

STATE OF THE CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH: FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

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.

2022 was not an easy year, but we made it! Some highlights of the year are listed below.

- The 2021 recovery Plan was implemented, namely the “Burning questions” program.
- Due to the pandemic, parish councils and committees experienced some difficulties in their work. Thank you for your commitment and sacrifices you have made.
- First Saturday Devotion lead by Dolores Finlan 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.
- 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 4-5PM. Discretion and privacy are guaranteed. Growing our Caritas program is an explicit example of putting into practice the Corporal Works of Mercy.
- Our Adult Choir continues to enhance our celebrations as do the members of our Monday Guitar classes. Our Adult Choir is looking for new members who will be willing to dedicate their time for practice and singing during our liturgy. Keep up the good work. We look forward to and are thankful for your singing and music.
- Due to the Covid 19 pandemic our annual House Blessing – Koleda was conducted only on a “per request” basis. However, every night during this time, a livestreamed Mass was said for the parishioners that we would have visited on that particular day.
- At the beginning of the year the Holy Name Society ceased to function in our parish due to lack of membership.
- Also, the Prayer and Praise Group was dissolved due to the lack of membership and Covid. However, if there will be a desire to re-establish any of the mention above groups we will do so ASAP.
- In February Fr. Marcin Gacek CSsR was transferred to Copenhagen and Fr. Piotr (Peter) Grzeskiewicz was appointed associate priest in our parish. He was well received, becoming a great addition to our parish staff.
- 33 sick and homebound were visited regularly.
- In addition to their regular duties, both priests continued as a hospital chaplains at RWJ Somerville Hospital.
- After COVID break the Annual Pierogi Supper took place on March 2nd.
- Our Lenten retreat in English conducted by Fr. Rodney Olive, C.Ss.R. was held from March 19th to 22nd.
- Once again, the public manifestation of our faith, by the Outdoor Stations of the Cross (March 29th), the Corpus Christi (June 19th) Procession from Sacred Heart to Christ the King, along with the procession around the block in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (June 26th) were well received.
- Bishop James Checchio on March 31 Confirmed 19 students from our parish.
- Once again the Holy Triduum (April 14th -16th) brought us together in celebration of Christ Passion.
- Religious Education: with 103 CCD participants 2 RCIA participant, 9 English Bible Study participants. These programs continue to educate.
- The parish Picnic took place at Manville/Hillsborough Elks and was a great time of reunion and fun.
- Unfortunately due to complications our Summer Camp was canceled.
- The Christ the Redeemer Feast was truly a celebration of joy that we are one.
- Our 55th Annual Summer Festival was a great success and community building experience. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make it happen.
- Bishop James Checchio visited us again on August 14th.
- In September, after months of arduous work, our 2023 parish calendar and over 50 bulletin inserts were developed featuring all the upcoming parish events and activities.
- Our Mega Raffle was conducted on October 9th and raised \$9,700 for the parish.
- Celebrating All Saints Day Devotions at Sacred Heart Cemetery gave us an opportunity to unite our prayers for our loved ones with the saints in heaven.
- The Annual Appreciation Dinner for our volunteers was held on November 28th.
- The Advent Retreat led by Fr. Kevin O’Neill, C.Ss.R. was held from December 3rd to 6th.
- As in previous years, the prayer service for Wreaths Across America on December 17th was conducted at our cemetery with many participants.
- The total revenue for fiscal year 2022 was \$894,852; total expenses were \$1,191,173 with a deficit of \$296,321. In addition to current revenue, if we would be able to collect \$112,600 for the diocesan assessment and \$135,593 for the insurance and increase our Sunday collection by \$48,000 we would break even. The CTK School building was renamed the CTK Catholic Center in the hope that it will attract more renters. Currently it is used for CCD, Polish Saturday School, parish sports and social activities. Now, maintaining the building is significantly offset by rental income from the gym and a portion of the school.

- At present CTK church remains closed.
- In order to increase our weekly collection, the annual “Take a Step Campaign” reminded our parishioners that like theirs, our costs have also increased; on-line giving is also encouraged and has proven to be convenient and safe.
- Social and fundraising activities (e.g. Summer Festival, Mega Raffle, Fall Dance, New Year’s Gala) were very successful and brought a profit of \$50,696.
- 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 CCD, 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, the parish calendar, the newsletter, and real-time news feeds from trusted Catholic sources.
- We have encountered difficulties in regularly delivering our Parish Newsletter, which is emailed to over 900 recipients. We apologize for any delay. The main focus of each newsletter is on current parish events and programs.
- Ongoing maintaining and updating of the parish website (www.CTRmanville.com) and Face Book (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. After a year of renovations, the former CTK School and now CTK Catholic Center were completed with upgrades (installing two French drains and four sump pumps, changing of the light and electrical panels, new vinyl flooring that imitates wood planks was installed in whole cafeteria, new kitchen equipment such as ovens, refrigerators, walk-in freezers and two new side doors were installed). We hope that the upgraded cafeteria will become a popular rental facility which will generate steady income for the parish.
- Discussions with the Manville Board of Education in regards to the former CTK School took place. The Board is interested in buying the facility, however in the long-term best interest of the parish is a long-term rental agreement. We will continue to actively seek other partners who would be interested in a long-term rental cooperation.
- On November 13th, the Food Pantry was renovated and dedicated to Barbara Demchak (deceased) and John & Magdalena Daus who were instrumental in creating the Caritas ministry along with the Food Pantry as a way to help the poor.
- This year we lost our organist Lucy Mazareski who died on September 6th. She was a great singer and musician who with passion, led the music ministry in our parish. Please keep Lucy in your prayers and help Maryanne Zarbetski, our organist, to maintain a high quality of music ministry in our parish.
- Various ministries/groups in our parish continue to meet regularly; e.g., Knights of Columbus (40 Members), Altar Rosary Society (54 Members), Eucharistic Ministers (16 Members), Lectors (24 Members), Ushers (23 Members) among many others. If you feel called to one of these ministries, don’t hesitate – join now.
- On the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel the prayer to him was introduced in our parish to be said after each Mass in both English and Polish. In doing so we fulfill the will of Pope Leo the XIII who mandated the prayer in order to seek protection against the evil that grows stronger and caused so much pain and tears in the 20th century and continuing into the 21st century.
- The rectory needs an urgent and thorough renovation. In 2022 the rectory was flooded 5 times from broken pipes. Patchwork repairs are no longer an option. In order to rectify the most urgent issue one bathroom was renovated and a drainage system was built around the building. In the near future, the almost 100-year-old building will need a lot of attention and upgrades to provide decent and safe living conditions for the current and future clergy of the parish. The last major renovation took place a few decades ago and is long overdue and it is time to address this issue. Please help to offset this project with your contributions. Thank you in advance for your generosity.
- 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.
 - The Polish Bible study group ceased its meetings. We hope that it will resume in 2023.
 - In January the Polish apostolate prepared the “Oplatek - Radio Maryja Rally” (January 16) 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. Witold Radowski, C.Ss.R. was held from April 3rd to 6th.
 - On July 10th, newly ordained Fr. Patrick Reczek celebrated his first Mass in our parish. Fr. Patrick 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.
 - On July 17th a group of 15 Polish parishioners made a bicycle pilgrimage to the American Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown.
 - On November 19th, 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. Lukasz Baran C.Ss.R. from December 11th -14th.
 - For the first time, we held a New Year’s Gala on New Year’s Eve and it was a great success and will continue next year.

In summary, since the Covid pandemic is behind us we need to increase our efforts to help the Catholics in our area to rediscover our Catholic identity. I THANK YOU for your support and involvement! Now let us join our efforts because in Christ the Redeemer we are ONE!" Working together we can unleash our great potential and growth by remaining focused and seeking 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 2023.

Fr. Stanislaw Slaby C.Ss.R., 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									
2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	Categories
COVID	COVID	COVID	100 Anniversary			Parish Census	Parish Census		
1,080	1,116	1,134	1,213	1241	1262	1288	1591	1746	Registered number of families.
2,008	2,242	2,369	2,142	2376	2457	2,453	3,364	3,819	Total number of People in CTR Parish
(36)	(18)	(79)	(107)	(21)	4	(303)	(155)	0	(Decrease)/Increase of families.
710	617	581	940	950	1180	1150	1119	1300	Parishioners who regularly attend Sunday Mass and participate/support the parish
30,500	20,000	24,000	52,000	64,000	76,000	77,000	69,000	80,000	Approximate number of Holy Communion
750	806	992	1,140	1050	1131	1267	1283	1315	Number of Masses said
360	312	246	700	600	695	675	650	640	Approximate hours spent hearing confessions
648	508	200	185	180	200	168	158	145	Approximate hours of available adoration
50	80	650	700	762	900	1000	1000	1100	Approximate home visits/Koleda in January
22	33	43	55	62	46	44	40	36	Approximate number of homebound
14	14	7	16	13	14	15	29	15	Number of Baptisms
103	120	117	148	149	150	169	178	187	Students enrolled in Religious Ed Program
11	9	16	20	24	24	29	33	51	Boys and girls received First Communion
19	15	19	20	12	12	26	23	48	Young adults received Confirmation
2	3	5	0	2	4	6	4	6	Number of Marriages
42	51	38	48	38	39	55	95	61	Number of Funerals
27	27	16	20	28	32	45	38	45	New families registered
117	125	171	262	256	265	190	196	250	Parishioners involved with the Liturgy (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, etc.)
0	0	0	48	58	56	49	58	52	Campers at Summer Camp (SH church grounds)
\$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
\$1,191,173	\$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
(\$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 2023 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.

CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH
MANVILLE, NJ
Financial Report for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2022 and 2021

Revenue

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021
Weekend Collections	\$487,872	\$521,560
Holy Day/Holiday Collections	62,612	54,527
Other Donations/Offerings	65,194	57,502
Rental Income	53,045	71,700
Fund Raising-net	26,416	36,682
Other income, restricted donations	92,419	46,365
Diocesan collections/National appeals	29,710	14,297
Religious Education fees	10,367	8,050
Ordinary Revenue	827,635	810,683
Add: Net Investment income <small>(Interest, Dividends and Realized Gains/Losses)</small>	67,217	185,567
Total Revenue	\$894,852	\$996,250

Expenditures

	Fiscal Year 2022	Fiscal Year 2021
Salaries – Lay	\$260,741	\$248,810
Salaries – Clergy	72,863	70,657
Employee Benefits	119,174	128,612
Food and household	17,139	14,151
Utilities	122,456	89,501
Insurance	115,227	113,124
Repairs, maintenance, contracted services	120,601	133,700
Religious Education/Parish Ministries	33,454	17,969
Diocesan Assessments- Current year	117,900	126,900
Diocesan Assessments-Prior year	0	214,531
Diocesan collections	29,710	14,297
Other General & Administrative	84,354	69,989
Renovations & Equipment	97,554	46,140
Total Expenditures	\$1,191,173	\$1,288,381
Net Revenue (Loss)	(\$296,321)	(\$292,131)