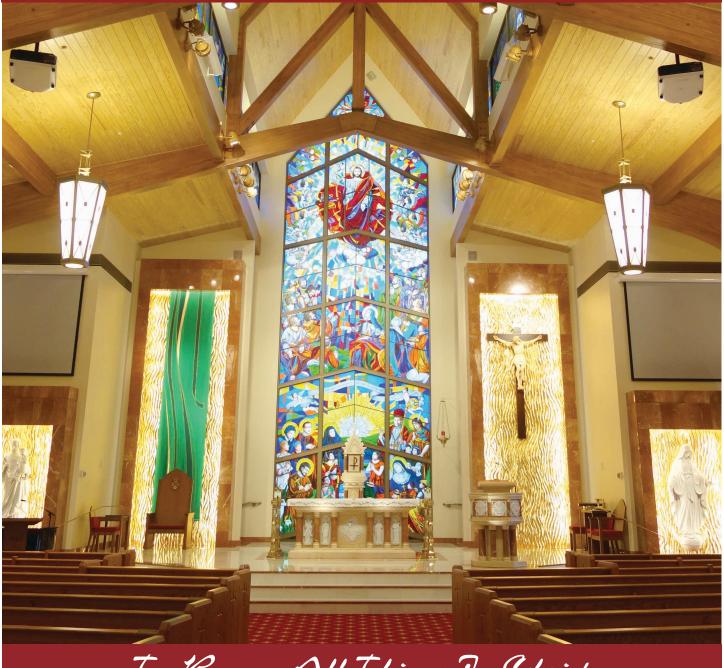
# ANNUAL REPORT Church of St. Pius X

September 2024 through August 2025



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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November 2025

# Dear Parishioners:

Our parish is a thriving community of faithful individuals dedicated to sharing their time, talent and treasures with their fellow brothers and sisters. I am awed by the numerous compassionate individuals who donate countless hours to make our parish the community it has become.

This past year, we welcomed 59 new families to our parish and 43 new families to our Religious Education Program. Caring volunteers joined together to assist unwed expectant mothers, the working poor, prison inmates, the elderly and the disabled. My Sister's Place honored our parish with a Community Partner's Award.

Our Safety Committee composed of Anthony Fiorenza, Michael Cosgrove, and Frank Scinicariello assessed safety procedures in our parish and coordinated with the Scarsdale police and fire departments to formulate emergency plans. We purchased two defibrillators for emergency use and replaced the lighting and projectors in the main Church.

Our parish introduced a SmugMug page where pictures of events and special occasions are posted weekly. Our new Men's Ministry hosted a fish fry and a Life Skills Workshop. We celebrated Fr. Rocky's birthday and Alice Gaskin's 100th birthday. Our Concerts@SPX program hosted concerts featuring hymns dedicated to the Blessed Mother in memory of the late Margaret Cardillo and deceased SPX choir members and an afternoon of woodwind chamber music. We welcomed a new children's choir director, Kathleen Marino.

At our annual Volunteers and New Parishioners Reception, we gave Light of the World recognitions to Lucille Filardo, Al Naclerio, Carol and Felix Petrillo, and Beth Rosen for their service to the parish over the years. We also honored Aurelie Ferrara, Maria Pick, Marie and Frank Scinicariello, and Ester Wintergerst with Salt of the Earth service recognitions. The Parish Council welcomed Ann Marie Beck, Laurel Durkay, Monique Greenberg, Naju (Tony) Mancheril, and Wendy Synan and bid farewell to retiring members Maria Bediako, Jim Bruni, Marie-Helene McAndrew, Linda Puoplo, and Frank Scinicariello. We look forward to their continuing participation in our parish.

This past year, the parish had an operating surplus of \$7,245. Our Total Revenue exceeded our Total Expenses by \$132,436 as a result of the receipt of renovation, repair and maintenance pledges of \$150,822. Essentially all of these pledges have been paid in full and therefore we no longer will be receiving revenue from this source. The excess was added to our reserves.

We are projecting an operational deficit of \$150,456 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. If our expenses exceed our regular revenue in the current fiscal year, it may be necessary to fund a portion of the deficit from one-time donations and bequests and the parish's reserves (as has been done in the recent past) unless there are increased annual collections. Accordingly, we ask each parishioner to prayerfully consider increasing his/her financial commitment to our parish so we can continue our good works.

Your continuing commitment to the Church of St. Pius X inspires me as your shepherd. As we begin our 72nd 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,

This will be my last letter to you as President of the Parish Council. As I reflect on these past years, I find myself in awe of how quickly the time has passed. Serving in this role has provided me with lessons, blessings, and moments of deep humility... often in ways I did not expect. It has been a privilege to walk with you as a leader. It has given me a deeper appreciation for our parish and all those who make this community so special. I look forward to participating in our parish in new ways.



As I look back on all that our parish has accomplished, and as we look ahead to the years to come, I am reminded of how profoundly we rely on one another, the people who work tirelessly for this parish and the many volunteers who give so much of themselves. We truly would not be as blessed without their dedication. My prayer is that we continue to show one another grace and gratitude, remembering that even Jesus, in the Garden, asked God to remove His cross. I often imagine how many times He must have wished simply to be a man rather than the Son of God. That reminder calls me to see others with more compassion, and I hope it will inspire the same in all of us.

This parish has always been, and continues to be, a special place. Newcomers, travelers, friends, and family all seem to echo the same sentiment when they join us at St. Pius. They immediately feel the warmth, the welcome, and the sincere faith of this community. This is a rare gift and one we should never take for granted.

We are incredibly fortunate to have Father Sebastian, whose steadfast leadership continues to guide our parish with wisdom and devotion. His example of service strengthens our spiritual life in countless ways. We are equally blessed by Father Rocky, who so seamlessly has become part of our parish family. His energy, compassion, and joyful presence enrich our community, and we are grateful to journey in faith with him.

We rely heavily on the generosity of our parishioners for all the ways our parish continues to grow spiritually, communally, and pastorally. If you are able, I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting St. Pius financially so that our mission and ministries may continue to thrive. In any event, I urge you to speak about St. Pius to others, share our events or messages on social media, or simply extend an invitation to someone searching for a spiritual home. Helping others discover the love found here is one of the greatest gifts you can give.

I leave this role with a full heart and immense gratitude. This parish has taught me so much about faith, perseverance, and community. Thank you for trusting me, supporting me, and allowing me the opportunity to serve.

With my most sincere thanks,

Laeh Yang-DiPietro parishcouncil@spxny.org

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"Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but [also] everyone for those of others."

(Philippians 2:3-4)

### **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, the Westchester County Department of Corrections by purchasing soft covered Bibles for inmates, and **St. Bartholomew's Soup Kitchen** by distributing socks, jeans, hats, gloves, and undergarments to the homeless; collecting unwanted Halloween candy for Santa's Brunch, thank you baskets for local firemen, the Easter Egg Hunt and the homeless at St. Bartholomew's Soup Kitchen; decorating place mats and bags and filling the bags with lunches for the homeless at **HOPE Community Center**; distributing food to the hungry at **St. Peter's/St. Denis' Food Pantry**; entertaining residents of **St. Cabrini Nursing Home** by singing Christmas Carols and assisting with BINGO; packing gifts from our **Angel Giving Tree**; serving the homeless at St. Bartholomew's Soup Kitchen; making valentines for, and delivering chocolates and flowers to, **St. Pius X elderly parishioners**; donating snacks, toiletries and sundries and preparing cards for our deployed military as part of **Operation Cupid – United for the Troops**; assisting guests at our parish's **Annual Luncheon for People with Differing Abilities**; 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 helped with the Parish's Easter Egg Hunt; delivered gifts and visited with homebound parishioners during the Christmas season; assisted with the book sale during the Holiday Craft Fair and Market; and sorted turkeys and packed cars in connection with our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.

## **Adult/Family Social Action**

In September, we held our annual Stewardship Weekend open house in the Narthex so our parishioners could learn how to become involved in our parish to help others less fortunate. This past year, our adult parishioners engaged in numerous social action activities including, among others: donating to various charitable organizations such as the Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts, Catholic Relief Services, St. Joseph's Seminary, Retirement Fund for Religious and Missionary Church in the Philippines; delivering 488 turkeys and 3 chickens 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, 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 and for Filipino children in Fr. Raymond's religious education class 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. In addition, we hosted our first annual Holiday Craft Fair and Market where vendors sold crafts, creations, services and non-homemade items to benefit the St. Pius X Music Ministry. The Market included a book sale with the proceeds used to purchase literacy workbooks for mothers in the Good Counsel Home. Finally, some members of our SPX Respect Life Team participated in Walk with us to Prevent Suicide to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



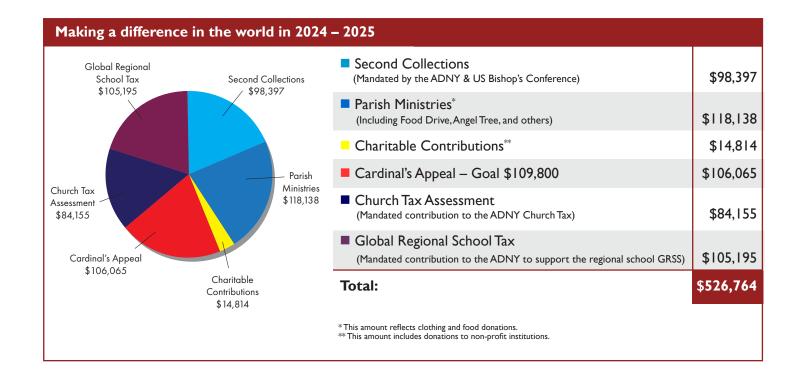














Our parish's ability to continue to support and expand the good works and spiritual community we have become is dependent on our ability to cover the expenses associated with the operation of our parish, which includes our

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 make 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 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.

"Praise the Lord for he is good; for his mercy endures forever..."
(Psalms 136:1)

# **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. 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 Kathleen Marino, our Children's Choir for students in kindergarten through eighth grade sang 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 and Commissioning 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; Mass for alumni of Notre Dame University; 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; Reconciliation Mondays before Christmas and Easter; Light Up the Night prayer service with Sr. Susan McCarthy; 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 with a string quartet and throughout Holy Week.



# Learning and Sacramental Preparation

"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work."

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

The Sacraments	Education	
Baptisms (infants (47) and adults (4))51	Religious Education enrollment	
First Reconciliations & First Holy Communions	Grades K-8	272
(children (70) and adults (4))74	New students	53
Confirmations (teens (26) and adults (6))32	New families in RE	43
Marriages7	Bible Study participants	
Communal Anointing of the Sick300	OCIA participants	

### **The Sacraments**

Our parish welcomed 51 new members, 4 adults and 47 infants into our community through Baptism in the past year. We prepared 7 couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony and united them in marriage.

In May, 70 second graders in our Religious Education Program made their First Reconciliation and received their First Holy Communion and 26 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. On Holy Saturday, four adults were baptized, made their First Reconciliation and received First Holy Communion and six adults were confirmed.

# **Scripture Study**

This past year, our Adult Faith Formation Program explored what it means to be chosen by Jesus in the Chosen Series Bible Study for an hour on Thursday evenings under the direction of Charles Junjulas, via Zoom.

# **Speaker Series**

In September, parishioners gathered to listen to Natalia M. Imperatore-Lee speak about Women in Today's Church: Pathways to Full Discipleship.

# **Special Exhibition**

The Eucharistic Miracle of the World Exhibition, which showcases the work of Carlo Acutis who cataloged every reported Eucharistic miracle prior to his death, which was scheduled to coincide with his canonization was postponed in light of Pope Francis' death.

### Retreats

In November, our parish hosted "Seasons of Change Spiritual Women's Retreat" for women to engage in fellowship, self-reflection, meditation and prayer.















"How good and how pleasant it is, when brothers dwell together as one." (Psalms 133:1)

## 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, a bounce house, bocce ball and yard games; **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; our multi-cultural **Pentecost potluck luncheon** and a birthday lunch for Fr. Rocky.

As part of our Concerts@SPX, our parishioners, their friends and community members enjoyed West Side Winds, an afternoon of woodwind chamber music with a quartet of professional musicians, and Songs of Mary, an afternoon of hymns dedicated to the Blessed Mother sponsored by Ron Cardillo, in memory of his late wife, Margaret, and all deceased members of the St. Pius X Choir.

### **Adult Activities**

Our parish welcomes all adult parishioners to participate in activities. This past year, adults participated in 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; an evening of wine tasting; hands on flower arranging workshops; monthly Masses followed by social gatherings for our widows and widowers; a 100th birthday celebration for Alice Gaskin; a year end dinner for St. Pius X Choir members; and two sessions of our Bereavement Support Group for those mourning. In addition, our new Men's Ministry hosted a Friday fish fry and a life skills workshop.





# A Letter from the Finance Committee

November 2025

Dear Parishioners,

The following page contains detailed information regarding our parish income and expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025.

Our Total Regular Receipts were \$1,290,464, compared to \$1,164,697 last year, an increase of 10.8%.

Our Total Ordinary Expenses were \$1,283,219, compared to \$1,290,603 last year, a 0.57% decrease.

Our Total Regular Receipts of \$1,290,464 exceeded our Total Ordinary Expenses of \$1,283,219 by \$7,245.

Our Total Revenue (consisting of \$1,290,464 of Regular Receipts, \$68,156 of Extraordinary Income and \$150,822 of Capital Campaign Revenue) was \$1.509,442. Our Total Expenses (consisting of \$1,283,219 of Ordinary Expenses, \$70,142 of Extraordinary Expenses and \$23,645 of Capital Expenses) was \$1,377,006. This resulted in excess income over expenses of \$132,436 which was added to our reserves. However, essentially all Campaign pledges have been paid in full and we, therefore, no longer will be receiving revenue from that source.

We invite you to read our Comparative Statement of Income & Expenses for Fiscal Years ending August 31, 2025 and 2024 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 our Total Expenses will exceed our Regular Receipts by \$150,456 for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, notwithstanding budgeted increases in offertory collections. For the current fiscal year ending August 31, 2026, if our expenses exceed our revenue, it may be necessary to fund a portion of the deficit from one-time donations and bequests and the parish's reserves as has been done in the recent past unless there are increased annual collections.

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, 2024 AND 2025

REVENUES COLLECTED	2025	2024	DISBURSEMENTS PAID	2025	2024
REGULAR RECEIPTS			CHURCH & RECTORY EXPENSES		
Sunday & Holy Days	701,933	633,468	Clergy Remuneration & Benefits	160,302	166,247
Holiday Collections	311,298	311,896	House Maintenance	40,458	39,388
Votive Shrines & Candles	10,002	8,490	Salaries & Employee Benefits	303,314	333,435
Tuition Collected	100,827	101,574	Church Expenses (Music, Books, etc)	41,145	47,983
Fundraiser	26,823	18,815	Utilities, Water, Other	91,341	87,474
Interest & Dividends	66,126	37,241	Maintenance, Contracts, etc.	100,318	126,983
Other Religious Education Income		15,860	Insurance & Pension	68,564	79,843
Perquisites & Poor Box	53,204	37,353	Office Expenses	114,689	87,600
		Other Expense	22,140	10,178	
			RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EXPENSES		
			Salaries, Social Security	103,598	109,540
			Religious Ed. Expenses	48,001	45,357
		ARCHDIOCESAN CATHEDRATICU	М		
		Church Tax Assessment	84,155	85,198	
			Global Regional School Sys. Assessment	105,194	71,377
TOTAL REGULAR RECEIPTS	1,290,464	1,164,697	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENSES	1,283,219	1,290,603
EXTRAORDINARY INCOME			EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES		
Donations & Bequests	63,472	53,800	Charitable Contributions	14,814	12,700
Other Extraordinary Income	4,684	3,875	Program & Development	55,328	77,761
TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	68,156	57,675	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	70,142	90,461
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS			CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS		
Renovation, Repair	150.000	100.050	D. H.F L /D	22.45	01.004
& Maintenance Campaigns	150,822	199,858	Building Improvements (Donor Wall)	23,645	91,084
TOTAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REVENUE	E 150,822	199,858	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSES	23,645	91,084
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			2025 2024		
TOTAL REVENUE OVER TOTAL E	XPENSES		132,436 (49,918)		

461,480\*

175,337

Questions regarding the Financial Report? Contact: Blaise Fredella, CPA, finance@spxny.org

UNREALIZED\* & REALIZED GAINS ON INVESTMENTS

<sup>\*\$333,998</sup> of this total consists of Unrealized Gains subject to downward movements of the financial markets.

# 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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Kathy Cripps (Trustee) trustee@spxny.org

Laeh Yang-DiPietro (Parish Council President) parishcouncil@spxny.org

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