

## STATE OF THE CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH: FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023

The state of this parish report reflects the programs Christ the Redeemer offers to nourish your faith and how your sacrificial contributions help our church in its effort to become a vibrant faith community, radiating Christ.

2023 was a very busy year! Some highlights of the year are listed below.

- The parish councils and committees continues in their work with some difficulties. Thank you for your commitment.
- First Saturday Devotion is increasingly popular and gathers a lot of people. Pray the rosary and join the Altar Rosary Society to fulfill the will of the BVM.
- The Tuesday's Adoration from 12:00PM to 9:00PM is well-received creating a great opportunity to adore and praise the Lord. It is an especially welcomed initiative since we are in the year of Eucharistic Renewal that will climax in 2024 with a Eucharistic Congress in St. Louis, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Our Caritas program continues to provide food and necessities for the needy and has grown in the last year. The food pantry is open every second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 4-5 PM.
- Our Adult Choir continues to enhance our celebrations as do the members of our Monday Guitar class. Our Adult Choir is looking for new members who will be willing to dedicate their time to practice and singing during our liturgy.
- The 2023 Home Blessing – Koleda was done in a pre-pandemic way following sanitary regulations. The 2023 home blessings and pastoral outreach was an opportunity to reach out to our parishioners after COVID. Also, it was an attempt to learn how they endured the pandemic and to meet our parishioners where they live and sanctify themselves. In 2023 out of 607 visited homes, 272 households were blessed which is 45% of total.
- In January the Holy Name litany was recited every Monday after 11:00 AM Mass with the intention to promote the devotion and eventually revive the Holy Name Society in our Parish that ceased to function in 2021 due to lack of membership.
- 58 sick and homebound were visited regularly.
- In addition to their regular duties, both priests continued as hospital chaplains at RWJ Somerville Hospital.
- The Annual Pierogi Supper took place on Ash Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Our Lenten retreat in English conducted by Fr. Mike Houston C.Ss.R. was held from March 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Once again, the public manifestation of our faith, by the Outdoor Stations of the Cross (March 21<sup>st</sup>), the Corpus Christi (June 11<sup>th</sup>) Procession from Sacred Heart to Christ the King, along with the procession around the block in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (June 25<sup>th</sup>) were well received.
- Bishop James Checchio confirmed 21 students from our parish on March 30.
- Once again, the Holy Triduum (April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>) brought us together in celebration of Christ Passion.
- Religious Education: 96 participants, 2 RCIA participants and 8 English Bible Study participants. These programs continue to educate.
- The parish Picnic (June 11<sup>th</sup>) took place at the Manville/Hillsborough Elks and was a great time of reunion and fun.
- Unfortunately, due to complications our Summer Camp was canceled once again.
- The Christ the Redeemer Feast (July 16<sup>th</sup>) was truly a celebration of joy that we are one.
- Our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Festival (July 26 – 29) was a great success and community building experience. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen.
- In September, after months of arduous work, our 2024 parish calendar and over 60 bulletin inserts were developed featuring all the upcoming parish events and activities.
- On September 16<sup>th</sup> our parishioner, Anthony Scarpantonio and his 15 classmates, who is in his last year of formation to become a deacon in the Diocese of Metuchen, received from Bishop Checchio, the Rite of Acolyte, the last rite before Ordination.
- Our Mega Raffle was conducted on October 8<sup>th</sup> and raised \$11,587.50 for the parish.
- Due to the inclement weather, the celebrating of All Saints Day Devotion took place at Sacred Heart Church. It gave us an opportunity to unite our prayers for our loved ones with the saints in heaven. A new liturgical aid was developed that will be used either in church or at the cemetery.
- The Annual Appreciation Dinner for our volunteers was held on December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Advent Retreat led by Fr. Demetrius Thomas OCB was held from December 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.
- As in previous years, the prayer service for Wreaths Across America on December 16<sup>th</sup> was conducted at our cemetery with many participants.
- The total revenue for fiscal year 2023 was \$1,120,194; total expenses were \$1,183,985 with a deficit of (\$63,791). Please take note that a low deficit was achieved due to the bequest in the amount of \$220,971 given to the parish by the estate of Lenny Lazas for the renovation of the church which will cover only a portion of the needed work. Without this bequest the total deficit would be (\$281,762). In addition, the parish owes the diocese \$300,500 in unpaid assessment. Thank you for Taking A Step and increasing your weekly donation. If you have not done so, please prayerfully consider doing so. If possible, please try to donate 1 hour of your wages each week. We are very grateful for ALL of your contributions.

- Social and fundraising activities (e.g. Summer Festival, Mega Raffle, Fall Dance, New Year's Gala, etc.) were very successful and brought a profit of \$59,876.
- The CTR Parish App and Parish website are regularly updated and are very useful sources and tools in preparation for Sunday Mass (weekly video reflection, Sunday Readings), information about our parish, annual registration for Religious Ed, and volunteer signups for the Summer Festival. Our free parish App and the parish webpage give easy access to view instant notifications about parish events and ministries, the parish bulletin, and the parish calendar.
- Ongoing maintaining and updating of the parish website ([www.CTRmanville.com](http://www.CTRmanville.com)) and Facebook ([www.facebook.com/CTRManville/](https://www.facebook.com/CTRManville/)) continues to provide you with the newest info about our parish, with weekly video reflections as our priority.
- Big and small improvements were made to some parish facilities.
- We will continue to actively seek partners who would be interested in a long-term rental of CTK Catholic Center formerly known as a CTK School.
- Various ministries/groups in our parish continue to meet on a regular basis; e.g., Knights of Columbus (42 Members), Altar Rosary Society (30 Members), Eucharistic Ministers (16 Members), Lectors (25 Members), Ushers (27 Members) among many others. If you feel called to one of these ministries, don't hesitate – join now.
- Our Polish Apostolate was also very busy.
  - A prayer group meets regularly on Wednesdays for adoration at SH after Mass and OLPH Novena.
  - The "Domestic Church" group continues to meet on Thursdays and seeks new members.
  - On Saturdays, the Polish Supplementary School continues to educate children with a Polish background.
  - The Polish Children's Choir continues to sing on the third Sunday of each month at the 11:30AM Polish Mass.
  - In January the Polish apostolate prepared the "Oplatek - Radio Maryja Rally" (January 15) for those who listen to and support this Catholic radio station and the TV station TRWAM run by the Redemptorists.
  - The Lenten retreat led by Fr. Marek Krzyżkowski, C.Ss.R. was held from April 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - On July 16<sup>th</sup>, newly ordained Fr. Almar Sucha C.Ss.R. celebrated his first Mass in our parish. Fr. Almar spent a few months in our parish a number of years ago as a Redemptorist's seminarian as part of his practice program. He was a great help to our pastoral team. We wish him many of God's blessings in his priestly and religious life.
  - In July a bicycle pilgrimage to the American Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown was canceled.
  - On November 18<sup>th</sup>, our annual Parish Dance was prepared and hosted by the Domestic Church in the newly renovated banquet hall at the CTK Catholic Center.
  - The Advent Retreat in Polish was led by Fr. Edward Petelczyc, C.Ss.R. from December 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.
  - The New Year's Eve Gala was a great success and gathered 200 participants.

In summary, we continue to increase our efforts to help the Catholics in our area to rediscover their Catholic identity, and especially renew Eucharistic piety. I THANK YOU for your support and involvement! Now let us join our efforts because in Christ the Redeemer we are ONE!" There is great potential for growth in our parish. We need to remain focused and seek the will of God that guides us through this life and secures our future. I trust that this State of the Parish Address has been informative and helpful in understanding where we are in the process of growing our parish and ourselves. So, get involved! Stay involved! May God bless you and your families in 2024.

Fr. Stanislaw Slaby C.Ss.R., Pastor  
Fr. Piotr Grzeskiewicz C.Ss.R. Associate Pastor

Below are numbers that give a better idea of how much we've grown, how much work was done, how many people are actively involved in our parish and where we need to further concentrate our efforts.

## PARISH STATISTICS

2023	2022 COVID	2021 COVID	2020 COVID	2019 100 Anniversary	2018	2017	2016 Parish Census	2015 Parish Census	2014	Categories
1,058	1,080	1,116	1,134	1,213	1241	1262	1288	1591	1746	Registered number of families.
1,947	2,008	2,242	2,369	2,142	2376	2457	2,453	3,364	3,819	Total number of People in CTR Parish
(22)	(36)	(18)	(79)	(107)	(21)	4	(303)	(155)	0	(Decrease)/Increase of families.
587	710	617	581	940	950	1180	1150	1119	1300	Parishioners who regularly attend Sunday Mass and participate/support the parish
29,500	30,500	20,000	24,000	52,000	64,000	76,000	77,000	69,000	80,000	Approximate number of Holy Communion
786	750	806	992	1,140	1050	1131	1267	1283	1315	Number of Masses said

375	360	312	246	700	600	695	675	650	640	Approximate hours spent hearing confessions
804	648	508	200	185	180	200	168	158	145	Approximate hours of available adoration
607	50	80	650	700	762	900	1000	1000	1100	Approximate home visits/Koleda in January
58	22	33	43	55	62	46	44	40	36	Approximate number of homebound
11	14	14	7	16	13	14	15	29	15	Number of Baptisms
96	103	120	117	148	149	150	169	178	187	Students enrolled in Religious Ed Program
13	11	9	16	20	24	24	29	33	51	Boys and girls received First Communion
22	19	15	19	20	12	12	26	23	48	Young adults received Confirmation
3	2	3	5	0	2	4	6	4	6	Number of Marriages
38	42	51	38	48	38	39	55	95	61	Number of Funerals
26	27	27	16	20	28	32	45	38	45	New families registered
68	117	125	171	262	256	265	190	196	250	Parishioners involved with the Liturgy (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, etc.)
0	0	0	0	48	58	56	49	58	52	Campers at Summer Camp ( <i>SH church grounds</i> )
\$1,120,194	\$894,852	\$958,050	\$873,000	\$1,076,458	\$1,037,289	\$967,068	\$914,332	\$898,473	\$1,018,233	CTR Parish Revenue FY July 1-June 30
\$1,183,985	\$1,191,173	\$1,099,614	\$1,036,994	\$1,170,008	\$1,156,456	\$1,141,746	\$1,273,301	\$1,392,506	\$1,300,475	CTR Parish Expenses FY July 1-June 30
(\$63, 791)	(\$296,321)	(\$292,131)	(\$163,994)	(\$93,550)	(\$119,167)	(\$174,678)	(\$358,969)	(\$494,033)	(\$282,242)	CTR Parish Deficit FY July 1-June 30

**Please Note.**

- The CTR Parish was established in 2014. The numbers for that year are reflecting the “inherited” parishioners of former Sacred Heart and Christ the King Parishes. Due to the low enrolment in 2015 the CTK School was closed.
- All the information for all parish supported events throughout the year is in our 2024 Parish Calendar. Please make an effort to attend these parish activities and become a more active member of the Redeemer's Family of Christ the Redeemer Parish.

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MANVILLE, NJ  
Financial Report for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and 2021

## Revenue

	Fiscal Year 2023	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021
Weekend Collections	\$485,023	\$487,872	\$521,560
Holy Day/Holiday Collections	49,838	62,612	54,527
Other Donations/Offerings	57,696	65,194	57,502
Rental Income	62,112	53,045	71,700
Fund Raising-net	59,876	26,416	36,682
Other income, restricted donations	137,783	92,419	46,365
Diocesan collections/National appeals	23,502	29,710	14,297
Religious Education fees	8,860	10,367	8,050
<b>Ordinary Revenue</b>	<b>884,690</b>	<b>827,635</b>	<b>810,683</b>
Add: Net Investment income (Interest, Dividends and Realized Gains/Losses)	1,683	67,217	185,567
Bequests	220,971	0	0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>1,120,149</b>	<b>\$894,852</b>	<b>\$996,250</b>

## Expenditures

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021
Salaries – Lay	\$262,099	\$260,741
Salaries – Clergy	83,457	72,863
Employee Benefits	120,924	119,174
Food and household	8,181	17,139
Utilities	137,196	122,456
Insurance	116,900	115,227
Repairs, maintenance, contracted services	103,513	120,601
Religious Education/Parish Ministries	45,394	33,454
Diocesan Assessments- Current year	112,600	117,900
Diocesan Assessments-Prior year	0	0
Diocesan collections	23,502	29,710
Other General & Administrative	106,554	84,354
Renovations & Equipment	63,665	97,554
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1,183,985</b>	<b>\$1,191,173</b>
<b>Net Revenue (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$63,791)</b>	<b>(\$292,131)</b>