

# OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNUAL UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2022

*Greetings from Father Danny!*



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I present to you our parish annual report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, like much of the country, is feeling the financial effects of inflation in increased expenses and reduced revenues. And yet we continue to strive to live our mission to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community today.

Please know of my deep and sincere gratitude for your generosity to our parish. I especially thank our great staff, pastoral and finance councils, and all our volunteers. Each of us has been entrusted with gifts and talents; I pray that we are and will continue to be good stewards of those gifts.

Let us pray for each other and our parish,

Fr. Danny Cogut, Pastor  
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*From the Parish Secretary*

This past fiscal year we welcomed 13 families who registered and celebrated 15 Baptisms, including one adult at the Easter Vigil.

A home for Habitat for Humanity was worked on and dedicated in September of 2021. We have continued to serve families through Family Promise and found a new contact person for our parish team. St. Francis House collections are taken up monthly as well as the yearly migrant ministry clothing drive in the late spring and the quarterly baby showers for Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

We are a busy church community serving Our Lord Jesus Christ.

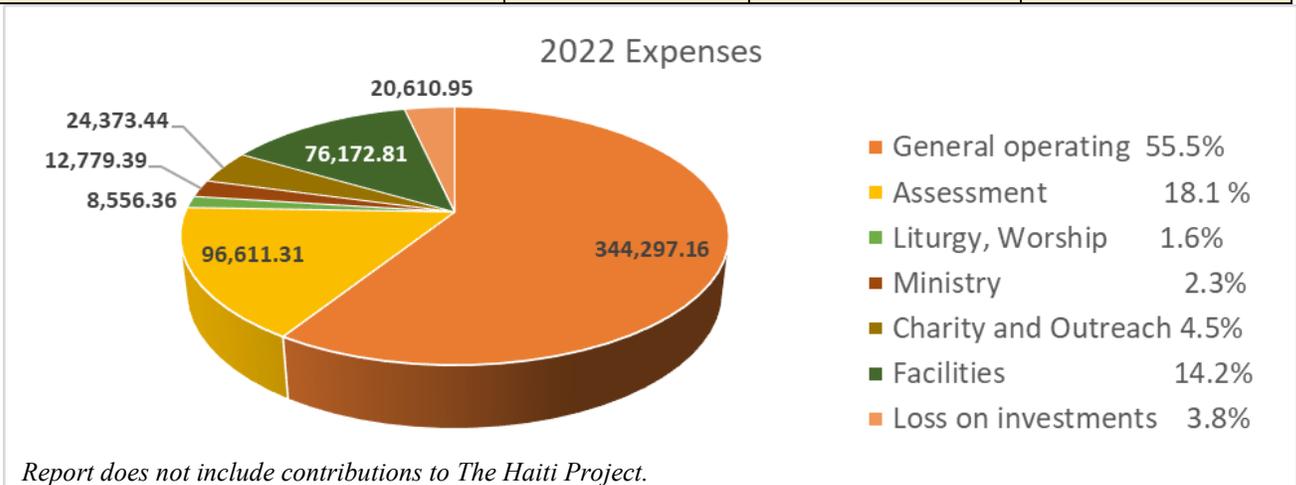
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# Financial Update from our Business Manager

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES Fiscal Year 2021-2022

	Actual 2021-2022	Budget 2021-2022	Budget 2022-2023
<b><u>Parish Income</u></b>			
GENERAL INCOME			
Total Receipts from Collections	492,158.82	552,436.00	581,666.80
Annual Appeal- Parish Share	8,625.10	6,500.00	6,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	4,632.74	7,250.00	5,400.00
<b>General Income Total</b>	<b>505,416.66</b>	<b>578,236.00</b>	<b>597,006.80</b>
Capital Improvement Fund	27,689.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL PARISH INCOME</b>	<b>533,105.68</b>	<b>617,736.00</b>	<b>633,716.80</b>
<b><u>Parish Expenses</u></b>			
Liturgy & Worship	8,556.36	13,600.00	14,050.00
Ministry; Music, Religious Ed and Youth	12,779.39	26,850.00	28,400.00
Charity & Outreach	24,373.44	11,050.00	10,700.00
Facilities	76,172.81	73,260.00	78,841.97
Diocesan Assessments	96,611.31	62,364.00	63,529.67
General Parish Operating Expenses	344,297.16	444,212.00	438,194.86
Loss on Investments	20,610.95	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL PARISH EXPENSES</b>	<b>583,411.42</b>	<b>617,736.00</b>	<b>633,716.80</b>
<b>Parish Loss</b>	<b>-50,305.76</b>		



If you have any questions, please reach out!

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## Update from the Christian Formation Coordinator

FY 2021-2022 was a year of rebuilding for the religious education program after the pandemic. We returned to offering religious education on Sunday morning prior to Mass for all grade levels. A total of 77 students were enrolled which was an increase from the prior year, but a 30% decrease from the previous year. In response to smaller class sizes and fewer catechists, elementary grades were combined (i.e. Kindergarten/1<sup>st</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade).

We provided preparation classes for Reconciliation and Eucharist for four youngsters, who received First Holy Communion in May 2022. Fourteen teens were prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop Knestout conferred the sacrament on March 4, 2022 at Our Lady of Nazareth.

In 2020, OLPH subscribed to FORMED as a way to meet the formation needs of the parishioners when we were unable to gather in person. This digital platform provides access to Catholic content such as movies, documentaries, books, audio talks, and studies about the Catholic faith. We continued to offer this resource free to our parishioners in 2021-2022.

As part of the Year of the Family instituted by Pope Francis, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly was celebrated in July 2021 with a breakfast and reflection on the role of elders in our families.

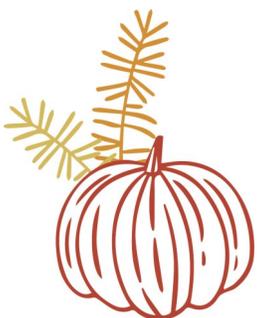
A 5-week Bible study on The Acts of the Apostles was led by Fr. Danny and Deacon John Beach in the spring of 2022. Thirty-one adults registered for this adult formation offering.



In the fall of 2021, we were able to reopen the nursery on Sunday mornings with the hiring of Kalley Fechko as nursery coordinator. Parishioners generously responded to requests for items to restock the nursery.

We are grateful to all the parishioners who devote many hours to teaching and sharing their faith with the children, youth and adults of OLPH. We also are deeply appreciative of the continued financial support of the parish that allows us to offer religious education and sacramental preparation without charging fees. This practice exemplifies the commitment of the parish to the handing on of the faith and the support of the teaching ministry of the Church.

Barbara Hairfield,  
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We are blessed to have the only Catholic gift shop in the Roanoke Valley. The Olive Branch is open on Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 PM, on Saturdays from 3:00-4:45 PM, and on Sundays before and after Mass. Remember us for all of your shopping needs! If you have questions, contact Pat Hickok ([olivebranch@olphsaalem.org](mailto:olivebranch@olphsaalem.org)).

## Update from the Youth Coordinator

The OLPH Youth Group consists of teens from grades 6 through 12, and pulls from five different school divisions. Unfortunately, our attendance at meetings and events has struggled over the last several years. The teens are amazing young people and I am definitely a better person for knowing them and it has been a privilege ministering to them.

This past year, we created a lot of great memories which included fun, service to others and strengthening our relationship to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

- Our 100-foot water slide helped to kick off our new year!
- We hosted our Eucharistic Adoration which incorporated music and silent prayer, concluding with a pasta dinner.
- We made and donated dog treats and cat nip toys to the SPCA in Roanoke.
- We served the Rescue Mission of Roanoke many times: Once a month we served dinner to the guests. We made over 30 pies for the Thanksgiving Feast. We helped organized the toy store and collected items needed. We made Christmas goodies for the Christmas Feast. For our Lenten Project we made 100 bag lunches.
- We created pro-life luminaries for the March for Life.
- We led Stations of the Cross during Lent.
- We stuffed over 1500 eggs and lead the Easter Hunt for our parish on Easter Sunday.
- We raised money for the Walk for Life for the Blue Ridge Women's Center.
- We had our annual Family picnic which included a nerf gun battle.
- We also participated in the Faith and Family Night at the Salem Red Sox.

We also did the usual of silly games, great food and fellowship, and learning more about our Catholic faith. All teens are welcome! We have a closed Facebook group, OLPH Youth Group. God bless and thank you for the continued support of this vital and important program.

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## Update from the Music Coordinator

Each week, I am blessed to work with the amazingly talented and faithful musicians and singers of OLPH. I thank each of them for sharing their time and talents with us.

The Bible tells us again and again about the importance of music. The Old Testament references singing in God's presence 242 times. The Book of Revelation portrays heaven as continually filled with songs of praise from the saints. When we sing to the Lord, we add our voices to their continuing song. In Mass, music

helps us express our sorrows, our gratitude, and our praise. The OLPH Choir (high school and above) rehearses on Thursdays at 7:30 PM, and the Children's Choir (elementary and middle school) rehearses on Sundays at 11:30 AM. We would love for you to join us! If you would like more information about our ministry, please contact me.

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