



2021 Annual Report

“ HOPEFULLY ONLY ONCE IN A 100 YEARS”

How often do we hear of an event happening only once every 100 years? Hurricanes; drought; an economic depression; a heavenly event?

During this past year (and unfortunately still continuing) the Covid 19 pandemic has affected everyone and everything on the planet Earth: A run on toilet paper and cleaning supplies; eating in and not out. Having to wear masks and go through an interrogation whenever you stepped outside your home (or being the interrogator when someone wanted to enter).



Life in the parish and my ministry as a priest were greatly affected. Celebrating daily Mass (especially on the weekends) alone; praying for parishioners who were not able to receive Holy Communion; celebrating the Anointing of the Sick while standing outside the Manor; being restricted from hospitals; ministering to families who had loved ones die and not being able to do funeral services until months later; not being able to conduct committee and council meetings; trying to figure out ZOOM and streaming Mass. Now I know in some ways what families and communities go through (at least emotionally) when they try to rebuild after a tornado or hurricane.

Let’s pray to God that this is only a “once in a lifetime event.”

But life goes on; The parish persevered and we have gone through another fiscal year. Thanks to all of you for your Stewardship during this time. You took time to send in your donations either via snail mail or using electronic giving. Our fiscal situation would have been much worse without your cooperation. Thank you so much for your dedication and support!

So at this point I present our parish financial statement for July 2020 – June 2021. In the past this report was put together telling you how your support helped the parish to grow and to offer different programs. That has been severely limited by the pandemic but the committees and councils are starting to meet again and plan how to rebuild. There is a part for every parishioner to play, especially as there is only one priest for the parish. Thanks to all who have stepped forward to help in any way during this past year: the cleaners, ushers, teachers, office staff, liturgical ministers and musicians, and anyone else I forgot to mention.

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Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community Summary

Fiscal Year Ending 2021 & 2022 Budget

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish 2021

The fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021, had many “ups and downs”. Not unexpected, attendance at weekend masses declined by 63% compared to pre-pandemic levels. The upside is that year over year envelope and electronic fund collections decreased by only 6% suggesting that dedicated parishioners continued their financial support. The largest portion of the collections decline was the “loose change category”. Total revenues (\$446K), including collections, declined by -15% year over year. The upside is that the decline was less than the amount anticipated and budgeted by the Finance Committee. Also, we received gifts and donations totaling \$25K during the year, which is another demonstration of continuing parishioner support during a difficult period.

Operating costs of \$490K were less than the budgeted amount and \$56K less than last year. Personnel costs which are 70% of total operating cost declined by -5% versus last year as the result of fewer paid part time workers. The pandemic “stay at home” mandates resulted in lower costs for things such as the faith formation ministry, Advent & Lent materials, sacristy supplies, and utilities.

In summary, there was an operating loss of -\$43K which is a smaller than originally anticipated and budgeted for.

Non-Operating revenues and related expenses improved the total parish “gain/loss” to a gain of \$813K for fiscal year 2021. A significant portion of the reported non-operating revenue does not result in the receipt of cash. The increase in market value of long-term investments is accounted for as revenue although no cash is received. Dividends and interest from the investments were re-invested and the total of these are accounted for as non-operating revenue. The parish has received two PPP cash loans totaling \$99K to be used for personnel costs, a very significant “upside”. The loan PPP received in 2020 (\$64K) was accounted for as a liability. The loan amount was transferred to non-operating revenue this year after the specific use of the funds were reported to the bank/SBA and the obligation to re-pay was forgiven. The sale of the St. Theresa property (\$110K) and a significant (\$30K) gift from a parishioner were cash receipts included in non-operating revenues.

2021-2022 Parish Budget

Budgeting continues to be a challenge as we are yet to return to the norm of past years. Total Operating Revenue for 2021-2022 is expected to increase to \$463K, hopefully with an “up-tick” in collections and the return of fund-raising revenue, as St. Januarius is once again participating in the Grape Festival. We are projecting total operating expenses of \$504K which is 4% higher than 2020-2021. Personnel costs will be about the same as 2021 with the departure of Fr. Jorge and no planned replacement. We are, though, projecting increases in insurance, health/medical and utilities. At this time, an operating loss of -\$44K is anticipated. Again in 2022, when the 2nd PPP loan (\$35K) will be transferred from a liability to non-operating revenue, and the reported total parish loss should be approximately -\$8K.

Technology & Covid

“With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us; he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.”

Archbishop José H. Gomez, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

Who could have ever imagined that the Church would be “closed”?

Upon learning that attendance would be restricted in the Church, Fr. Leo Reinhardt and Fr. Jorge Ramirez worked together to make a plan to allow parishioners to still attend Mass. Both continued to offer Mass daily, but the Our Lady of the Lakes Parish Churches remained empty due to Government lockdown of public places and meetings.

The concept of streaming the Mass was brought up and Fr. Jorge Ramirez led OLOL’s initiative to live streaming Masses during the COVID-19 pandemic. He spent hours researching, learning, and implementing the computer technology necessary to successfully live stream daily and Sunday Masses. Whenever Fr. Jorge said Mass, he was live streaming via his cell-phone. Through live stream our parishioners were able to “attend” Mass throughout the many months of restrictions on social gathering caused by the pandemic.



The Church bulletin became an online resource for many as it was sent out weekly to parishioners. Restrictions relaxed so that we were able to resume in person worship, however many still stayed away and were able to “attend” online.

Due to the generosity of several parishioners who provided funding, before his departure, Fr. Jorge helped the parish acquire better quality equipment, including a video camera, so we are able to continue live streaming Sunday Mass at St. Michael’s in Penn Yan each week. These days the Mass is streamed on Sunday allowing those who are still at high risk to continue to worship with their “Church Family”

After three years serving as the Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, Father Jorge Ramirez was reassigned in June of 2021. In his new assignment, Fr. Jorge is now the Parochial Administrator of a network of sister parishes – Holy Cross Parish Dryden/Freeville, St. Anthony Parish Groton, and All Saints Parish Lansing – in Tompkins County; collectively referred to as N.E.T. Catholic (North East Tompkins).

The parishioners of OLOL cannot thank Fr. Jorge enough for everything he did while serving us at OLOL. His caring support, friendliness, and enthusiastic energy will be missed. We wish him well in his new assignment.

St. Michael School

“A Little Gem”

A stupendous job by Principal Deb Marvin! St. Michael School just finished its 138th year and possibly its most challenging. In person instruction was available to every student throughout the entire year and for those students who were not able to be at school in person, on-line instruction was available. The faculty and staff went above and beyond expectations to make it happen. There were weeks that faculty members had to quarantine and substitute teachers filled in the gap minimizing lost education time. “Good Work” to all is an understatement. There were 75 students enrolled compared to 84 the prior year. The pandemic was the reason for the decline with Pre School and Pre K accounting for most of the decrease. There were 57 student families enrolled 19 of which were from our parish. Non-Catholic students represented 64% of the student population.

The grade level faculty team has remained constant during the past several years with the exception of a new kindergarten teacher year this coming year. All are very dedicated to St. Mikes School and are key to the continued success of the school. This coming year, former principal Tom Flood has agreed to be interim Physical Education teacher as the former teacher accepted a position outside the area.

Academic achievement has been a hallmark of St. Mike’s for many years. Scores on NYS achievement tests are always very high and most years the highest in the county. Although this year’s results have not yet been received, a diagnostic process used by the Diocese of Rochester indicated a high standard of achievement and high individual growth during the year. St. Mike’s students ranked 4th in ELA and 7th in Math among the 16 diocesan schools. This success is facilitated with the use of up-to-date technology. Students in grades 3 thru 5 are given Chromebook computers to use during their time at St. Mike’s, and the grade 1 and 2 classrooms have Chromebooks for all students to use. All classrooms have “Interactive Smart Boards” which are very helpful to both teachers and students and significantly enhance the learning process.

Student activities were somewhat restricted by the pandemic. Masses were attended by grades 3 thru 5 while other grades participated virtually. The Christmas concert, history projects, and art show were all accomplished and seen virtually. The enthusiasm and excitement of the students participating in these was still very evident. Club activities were also limited except for skiing.

Community outreach activities, key to learning and teaching the importance of social responsibility, continued. Students helped with cleaning at the Outlet Trail and local parks and held food drives during Christmas and “Soup” er Bowl Sunday. Money raised and food collected was donated to Milly’s Pantry, The Living Well, Friends of the Outlet, and the Veterans Service Agency. Letters and cards were written throughout the year to elderly and homebound parishioners, and kindergarten students collected food and supplies for the animal shelter. Student parents, grandparents, and a cadre of other volunteers contributed many hundreds of volunteer hours to make the year a success.....**THANK YOU TO ALL.**

St Michael School 2021 Results Catholic elementary education continues to be a significant financial challenge. However, through the continuing generous support of many local businesses, families, and alumni, St. Michael School is able to continue as a viable parish mission and community asset. Personnel costs are 89% of operating expenses which totaled \$610K. Tuitions cover 36% of the cost and a significant portion of the remaining costs are covered by fundraising, gifts and donations, and the monthly school collection. This year the school received PPP funds totaling \$52K, a “bitter-sweet” assist to cash needs. The parish subsidy of \$20K per year continued as did support from the diocese of \$8K. Fundraising traditionally has been a significant revenue source, however the pandemic has negatively impacted results. The Turkey Trot was virtual, Bike the Bluff was not held, and the Golf Tournament was cancelled. The Cash Bash continued its successes of selling all tickets and netting \$25K. Also a very special and unexpected bequest of \$30K was received from the estate of Fr. Peter Deckman.

Including all revenue sources, the net loss for the year was -\$68K. Cash reserves available at fiscal yearend are adequate to secure the 2021 – 2022 school year, assuming no significant negative “surprises”, and the continued generous community support.

For many years now, there have been periods when the school lacked adequate cash on hand to satisfy obligations and the parish satisfied those obligations. The cumulative total of this, which is recorded on the school balance sheet as “due to parish” is \$276K.

Our Lady of the Lakes Statement of Rev. Expenses As of 6/30/2021

	YTD	YTD	2021-2022
	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
		<u>Variance</u>	
Operating Revenue			
Regular Collection	398,532	396,200	(2,332) 404,000
Parish Services & Ministry	15,971	16,800	(830) 16,300
Gifts & Donations	31,054	20,000	11,054 20,000
Fund Raising	-	-	- 15,500
Other Operating Revenue	877	1,650	(773) 7,700
Total Operating Revenue	446,433	434,650	11,783 463,500
Operating Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	302,572	304,640	2,068 306,344
Insurance	45,512	45,600	88 48,650
Ministry & Program	2,487	8,000	5,513 8,000
Building Maintenance	34,870	48,950	14,080 47,820
School Subsidy	22,346	22,100	(246) 22,100
Other Operating Expenses	81,903	94,630	12,727 74,125
Total Operation Expenses	489,689	523,920	34,231 507,039
Operating “gain/loss”	(43,256)	(89,270)	46,014 (43,539)
Non-Operating Revenue			
NAV Changes	676,180	-	676,180
Other Non-Op Revenue	205,978	-	205,978 35,094
Total Non-Op Revenue	882,158	-	882,158 35,094
Non-Operating Expenses			
Equipment	3,795	-	(3,795) 0.00
Other Non-Op Revenue	21,924	-	(21,924) 0.00
Total Non-Op Expenses	25,719	-	(25,719) 0
Non-Op “gain/loss”	856,439	-	856,439 35,094
Total “gain/loss”	\$813,183	(\$89,270)	\$902,453 (\$8,445)

Faith Formation

Can you live your faith without knowing it? Of course not. That is the purpose of Religious Education, to come to know our rich faith.



Religious education is guided by our diocesan curriculum. For families with children from birth through grade 12, we partner with Our Sunday Visitor for education materials. For parents with lap sitters, OSV offers simple materials. Grade-level materials begin at grade 1. Families with pre-school –5th grade children have the option of enrolling their children at our parish school, St. Michael's, Penn Yan.

From spring 2020 through June 2021, the pandemic put the burden of teaching on the parents of enrolled children. Religious Education/Safe Environment Coordinator, Patty Larzelere, began a series of weekly emails, reaching out to parents, whether their children were enrolled in Religious Ed. or not. Parents were encour-

aged to take in age-appropriate Mass online, or on our Facebook page. They were encouraged to set time aside to talk with their children about the Mass readings. For enrolled children, completing chapters in their Alive In Christ textbooks helped them to learn about how God reveals Himself, who God is, who our savior is, Jesus' bride, The Church; The Sacraments, Saints, living morally and building the Kingdom. Once a chapter was completed, the children logged into the website for enrichment and review options before taking the online assessments.

Patty's letter also informed of how to live out our Catholic faith through community and service opportunities known as Sunday = Funday. Opportunities for participating in locally and nationally sponsored prayer vigils, walks and ministry opportunities, and ideas for at home enrichment from the diocesan sponsored Family Zone newsletter were also offered.

We used the diocesan gift of a Zoom connection to prepare disciples for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Santa Claus also paid a visit on Zoom on his feast day.

Faith is formed by remembering that we are first citizens of Heaven, how we live out our experiences and how we build The Kingdom together.



Our Lady of the Lakes St. Michael School Statement of Rev. Expenses As of 6/30/2021

	YTD		2021-2022	
	YTD Actual	Budget	Variance	Budget
Operating Revenue				
Regular Collection	29,077	18,000	11,077	18,000
Tuition	207,151	207,850	(699)	244,258
Financial Aid	41,863	45,800	(3,937)	20,000
Gifts & Donations	15,176	29,000	(13,824)	20,000
Fundraising	79,589	72,600	6,989	112,600
Grants & Subsidies	57,165	42,000	15,165	42,000
Other Operating Revenue	22,641	27,770	(5,129)	27,250
Total Operating Revenue	452,661	443,020	9,641	484,108
Operating Expenses				
Salaries & Benefits	518,570	501,000	(271)	556,108
Insurance	13,147	13,160	13	13,250
Building Maintenance	22,254	15,430	(6,824)	22,530
Fundraising	26,807	24,615	(2,192)	36,365
Other Operating Expenses	29,785	48,295	8,356	37,920
Total Operating Expenses	610,563	602,500	(8,063)	666,173
Operating "gain/loss"	(157,902)	(159,480)	1,578	(182,065)
Non-Operating Revenue				
Other Non-Operating Rev	93,846	-	93,846	52,640
Total Non-Operating Rev	93,846	-	93,846	52,640
Non-Operating Expenses				
Capital Repairs	3,933	-	(3,933)	-
Total Non-Op Expenses	3,933	-	(3,933)	-
Non-Op "gain/loss"	89,913	-	89,913	52,640
Total "gain/loss"	(67,989)	(159,480)	91,491	(129,425)