

SACRED HEART CHURCH
SUFFERN, NY
PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT
September 1, 2019-August 31, 2020



November 2020

Dear Parishioners:

When you look at the combined numbers and figures on this report, you will see how this pandemic has impacted us, no less all of you our beloved parishioners. As Pastor of Sacred Heart, I and my brother priest Fr. John Gruben pray daily for all of you and this wonderful parish. This year has been exceedingly challenging, and its impact will be felt for some time to come. Prayer will get us through, trust in Jesus and He will guide us. I want to take a moment to express to you my appreciation for your kindness and your support this year. Being unable to hold Masses and all the other amazingly spiritual celebrations has been sad to say the least. But with God's grace we were able to have First Holy Communion this summer with our Religious Education Family. Masks and social distancing aside it was a beautiful celebration. As I am sure you are aware, we also had the shocking and sad loss of our beloved Sacred Heart School. It will be greatly missed.

Below is a brief report along with a financial statement that gives you a summary of the revenues and expenditures for the Church for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, which ran from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. It takes a lot of resources to keep a Parish of this size, with four large buildings, going. Even with the loss of the school we still need to maintain the building and now the financial burden is now completely on the parish. The parish has done its best to keep expenses down while meeting all financial obligations, including the very significant and sometimes unexpected costs of maintaining the buildings. It cannot be done without you. As you will see the parish finances are considerably lower. With that being said we have managed to keep the parish in good standing and have also done all we can to take care of those among us in need to the best of our ability. Thank you for your love and support of Sacred Heart

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Michael Rafferty, OAR, Pastor

The Church's way of organizing activities runs from September to August of the following year. From September 1, 2019 until August 31, 2020, in addition to our regular schedule of Masses and confessions...

We had:

- † 34 Sacrament of Baptism
- † 29 First Holy Communions
- † 84 Sacrament of Confirmation
- † 10 Marriages
- † 54 Weekly visits to the homebound
and to the Nursing Home and Hospitals
- † 108 Anointing of the Sick
- † 22 Ushers
- † 85 Funerals

There were:

- † 2100 registered families
- † 732 active contributors
- † 88 new parishioners
- † Sacred Heart School Closed
- † 179 children in Religious Education
- † 44 Eucharistic Ministers
- † 23 Lectors
- † 45 Altar Servers

**FISCAL YEAR
2019-2020**

	19-20	18-19	20 vs 19
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Revenues</u>			
Regular Sunday	577,682	673,880	(96,198)
Christmas/Easter/Holy Days	86,913	139,528	(52,615)
Perquisites and Votives	18,459	17,124	1,335
Fund Raising-Net	31,097	43,228	(12,132)
Renew and rebuild	216,207	280,613	(64,406)
Rel Ed Tuition	68,230	74,464	(6,234)
Domicile	49,400	45,600	3,800
School Renovation ADNY	40,000	40,000	-
Donations and Bequests	637	37,909	(37,272)
Other Income	<u>20,037</u>	<u>17,589</u>	<u>2,448</u>
Total Income	<u>1,108,661</u>	<u>1,369,935</u>	<u>(261,274)</u>
Salaries, Taxes and Benefits	516,746	551,204	(34,458)
Utilities	43,673	53,176	(9,503)
Insurance	31,427	28,762	2,665
Contract Services/Maintenance	95,488	124,347	(28,859)
Rel Ed Expense	20,814	22,608	(1,794)
Office	97,585	88,410	9,176
Chapel	12,009	13,042	(1,032)
Cathedraticum	67,631	72,954	(5,322)
School Tax	86,971	86,971	-
Food and Supplies	7,334	20,518	(13,183)
Charitable Contributions	1,750	3,502	(1,752)
Other	3,732	3,337	395
Prior Year Adj	<u>0</u>	<u>25,946</u>	<u>(25,946)</u>
Total Expenses	<u>985,160</u>	<u>1,094,774</u>	<u>(83,669)</u>
Net Surplus/(Loss)	<u>123,501</u>	<u>275,161</u>	<u>(177,605)</u>