, nothing amazed me more than the first time I put my eyes on a microscope. I still remember how in awe I felt when I looked at tissues and cells at such high magnification and, even now, after so many years, I feel a sense of wonder when I realize the harmony of all the cells working together.



The body needs all its diverse cells. Many types of cells, like blood cells, bone, fat and muscle cells, neurons, just to mention a few, make up the human body. Not one of the millions of cells resembles the gross appearance of the larger body, and only if they work together can the human body function and be healthy. The diversity of cells and their ability to cooperate teaches us the importance of working together to flourish and achieve greater results.

Pope Francis sees synodality as essential to the life of the church. In his speech last May he proclaimed, "The church must become increasingly synodal: capable of walking together, united in harmonious diversity, where everyone can actively participate and where everyone has something to contribute."

In our parish it is wonderful to see so many people, of different ages and backgrounds and with different capabilities, offer their talents, treasures and time, and work together for the benefit of our community. Over the years, more and more ministries, projects, activities, social and spiritual events have been created and take place during the entire year to bring our parish together and to help the less fortunate around us. If you have not done so, I would encourage you to actively participate!

I have been extremely fortunate to be part of our Parish Council for many years. I have experienced firsthand the dedication of so many parishioners who get together every month and bring ideas and energy to improve our church, to expand our outreach, and to care for others.

As I write the last of my letters as president of our Parish Council and I reflect on these last two and a half years, I once again feel proud and grateful to be part of such a vibrant and engaged parish. I want to take this opportunity to thank Father Sebastian and Father Raymond for their continuous trust and support, all the church's staff for their help, and all the members of the Parish Council who have worked with me for their commitment, enthusiasm, and patience.

I am looking forward to continuing to grow.

Thank you,

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

Marina Cardillo
St Pius X Parish Council President



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

In the last fiscal year, most of our social action programs resumed with in person participation; however, adjustments were made to a couple of programs because of continuing concerns related to the pandemic. Some new social action activities were added.

Group homes were concerned about Covid so we did not hold our **Annual Luncheon for Persons with Disabilities**. In lieu thereof, our 7th and 8th grade religious education students assembled gift baskets with food for delivery to a group home. Our Midnight Runs did not resume, but we participated in two **Breakfast Runs**, one for our youth and one for everyone in the parish.

Other social action programs this year included:

- Delivering 381 turkeys with the fixings to the hungry during our **Thanksgiving Food Drive**
- Providing food to persons less fortunate through programs such as **St. Peter's/ St. Denis' Food Pantry**, **Hope Community Services** and our **Lenten Food Drive**
- Preparing, delivering and/or serving meals through **Meals on Wheels**
- Collecting toiletries and donations for **The Sharing Shelf's Teen Boutique**
- Holding our annual **Blood Drive**
- Collecting coats for our annual **Coat Drive** for St. Joseph's Church and St. Gabriel's Church in New Rochelle
- Collecting items for babies and pregnant moms at Good Counsel Home during our **May Baby Shower Drive** as well as adopting three mothers and their babies at the home
- Purchasing, wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts to needy persons at The Holy Spirit Church, St. John Bosco, Sisters of Life, Good Counsel Home and St. Patrick's Nursing Home through programs such as **Adopt-a-Family**, the **Christmas Angel Giving Tree** and the **St. Patrick's Nursing Home Christmas Wish List**
- Supplying computer tablets, traditional school supplies and backpacks for local children at My Sister's Place, The Sharing Shelf and the Church of the Sacred Heart under our **Bag 2 School Program**
- Assembling gift baskets filled with snacks, books and games for persons with developmental disabilities at **The New York Foundling**
- Assembling Easter/Spring baskets for homeless youngsters through **Lifting Up Westchester**
- Assembling care and welcome home kits for the **Thrive for Life Prison Project**
- Assisting with the cost of educating **seminarians** of the Religious Community of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)
- Making crafts for **Blythedale Children's Hospital**
- Holding **bake sales** to benefit various organizations including the Teen Boutique, the Westchester County Correctional System, Hope Community Services, and Breakfast Runs
- Sending snacks, toiletries and cards to our deployed military through **Operation Cupid**
- Organizing a fitness day for parishioners to raise funds for **Raise Your Hearts**, a compassionate bereavement care and well-being program for persons who have lost a child
- Collecting funds to support the humanitarian efforts in the **Ukraine**
- Starting **Thread for Life**, a knitting and crocheting group that makes items to donate to Good Counsel Home, Operation Gratitude (an organization that supports our military, veterans and first responders) and the Linus Project (an organization that provides handmade blankets to needy children)





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Liturgical Services

Almost all of our liturgical services resumed in person with Covid safety protocols recommended by the St. Pius X Safety Committee in place. Although the protocols did change at times during the fiscal year because of the ebb and flow of the number of Covid cases in our area, for most of the year, our committee determined that it was appropriate to permit vaccinated congregants the option of wearing a mask if seated to the right of the altar and to require all congregants to wear masks in alternating pews if seated to the left of the altar.

Liturgical services held inside the church building included: **Sunday and weekday Masses**; **widow and widowers monthly Mass**; **wedding jubilee Mass**; **multicultural Mass** on Pentecost Sunday; **Virgin of Guadalupe Mass**; **Sunday Ministry Masses** with participation by our religious education students; **Spirit Masses** for our 8th grade religious education students; **religious education closing Mass**; annual **backpack blessing**; **rosary devotion**; **blessing of expectant mothers and newborns**; **Mary's Birthday celebration**; **First Holy Communion** including our Blessing of the Children and Gold Book service and Family Sacrament Day; **Confirmation** including our Confirmation Inscription service and Family Sacrament Day; **Blessing of the Angel Tree**, **Advent**

Wreath and Manger; **Lighting of the Advent candles** and **building the manger**; **Light Up the Night** prayer service with Fr. Zach Presutti; and **Stations of the Cross** devotions.

Our first altar server in over one and one-half years, James Cosgrove, served at Mass in September; our **Choir** returned in person in late October; and our annual **Christmas Pageant** was held in person.

We held a couple of Masses outside in September and a special outdoor Mass for alumni of Notre Dame celebrated by Fr. Robert Powers. In addition, we held our annual **animal blessing**, annual **Christmas tree lighting celebration with caroling** and **Mary Under the Stars** celebration outside. One of our Christmas Eve Masses was broadcast in our parking lot so people could listen to Mass from their cars.

Many of our liturgical services also were live streamed and/or recorded for those not comfortable attending services in person. Communion was and continues to be made available after the Saturday evening Mass and on Sunday afternoon after Mass under the glass canopy to any parishioner who is not comfortable attending Mass in person. Adoration has not resumed and reconciliation has been by appointment.





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Learning and Sacramental Preparation

We welcomed 22 new families to our religious education program. All of our **religious education classes** were held in-person except our 3rd and 8th grade classes continued via Zoom. Parent meetings for our Communion students and Confirmation candidates as well as our Confirmation candidate interviews, **Bible Study** classes which focused on the Letters of St. Paul to the Galatians and Romans, and our **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults'** classes were held via Zoom.

Our First Communion children made their first confession inside the church building with safety protocols in place and were given the option to receive the Sacrament individually at weekend Masses or in three different group services inside the church building. Our Confirmation candidates attended a retreat in person at the Don Bosco Retreat Center, recited the Creed, Act of Contrition and Ten Commandments in person in the church building, and made their Confirmation in the church building with the Most Reverend Bishop Sullivan.



Community Building

We held celebrations and social gatherings in person to build community spirit including: the 1st annual outdoor **Parish Picnic** with mobile food trucks and entertainment; the 3rd annual **Trunk or Treat Halloween** event in the parking lot where our children were able to trick or treat from the trunks of decorated automobiles; a **pizza night** for our Youth Ministry group; a **wine tasting** event exploring the wines of Italy with Dean Morretta of Vintology; the St. Pius X Adult Activities Group annual **Christmas luncheon** and **St. Patrick's Day luncheon**; the annual **Brunch with Santa**; the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**; the annual **multicultural Pentecost potluck luncheon**; the annual **Volunteer and New Parishioner Reception**; the annual **luncheon for our religious education teachers, assistants and aides**; and a **Rosary Devotion Group celebration** honoring Alice Gaskin on her birthday.

The **Family Hospitality Table** after the Sunday Family Mass resumed and our **Musical Chair Yoga** participants met in person with social distancing. Maya de Jesus, a Zumba and Sweat and Swagger instructor, volunteered to lead a free **Zumba** class each week in the parish hall.



A Letter from the Finance Committee

November 7, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

The following page contains detailed information regarding our parish income and expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2022.

Our Total Regular Receipts were \$925,263, compared to \$823,514 last year, an increase of 12.4%.

Our Total Ordinary Expenses were \$1,111,981, compared to \$1,026,764 last year, an increase of 8.3%.

Our Total Revenue (consisting of Regular Receipts, Extraordinary Income and Capital Campaign Revenue) was \$1,383,361. Our Total Expenses (Ordinary Expenses plus Extraordinary Expenses) was \$1,141,285. The surplus of \$242,076 was added to our reserves and consisted of collections of capital campaign pledges and one-time donations and bequests.

Our Total Expenses (\$1,141,285) exceeded our Total Regular Receipts (\$925,263) by \$216,022. The deficit was funded by a portion of our Extraordinary Income, consisting of \$106,667 of rental income from The French American School (which leased our school building for six months while their building was being repaired) and \$109,355 of one-time donations and bequests.

We invite you to read our Comparative Statement of Income & Expenses for Fiscal Years ending August 31, 2022 and 2021 for a breakdown of our Regular Receipts and other revenue and our ordinary and extraordinary expenses.

Based on the budget we submitted to the Archdiocese, we are projecting that our Total Expenses will exceed our Regular Receipts by \$156,008 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023, notwithstanding budgeted increases in offertory collections. Over the last several years, in the absence of rental income from our school building, we have used one-time donations and bequests and collections of pledges from our capital campaigns to fund our expenses. As of October 31, 2022, the remaining uncollected capital campaign pledges amounted to \$ 15,000. Accordingly, absent rental income or other revenue sufficient to cover any deficit, we will need to fund the deficit from the parish's reserves.

Thank you for your support.

Finance Committee Members:

Denis Andreuzzi
Michael Cosgrove
Kathi Fredella
Blaise Fredella
Mark Fitzimmons

Trustees:

Nicholas Brusco
Kathy Cripps

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, 2022 AND 2021

REVENUES COLLECTED	2022	2021	DISBURSEMENTS PAID	2022	2021
REGULAR RECEIPTS			CHURCH & RECTORY EXPENSES		
Sunday & Holy Days	586,698	470,568	Clergy Remuneration & Benefits	152,213	134,623
Holiday Collections	236,068	254,592	House Maintenance	61,411	43,527
Votive Shrines & Candles	10,082	3,072	Salaries & Employee Benefits	346,544	345,753
Tuition Collected	59,315	62,752	Church Exp's (Music, Books, etc.)	66,763	47,536
Fundraiser	4,345	6,710	Utilities, Tel., Water, Other	67,721	56,951
Interest & Other Income	28,755	25,820	Maintenance, Contracts, etc.	74,915	60,767
			Insurance & Pension	74,700	71,059
			Office Expenses	35,645	31,754
			RELIGIOUS ED. EXPENSES		
			Salaries, Social Security	81,517	69,426
			Religious Ed. Expenses	17,402	7,196
			ARCHDIOCESAN CATHEDRATICUM		
			Church Tax Assessment	61,773	86,795
			Global Regional School Sys.Assess.	71,377	71,377
TOTAL REGULAR RECEIPTS	925,263	823,514	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	1,111,981	1,026,764
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME			EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		
Donations & Bequests	213,876	18,160	Charitable Contributions	11,270	2,444
Rental Income	106,667	-	Program & Development	18,034	6,275
			Furniture & Improvements	-	19,659
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	320,543	18,160	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	29,304	28,378
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS			CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS		
Renovation Campaigns	87,503	146,127	Building Improvements	-	-
Renew + Rebuild Campaign	50,052	87,190			
TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUE	137,555	233,317	TOTALS	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	1,383,361	1,074,991	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,141,285	1,055,142
			2022	2021	
TOTAL REVENUE OVER TOTAL EXPENSES			242,076	19,839	
REALIZED & UNREALIZED GAINS OR (LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS			(169,104)	288,546	

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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