

2022 Financial and Spiritual Report
St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster
Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 2023

2022 Financial Report

There has not been a financial report during the pandemic years since there were a number of factors making such report difficult to produce – including time when the Church and Parish office were closed, the financial support that was received from the government, and variations in the normal levels of expenses during that time period. We can say that our parishioners continued to be very supportive at that time and the number of offering envelopes put through the office mail slot was truly amazing.

Now however we can provide a report relating to 2022 since it was during that year that things began to return to normal. Even now it should be recognized that attendance continues to be a little less than pre-pandemic, but the Parish is getting back on its feet in many ways, with increased activities and higher participation levels.

During 2022 the Parish averaged \$44,400.00 per month in offerings, being about \$11,000.00 per week. On the expense side, the overall monthly expenses were about \$39,000.00 per month or about \$9,750.00 per week. This is an excellent result and all parishioners are to be congratulated for such generosity, which allows the parish to operate at the highest level of service possible while still building up a small reserve each year for unanticipated expenses that may arise.

On a monthly basis, some of the expenses include Cathedraticum (the Parish's contribution to the Diocese) of \$4,500.00, church building expenses (utilities, insurance, cleaning, etc.) of \$4,000.00 per month, rectory and other building expenses of about \$2,300.00 per month, food and household costs of \$1,000.00 per month, salaries, benefits and pension expenses for a priest and four other individuals of about \$20,000.00 per month and office and sanctuary expenses of about \$2,600.00 per month. There are other expenses such as support for parish programs, parish events, Mass stipends for other priests, banking costs and educational materials that are also added to the monthly total.

As of the end of 2022 the Parish had cash reserves of about \$170,000.00 along with an additional amount of \$35,000.00 in the building fund that is dedicated for capital works.

Looking ahead, the Building Committee is working with a firm and contractors in assessing the serious deteriorating state of the exterior of the Church building and rectory. A full report will be brought forward when the assessment work is done and this will be the next major project for the Parish to tackle in the next few years.

Our Parish is a dynamic place of worship and fellowship because all of us share in the responsibility to contribute our time, prayers and financial resources to the extent possible. Hopefully we can maintain these efforts for the benefit of all parishioners now and into the future.

On a final note, in looking back, the parish response to the One Heart One Soul Campaign was truly amazing and pledge payments continued for most even during the pandemic. This allowed the Parish to retire all of its prior debt, complete the interior Church renovations and to contribute 25% of our pledges to other parishes in need and other diocesan-wide initiatives as identified for the campaign. Some individuals who had to pause their pledge payments have even made up those payments in the past while. St. Ann Parish was truly a leader in this respect and we still have about \$160,000.00 on deposit for future capital works.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

The Finance Committee – Steve Dunn, Sybil Moss, Dr. Paul O’Byrne, Peter Tice and Fr. Peter

2022 Spiritual Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Once again please accept my gratitude for your tremendous generosity over the past year. Your generosity continues to allow our parish to thrive, to meet all our expenses, and to contribute to projects that will continue our mission into the future.

I couldn’t begin to adequately thank the numerous volunteers who give so generously of their time to ensure that the life and ministry of our parish continues to thrive. There are more than 150 volunteers in our parish without whom our parish community would not have achieved all that we have.

2022 continued to be an active year at St. Ann’s in the liturgical, spiritual, and educational realms. While Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas were, as always, the highlights of the Liturgical Year, the work and worship of the Church continues every week of the year, and there are many to whom a great debt of gratitude is owed. Thank you to our Choirs and Musicians, Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Minister of Hospitality, Children’s Liturgy Leaders, Altar Guild, Health and Safety Team and our fantastic Decorating Team.

We have seen a huge influx of young families into the parish and an ever-increasing diversity in our demographic, which brings new and welcome vitality to our parish. As we continue to move forward after COVID we have returned to our adult education programs with our Men’s Group and our Women’s Group and have offered numerous opportunities for personal prayer and reflection for all parishioners. We also offered catechism courses for our children who are not in our parish schools, and this summer we will return to hosting our Vacation Bible School program for those SK – Grade 6.

In 2022 there were:

- 1,299 households with an average Sunday Mass attendance of 355
- 90 people baptized
 - 50 infants, and 37 older children
- 3 adults received into the Catholic Church through the RCIA
- 105 shut in and infirm people receiving Pastoral Care visits & Holy Communion weekly
- 121 Celebrated First Communion
- 285 Celebrated Confirmation
- 16 Weddings
- 25 Funerals
- 24 young people in private or public schools receiving various catechism courses.

The following Ministries, Groups and Organizations were active at St. Ann's in 2022:

1. Adult Faith Formation
2. Altar Servers
3. Baptism Preparation Team
4. Musicians & Cantors
5. Contemporary Choir
6. Decorating Committee
7. Extraordinary Ministers
8. Finance Committee
9. Lectors (Sunday and Weekday)
10. Legion of Mary
11. Prayer Shawl Ministry
12. Sacristans
13. St. Vincent de Paul
14. Traditional Choir
15. Women's Group
16. Bible Study Group
17. Catechism Team
18. Children's Liturgy Team
19. Children's Choir
20. Development and Peace Team
21. Family Choirs
22. Gardening Committee
23. Knights of Columbus
24. Men's Group
25. Pastoral Advisory Committee
26. RCIA Team
27. Ministry of Care Team
28. Wedding Rehearsal Team
29. Building Committee
30. Altar Guild
31. Health and Safety Team
32. Minister of Hospitality

My profound thanks to our volunteers and to the staff of St. Ann's Parish. I would not be able to carry out my ministry as Parish Priest without the diligent support of a first rate staff, some of whom go well beyond the call of duty in their service to the Parish, and their personal service to me. I am also grateful to Fr. Ed for his help.

Dear brothers and sisters at St. Ann's thanks to all of you for your kindness, willingness and generosity! Let's continue to witness to the power of Christ transforming our world here today! St. Ann! Pray for us.

Fr. Peter