

# ST. ANN PARISH

## What's Been Happening?



Holy Family School celebrated 100 years, 1922-2022, as a theme for Catholic Schools Week! The week was packed with Mass, Dancing Through the Decades, Panther Olympics, Grandparents Day, the traditional blue vs red Academic Challenge, and much more!



It is with sadness, we say good-bye to Sacred Heart Church. The Archbishop has approved the relegation of the church building from sacred to profane but not sordid use. This took effect January 23, 2023, which means that the building will no longer be used as a Catholic church. The religious articles within the church will be sold for reuse at other Catholic churches.

At this time, negotiations have begun with Ann's Heart for the purchase of the entire Sacred Heart property, comprised of the former church, rectory, convent, and school. The community-focused non-profit work of Ann's Heart, Alianzas, and A Baby's Breath can continue, with a sense of security, to serve those in need in Phoenixville.



Throughout January and into February, 48 of our young parishioners experienced Reconciliation with God through Confession for the first time. We offer our congratulations to them and pray for them as they take the next steps in preparation for their First Communion. See the bulletin for a complete list of names.

Gracie M. and Fr. News

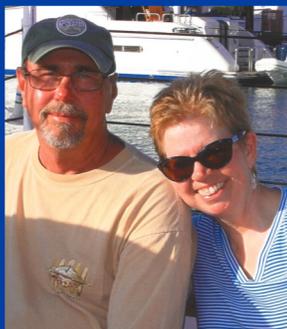


Pew banners made at retreat while learning about Jesus being The Good Shepherd

Harrison U. and Fr. News



# Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry



Jack and Marie

In 2016, when Marie Green-McKeon started a new job in Center City Philadelphia, she was distressed by the number of down-on-their-luck homeless she saw on the streets. She would give them money, but it seemed so little and insufficient. One day as she described this to her husband, Jack McKeon, he said, **“Why don’t we help people close to home, right here in Phoenixville?”** He suggested a food pantry.

**That started the journey.** Under the wise guidance of Father Newns, and after reconnaissance and a lot of planning, St. Ann’s pantry opened its doors in May 2017. It was officially named Our Lady of Mercy Food Pantry after Jack’s death in 2021. Since then the pantry has grown and evolved with the invaluable help of volunteers and parish staff, and the incredible generosity of St. Ann parishioners.

**How does it work?** In 2020, at the height of the pandemic, we reorganized our distribution method to provide food for pick-up instead of the previous “shopping” method. Predetermined items go into grocery bags each month, a set of two bags per family. In addition to food staples, each family receives laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, and diapers as needed. During the month, volunteers check expiration dates, sort and shelve items as they come in, and others help prepare and fill the bags.

**What can the pantry use?** Generally, a pantry wish list is printed in the bulletin, sent as a Flocknote, and posted under “News” on our website. These are the best items to donate because we need to fill all bags with the same items. Also, because the pantry is just once a month, we can only use non-perishable food items. Family-sized items (not restaurant-sized) are also important. For paper products, however, we will definitely accept large packages of paper towels and toilet paper as we break it down into smaller bags for the families. Item donations can be left in the yellow bin on the porch of 502 Main Street at any time. If you would like to contribute but find it difficult to shop and deliver items, you may choose to order online to be delivered here. Or if you choose to make a monetary donation, which is then used to buy needed items, please write “Food Pantry” in the memo line on your check; or if you are giving online, choose “Food Pantry” in the pull-down menu on our site.

**What happens on pantry day?** A group of volunteers are needed to help distribute grocery bags each pantry day, which is held on the third Saturday of the month in the church parking lot. Number tags are given to people arriving for food. At 1 p.m., we start with a prayer, then bags of groceries are loaded into cars in number order. One box of diapers and a pack of baby wipes are given to families that ask for them.

**The numbers!** The number of families coming to the pantry has grown exponentially, from an average of about 45 over the last 5 years to the 90s in the last six months. We served 98 families in January! Our resources are stretched very thin, our storage space is limited, and we are having trouble keeping up with demand. Regrettably, we may need to cap the number of families served. To help us keep some control on the number of groceries that are distributed, we ask that at least one member of each family come in person to collect the groceries (rather than one person picking up for multiple families), and that only families in true need take advantage of the pantry.

Pantry day has become a positive community gathering as well as a way of helping those in need. Volunteers and friends come to be a part of the social aspect as much as to help! We hope to continue serving the community in this way for as long as there is a need.



*Thank you!  
Donors!  
Volunteers!  
Coordinators!*

*If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, contact Marie Green-McKeon at 610-952-6367 or [mgm917@verizon.net](mailto:mgm917@verizon.net)*

## Safe Environment Program and Parish Audits

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers for all you do each and every day to support the parish community and programs.

**The Safe Environment Program** is a comprehensive child safety and child sexual abuse prevention program, which creates a network of prevention and protection for the children entrusted into the Archdiocese's care. All St. Ann Parish volunteers, employees and clergy must comply.

### Required Clearances

- **Pennsylvania State Police Clearance**
- **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance**
- **Disclosure Statement Application /Federal Bureau of Investigation Fingerprint Clearance**

### Required Safe Environment Training

- **Protecting God's Children** (Safe Environment Part I)
- **Mandated Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse** (Safe Environment Part II)

**Did you know?** The Office for Child and Youth Protection (OCYP) performs **compliance audits** of all parishes, schools and youth-serving entities to ensure that individuals working with children are in compliance with clearances and required training.

Please contact the parish office or visit <https://childyouthprotection.org/> for more information on **The Safe Environment Program**.

*God and angels don't get paid even though theirs is some of the most important work around.  
Ditto for volunteers. — Cherishe Archer*

### Programs for Children & Young People

The Archdiocesan schools and parish religious education programs offer age-appropriate personal safety instruction annually, including internet safety. Through these programs, OCYP ensures that children receive important information on how to stay safe.

Contact Lisa Burghardt with questions 610-933-3732 or [BurghardtLisa@comcast.net](mailto:BurghardtLisa@comcast.net)

## H.O.P.E. Transportation Ministry

HOPE Transportation Ministry provides essential rides (doctors, pharmacies, grocery store, etc.) to members of St. Ann's and St. Mary's parishes who are in need. Rides can be scheduled, between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday to locations including Colledgeville, King of Prussia, Malvern, Paoli, Phoenixville, Pottstown, Royersford and Spring City.



**We are in dire need of additional volunteers! If you have time during the week, please consider becoming a volunteer. Even if your schedule only permits you to be available one or two days a week, your help is appreciated.**



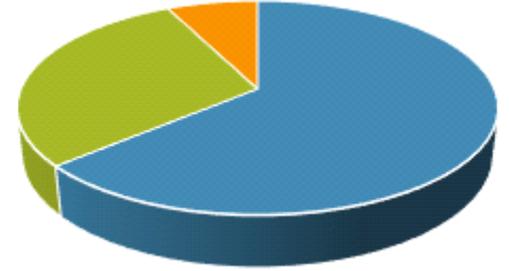
If you are considering volunteering and want to learn more, please contact Michelle Giffroy-Rossi at 610-283-1515.

# Parish Financial Report

## Statement of Operating Revenue & Expenditures

	Current Fiscal Year 07/01/22 - 12/31/22	Current Budget 07/01/22 - 12/31/22
<b>OPERATING REVENUE</b>		
Sunday Collections	\$411,008	\$398,850
Other Income	\$189,148	\$181,676
Cemetery Oper - St Ann/Sacred Heart	\$46,723	\$619
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</b>	<b>\$646,879</b>	<b>\$581,145</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>		
Diocesan Assessment	\$64,650	\$65,002
Payroll	\$183,907	\$189,886
Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits	\$48,474	\$49,572
Administration	\$87,607	\$97,892
Maintenance & Repairs	\$41,655	\$34,847
Utilities	\$29,716	\$30,513
Holy Family School Subsidy	\$77,510	\$77,510
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$533,519</b>	<b>\$545,222</b>
<b>EXCESS OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENDITURES)</b>	<b>\$113,360</b>	<b>\$35,923</b>

## Operating Revenue 07/01/22 - 12/31/22



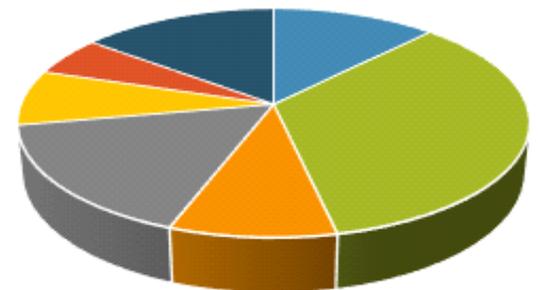
- Sunday Collections
- Other Income
- Cemetery Oper - St Ann/Sacred Heart

## Statement of Total Receipts & Expenditures

St Ann Parish Operating Cash Balance 7/01/22	\$874,192
Sacred Heart Cemetery Operating Cash Balance 7/01/22	\$38,507
<b>Total Operating Cash Balance 07/01/22</b>	<b>\$912,699</b>
<b>Add:</b>	
Excess Operating Revenue	\$113,360
Bequest	\$15,000
Extraordinary Collections/cap appeal	\$50,000
Extraordinary Collections/donor restrict	\$24,080
Vanguard unrealized gain (loss)	\$9,888
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>\$212,328</b>
<b>Deduct:</b>	
Addition to Property/Equipment	\$321,647
Addition to Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$16,386
Other - prior year donations - parish charity	\$11,764
PREP Inc rec'd 06/22; recognized 07/22	\$16,230
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>\$366,027</b>
<b>Operating Cash Balance 12/31/22</b>	<b>\$759,000</b>

*\*\*Note: RESTRICTED FUNDS: \$200,000 capital expenses; \$28,487 Capital Appeal*

## Operating Expenses 07/01/22 - 12/31/22



- Diocesan Assessment
- Payroll
- Payroll Taxes & Fringe Benefits
- Administration
- Maintenance & Repairs
- Utilities
- Holy Family School Subsidy

Operating Cash Balance	12/31/2022
Operating Accounts	\$619,921
Parish Organizations	\$82,856
Sacred Heart Cemetery	\$48,716
St Ann Cemetery Improvement Acct	\$7,507
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$759,000</b>

Ann's Heart	HFS	HFS
Sacred Heart church hall donated rent	(2) school buildings donated rent	Griffin Hall (75% of 8,360 SF))
3,254 sf X \$10=32,540 annual 2,711/mo	36,699 sf X \$10=366,990 ann 30,582/mo	6,270 sf X \$10=62,700 ann 5,225/mo
3,254 sf X \$5=16,270 annual 1,355/mo	36,699 sf X \$5=183,495 ann 15,291/mo	6,270 sf X \$5=31,350 ann 2,612/mo