



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



# OUR VISION STATEMENT

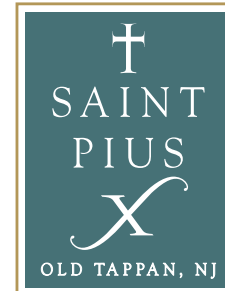
ALL GENERATIONS  
JOURNEYING  
TOGETHER  
WITH JESUS  
TO SATISFY OUR  
HUNGRY HEARTS.  
  
COME  
AND SEE!

As trustees of this great parish, we are so excited about all the progress at Saint Pius X.

We should all be proud of the milestone of paying off our \$1 million loan from the Archdiocese. This accomplishment is due in part to the leadership of **Father Kevin Kilgore** as well as our previous pastors who have kept us forever moving forward. The hard work of our Finance and Parish Councils along with the generosity of our parishioners have led us toward increased financial stability.

We look forward to helping Saint Pius X continue to **Build Community, Worship God and Make Disciples.**

Lisa Guzzo & Glenn Plescia  
Saint Pius X Church Trustees



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My brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his Letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul writes, “I give thanks to my God always, remembering you in my prayers” (Philippians 1:3). As we issue the first Annual Report of Saint Pius X, prayer and thanksgiving fill my heart. I pray for all of you daily.

The recommendation for an annual report began, appropriately, with **Rosemarie Loffredo**, Chair of our Pastoral Council. So much of the growth, change and momentum we’ve experienced as a parish over the last two years is due to her leadership. She is among the most talented, dedicated and effective leaders I’ve worked with in my seven years of priestly ministry. A very deep word of thanks to her and to **Scott Litchfield**, the Vice Chair of the Pastoral Council. He, too, has made a significant difference in this parish and in my priesthood.

I’m honored to call Rosemarie and Scott, friends. I have also been blessed with a tremendous staff, whose hard work and faithfulness inspire me daily and a very skilled and dedicated Finance Council.

When I arrived at Saint Pius X on November 15, 2020, our parish, much like the world, was shut down. Our work since then has been creating new ministries and resurrecting the old. Many are highlighted in the report. We are writing a story on parish renewal; the Holy Spirit is alive and well here at Saint Pius X.

In addition to our ministries and with the generosity of Heritage Fund donations, we have completed urgent deferred maintenance on the church property including a new HVAC system and invested in the playground and basketball court. Our councils and committees continue to survey the church property, identifying future capital projects that ensure Saint Pius X a bright and financially solid future.

I am proud to report that we’ve met our Archbishop’s Annual Appeal goal for two years in a row. Our annual giving has increased to support our growing ministries and programs and cover the cost of operations.

I thank every one of you who call our parish home. Whether you’re new, returning or a life-long member, your prayers, presence and contributions in various forms make all the difference. I believe our three-pillar mission of: “Building Community, Worshipping God, Making Disciples” is taking deeper root in the hearts of many. It’s amazing to witness!

*“All generations journeying together with Jesus to satisfy our hungry hearts. Come and see!”*

In Christ,

Father Kevin Kilgore



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SAINT PIUS X YEAR IN REVIEW

## PARISHIONERS

519

HOUSEHOLDS  
ARE CURRENTLY  
REGISTERED



208

SUPPORTED THE  
CHURCH WITH  
COLLECTION ENVELOPES/  
MAIL-IN DONATIONS



104

MADE ONLINE  
CONTRIBUTIONS WITH  
PARISHSOFT GIVING,  
WESHARE AND VENMO



## BAPTISMS

17

INFANTS WERE  
WELCOMED  
INTO OUR FAITH  
COMMUNITY



## R.C.I.A.

1

ADULT RECEIVED  
INTO FULL  
COMMUNION/  
CONFIRMED



## MARRIAGES

3

COUPLES CHOSE  
SAINT PIUS X AS THE  
COMMUNITY TO BE  
MARRIED WITHIN



## FAMILY FAITH

204

STUDENTS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES  
PARTICIPATED  
IN THE FAMILY  
FAITH PROGRAM



18

STUDENTS  
RECEIVED FIRST  
COMMUNION



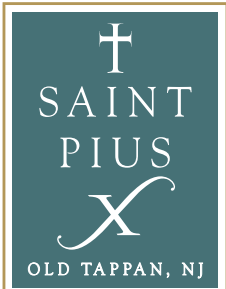
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STUDENTS  
RECEIVED FIRST  
RECONCILIATION



25

STUDENTS  
RECEIVED  
CONFIRMATION



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## RESULTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2022

## EXPECTATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

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October 19, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Each year, the Finance Council of Saint Pius X is required by the Archdiocese to provide an Annual Financial Summary of Operations. This report focuses on how well each parish performed, as stewards of God's house in their community. This report covers Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

For eight consecutive years, Saint Pius X has operated at a deficit — **until now!** Together, we have finally reversed that trend, finishing FY 2022 with a surplus of \$25,496. In addition, we paid off the balance of our debt (\$89,000) — the \$1,000,000 loan from the Archdiocese for the building of our church, negotiated in 2005. Today, we are debt free, we also crushed our AAA stretch goal earning a rebate of \$22,293 and reducing Archdiocesan assessment from 14% to 12%.

In 2022, each and every revenue stream for our parish has shown a year over year improvement. Please be mindful that our return from the pandemic made this an anticipated outcome. In summary:

- We are hopeful that as we build our Parish community, our donations will continue to grow. We are aware that all our expenses will rise in this economy. We must budget for a 30% rise in Insurance and Utility expenses.
- We look forward to the expanded adoption of recurring digital giving — with WESHARE collections up 67% and our Ministry One app tripled to \$33,617— enabling more predictable, steady cash flow and operational efficiencies.
- We are grateful for the expansion of our Ministry programs — and the enthusiastic engagement by so many of our parishioners, both young and old. Please join this vibrant community and share your time and talents, AMDG.
- We are thankful for work performed by our Capital Projects & Operations Ministry, especially now that our facilities are 25 years old. Our 10 HVAC units installed in 1998 were recently replaced providing us with comfort, safety and considerably more energy efficiency — we must now budget for monthly payments of this 5-year, interest-free expense (totaling \$183,000) beginning next month.
- We anticipate other major building repairs in the near future— such as the replacement of our two roofs.
- We are grateful that special HERITAGE FUND gifts more than quadrupled in FY 2022 — totaling \$422,234 — enabling the beautification of our Church (outside of our operating funds — and excluded from the 14% Archdiocese assessment). The basketball courts and playground are the direct results of these most generous gifts.
- We are excited to continue our growth — with Father Kevin as our pastor — who has driven such positive momentum in so many ways.

With gratitude and blessings,

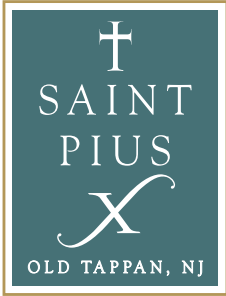
The Saint Pius X Finance Council

# SAINT PIUS X • FINANCE COUNCIL REPORT

The chart below represents our Financial Summary of Operations Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2022.\*

SOURCE OF INCOME	6/30/2022	6/30/2021	6/28/2020
Sunday, Christmas and Easter Collections	\$458,067	\$393,511	\$311,918
Religious Education Income	\$ 57,168	\$ 39,059	\$ 47,045
Fundraising and Raffle (After Expenses)	\$ 74,911	\$ 19,879	\$ 32,032
Donations, Gifts and Other Restricted Revenue — NOT HERITAGE FUND	\$ 51,756	\$ 45,866	\$ 34,132
Archdiocesan Assessment Collection	\$ 29,030	\$ 18,226	\$ 28,175
Interest Income	\$ 3,653	\$ 1,641	\$ 1,313
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 22,125	\$ 8,556	\$ 4,482
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	\$696,710	\$526,738	\$459,097
Salaries, Benefits, Pension Costs and Payroll Taxes	\$361,755	\$292,965	\$274,702
Building, Utilities and Equipment Costs	\$ 96,846	\$ 60,185	\$ 48,173
Archdiocesan Assessments	\$ 42,840	\$ 44,868	\$ 50,196
Liturgical, Office and Residence Supplies	\$ 45,127	\$ 23,658	\$ 31,055
Contracted and Professional Services	\$ 73,433	\$ 82,723	\$ 61,320
Religious Education (Excluding Salaries)	\$ 9,380	\$ 12,108	\$ 11,467
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 41,833	\$ 16,874	\$ 17,264
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$671,214	\$533,381	\$494,177
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	\$ 25,496	(\$ 6,643)	(\$ 35,080)
Principal Payment on AD Loan	\$ 89,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,000
Capital Debt in 2005: \$2,059,148	<b>NOTE:</b> This Financial Summary of Operations does NOT include We Are Living Stones campaign, Heritage Fund Donations, COVID relief (PPP), other extraordinary revenues and expenses.		
Current Balance: \$0			

\*Saint Pius X Financial Report prepared by our external accountant and filed with the Archdiocese of Newark.



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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Pius X,

We are pleased to present the Annual Report of our parish. While the Annual Report 2022 typically covers the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, for the pastoral and ministries section we are taking some license by extending the start date to early 2021, the formation of the current Parish Pastoral Council.

The dedication of discernment and time that Parish Pastoral Council members and volunteers of all ministries — old and new — has demonstrated the core strength of our Catholic community and the profound desire to grow and enrich it. If there is a concept to describe the state of our parish today, it is one of “accelerating momentum”.

The following pages speak for themselves in terms of the ministry activity and capital improvements that transpired. With the support of our pastor, Father Kevin Kilgore, we parishioners have been empowered to lift our spirituality and reach deeply into our faith through our parish journey.

I would like to thank all the founding members of this composition of the Parish Pastoral Council. We have created structure and governance that is consistent with recommendations and requirements of the Archdiocese of Newark. We are very conscious of priorities, pace and capabilities. In the last year and a half, much has been requested of the Council and even more has been delivered. The scope of the Council has been very broad. From creating the parish vision and mission statements to requesting and evaluating bids for HVAC replacements and roofs, there has not been a lack of willingness to donate time and talent.

I would like to thank Father Kilgore for asking me to create the Council with him and preside over it. While a substantial commitment, it is an honor and pleasure to work with him. In addition, I would also like to thank Scott Litchfield, Vice Chairman, for his partnership and dedication to the Council.

Momentum has been influenced by discussion among parishioners. Surveys, the Synod on Synodality sessions and casual discussions after Masses and in other venues have been a critical guide for parish plans. We look forward to a vibrant future at Saint Pius X.

*Rosemarie Loffredo*

Rosemarie Loffredo  
Parish Pastoral Council — Chair



# OUR THREE MISSION PILLARS

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## BUILDING COMMUNITY



### WELCOME & HOSPITALITY

Working together to foster a warm and welcoming atmosphere whereby all who enter feel valued and “at home” in our faith community of Saint Pius X.

The Welcome & Hospitality Ministry is chaired by **Kathy Sheridan** and provides the first and on-going expressions of belonging at our parish. Whether one is an active parishioner attending weekly or daily Mass or a visitor attending a wedding, funeral or parish event, this ministry sets the tone of hospitality.

Our ministry began with the basics — making name tags available before Masses so that we can all call each other by name. These Name Tag Sundays have been held periodically throughout the year, organized by **Diane Perigine**.

As the new SPX website was in development by **Quinn Fable** in 2021, we compiled basic information about the parish to distribute to all existing and new parishioners. The information is still available in print as well as online.



*Our SPX nametags have helped us learn the names of our fellow parishioners at the start of each mass.*

- In October 2021, we celebrated as a parish at our first New Parishioners Welcome Mass and Luncheon. The event was chaired by **Valeri Parker**, **Roberta Manganaro** and **Joy Polce**. All newly registered parishioners receive a note of welcome through **Lorraine Aspromonte** on cards handmade by **Lisa Guzzo**. New and returning parishioners were welcome.
- In March 2022, we brought our parish family together for Lent by hosting a Meatless Meal, graciously provided by **The Estate at Florentine Gardens**.
- Saint Pius X hosted a table at the Old Tappan Town Day in September 2021 to meet and greet the townspeople of Old Tappan.
- In service to our community during times of mourning, a team has been assembled to host Repast Luncheons in the narthex following funeral Masses. **Roberta Manganaro** leads this effort
- In November 2021, Welcome & Hospitality and Beyond Soup collaborated to host Father Kilgore's Installation Mass reception in the Saint Pius X narthex. An elegant private dinner as well as the parish wide celebration was enjoyed by all.
- After the All Souls Day Mass and Commemoration on the evening of November 2, 2021, refreshments were provided as those who attended remembered and celebrated their loved ones who have died.
- When asked, Welcome & Hospitality has responded with warmth and food for many events both large and small. We look forward to promoting a renewed spirit of community. †



### SOUP KITCHEN & BEYOND SOUP MINISTRIES

The Soup Kitchen Ministry, chaired by **Cilia Galasso**, has continued the decades old tradition of preparing and delivering cooked food every Monday to Mother Theresa's Kitchen in Newark. Teams of volunteers cook together at the Saint Pius X kitchen on Sundays or Mondays and another team of drivers delivers the food. This ministry not only provides food for the soup kitchen but it also fosters new friendships within the Saint Pius X community as parishioners meet each other and work together for a common purpose.

In the last year, two more ministries have spun off from the Soup Kitchen Ministry. They are the Baking Ministry in which volunteer bakers sign up to provide desserts for after weekend Masses. The other is the Beyond Soup Kitchen Ministry whose main purpose is to provide social events for the seniors in our community. So far, they have hosted a High Tea, Our Daily Bread Brunch featuring home-made bread and most recently, the Ice Cream Social.

The Soup Kitchen Ministry and its two subsidiary ministries provide opportunities for the Saint Pius X community to come together as all generations journey together in our faith to fill our hungry hearts. †

### YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES

The Saint Pius X Youth Group includes two cohorts: Middle School, grades 6 through 8; and High School grades 9 through 12. During the past year, both groups were active. Members participated in social and service opportunities.

- The Middle School Youth Group enjoyed a year of events that were community-building and social; and provided a break from negotiating their academic world in a pandemic environment. Their group activities included: September/Color Run, October/Halloween Glow in the Dark Party, November/Friendsgiving Meal and Game Night, December/Gingerbread House Making Christmas Party, February/Cookie Baking Party and March/St. Patrick's Day Party.
- The Teen Youth Group also participated in the first Saint Pius X Color Run in October 2021, gathering to stretch their legs and lift their voices in clouds of color as they raced around the church property. All generations were invited to cheer them and enjoy a barbecue provided by the **Knights of Columbus**.
- In November and December 2021, the Teen Youth Group held several fundraising events with all proceeds used to purchase Christmas presents for the children of Saint Joseph's parish in Jersey City. The generosity and support of our parish raised almost \$7,000!
- In the spring of 2022, an Ad Hoc Committee of parishioners convened to determine how Saint Pius X could address “wellness” within parish programs. As a result, a “Wellness” speaker series was determined to be the most engaging and effective way to address the topics of stress and wellness among our young people. The calendar of events will begin in the 2022-2023 annual year. The series augments existing events to exhale, such as taking a break from exams and college applications with a social movie night at the parish. †





## 2021/2022 EVENTS

Many parishioners have enjoyed the various social gatherings that have occurred during the last year.

- The Fourth Annual Saint Pius X Golf Tournament and Dinner held in September 2021 saw 45 golfers meet at the Old Tappan Golf Course for a day of competition and fun. **Tom Quinn** continued his role as the organizer of this successful early fall event. Sponsorships were abundant from local businesses, area families and individuals. Many walked away with prizes including for best scores and longest drives.
- In April 2022, Saint Pius X hosted Pocketbook Bingo held at Dominican College. Over one hundred convened for a fun evening of dinner, raffles and the chance to win designer purses. The event attracts parishioners and friends as well as enthusiasts from nearby localities.
- In February 2022, the parishioners and friends of Saint Pius X enjoyed sumptuous hors d'oeuvres and dinner at **The Estate at Florentine Gardens** in River Vale. Over 325 guests came to celebrate the parish and mark the Installation of Father Kevin Kilgore as Pastor.
- For many, it was the first significant social event they attended since early 2020. The parish was honored to have Bishop Michael Saporito and Bishop Manuel Cruz, both of the Archdiocese of Newark, as guests. The Gala Team led by **Tom Flood**, organized the glamorous event that included entertainment, a silent auction and raffle. †



## BOOK CLUB

The Saint Pius X Book Club began in May 2022 and has met on Monday evenings every 4-5 weeks. The opening and closing elements of adult faith formation frame each evening's thoughtful, considered conversation. Members volunteer to facilitate each meeting. Discussions range from the humorous through the everyday to the most serious human experiences. The meetings are respectful and congenial. Co-chairs **Marylou Coviello** and **Maria Charowsky** keep the topics varied and insure everyone's participation. †

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Saint Pius X Knights of Columbus Council, Immaculate Conception 9021, serves four local parishes. During 2021 and 2022, the Knights directly supported Saint Pius X with donations from our "Food for Families" program, the Color Run BBQ, Christmas decorations, donations to Good Counsel Homes and other organizations promoting a Culture of Life and the Golf Outing. Our members drive our weekly Soup Kitchen food to Mother Theresa's Kitchen in Newark. Several of our members serve as Eucharistic ministers, lectors, and as Parish Trustees. †



## BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

This past year saw the start of a new support group for those of us who mourn. Grieving can be difficult and is meant to be a shared experience. A short eight-week session covers topics ranging through emotions, family, the stages of grief, regret, loneliness and hopefulness. **Lorraine Delling** has facilitated several groups through this healing process. †



## MUSIC MINISTRY

All Music Ministry planning, preparation and music-making aims to help the parish community worship God more completely, more intimately and more meaningfully. We have a deep well of talent in our own parish community and the Music Ministry aims to find a place for all those who have a gift to share. Music is offered at all four weekend Masses, feast days and holy days of obligation.

Directed by **Sara Armstrong**, our Music Ministry team of three accompanists and three cantors is joined by The Fellowship Choir of adults and teens for Noon Mass. The Day By Day Singers (ages 5-18) are a cornerstone of the 10 AM Family Liturgy. Both choirs have expanded their numbers during the last year and some Day By Day Singers are being trained as junior cantors. Expanding our program, Cantor **John Kullberg**, has founded the SPX Acoustic Guitar Club.

Stretching beyond our community, guests throughout the year included **Monroe Quinn** (guitarist), **Lisa Chen** (organist), **Alistair MacRae** (principal cellist of Princeton Symphony), **Allison Pohl** (soprano), **Africa Gray** (mezzo soprano), **Juliya Berenshtein** (violinist, Director of Strings for Midland Park Schools) and **Karen Stern** (harpist).

There has been a lot of activity during the last year. For the first time, the Easter Vigil featured a contemporary ensemble comprised of Day By Day Singers, with all psalms and readings led by school-aged parishioners.

- In a spirit of collaboration, the Fellowship Choir and Day By Day Singers joined forces with the Music Ministry of Saint John the Baptist Church of Hillsdale for "Full of Grace", a concert on May 1st dedicated to our Blessed Mother.
- Saint Pius X held a Musical Cabaret concert with a cocktail party to raise funds for the Music Ministry featuring our own **Joseph Lesky**, pianist and guest guitarist, **Monroe Quinn** of Saint Joseph Church in Oradell.
- Some choir members and parishioners attended an evening performance of Turandot at the Metropolitan Opera to support our cantor, **Chad Armstrong**, who was in the production. **Sara Armstrong** offered an informative presentation and Q&A on the opera the night before.
- Some members of the Fellowship Choir comprise a Bereavement Choir, available to any family who celebrates a funeral Mass at Saint Pius X.
- Further distinguishing the Music Ministry and pulling inspiration from Father Kevin Kilgore's homilies and writings, he and **Sara Armstrong** have begun composing original songs. The songs, based on various gospel passages and liturgical seasons, are meant to function as a teaching tool, offering fresh perspectives on aspects of our faith.

- Our Music Ministry is guided by our Saint Pius X pillars. We weave Building Community, Worshipping God and Making Disciples into all aspects of ministry. †

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

During 2021, Saint Pius X resumed Eucharistic Adoration, organized by **Christine Arthur**. The first Tuesday of each month, we are privileged to be in the presence of God. †



# 3 MAKING DISCIPLES



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR OUR SAINT PIUS X YOUTH

We recognize the calling and responsibility of parents as primary educators and role models for their children. We are here to partner with and support parents in this important role.

Our 2021-2022 Religious Education Program served all families registered in our parish with children from grades 1 to 9. Our program is designed to be a learning experience for both children and their parents. We offer both a traditional year-long program and an intense summer program.

We always encourage our students and their families to regularly attend Sunday Mass to reinforce our ongoing efforts to pass our faith onto our children. The continuous eight years of study are punctuated by three sacraments, First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

- The 2021-2022 School Year began with our summer program in June of 2021. Even with COVID-19 restrictions, we had 95 students in grades 1-8 participate.
- Our traditional program began on Catechetical Sunday, September 19, with a family Mass followed by a light reception in the narthex. We had 109 students in our traditional program.
- The Sacraments of First Eucharist and First Reconciliation were offered to all our parish children in the second grade. In addition to their regular grade 2 curriculum, there were additional family-based preparation programs for each of the two sacraments. There were 18 candidates for both sacraments this year. We offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation to all students from grades 3 to 9 during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Offering this twice, helped our children relate to Reconciliation in a more comfortable manner that they can carry into adulthood.
- As an additional element of program enrichment, there was a Potter Retreat given in March 2022 for all First Reconciliation/Eucharist Candidates.
- We had 25 students complete our Confirmation Preparation Program which began October 2021. Candidates for Confirmation completed 20 hours of community service, attended at least two Youth Ministry events and an on-premises retreat.
- **Tony Bellizi** directed our retreat held in May. All candidates received the sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, June 5, 2022 with Bishop Manuel Cruz as our celebrant and Father Kevin the co-celebrant assisted by **Deacon John McKenna**.

**Maria Charowsky**, Parish Catechetical Leader, coordinates all Archdiocesan policies orchestrating the starting date of our program as well as many other program parameters. Maria has dedicated her time, patience and talent to the youth programs at Saint Pius X for almost 20 years. †



## EXPLORING OUR FAITH FOR ADULTS

As a result of discussion among parishioners, including responses to Synod on Synodality sessions and survey of early 2022, the spring saw the planning and development of Saint Pius X program for adults to engage with topics of the Catholic faith. Led by **Sister Mary Foley**, it was decided to plan four evenings of core discussions, some with invited outside speakers, for the annual reporting year of 2022-2023. Potential core topics include: “A Roadmap through the Liturgical Year”, with discussion to explore the beauty and rhythm of the liturgical cycle as it relates to our everyday lives; “Advent-a Deeper Exploration” and “Spirituality and Mental Health”. †

## SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

In 2021, Pope Francis issued an invitation to the global Church to gather in prayer, listening and discernment to forge the future of the Church for the twenty-first century.

During early 2022, parishioners of Saint Pius X convened in the process of Synodality, a way to gather and participate in listening and sharing toward the goal of finding ways to connect the Gospel, the Good News of Jesus Christ and the Church to our everyday lives. Over 200 parishioners participated. The format and content for the sessions were provided by the Archdiocese. **Mariliza LeCap-Tong** coordinated our parish participation.

Our responses as a parish, along with the responses of those submitted by other local parishes; Catholic orders; students in Catholic universities and high schools around the globe will be consolidated, summarized and shared at the Synod of Synodality in Rome during October 2023.

Much of the momentum at Saint Pius X has been influenced by discussion among parishioners. The Synod sessions were invaluable for us as a parish. We can hope that the messages in the submissions from Catholics around the world are heard in Rome next year and that the issues raised are considered crucial and we begin to see change. †

## ALPHA

Planning for ALPHA, one of our newest ministries, began in early 2022. It is a place to connect with people who are open to exploring life, faith, and meaning; a space where the deeper questions of life are explored in a safe and relaxed environment. The eleven-week program includes a shared meal, short video on the elements of the Christian faith and a group discussion. **Alicia Soltys** is the lead facilitator. We are looking forward to the expansion of ALPHA here at Saint Pius X. †

## R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process for men and women to become baptized members of the Catholic Church. Candidates work with **Deacon John McKenna** and are introduced to Catholic beliefs and practices of the faith. At Saint Pius X our doors remain open to all in keeping with the true meaning of catholic, “universal and all embracing”. †



# ENHANCING OUR PARISH FACILITIES

## THE CAPITAL PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE



The Capital Projects and Infrastructure Committee of the Parish Council, led by **Bob Zaccone**, has invested time and talent evaluating, planning and overseeing the execution of the many projects in the church building and on the church grounds. The priorities and cadence of the projects are made in collaboration with the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. The execution is determined by a multi-year plan.

With the generous donations to the Heritage Fund, we have been able to complete deferred maintenance such as: replacement of the HVAC system; replacement of dead and dying trees in the front of the church; air vent cleaning; painting and installation of new flooring in the parish offices and main conference room; polished the church and narthex marble floors. Our technology has been upgraded under the guidance of **Mitch Arthur** with the installation of a more sophisticated capability to stream events; installation of several smart screens in the church, narthex and meeting rooms; a security camera system for both inside and outside the church and brighter and more efficient lighting in the church. A critical and thorough roof repair/replace evaluation was initiated and is led by **Bob Rush**.

The plan and execution for new investments is a longer process. All are contemplated to enrich lives of parishioners in their use of the church and grounds to pray, celebrate, learn and socialize. During the period the Capital Projects and Infrastructure Committee completed plans for the playground and basketball court with implementation led by **Beth Litchfield**. The facilities will provide our toddlers through teens a place and purpose to gather socially, improve their free throws and have fun. Architectural, construction and design plans were initiated with the objective to optimize and modernize the space we have in the building and create more multi-use capability.

The SPX Café in the narthex has been the start of providing a place to meet and converse. The new signage behind the altar with our parish vision statement, designed by **Quinn Fable**, reminds us why we are parishioners. †



# WAYS TO REGISTER & SUPPORT SAINT PIUS X

## REGISTER

If you'd like to register or update your registration, you can visit the **Parish Office**, fill out the registration form found on **SPXOT.org** under Forms, email **office@spxot.org** or call **(201) 664-0913**.



## GIFTS OF TIME & TALENT

The true treasure of Saint Pius X lies in our parishioners. Many individuals contributing their time and talents is what makes this a vibrant parish. There are many ways to support the many ministries and programs of the parish. Please see the website **SPXOT.org** and our bulletin to discover a ministry of interest and contact the Parish Office at **office@spxot.org** or **(201) 664-0913** to learn more.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Your financial support provides for the operations of the parish, the many ministries and programs to which all are welcome, the maintenance and investment in the capital projects of the church property and the philanthropies of the parish. The information below will help you decide how best to support the parish financially.

## ENVELOPE

If you prefer to make your weekly and holiday donations through the traditional envelope method, please contact **office@spxot.org** or call **(201) 664-0913**.

## ONLINE GIVING

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## SECURITIES

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