

Annual Stewardship REPORT 2022



St. Peter the Apostle
Catholic Church ■ Parry Sound, ON



MEMBER TESTIMONIES

Ryan and I moved to Parry Sound in the middle of the pandemic. We're two artists who love nature and Georgian Bay. Not too long after the move, Parry Sound began to feel like our home. Attending Mass at St. Peter the Apostle helped make the transition smooth. We love the parish community and look forward to every Sunday. We got married on June 10th, 2023, with a beautiful ceremony at the parish. It felt just perfect to be married in the house of God. Overall, as our love has grown, so has our interest in the church. We want to raise our family Catholic. Ryan is currently on his way to becoming Catholic, participating in the RCIA program. We value being a family that is united in their beliefs.



Ryan & Colleen Sobkovich



We became full-time parishioners of St. Peter the Apostle in August 2022, switching from part-time, when like many people post-Covid, we jumped at the chance to move to cottage county permanently. Father Jerry's invitation for parishioners to have a "host the priest for a drink" event allowed us to feel like we were welcoming him to the area, but in fact, it was really the other way around. Soon after, we felt we needed to support the parish more than just financially. We began with greeting people at church entrances and with ushering, then jumped at the opportunity to help at Killbear Masses, to be a lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and a sacramental prep leader. We have loved every minute of it, and know whole-heartedly that we will continue to serve the parishioners in as many ways as possible. May God continue to bless St. Peter the Apostle Church and all who enter its doors.



Peter & Tracy Andrews





Chris & Margaret Ibey

We are happy to share our story as members of St. Peter the Apostle Parish. Chris, an Anglo-Catholic and Margaret, a Roman Catholic, have been active church members in Parry Sound since 1979. Chris organized and led a children's church choir for over 10 years in the 80s and 90s. During that time, Margaret organized and taught the confirmation catechism classes for children not attending St. Peter School and was a team member for the toddlers' and pre-schoolers' religion teaching during Mass. Chris has offered his singing and guitar playing as an active music ministry participant in weekly Masses and special liturgical events since 1979. Margaret has been an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and occasional lector, and served on the Parish Church Building Committee. All of our children were altar servers. We have had the joyous events of the baptisms and other sacraments of our children and grandchildren and marriages of two of our God-daughters at the Parish. A long term friendship with a priest who formerly served here has continued, and he even shared in the concelebration of our son's marriage in Ottawa. Spiritual guidance by current and former Parish Priests continue to inform so many aspects of our lives. Our faith is a pillar in our lives and those of our family. We are thankful and feel very blessed that St. Peter the Apostle in Parry Sound has been a constant in our lives and that of our community.





Ken & Joan Henry

Ken and I moved to Parry Sound with our three young sons in 1978 from the Wingham area and became members of St. Peter's the Apostle Parish.

At first we found it difficult to feel welcome and to fit in. Having converted from the Baptist church was a challenge, and took some time. I still continue to learn and grow in the Catholic faith.

Over time, we were made to feel welcome and were all actively involved in the Parish, altar servers, CWL, Knights of Columbus, Marriage Encounter, Cursillo and Core, and these involvements definitely were a positive spiritual journey for us.

We left Parry Sound in 1988 and moved to Owen Sound to care and spend time with our aging parents, and became members of St. Mary's Church. While there, we were involved in RCIA, Ultreya and Prayer Group.

Four years ago we returned to Parry Sound and are again members of St. Peter's the Apostle Parish. There have been many changes - new Church and Catholic School to name a couple.

We have been warmly welcomed back and have reconnected with some parishioners. We are pleased and encouraged and appreciate Father Jerry's efforts to embrace new parishioners and encourages all of us to do the same.

We experienced spiritual growth by attending the 2022 and 2023 Lenten Series which were excellent and spiritually motivating. We feel very blessed to have Father Jerry as our Pastor, whose homilies reassure us how much God loves us, and makes us want to be better Christians in our daily lives. Also a big Thank You to Kristen who is so committed to making our attending Mass and other events such a welcoming and positive experience.





Adrian, Ashlee, Callie Winn & JoAnn Sedore

St. Peter the Apostle Church has always been our place to go, since we moved here over 15 years ago when it was just Adrian and I. The last 5 years when Covid started, and my mom (also known as Grammie) moved here, we started attending more when we could. Then along came Fr. Jerry, and all of us would agree that church and Mass started to feel different. Callie was excited and expecting church on the weekend, which for a 6 year old is awesome! She is always excited to see Fr. Jerry and Kristen, even if she plays shy at first. Fr. Jerry has made us feel more connected to God. We feel a sense of belonging and his "Series" are something you never want to miss. He makes you feel welcome no matter the hockey team you cheer for, even if it isn't the Leafs. Our family started attending every weekend we are home.

Our faith has grown stronger the more we listen to the readings, and from Fr. Jerry's Homilies. Even after all these years of church, we have all been learning so much from Father. We started to find more ways to help and be a part of the Parish family. Adrian joined and applied to the Knights of Columbus, Grammie helped clean the church, made salads for dinner, and helped any way she could. Callie and I read the bulletins; watching for the next event we can attend. We love going to the pancake breakfasts, fish dinners, and honestly any meal the Knights of Columbus puts on, as we always know it will be delicious and a good time. We have met some wonderful people at church and it warms our hearts. Church no longer feels like something we should go to, but like something we hate to miss, most importantly our little girl Callie learned that church is someplace we all go and are accepted. Thanks to Fr. Jerry teaching us that we all belong and are always welcome.

I was very fortunate to grow up in a Catholic family. I attended both Catholic elementary and secondary schools and my family was a member of St. Anne's Catholic Parish in Brampton. My family was involved in our parish in a number of ways. Of course, my siblings and I celebrated all of our sacraments there, as well as participating in children's liturgy, youth groups, choir and other parish activities. My mother Sheila was very involved in children's liturgy, RCIA and parish social events. We had many St. Anne's family friends. As a young adult, I attended church less frequently when I moved away from home and the parish that I grew up in. I was too busy to find another church community due to other commitments such as school, work, friends, etc. After marrying my spouse Stephanie, we attended a number of churches in different communities over the years but we never really found a church home. This lack of finding a new church home was partially due to the fact that we are of different Christian faith backgrounds, and life is busy.



Tim Redmond

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In the end, we stopped attending church. Thankfully a couple of years ago my son Noah started to take an interest in God and attending church. Noah decided to attend St. Peter the Apostle Church in Parry Sound. Noah invited me to attend with him, and I am happy that he did. Since returning to the church it has brought back that sense of community that I felt growing up in St. Anne's Parish. I am eternally grateful for the open arms and welcome that we received from Fr. Jerry and the Parish community.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE



God wants to be first in every aspect of our lives - including our finances. Tithing isn't about our money, it's about our relationship with God. By bringing Him our first 10%, we're demonstrating that we trust that He will provide for us. In scripture, the prophet Malachi tells us that when we tithe and bring back to God what is already His, He will bless us:

"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do", says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" -Malachi 3:10

There's no better investment in the world than the local parish. It is where people meet Jesus and lives are changed.

Giving Draws Us Closer to God

- When you invest in what matters to God, you strengthen your relationship with him.

Giving Grows our Character

- Giving helps us to better reflect the character of God. He has given us everything — not even withholding his own Son! God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son.

Giving Expresses Love for People

- Our giving makes it possible for people to hear the Good News of God's love for them. It also helps us provide, through our Ministry partners, critical care to the poor and those in need.

Thank you for commitment to St. Peter the Apostle Parish! Ministry, programming and outreach would not be possible without your gift.

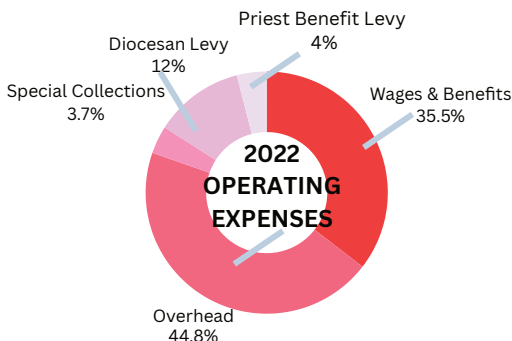
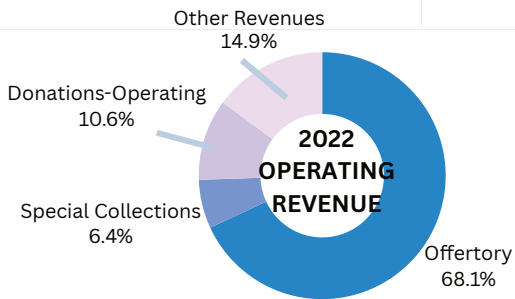
In Christ,
Fr. Jerry Tavares
Pastor



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

For the twelve months ending December 31

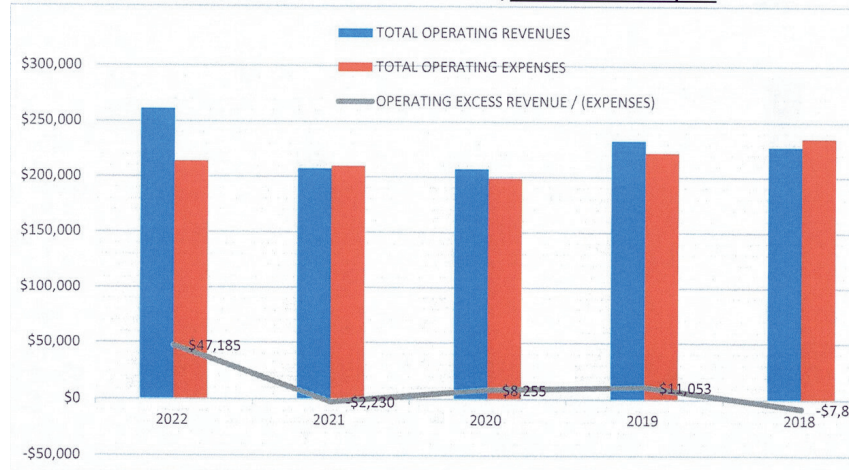
	2022	2021	2020	2019
Bank Balances	\$89,954	\$47,319	\$41,003	\$40,378
Term Deposits	\$122,188	\$121,233	\$119,993	\$109,742
Operating Revenue	2022	2021	2020	2019
Offertory	\$184,473	\$141,118	\$148,329	\$159,937
Special Collections	\$13,974	\$13,212	\$11,887	\$20,269
Bequests/Estates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Donations-Operating	\$10,811	\$22,046	\$7,268	\$16,056
Other Revenue	\$51,679	\$15,808	\$19,071	\$36,765
CEWS Reimbursement		\$15,076	\$20,436	\$0
Total Operating Revenue	\$260,938	\$207,260	\$206,991	\$233,027
Operating Expenses				
Wage and Benefits	\$74,778	\$67,026	\$61,002	\$60,604
Overhead	\$97,513	\$96,978	\$94,755	\$110,851
Special Collections	\$7,842	\$10,568	\$6,672	\$11,747
Diocesan Levy	\$25,239	\$25,464	\$26,679	\$28,376
Priest Benefit Levy	\$8,381	\$9,454	\$9,627	\$10,396
Total Expenses:	\$213,753	\$209,490	\$198,736	\$221,974
Operating Excess Revenue/Expenses	\$47,185	-\$2,230	\$8,255	\$11,053
Capital Donations	\$47,596	\$1,003	\$7,960	\$2,325
Capital Expenses	\$51,647	\$1,003	\$14,339	\$40,618
Capital Excess Revenue/Expenses	-\$4,051	\$0	-\$6,379	-\$38,293
Net Operating & Capital	\$43,134	-\$2,230	\$1,876	-\$27,240



A more complete report is also available by scanning the QR Code



*NOTE: Graph is comprised from OPERATING RESULTS ONLY, does NOT include capital.





THANK YOU

How we Give

At St. Peter the Apostle we frame our giving around the concept of 4 P's

Planned

Growing in generosity means being intentional about our giving. Planning our giving means that we intentionally set aside money from our budget to give away. An efficient way to plan our giving is to give electronically.

Priority

Making giving a priority means giving it first place in our budgets. Growing in generosity requires that we don't give leftovers. We give our "first fruits" back to God.

Percentage

In planning our gifts, we pick a percentage to give away, keeping in mind the biblical standard of the tithe or giving ten percent back to God. Identify a percentage of your income to give away.

Progressive

Our goal over time is to increase the percentage of our income that we give away. As God blesses us financially we recognize that we have been blessed to be a blessing.