ANNUAL REPORT Church of St. Pius X

September 2023 through August 2024



to Renew All Things In Christ

Church of St. Dius X

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November 2024

Dear Parishioners:

In reflecting upon the past year, my heart overflows with gratitude for our parish community's many blessings over the course of its 70 year history and your unwavering support, love and dedication. Your willingness to share your time, talents and treasures enhances the vibrancy of our parish! This past year, 64 new families registered with our parish and 69 new students joined our religious education program. Numerous caring volunteers joined together to assist the needy through our many outreach programs.



The many contributions to our continuing campaign to fund parish capital projects allowed us to replace our school's dual air conditioning and heating systems; inspect and repair our fire and carbon monoxide detectors, smoke beam detectors and fire alarm pulls; replace portions of fencing around the field and add bollards to protect the fencing; upgrade the main church's sound system; replace projector lamps; and secure defibrillators. Although we did not reach our goal, more parishioners participated in the annual Cardinal's Appeal and the average gift per parishioner increased.

We held our first Lunar Festival, bid farewell to Fr. Raymond, welcomed Fr. Rocky, celebrated my 30 years of priesthood, hosted the Southern Westchester Regional Meeting for Youth Faith Formation and Religious Education Directors and Coordinators, hosted the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and held Religious Education summer classes for the first time. We also conducted safety lockdown drills for our Religious Education students with the guidance of local law enforcement.

We enjoyed our annual Volunteers and New Parishioners Reception in February where we gave Light of the World awards to Tom Battistoni and Emilia Rodriguez, Ann and Peter (posthumous) Cervoni, Sylvia and Gregory (posthumous) DeSousa and Manny and Martha Neiro for their service to the parish over the years. We also honored Marina Cardillo, Kathy Cripps, Patti Gordon and Debra Lupardo with Salt of the Earth service awards. We welcomed Jim Bruni, Christina Colagrande, Anthony Fiorenza, James Koume, Billy Lacerenza, and Kelly Myers to the Parish Council. We bid farewell to retiring Parish Council members Katherine Berthod, Ryan Berthod, Jim Briggs, and Renee Latore. We look forward to their continuing participation in our parish.

The parish had an operating deficit of \$307,448 this past year that was funded from one-time bequests and donations, other extraordinary income, the renovation, repair and maintenance campaign, and \$49,915 from the parish's reserves. In the past, we have been able to fund operating deficits from the school rental, one-time donations and bequests and collection of pledges from our capital campaigns without utilizing reserves.

We are projecting an operational deficit of \$164,148 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, notwithstanding a budgeted increase in offertory collections. It is not fiscally prudent to fund operating deficits from reserves, so we ask each parishioner to prayerfully consider making an increased financial commitment to our parish according to his/her means so we are able to continue the good works and spiritual community we have become.

Your continuing commitment to the Church of St. Pius inspires me as your shepherd. As we begin our 71st year, we ask God to bless our parish and to help us live up to our Mission Statement to be a welcoming and teaching community.

Yours truly in Christ,

Father Sebastian

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Dear Parishioners,

I am filled with gratitude and humility for the many blessings our parish community has shared throughout the past fiscal year. Together, we have navigated many joys, challenges, sorrows and opportunities for growth, always grounded in our shared faith and commitment to serving God and one another. I am inspired by the ways our parish has come together—whether through worship, service, or fellowship—to strengthen our bonds and deepen our spiritual journey.



The dedication of our pastor, Father Sebastian, in shepherding our parish through this season of faith and service, is central to our spiritual life, worship and opportunities for deeper connections within our community. This year, we welcomed Fr. Rocky to our parish as our new Parochial Vicar. His seamless transition into our community and his dedication to serving alongside us have been a blessing. Fr. Rocky has brought new energy and perspective to our parish, and we are grateful for his presence among us. At the same time, I know many of us, myself included, continue to miss Fr. Raymond and the special bond we shared during his time here. His impact on our parish remains in our hearts, and we carry forward the lessons and love he shared with us.

Serving as your Parish Council President this past year has been both a privilege and a profound learning experience. I admit that the role has come with its share of challenges but my faith and our incredible parish community have been my constant source of strength. The moments spent in worship, service, and fellowship with all of you have reminded me of why I felt called to serve: to contribute to the vibrant and faith-filled heart of this parish.

I would like to extend a special thank-you to Marina Cardillo for her unwavering support, guidance, and mentorship throughout this past year. Her friendship has been a true blessing, and I am especially grateful for the care she shows-not just through her wisdom, but also through the many meals she has lovingly shared with me. Marina, your kindness and generosity mean more than words can express.

As always, I am blessed and grateful to be part of such a welcoming and open parish. It is a true privilege to serve alongside all of you and to witness the love and faith that make our community so special. As you read through this Annual Report, I hope you gain a deeper appreciation for everything that makes our parish such a unique and vibrant community. I encourage you to share this experience with your family and friends and invite them to join us and become part of something truly extraordinary.

If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to pull me aside at Mass or send me an email. We welcome feedback and suggestions so we can improve.

With my most sincere thanks,

Laeh Yang-DiPietro parishcouncil@spxny.org

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Hebrews 13:16)

Children's Social Action Activities

An important component of our Religious Education Program involves teaching our children the importance of helping others less fortunate. During the past year, our students participated in various service projects which included: donating money to Operation Rice Bowl; hosting bake sales to support various charitable organizations such as Lifting Up Westchester by filling Easter/Spring baskets with goodies for the homeless children, St. Bartholomew's Soup Kitchen by decorating bags and filling them with socks and undergarments for the homeless, and Westchester County Department of Corrections in Valhalla by purchasing softbound Spanish and English Bibles for inmates; collecting unwanted Halloween candy and preparing and delivering brown bag lunches to the homeless at HOPE Community Center; purchasing snacks, gift cards and activity items for baskets to be delivered to "adopted" residences at The New York Foundling; participating in the parish's Adopt-a-Family Christmas outreach for new mothers and their babies at Good Counsel Homes; packing Angel Tree gifts for delivery to various organizations; commencing a jeans donation drive for the needy; donating snacks, toiletries and sundries and preparing cards for our deployed military as part of Operation Cupid – United for Troops; providing candy and stuffing the eggs with candy for our Parish's annual Easter Egg hunt; coloring thank you cards, assembling baskets filled with candy and delivering them to our local police; and donating food to our Lenten Food Drive.



Social Action (continued)

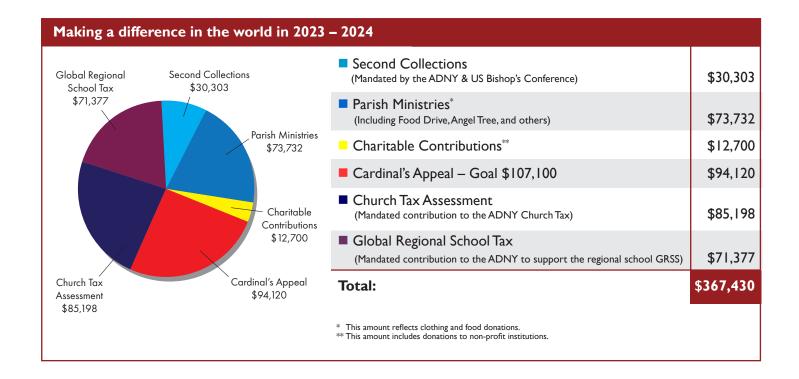
Youth Ministry Social Action

The St. Pius X Youth Ministry for high school students, grades 9-12, endeavors to help them grow in their faith and spiritual lives by providing an array of group community service projects. During the year, our teens sorted clothing for the Sharing Shelf's Teen Boutique and our parish's Baby Shower Drive; helped with set-up for our parish's Trunk or Treat and Light Up the Night events; helped to pack cars for our Thanksgiving Food Drive; made spring planters with residents of The New York Foundling; prepared, delivered and served meals at HOPE Community Center; and participated in the Interfaith Project, Martin Luther King Day of Service JCCMW Blizzard Box Packing, by packing non-perishable meals, called blizzard boxes, for food insecure community members. Our youth also created Halloween and Valentine's Day themed crafts for patients at Blythedale Children's Hospital and participated in a St. Patrick's Day activity with adults at The New York Foundling.

Adult/Family Social Action

This past year, our adult parishioners engaged in numerous social action activities including, among others, donating to various charitable organizations such as the Emergency Fund for the War in Israel, Missionary Church in the Philippines and Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land; delivering 395 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 and our Lenten Food Drive; holding our semi-annual Blood Drive; collecting coats for our annual Coat Drive for parishes in Port Chester; collecting items for babies and pregnant moms through our Baby Shower Drive for Good Counsel Homes and the Sharing Shelf; purchasing, wrapping and delivering Christmas gifts to needy persons at the Holy Spirit Church, Don Bosco Church, Sisters of Life, Good Counsel Homes 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 Holy Spirit Church 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); and knitting and crocheting items to donate to Good Counsel Homes, Operation Gratitude (an organization that supports our military, veterans and first responders), the Linus Project (an organization that supports needy children) and the Sharing Shelf through our Thread for Life ministry.







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 (See ONLINE GIVING below) 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.

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, click on We Share: Give to St. Pius X on our homepage at http://saintpiusxchurch.com or scan the QR code 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 pastor@spxny.org.

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

Our Mission Statement:

Saint Pius X Parish strives to be a welcoming and teaching community led by the Holy Spirit that joyously celebrates the Mass and Sacraments, lives the good news of the gospel in its actions and programs, and encourages an ever deepening imitation of Christ.



Liturgical Services

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
(Matthew 18:20)

Liturgical Services for Children

Each month throughout the school year, one of the 10:30 am Family Masses was designated a Ministry Mass for a specified grade in our Religious Education Program. At these Masses, our students were active participants in the Mass as greeters, readers and presenters of the Gifts. We held our Annual Backpack Blessing at a Family Mass 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. Our second graders received their Gold Books at a Mass of Blessing in preparation for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and attended a Family Sacrament Day. Our eighth grade Confirmation candidates came together at their Inscription Service to commit to do what was necessary to become Christian adults and attended a Family Sacrament Day and a Spirit Mass. Our first through fourth grade religious education students practiced for our annual Christmas pageant and presented the pageant to the parish one Sunday after the Family Mass. During Lent, our students participated in a devotion to the Stations of the Cross and processed to the altar on Palm Sunday. Our children participated in a Multicultural Mass with a Parade of Nations on Pentecost Sunday. In May, our children were invited to bring a flower offering to the statue of Mary and to crown Mary. Under the direction of James Walton, our parish formed a Children's Choir for students in kindergarten through eighth grade to sing at select Sunday Family Masses. Our students were given the opportunity to go to confession during Advent and Lent.



Liturgical Services (continued)

Liturgical Services for Youth and Adults

Liturgical services this past year included: monthly Birthday Blessings; Blessing of the Parish Council Mass; Catechetical Sunday to commission our religious education catechists; Blessing of the Animals to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi; Grandparent's Day blessing; widows and widowers monthly Masses; Wedding Jubilee Mass where couples renewed their marriage vows; Parade of Nations at our multicultural Mass on Pentecost Sunday with parishioners reading a Prayer of the Faithful in their own native tongue; Virgin of Guadalupe Mass with a procession carrying a portrait of the Virgin, roses and candles; St. Phoebe's Mass in honor and celebration of women in ministry; blessing of expectant mothers and newborns; semi-annual Communal Anointing of the Sick Mass; rosary devotions; Mary's Birthday celebration; Mary Under the Stars celebration; Blessing of the Angel Tree, Lighting the Advent Wreath; Building the Manger; outdoor Christmas Tree lighting celebration with caroling; Light Up the Night prayer service with Fr. Gabriel; Stations of the Cross devotions; and Triduum Rituals including washing of the feet, Tenebrae and Waters of Baptism. Our Festival Choir under the direction of our Cantor, David Schmidt, performed during Christmas liturgies and Holy Week and a brass quartet played on Easter Sunday.



Learning and Sacramental Preparation

"For whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

(Romans 15:4)

Education	
Religious Education enrollment	
Grades 1-8	240
New students	69
New families in RE	34
Bible Study participants	5
RCIA participants	4
	Religious Education enrollment Grades 1-8 New students New families in RE Bible Study participants

The Sacraments

Our parish welcomed 33 new members, 1 adult and 32 infants into our community through Baptism in the past year. We prepared 8 couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony and united them in marriage.

In May, 45 second graders in our Religious Education Program made their First Reconciliation and received their First Holy Communion and 28 teens received the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their commissioning as adults in our church at a Confirmation Liturgy with Bishop Dennis Sullivan. As part of their preparation to receive Confirmation, our eighth graders also attended a retreat at The Center at Mariandale. One adult was baptized, received his First Holy Communion and was confirmed on Holy Saturday.

Scripture Study

This past year, our Adult Faith Formation Program explored the Sunday Gospels of St. Thomas Aquinas for an hour on Thursday evenings under the direction of Charles Junjulas, via Zoom.

Speaker Series

In September, parishioners gathered to listen to Fr. James Martin, SJ speak about "Building Bridges: Reaching Out to LGBTQ+ Catholics." In January, the parish presented the Eucharistic Miracle of the World Exhibition, which showcased the work of Carlo Acutis who cataloged every reported Eucharistic miracle prior to his death, along with a video on Acutis' life presented by Augustin Lago and a talk by Sabrina Ferrisi, a reporter with the National Catholic Register who researched Acutis' life.

Retreats

In September, our parish hosted a Women's Retreat, "Fall in Love with Jesus," for women to step away from their daily routines and engage in self-reflection, spiritual renewal and collective worship. In February, some female parishioners attended a retreat at the Capuchin Family Ministries on "Women of Waters – Healing and Hope." In addition, in February, some male parishioners attended a retreat at the Don Bosco Retreat Center on Faith and Courage in a Troubled World and some attended a Eucharistic Retreat at the Capuchin Family Ministries to reflect on the truth of Christ's real presence in the Blessed Sacrament.



"A friend is a friend at all times...." (Proverbs 17:17)

Children's/Family Activities

Our parish strives to include children in our parish family by organizing fun events for them. This year, activities with our children included: our annual Family Picnic with pizza, burgers, ice cream, face painting and a bounce house; Brunch with Santa; Trunk or Treat; Easter Egg Hunt; our annual First Communion family reception; our weekly Family Hospitality Table after the Sunday Family Masses; our first annual Lunar Festival celebrated in Asian cultures in recognition of the first new moon of the lunar calendar that included a farewell reception for Fr. Raymond; and our multicultural Pentecost potluck luncheon.

As part of our Concerts @ SPX, our parishioners, their friends and community members enjoyed an Afternoon of String Quartets with Juilliard trained musicians; a Lenten Reflection Organ Recital with Rapheal Vogle of Juilliard; an Eastertide Organ Recital with Dr. Jennifer Pascual, the director of music and organist at St. Patrick's Cathedral; and a Schubert Mass in G to celebrate the beauty of the Eucharist with the St. Pius X Festival Choir, professional soloists and a professional orchestra.

Adult Activities

Our parish welcomes all adult parishioners to participate in activities. This past year, adults enjoyed Musical Chair Yoga; Zumba; our annual Christmas and St. Patrick's Day luncheons; dinners and an afternoon tea recognizing our Religious Education Teachers, Assistants and Hall Monitors; our annual Volunteers and New Parishioner Reception; a hands on flower arranging workshop; monthly Masses followed by social gatherings for our widows and widowers and a Seasons of Hope series for those mourning.



























A Letter from the Finance Committee

November 2024

Dear Parishioners,

The following page contains detailed information regarding our parish income and expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024.

Our Total Regular Receipts were \$1,164,697, compared to \$1,081,196 last year, an increase of 7.8%.

Our Total Ordinary Expenses were \$1,290,600, compared to \$1,240,812 last year, an increase of 4.1%.

Our Total Revenue (consisting of Regular Receipts, Extraordinary Income and Capital Campaign Revenue) was \$1,422,230. Our Total Expenses (Ordinary Expenses, Extraordinary Expenses and Capital Expenses) was \$1,472,145. The deficit of \$49,915 was funded by our reserves.

Our Total Expenses (\$1,472,145) exceeded our Total Regular Receipts (\$1,164,697) by \$307,448.00. The deficit was funded by our Extraordinary Income (\$57,675), Capital Campaign Revenue (\$199,858) and our reserves (\$49,915).

We invite you to read our Comparative Statement of Income & Expenses for Fiscal Years ending August 31, 2024 and 2023 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 \$164,148 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025, 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, however, this year, it was necessary to fund a portion of the deficit from the parish's reserves. In the absence of rental income or other revenue sufficient to cover any deficit, we will need to seek increased annual collections to avoid utilizing the parish's reserves on an ongoing basis.

Thank you for your support.

Finance Committee Members: Trustees:

Denis Andreuzzi Michael Cosgrove Mark Fitzsimmons Blaise Fredella Kathi Fredella Nicholas Brusco Kathy Cripps

CHURCH OF SAINT PIUS X COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING AUGUST 31, 2023 AND 2024

REVENUES COLLECTED	2024	2023	DISBURSEMENTS PAID	2024	2023
REGULAR RECEIPTS			CHURCH & RECTORY EXPENSES		
Sunday & Holy Days	633,468	548,576	Clergy Remuneration & Benefits	166,247	149,658
Holiday Collections	311,896	367,216	House Maintenance	39,388	45,018
Votive Shrines & Candles	8,490	7,347	Salaries & Employee Benefits	333,435	350,707
Tuition Collected	101,574	67,776	Church Exp's (Music, Books, etc.)	47,983	52,105
Fundraiser	18,815	17,555	Utilities, Tel., Water, Other	87,474	95,960
Interest & Other Income	37,241	57,743	Maintenance, Contracts, etc.	126,983	86,070
Other Religious Education income	15,860	14,983	Insurance & Pension	79,843	66,589
Perquisites & Poor Box	37,353	-	Office Expenses	87,597	66,323
			Other Expense	10,178	17,281
			RELIGIOUS ED. EXPENSES		
			Salaries, Social Security	109,540	95,423
			Religious Ed. Expenses	45,357	42,053
			ARCHDIOCESAN CATHEDRATICU	M	
			Church Tax Assessment	85,198	102,248
			Global Regional School Sys. Assess.	71,377	71,377
TOTAL REGULAR RECEIPTS	1,164,697	1,081,196	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	1,290,600	1,240,812
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME Donations & Bequests Rental Income	53,800 -	49,667	EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES Charitable Contributions Program & Development	12,700 77,761	10,500 24,230
Other Extraordinary Income	3,875	74,234	Furniture & Improvements	-	16,660
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	57,675	123,901	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	90,461	51,390
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS Renovation, Repair &			CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS		
Maintenance Campaigns	199,858	134,841	Building Improvements	91,084	54,616
Renew + Rebuild Campaign	-	7,325		,	- 1,010
TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENU	E 199,858	142,166	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	91,084	54,616
TOTAL REVENUE	1,422,230	1,347,263	TOTAL EXPENSES	1,472,145	1,346,818
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Questions regarding the Financial Report?
Contact: Blaise Fredella CPA, finance@spxny.org

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 at www.spxny.org.

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





If you have any questions or comments about our Annual Report, please contact:

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