



2022-2023 Annual Report

What a difference a year makes! In the past year, we have been emerging from the pandemic slowly but surely, returning to a state of near "normalcy" (whatever that means!).

It has been a year of staff changes and adjustments. As far as our business personnel, "Richard & Laurie" became only "Laurie" when Richard retired. The diocese was unable to hire an overarching finance administrator for the area, and Jerri was hired as bookkeeper. It has been a challenge for both them and for parishioners, so thank you for your patience during the transition. Connie Murphy continues to be our administrative assistant and keeps us all on track! The other valued members of the team continue in their roles: Patty in Faith Formation; Bonnie at the cemetery; and Bill as Maintenance Supervisor at St. Michael's. Thanks to them for all their hard work.

It was my second year of being the only Priest at Our Lady of the Lakes, but Deacons Tim & Roger have been a tremendous help in ministering to the needs of the parishioners. The Bishop has approved their assignment for another three years. The current weekend Mass schedule remains in place, but various liturgical ministries at various worship sites have been affected. The use of Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist has been lessened because Holy Communion cannot be administered from the cup (at least in the Diocese of Rochester).

Attendance at Masses over the summer has been great, as people are travelling once again, and our summer residents have returned. We actually had to set up chairs in the back of St. Michael's to accommodate the greater number of worshippers!

The parish was active with the Synod process in the fall of 2022, and we await the gathering at the Vatican this fall. The second year of the three years of Eucharistic Revival began, and times for Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation were increased. These increased opportunities will continue, especially during Advent & Lent.

Financially, I am grateful for your continued support. Again we made our goal for the diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal. And please know that the goal for the 2023-24 campaign has actually been lowered!

The Buildings & Grounds committee has been addressing many projects concerning St. Michael's. A new slate roof for the church and new steps for the church and school are now the primary goals. One of the problems is that while the diocese remains in bankruptcy (which hopefully will be ending soon) the parish cannot undertake any major capital campaigns. Further, we need diocesan approval before any major project can be undertaken. At St. Januarius proposals for a new rectory roof and parking lot repairs are also being evaluated.

Trying to remain in contact with the homebound has been a challenge. Many of our senior members either moved out of the area or moved to be closer to their children. It has been easier to visit the homebound and celebrate Mass at the Homestead since COVID restrictions have been lifted (at least for now.) If you are homebound, please do not hesitate to call me: my cell phone is 607-279-3750. Some parishioners say, "I don't want to bother father--He's too busy." To the contrary, one of the chief priorities of a Priest is to minister to the homebound especially when it comes to administering the sacraments, so please let me know. I feel bad when someone has been sick and has died, but no one reached out to me.

This past May 5th I celebrated my 45th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. A great celebration was held, and I appreciate all the cards & congratulations extended to me on this occasion.

Thanks to all our parishioners who have been good stewards of the many gifts the Lord has bestowed upon us. One of the pastors with whom I served once stated, "Many hands make light work." The challenge we face is that many of our loyal, hardworking parishioners are dying or are unable to do as much as they once did, and unfortunately there are fewer parishioners stepping forward to take their places. "Relativism" which basically means, "I will do what is relative to ME" is sweeping the Church. Jesus challenges us to follow HIM EVERYDAY whether it is convenient or inconvenient.

It seems hard to believe that it has been a year (August 18th) that Fr. Jack has been gone. Fr. Jack was very generous in remembering the parish and St. Michael's School in his estate. Again, if you are doing estate planning or are making a will, please remember the parish and school. Also, if you have to make RMD from an IRA, you can designate some of the money to the church and/or school, and that reduces the taxable amount that you have to claim to the IRS.

Again, thank you for all that you do and let's hope that next year will continue on the upswing!

Fr. Leo Reinhardt

Stewardship

THANK YOU from the Stewardship Committee

When we think of stewardship, we often think of time, talent, and treasure and for good reason. All that we have ultimately comes from God. So, when we give of our time, apply our talents, and give of our resources for the service of God, we are essentially saying THANK YOU to God for all that He has given us. Likewise, the Stewardship Committee would like to offer our THANK YOU to the entire parish.

The Stewardship Committee undertook some new initiatives this year. First, we asked the parish *"How are you being called?"* Second, we asked the parish how we as a church could be *"Coming Together to Enrich Our Faith?"* The response from the parish to each of these questions was outstanding. Again, THANK YOU! Many committees and groups that were down to very few members doing all the work, now have several new members. In addition, other groups that suffered during COVID are being revived. Further, the Stewardship Committee is working on a list of possible upcoming events such as Bible Studies that will help us grow in our faith.

Pastoral Council

In the past year, Our Lady of the Lakes Pastoral Council was comprised of the following members: Pastor, Recording Secretary, five parishioners from St. Michael's Church, two parishioners from St. Januarius Church, two parishioners from St. Patrick's Church, and one at-large member. Ex officio members were as follows: two Deacons, Religious Education Coordinator, St. Michael School Principal, and two Trustees. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.

We are pleased to share some of the past year's success stories. In September of 2022, there was a well-attended Care of Community potluck dinner in St. Michael's Church hall. In April of this year, Our Lady of the Lakes Clean-Up Day saw many parishioners devote their time and energy to tidying up St. Michael's cemetery, St. Michael School, and the church grounds of St. Patrick's and St. Januarius. (And special thanks to the Holy Rollers for their continued service to maintaining the grounds of St. Januarius!). As for fundraising, the Catholic Ministries Appeal goal was reached, and the Naples Grape Festival raised over \$13,000 in 2022.

The Liturgy Committee proposed that the parish resume some practices that were suspended during the COVID pandemic, to include the pre-Mass practice of parishioners introducing themselves to those around them, or at least greeting one another. Also, the small groups that participated in the Eucharistic and Synod discussions during Lent have suggested a different Stewardship Prayer to close each session.

In June of this year, the council hosted the ordination anniversary celebrations for Father Leo (45 years) and Deacon Bob (35 years). The event was wonderfully attended, with over 100 parishioners helping make the event so joyful. This summer also saw the return of the "Fruit of the Vine" lecture series, with five speakers at varied locations, including local wineries. Special thanks to Ann Paige for all her hard work in making these special events happen. They were a huge success, with between 30 and 40 people in attendance at each event.

As Father Leo is still the only Priest in the parish, we have continued with the current weekend Mass schedule. Contributions and attendance are once again being printed in the weekly bulletin.

Pastoral Council Members

Darwyn Jepsen	Jeanne Underhill
Jim Lindner	Trisha Bobo
Ann Paige	Melissa Conrad
Sharon Peck	Connie Murphy, Recording Secretary

Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Community: Annual Report to Parishioners

Statement of Revenue and Expense	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	Variance	2023-24 Budget
Operating Revenue				
Regular Collections	\$ 410,159	\$ 432,692	\$ 22,533	\$ 420,421
Auxiliary Receipts	\$ 3,091	\$ 2,802	\$ (289)	\$ 5,124
Parish Svcs and Ministry	\$ 15,187	\$ 14,158	\$ (1,028)	\$ 16,398
Gifts and Donations	\$ 32,112	\$ 116,035	\$ 83,923	\$ 27,609
Fundraising	\$ 14,332	\$ 13,125	\$ (1,207)	\$ 14,000
Other Operating Rev	\$ 832	\$ 1,710	\$ 878	\$ 1,084
Total Operating Rev	\$ 475,712	\$ 580,522	\$ 104,809	\$ 484,636
Operating Expense				
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 289,570	\$ 263,416	\$ (26,154)	\$ 279,736
Insurance	\$ 48,654	\$ 53,752	\$ 5,098	\$ 66,060
Ministries and Programs	\$ 6,017	\$ 6,986	\$ 969	\$ 6,200
Fees and Interest Exp.	\$ 5,733	\$ 5,748	\$ 15	\$ 5,600
Supplies	\$ 11,296	\$ 13,491	\$ 2,194	\$ 12,752
Rectory and Other Exp.	\$ 2,891	\$ 3,621	\$ 730	\$ 4,977
Building Maintenance	\$ 45,180	\$ 55,179	\$ 9,999	\$ 56,977
Purchase of Services	\$ 6,975	\$ 9,233	\$ 2,258	\$ 9,868
School Assessment	\$ 22,100	\$ 22,100	\$ -	\$ 22,100
Fundraising	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,251	\$ 111	\$ 1,400
Other Operating Exp.	\$ 26,763	\$ 34,456	\$ 7,693	\$ 29,764
Total Operating Exp.	\$ 466,319	\$ 469,233	\$ 2,914	\$ 495,434
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 9,394	\$ 111,289	\$ 101,895	\$ (10,798)
Non-Operating Revenue				
Change Inv. Market	\$(342,560)	\$ 268,392	\$ 610,951	\$ -
Other Non-Operating	\$ 36,336	\$ 3,518	\$ (32,818)	\$ -
Total Non-Operating	\$(306,224)	\$ 271,910	\$ 578,134	\$ -
Non-Operating Expenses				
Capital Purchases	\$ 3,301	\$ 100,230	\$ (96,929)	\$ 93,350
Other Non-Operating	\$ 18,291	\$ 182,529	\$ (164,238)	\$ -
Total Non-Operating	\$ 21,592	\$ 282,759	\$(261,167)	\$ 93,350
Net Non-Operating Rev	\$(327,815)	\$ (10,849)	\$ 316,966	\$ (93,350)
Net Revenue	\$(318,422)	\$ 100,440	\$ 418,861	\$ (104,148)

Balance Sheet	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Assets		
OLOL Parish- Checking	\$ 20,808	\$ 41,425
OLOL Social Ministries- MM	\$ 30,583	\$ 30,613
Mass Intentions (Closed)	\$ 2,425	\$ -
St. Johns Small Home- MM	\$ 45,002	\$ 27,539
SM Maintenance- Savings	\$ 109,138	\$ 184,925
SP- Communis	\$ 284,679	\$ 315,304
SM- Communis	\$ 19,527	\$ 21,628
SM Heritage- Communis	\$ 788,928	\$ 795,216
SM Family Ministry- Communis	\$ 228,496	\$ 197,902
OLOL Maintenance Communis	\$ 239,155	\$ 264,882
OLOL- Communis	\$ 953,850	\$ 961,946
Due from St. Michael School	\$ 244,271	\$ 217,568
Due from Cemeteries	\$ 1,830	\$ 1,950
Total Assets	\$2,968,692	\$ 3,060,898
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ (7,452)	\$ 4,719
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,476	\$ 8,708
Collection for Others	\$ 61,078	\$ 39,732
Uncelebrated Mass Intentions	\$ 3,500	\$ 1,210
Total Liabilities	\$ 62,602	\$ 54,369
Fund Balance	\$2,906,090	\$ 3,006,529
Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$2,968,692	\$ 3,060,898

Communis- These funds are Long Term Assets held in an investment account. The performance of the Communis Fund increased by 11% for the year ending 6/30/2023. These monies are considered Long Term Assets which is a category of ecclesiastical goods. It is destined to remain in the possession of the parish for a long or indefinite period of time to afford financial security for the future. Some of our Communis Funds are restricted in nature based on a specific purpose or for use at a specific location/campus.

Financial Summary

Dedicated parishioners are continuing their financial support of the parish with Regular Collections up over 5.49% from the previous year. We received a bequest of \$100,000 which resulted in our Total Operating revenue of \$580,521.90 which was up over \$104,809 from the previous year. Our Expenses were in line with the budget with our Net Operating Revenue of \$111,288.90 being ahead of budget due mostly to the large bequest received. Capital Project completed include all new boilers at St. Januarius Church, Office, Chapel, and Hall, new roofing on part of St. Michael Rectory and Garage, and Roof repairs at St. Michael Church.

In Budgeting for the year ending June 30, 2024, we conservatively budgeted Total Operating Revenue down year on year to \$484,636. This is due to the Gifts and Donations category where we received a \$100,000 bequest last year.

Operating Expenses are budgeted to be higher next year at \$495,434 due to predicted increases in buildings insurance and medical and dental benefits for employees. We are predicting a Net Operating Loss of \$10,798 for the parish next year. Capital Improvements for the year ending June 30, 2024 include the steps at St. Michael's Church, paving of the parking lot at St. Januarius Church and repair of stained glass windows at St. Michaels Church.

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St. Patrick's

St. Patrick's Church in Prattsburgh is pleased to present our annual report for 2022-23. This year has been easier than the previous two as we celebrate the return to normalcy. We still hold Mass on Saturdays at 3:30 pm and are always pleased to welcome parishioners from the other two worship sites, as well as other visitors. The Easter Vigil Mass was held at St. Patrick's and was well attended as all enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. We again participated in the Prattsburgh Central School's Christmas gift requests with a Christmas tree in our church and helped fulfill the wishes we received.

As always, we enjoy the fellowship of gathering with our church community every week.

St. Michael's

Our people-
Familiar faces
Occupy the same spaces
Empty spaces
Leave wounds on our heart
Grateful for all who continue to support our endeavors
Grateful to God who blesses us all

By the grace of God (and the dedication of Fr Leo, Deacon Tim, and Deacon Roger) we are blessed to continue to assemble and to celebrate. We are a family that cares, shares, and bears. We are not at pre-COVID levels of participation, but we are climbing back. We have our challenges, but we will face them head on. The Synod Prayer provides us with a framework upon which to continue building the Church of Christ.

We can grow our numbers--and our participation--by each of us actively doing just a bit more: inviting a friend, a relative, a neighbor; joyfully participating; attending a council/committee meeting; participating in activities beyond Mass.

Yes, our infrastructure and congregation are aging, but wisdom can show us how to revitalize and how to preserve a legacy for future generations just like the congregation that sacrificed to lay the foundation that we enjoy today.

St. Januarius

There are many regular ministries available to the parish community throughout the year and for the larger Naples community. We have a close relationship with the Naples Council of Churches (NCC) and hold many functions that contribute to the physical and spiritual well being of all local residents.

St. Januarius Church was recently featured in "Life in the Finger Lakes," and is well known for its unique architecture. The activities that we regularly host there include coffee/fellowship hour following Sunday Mass, Martha's Ministry (for funerals, weddings, and baptisms), twice-monthly men's group meetings (1st and 3rd Saturdays at 8 am), Mother's Day breakfast, and many more.

A Sunday sundae event is held annually in memory of John Halloran, and gives recognition to our amazing volunteers who invest countless hours for the success of our worship site. These include bell ringers, liturgical volunteers, lectors, ushers, hospitality providers, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Our grounds and facility are maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers known as the "Holy Mowers".

We were blessed by anonymous donors with generous donations this past year that provided for installation of four new furnaces and new LED lighting in the hall and vestibule. We thank them for their generous and greatly needed gifts for our benefit and for support of God's creations. Our major fund raising efforts always center on the Naples Grape Festival, which is a year-round endeavor for this worship community. Many volunteers make this a resounding success as we have three days of intense sales and an ongoing seasonal inside sale of select items that contribute to funding throughout the year. Hazlitt Red Cat Cellars generously allows overflow parking during the festival, contributing to our success.

The NCC promotes the following events: the Thanksgiving /Harvest Dinner, the Community Christmas Concert, and a new community outreach effort (Senior Luncheons) that began in June with the goal to host one each month through the year. This has been greatly appreciated by our community residents. The Ecumenical Ash Wednesday service and Easter sunrise service at Rose Ridge Cemetery are mutual events with Trinity Federated Church and St. Januarius. Thank you many times over to our volunteers. Your efforts are integral to the success of our worship site, its ministries, and for the Naples community and are displayed in your many corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

St. Michaels School: Annual Report to Parishioners

Statement of Revenue and Expense	2022-23 Actual	2022-23 Budget	Variance	2023-24 Budget
Operating Revenue				
Regular Collections	\$ 24,064	\$ 15,000	\$ 9,064	\$ 17,776
Services and Programs	\$ 55,076	\$ 35,000	\$ 20,076	\$ 34,329
School Tuition	\$ 223,962	\$ 234,528	\$ (10,567)	\$ 233,000
School Financial Aid	\$ 27,636	\$ 57,520	\$ (29,884)	\$ 32,915
Gifts and Donations	\$ 186,662	\$ 20,000	\$ 166,662	\$ 180,000
Fundraising	\$ 108,574	\$ 120,000	\$ (11,426)	\$ 118,653
Interest Income	\$ 161	\$ 600	\$ (439)	\$ 125
Grants/Subsidies/Other	\$ 94,603	\$ 46,100	\$ 48,503	\$ 58,036
Total Operating Rev.	\$ 720,737	\$ 528,748	\$ 191,989	\$ 674,834
Operating Expense				
Salaries and Benefits	\$ 544,841	\$ 552,563	\$ 7,722	\$ 524,663
Insurance	\$ 19,280	\$ 17,767	\$ (1,513)	\$ 21,850
Programs Expense	\$ 55,387	\$ 23,337	\$ (32,050)	\$ 27,183
Fees and Interest Exp.	\$ 4,212	\$ 2,995	\$ (1,217)	\$ 3,824
Supplies Expense	\$ 9,854	\$ 6,072	\$ (3,782)	\$ 7,120
Building Maintenance	\$ 22,432	\$ 20,485	\$ (1,947)	\$ 22,434
Purchase of Services	\$ 13,172	\$ 10,570	\$ (2,602)	\$ 16,100
Fundraising	\$ 38,933	\$ 40,000	\$ 1,067	\$ 39,000
Other Operating	\$ 60,104	\$ 11,025	\$ (49,079)	\$ 16,605
Donations/Gifts to Others	\$ 389	\$ -	\$ (389)	\$ 400
Total Operating Exp.	\$ 768,602	\$ 684,814	\$ (83,788)	\$ 679,179
Net Operating Loss	\$ (47,865)	\$ (156,066)	\$ 108,201	\$ (4,345)
Non-Operating Revenue				
Change Inv. Market Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Affiliated Organizations	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Non-Operating Rev	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non-Operating Expenses				
Capital Purchases	\$ 610	\$ 610	\$ -	\$ -
Total Non-Operating Exp	\$ 610	\$ 610	\$ -	\$ -
Net Non-Operating Rev	\$ (610)	\$ (610)	\$ -	\$ -
Net Revenue	\$ (47,255)	\$ (155,456)	\$ -	\$ (4,345)

For the year ending 6/30/2023, the School had a better than expected year with a Net Operating Loss of \$47,865 which was much lower than the budgeted loss of \$156,066.

This was due to an increase in income from a large bequest of \$100,000, Envelope Collections and Grants/Subsidies received. Expenses increased with additional Program and Operating Expenses. Over \$46,000 of Bad Debt from Tuition, which was over 10 year old, was written off and is included in Other Operating Expenses.

The school continues to rely heavily on outside income sources other than Tuition to remain operational, with meetings being held bi-annually to determine the feasibility of its operations. Your continued support of our school is needed and much appreciated.

Balance Sheet	6/30/2022	6/30/2023
Assets		
School- Checking	\$ (89)	\$ 14,825
Cash Bash- Checking	\$ 14,707	\$ 18,267
School Savings	\$ 29,877	\$ -
Adopt-A-Student- MM	\$ 45,944	\$ 38,088
School MM	\$ 46,574	\$ 31,191
Accounts Receivable	\$ 46,337	\$ (4)
Tuition Receivable	\$ 1,770	\$ 118
Allowances for Receivables	\$ -	\$ 4,805
Due to Parish	\$ (247,865)	\$ (221,161)
Total Assets	\$ (62,744)	\$ (113,873)
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ (5,154)	\$ (4,994)
Employee Benefits	\$ -	\$ 20
Collection for Others	\$ 4,598	\$ 337
Deferred Tuition	\$ 1,770	\$ 4,923
Deferred Receivable	\$ 5,470	\$ 2,525
Other Liabilities	\$ 1,006	\$ 1,006
Total Liabilities	\$ 7,690	\$ 3,816
Fund Balance	\$ (70,434)	\$ (117,689)
Liabilities & Fund Bal.	\$ (62,744)	\$ (113,873)

St. Michael School—"A Little Gem"

St. Michael School, under the leadership of Debra Marvin, concluded its 140th year marked by the graduation of 11 fifth grade students. The 2022-2023 school year enrollment was 80 students of which 28 were from parishioner families. Three other Catholic students were registered at other parishes. Students range in grades from preschool to fifth grade. The staff consists of seven grade-level teachers, three teacher's aides and three specialty teachers who teach Art, Physical Education, Spanish, and Music. St. Michael School is the only school in the area offering foreign language in elementary school. It also offers students weekly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education classes for students in grades K-5.

Although at the time of this report we are still awaiting state assessment results for the 2022-2023 academic year, we do know that through analysis of a secondary diagnostic tool used by the Diocese, St. Michael School not only achieved very high standards throughout the diocese, but also showed high individual growth in students throughout the year. St. Michael students ranked 2nd in Math and 5th in ELA (English Language Arts) in achievement and growth throughout the 16 diocesan schools. Nationally and statewide, the performance of all Diocese of Rochester Schools was exemplary. Students participated in a Science Fair, Local History Projects, the Sister Mary Smith Invitational Spelling Bee, and the Catholic Daughters of the America's Essay contest.

The school was able to operate with very few restrictions as we moved out of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we remain mindful of the challenges that the new year brings with continued health concerns for the school and community. Fewer restrictions meant students were active in attending Masses in person, as well as giving the students more community interaction. Students were able to attend Masses including Adoration, Penance and Reconciliation, and May Crowning. Fifth grade students attended Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral as well. We had three students receive their First Communion this spring. We continue to support families through programs such as Earth Week activities that included cleaning up the Outlet Trail and local parks, and educational programs provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension and IDEA Collective. Students wrote letters and cards throughout the year to many elderly parish members, held canned food drives, and rang the bell for the Yates County Christmas program. The students also raised and donated money to support Milly's Pantry and Global African Village. We are so proud of the compassion that students continue to show for others. Student Council was also reactivated and was very busy throughout the year.

The school is blessed with many businesses, families, and individuals in the parish and local area who support it with generous monetary donations, as well as sharing their time and talents. Annual fundraising events such as the Turkey Trot, Golf Tournament, and Cash Bash continue to be very successful. The school deeply appreciates all that the student families, parish members, volunteers, and community do to support the school--keeping it an important educational and spiritual opportunity for Penn Yan and Yates County.

Faith Formation

Out of a parish of 601 registered families, with 123 children being of school age, only four families with a combined total of eight children enrolled in and completed Family Faith Formation in 2022-2023.

What does this tell us about families who promised to God, in front of the congregation, that they, with the help of godparents, their extended families and us, their parish family, would bring the child up "in the knowledge and practice of our faith"?

I could offer a few guesses, but all of them might be harsh realities.

Instead, what Family Faith Formation hopes to do is help everyone of every age to develop their relationship with Jesus so we can learn, love, and live the faith joyfully!

Some highlights from last year:

The children were encouraged to take any earned money or allowance and shop for children in less fortunate countries. Their gifts were delivered through Cross Catholic Outreach in time for Christmas.

All families completed 26 lessons in their Word of Life workbooks. Parents were encouraged to complete the lessons with their children. Parents reported that **learning with their children** helped them to **remember what they had learned** as children and to **apply the faith in their adult lives**.

We had fun meeting monthly (September - June) for additional instruction including the Liturgical Year and completing the mandatory Safe Environment training required by the diocese. Some activities included models of our hands, the "Run to Jesus" game and sending a message to others.

In '23-'24 will use the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies (pre-K – teen/adult learning) to help us know, love, and better serve our Lord and His creation. We will participate as we are able in the Eucharistic Revival. We will have more fellowship opportunities, to which all parishioners are invited. We will continue to develop our spiritual selves through prayer, education (catechesis) and service. Join us!

Patty

CDA

The Catholic Daughters were able to carry out many of our customary annual events in the past year. We were also able to provide gas cards to Father Leo and the Deacons to help to defray some of their driving expenses associated with the weekly Masses.

Last September we worked the Chicken Barbeque Dinner fund raiser at Oak Hill. Those proceeds went toward the continuing financial support for St. Michael's School and Milly's Backpack Project. The money raised also helped to support other local charities. Also that month, we helped St. Januarius with their Grape Festival by making baked goods to sell. "Catholic Daughters of the Americas Sunday" occurred in October, and several members of our group spoke at each of the Masses about the need for volunteers.

We have added some new members and are excited about their ideas and support they have given us. One person was planning to join us, but after hearing us speak of the need for a lead for Martha's Ministries, decided to devote their efforts to that worthy ministry instead. In addition to our Thanksgiving bake sale, we also held the December candy sale at St. Michael's and St. Patrick's Churches. The bake sale and candy sales remain popular with parishioners and were all very successful. We also sold candy at St. Januarius, and our effort there was a success as well.

We were proud to sponsor a Catholic Junior girl from St. Michael's for Miss Penn Yan. We also sponsor a Seminarian, to include reaching out on birthdays and special holidays. We held our National Education contest for the students in 5th grade at St. Michael's School. The theme was "We walk by Faith, not by Sight", and eleven students participated in the contest. Our first place winner went on to win second place at the State level! A group of Catholic Daughters, along with a couple of parishioners, help clean St. Michael's Church every month. We also supply two crock-pots to feed a total of 50 people on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at The Living Well.

In January we donated money to Florida and Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. In March we hosted a Lenten soup supper and Stations of the Cross. The theme for that evening was "Mary's Way of the Cross". In April we held our Mother's Day baby shower to benefit three organizations: Penn Yan Care Net, Canandaigua Care Net, and the Pregnancy Resource Center of the Valleys (Bath and Corning). Along with much needed infant care items, a monetary donation was made to each of them as well.

In April we partnered with "Celebrate Yates, Celebrate Service" and cleaned St. Michael's Church hall with the kind assistance of the Girl Scouts. In May two Catholic Daughters from Court 1173 attended the State Convention in Saratoga Springs. We also donated money to Human Life International. Monetary support was also given to Vacation Bible School to help with continuing the program. Some members also helped with the 2023 "Fruit of the Vine" lecture series. In June, the Catholic Daughters were happy to help with decorating and serving coffee at the celebration for Father Leo's and Deacon Bob's ordination anniversaries. We were also excited to once again hold the 4th of July bake sale. (It had been six years since the last one!) We are very thankful for the support of all the parishioners and Father Leo, without whom we could not exist and help so many.

Buildings & Grounds

This past year has been spent gathering estimates for needed repairs on our buildings. After hiring Jennifer Ahrens (of Bero Architecture in Rochester, NY) the committee reviewed her comprehensive site report and made the decision to secure quotes for a new slate roof on St. Michael's Church. The present roof is 117 years old, and there have been numerous leaks resulting in interior damage to the church ceilings and walls. This is a priority project to prevent additional interior damage. An estimate from Spring Sheet Metal and Roofing has been sent to the diocese for review and approval. Fr. Leo has been making weekly announcements for our need to raise funds to help cover the cost of the roof.

We secured estimates for two sets of new steps: at St. Michael School and at St. Michael's Church (at the front entrance and the sacristy entrance). Replacing these steps is a priority due to safety concerns. We have selected Massa Construction, in Geneva, NY, to complete this work.

St. Januarius needs repair and resurfacing of the church parking lot. After considering several options the committee decided to contract with Shuttleworth Asphalt to mill, repave, and seal the parking lot. This work was scheduled to begin this September. Fr. Leo has been making weekly announcements for our need to raise funds to help cover the cost of the parking lot repair.

The front area of St. Michael's Church above the doors has been painted. Burgundy and gold to match the sign, with gray accent trim, was chosen. The area above the sacristy entrance will be painted in the same colors. Sam Castner, from Penn Yan, is completing this work. Additionally, Sam will quote a price for repairing and painting the framework around the stained glass windows. This framework is in desperate need of attention.

A lawnmower was purchased for St. Michael's Cemetery, as the old mower could not be repaired.

Doug Marchionda, Building and Grounds Committee Chair
Nancy Richardson

Ministerial

Fr. Leo Reinhardt—Pastor

Deacon Tim Hebding—Deacon

Roger Loucks—Deacon

Patricia Larzelere—Religious Education Coordinator

Administrative

Laurie Baverstock—Finance Manager

Jerri McDaniel—Bookkeeper

Connie Murphy—Parish Administrative Assistant

Patsy Lentz—Secretary, St. Januarius

Bill Yonts—Maintenance

Bonnie Basler—Cemetery Administrator

Debra Marvin—St. Michael's School Principal

Erika Holland—St. Michael's School Administrative Assistant