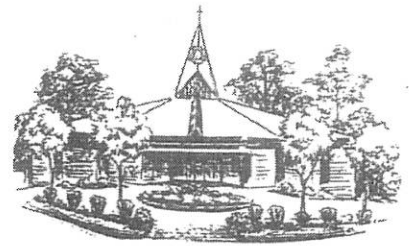




CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK
 Yorktown Heights, NY
PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
 September 1, 2017- August 31, 2018



Dear Parishioners,

It is always a very good practice to review parish life each year. As is my custom, I begin my third Annual Report as Pastor by offering some statistics for your review:

The Church's way of organizing activities runs from September to August. From September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018, in addition to our regular schedule of Masses and confessions...

We had:

- † 126 Sacrament of Baptism
- † 160 First Holy Communions
- † 173 Sacrament of Confirmation
- † 18 Marriages
- † 124 Funerals
- † 69 Average monthly visits to homebound, Nursing Homes and Hospitals
- † 2,699 Average Sunday Mass attendance

There were:

- † 4,857 registered families
- † 1,293 active contributors (envelopes or ParishPay)
- † 198 new parishioner families
- † 164 families removed from the parish registry
- † 169 children in St. Patrick's School
- † 1,113 children in Religious Education
- † 78 Eucharistic Ministers
- † 45 Lectors † 32 Ushers † 97 Altar Servers

In one sense, the numbers reported above indicate stability. Yet it does seem that there is a tendency toward a decrease in participation in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and children in Religious Education. That is a trend that has been noted in virtually every parish and every faith community in the United States and many other parts of the world. There is a definite shift toward a less religious, more secular society. That being said, parish life is vibrant here.

Quite frankly, all things in the parish had been very good this past year until the awful news for the Catholic Church started this past June. By August, the news was too painful for words. It seemed like nothing was right for the Church. It suddenly seemed like our religion was no longer trustworthy. Let me just state emphatically here that we should not give up hope.

I believe most Catholics are able to distinguish between bad actions (sin) on the part of some leaders of the Church and the truth of the faith and the Church itself. Jesus promised to be with his Church until the end of the ages, and yet sin still abounds. Grace is more powerful than sin but sin still hurts us and others. May the Lord heal us.

I thank God that the work of the Church continues vigorously in our parish and most parishes. The activities and programs of this parish are effective and important to so many. Actually, the same is true for the Universal Church. I am exceedingly grateful to our clergy, staff, volunteers and all parishioners for such wonderful dedication and trust in God. In the face of bad news, we have to hold on to the Gospel, literally the Good News, of Jesus Christ.

As you can see on the reverse side of this report, our finances are extremely healthy. I promise to continue to do my best to be a good steward with regard to the finances and to imitate Christ the Good Shepherd, however poorly, as pastor of this fantastic parish. Finances may fluctuate but living our faith is paramount. May our faith grow ever stronger.

Let us work together and pray for our parish and the whole Church. The Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign is just winding down, with spectacular results, thanks to your amazing generosity, but I know the Lord will always Renew and Rebuild his beloved Church.

May Saint Patrick intercede for us and may God bless us and sustain us always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Church of St. Patrick -- Yorktown Heights

Statement of Revenue and Expense
September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018

	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Regular Collections	1,423,289	1,444,096	1,506,839	1,422,488
Religious Ed Income	231,407	216,490	223,416	270,218
Holy Days (including Christmas and Easter)	198,224	203,655	188,458	203,707
Programs (Youth, Family, Bible Study, Parenting, Sports)	29,726	32,774	74,404	92,912
Released from Temporary Restriction	27,464	47,196	65,194	76,343
Other (Regional UPK, Mandated Svc, Ins. Reimb, Interest)	48,242	113,045	76,903	49,988
Fund Raising	99,262	123,634	69,463	49,782
Miscellaneous (Candles, Lighthouse, Bookrack, etc.)	76,147	66,599	69,769	49,210
Donations and Bequests	197,245	1,320	7,988	8,527
<i>Income Total:</i>	2,331,006	2,248,808	2,282,433	2,223,174
<u>Expense</u>				
Personnel Costs	758,012	734,468	806,281	804,373
Religious Education Program (inc Personnel)	313,523	310,509	329,682	307,300
Repairs and Maintenance	102,166	135,947	151,179	152,207
Parish Regional School Support	144,000	144,000	144,000	144,000
Cathedraticum (Archdiocese Assessment)	136,646	140,634	133,501	137,557
Program Expense (Youth, Family, Bible Study, Sports, etc.)	28,977	36,600	121,453	116,223
Utilities	83,621	74,728	60,594	91,190
Office and Clerical support	77,929	69,303	74,687	66,970
Interest expense (Mortgage, AC Loan - 15/16 only)	31,445	33,511	35,476	40,511
Property and General Insurance	42,690	41,601	41,448	37,056
Church/Chapel	65,531	63,953	51,364	33,512
Rectory Household expenses	18,961	20,943	31,250	22,511
Bookrack, Lighthouse	3,286	3,579	5,973	6,764
<i>Expense total:</i>	1,806,787	1,809,776	1,986,889	1,960,172
Income - Expense	524,219	439,032	295,544	263,001
Capital Improvements (See list below for 17/18)	72,964	121,063	150,485	226,637
Mortgage Principal (Family Education Center)	42,612	40,546	38,581	36,710
Net Surplus/(deficit)*	408,643	277,423	106,478	(346)

Notes:

-Other income for 2018 and 2017 includes a \$40,000 Catholic school tax refund (each year) given by the Archdiocese. This money is held in an account at the Archdiocese and can only be used for major maintenance projects for our school buildings

-Donations and Bequests for 2018 includes: 2 bequests totaling \$92,101; 2 one-time cash donations totaling \$62,500; and the value of the new pick-up truck (\$42, 644) that was donated to the parish.

-Other Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign pledges and donations are not reflected in these figures.

Capital Improvements 9/1/2017-8/31/2018

Main Church replace wireless lighting system	10,000	
Boiler Repairs	5,300	
Carpet in main church	27,464	(Renew and Rebuild project)
Replace frames front doors of main church	6,950	
Seal main parking lot	17,900	
Replace fixtures in Stone Church bathrooms	5,350	
	72,964	