

State of the Parish - FY July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

PARISH
STATS...

3786

Number of registered families

Givers = 1,116 households
Non-givers = 2,670 households

Number of families using envelopes

738

Families participating in Online Giving

378

Number attending mass on an average weekend (October Count)

1034

Everything we are and have comes from God and God has been good to us. Reviewing the elements of Stewardship - leadership, prayer, formation, welcoming community, talents and gifts, ministry, outreach, communication and commitment, I see them all vibrant here at St Veronica. We are blessed to be part of such a loving, giving, faith-filled community. Leadership starts with our Pastor, Fr PJ who through his leadership of the staff, pastoral council, finance council and trustees has put forth a vision and mission for rebuilding the community post covid and strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ. His leadership has gently developed, nurtured and guided us, the flock entrusted to him as our pastor, *in persona christi*. These next few pages will give you a snapshot of how St. Veronica has been a good steward of God's great gifts and of her parishioners' time, talent and treasures to build the Kingdom of God.



In FY 2022-2023, St Veronica celebrated 60 years of faith, ministry and service. A logo was designed and an anniversary prayer was created to honor that anniversary. We prayed the prayer at Mass and at parish meetings. A year filled with many fun and prayerful activities commemorating 60 years began with a kickoff

Mass and parish picnic. Over 150 people attended enjoying games, activities, a bouncy house, DJ, dancing, special guests, face painting, a photo station, delicious food, friends and so much community.

A new location for offices and priests residence - In August 2022, the Parish offices moved to the Parish Center after the school closed in June 2022. We now have use of the parish hall and kitchen for parish events, meeting rooms for RE classes, parish ministries and committees. New carpet squares and a reception counter were installed in the parish office. The school's intercom system was utilized. Volunteers organized closets, classrooms and the kitchen. Excess cabinets and desks were stored in the trailer. A Center for Learning and a conference room were created for ministry and formation initiatives. The priests' residence was relocated to the convent. Carpet and laminate flooring was installed in common areas, on the stairs and in hallways. A moving company was hired on three occasions to help move and remove excess items from all buildings into storage or the dumpster. Educational items and furniture were donated to schools and organizations including cases of library books given to Neptune township. In June 2023, the RE

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	753,146
EASTER	28,638
CHRISTMAS	38,065
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (Specila Projects)	46,328
OTHER PARISH COLLECTIONS	51,094
NON-DIOCESAN APPEALS	32,812
PERQUISITIES	
MASSES, CANDLES & FLOWERS	25,383
BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS	16,520
OTHER PREQUISITES	1,370
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	74,747
DONATIONS/BEQUESTS	48,334
FUNDRAISING	23,435
BISHOP ACA & FTMM REBATES	17,136
GRANTS	3,299
RENTAL	91,541
OTHER MISC REVENUE	8,639
TOTAL REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS	1,260,486

EXPENSES

SALARIES	402,007
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	118,999
PROFESSIONAL FEES	17,182
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENTS	84,876
NON DIOCESAN APPEALS	52,002
OTHER CHARITABLE APPEALS	350
LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	15,036
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FORMATION SUPPLIES	73,858
OFFICE SUPPLIES	23,402
HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES	24,831
UTILITIES	122,004
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	243,295
INSURANCES	102,738
OTHER	36,716
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,317,296

REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS (56,810)

INTEREST/DIVIDENDS 5,348
UNREALIZED GAIN/LOSS 63,783

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES **12,321**

Office relocated to a larger space to accommodate our coordinator of faith formation and extra volunteer workspaces. The business office and count room also moved to the old RE office. Ministry meetings are being held above the gym in previous 2nd library.

Sponsorships - The *Adopt a Tree Campaign* continued. All 53 trees and bushes were sponsored, beautifying our grounds. Two AED machines were sponsored and installed at the entrances to the parish center and gymnasium. Two new sponsorships were launched to illuminate the worship space and campus. *Led By the Light* upgraded all church and sanctuary lighting to LEDs: 12 chandeliers & 9 sets of track and spot lights over the sanctuary, ambo and altar were upgraded. *Light the Way* illuminates our walking paths around the campus. To date 159 LED solar lights have been sponsored. A sponsorship book honoring all our sponsors and their intentions will be located in the Narthex in the coming months.

Fundraising - In celebration of the parish's 60th anniversary, four fundraisers were held. 1) a *recipe book* was created with recipes from parishioners. Publishing was covered by a sponsor. Recipe Books are still available in the office. 2) Winning tickets were pulled for the *Super 50/50 raffle* at our Gala on June 11, 2023 at Battle Ground Country Club, 656 tickets were sold. Our proceeds = \$6,560 3) the *60th Anniversary Gala Ad Journal* was compiled with messages and ads from parishioners. 4) a *silent auction* at 60th Gala saw intense bidding on 10 baskets. Staff, PC/FC members and local businesses donated gifts and certificates for the baskets. All funds generated from these fundraisers covered the cost of all 60th Anniversary events held through out the year.

Updates on Various facilities projects & maintenance:

- **IT updates** - For the office relocation, the rectory component box and equipment was moved to the new workspace. Fiber optics were updated from the rectory to the convent. Data lines, Cat 6 cables were run to office spaces on two floors. Staff migrated from Citrix to Microsoft Azure. Wi-Fi extenders were installed, four in the parish center and two in the priest residence. School IT equipment was inventoried. Laptops, monitors, keyboards, speakers were utilized for various parish offices creating additional work spaces for staff and volunteers. We continue to access usage of additional items for our RE program.
- **Security upgrades** - two security cameras were installed in front and rear of the church in Aug 2022. St. Veronica was awarded \$150,000 in NJ security grants. These funds will be utilized for additional security upgrades by December 2024.
- **Broken pipes** - Very cold temperatures in the winter caused several pipes to burst in the ceiling preschool wing. Thank fully our insurance covered 98% of the repairs. Many damaged preschool books, supplies and some furniture had to be discarded.
- **HVAC repairs** - A cracked bearing assembly and inducer motor in the 2nd floor boiler of the parish center caused flooding which also infiltrated the electrical and book rooms. Air conditioning units in the gymnasium, church and narthex under went several repairs. New window boxes were installed in the priest residences.
- **Landscaping** - the grass was cut by our maintenance coordinator most of the FY. These savings afforded extensive brush removal along the fence lines during the mild winter month. Thankfully no snow yielded big savings last winter. Several trees were pruned or removed along side the church, parish center entrance and gymnasium. Fall and spring parish clean-ups were held. Many volunteers (parishioners, the boy scouts, girl scouts and RE & high school students) pulled weeds, cut branches and picked up leaves and branches around the church and parish center. A new Lawn company was hired this spring.
- **Signage** - the faceplates of the three brown exterior signs were updated, painted and relocated. New letters were installed on the front of the church. After many months and many parts, our digital sign is 100% functional.
- **Exterior drains and dry wells** were cleaned out completing Phase 2 of our drain project. The drain near the route 9 entrance was snaked, much debris removed from an underground pipe but this area still poses an issue. All gutters and downspouts were flushed. The concrete trench near rectory continues to be maintained monthly to avoid flooding in that area.
- **Sound system up grade and Organ move to the loft** - The prewiring for the new sound system started in January 2023, the installation (wiring, new speakers, microphones, processor, controllers, cables and receiver) of the sound system was completed in March. Mics and jacks were added in the loft to prepare for the organ move completed by Stadele Allen in May. This work included new wiring, organ speakers, amplifier connections, organ drawerknobs bulbs and moving/lifting the organ.
- **Church platform & steps** - The concrete platform is sinking and cracked, the columns will be removed and steps will run across the entrance with a statue of St Veronica in the center of the steps. Work will take place this FY due to estimates, design changes and in securing a contractor. Elevation drawings are also needed by Howell Township. Approval is also needed by our Bishop.
- **Rentals** - the school, hall and gymnasium were rented to a charter school for 8 weeks, Jan-Feb 2023, and to 17 organizations and sports clubs for fundraisers, retreats, meetings, practices and games. Revenue = \$91,541.
- **The office Kiosk or mobile office** was launched in the Narthex in January. Signage and a reception counter was recently added for more visibility. After weekend Masses, please visit the kiosk to all fill your office needs such as Mass Intentions & Cards, Candles, Eligibility & Sacramental Certificates, Homebound Services, Baptism & Wedding Referrals and to Answer Questions

Special Projects

Project 1	Parking Lot Drainage/ Phase 2
Project 2	Campus signage
Project 3	Church Steps & Landing
Project 4	Move Church Organ to Loft
Special Projects Collection \$46,328 <i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	

May God continue to bless you!
Your sister in Christ,
Linda Dickinson-Pancila, Business Manager

Stewardship is a way of life...

648

Number of Masses celebrated
in FY 2022-2023

Number of Weekly Masses = 11

Monday-Friday 7:30AM = 5, Saturday 8:00AM = 1

Weekend Masses = 5

Sat. 4PM, Sun. 7:30AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5PM

Additional Masses Celebrated:

Assumption of Mary = 2, First Fridays Dec-March = 6,

All Souls = 2, Remembrance Mass = 1,

Misa de Gallo 6AM = 8, Christmas Masses = 7,

Ash Wednesday = 3, Lent 12noon = 30

Holy week/Easter Masses = 7

Immaculate Conception = 2

Sacraments

	2022	2021	2020
Baptism	73	57	52
First Holy Communion	93	52	89
Confirmation	75	77	89
Marriages	11	6	3
Convalidations	4	5	1
Funerals	41	38	33
Anointing of the Sick	60	37	25

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

	2022	2021	2020
Catechumens	8	4	10
Non-Catholic Candidates	0	1	1
Catholic Candidates	0	2	2

Religious Education Program

	2022	2021	2020
Number of Families in RE Program	284	298	287
Number of children in RE	402	435	429
Number of families who home school for RE	110	63	238
Number of children in home school RE	115	86	372
Number of Catechists	33	31	17
Number of aides	11	14	8

2022-2023 Events & Activities

60th Anniversary Kickoff Mass and Picnic - **July 10**, Faith and Family Night with the Jersey Shore BlueClaws, **Aug 4**, 25th Anniversary of the Adoration Chapel Celebration - **Sept. 10**, Catechetical Sunday Blessing & Donut Sunday, **Sept 18**, Birthright Baby Shower & Breakfast - **Oct 2**, Parish General Assembly - **Oct 4**, World Mission Sunday: International Mass and Reception - **Oct 22**, All Saint's Day Fellowship - **Oct 30**, Adult Night Out & Dinner with DJ Macky - **Nov 16**, Fall Clean-up - **Nov 19**, Parish Directory Photo sessions - **Nov & Dec**, Christmas Tree lighting and Christmas Concert - **Dec 4**, New Parishioner Breakfast - **Jan 15**, The Feast of St Patrick & Joseph - **March 19**, Blessing of Easter Food Baskets - **April 8**, Deacon Phil's first Mass & ordination reception - **May 21**, Blood Drive - **May 7**, May Crowning & Rosary Procession - **May 20**, Spring Clean Up & Planting - **June 3**, Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession - **June 10**, Mass of Thanksgiving - **June 11**, St Veronica's 60th Anniversary Gala - **June 11**, Young Adult Game Night and fellowship, **June 23**, St Timothy Award - **June 25**, Apostles of the Resurrection Promise of Commitment - **June 25**

Additional Opportunities for Worship, Formation & Prayer at the Parish

Communal Morning Prayer after daily Mass, Fr PJ's Lecture Series and presentations: Lessons of Faith, Articles of Faith, Catechetical series on the Sacraments, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, Miraculous Medal (Mondays), Legion of Mary (adults and Juniors) Curia meetings, retreats, rosary, & processions, Apostles of the Resurrection, Men's Prayer Group, First Saturday Reparation (Exposition, Benediction, Rosary), Eucharistic Revival, Formed.org subscription, America Needs Fatima Rosary Crusade, Blessing of the Animals, Remembrance Mass, Respect Life: Rosary & Roses for Life, Mass of Remembrance, Anointing of the Sick Mass, Homebound Visits, Youth Group, Catechist, Parent & sacramental prep meetings, Baptism Prep, Wedding Prep, Advent Wreath Lighting, Advent Parish Mission, Exposition, Benediction, Deacon Talk & Reflection, Reconciliation, Walking With Purpose Living in the Father's Love, Fearless and Free, Soup, Speaker & Stations of the Cross with reconciliation, Bishop O'Connell's Pastoral Lenten Visit, Holy Tuesday Exposition, Adoration and Confession, Women of Faith Rooted in Christ Prayer Group, Prayer Ministry, St Blaise Blessing of the Throats, Novenas: Miraculous Medal, All Souls, Simbang Gabi, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, 9 Days for Life and Divine Mercy, Life in the Spirit Seminars, Mother's Day & Father's Day Blessings,

Notable Mention:

- St. Veronica was honored by Catholic Charities with the **Monmouth County Light of Hope Award**. This Award was presented at the Guardian Angel Dinner Dance.
- St. Veronica Parish was voted **Best Place to Worship** in 2022 by Best of the Best of Monmouth County from the Asbury Park Press.

Social Concerns

Your generosity has made a great impact in our community!

Social Concerns Collections	\$11,199.94
Poor Box Collections	\$6,146.12
Sr Celine Scholarship Fund	\$3,893.82
Pantry	\$1,160.00
Financial Aid allocated	\$6,342.58
Utilities & other aid	\$2,892.58
Scholarships	\$3,450.00

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
 Yours are the eyes with which He looks
 Compassion on this world,
 Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,
 Yours are the hands,
 with which He blesses all the world.
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
 Yours are the eyes, you are His body.
 Christ has no body now but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 compassion on this world.
 Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

St. Teresa of Ávila



School supplies Collection
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Food Pantry



Giving Tree



Total families/individuals helped	176
Social Concerns clients for Utilities & other aid	10
RE Scholarships awarded	18
Thanksgiving Baskets	32
Christmas Baskets	35
Easter Gift Cards	28
New born infant formula	3
pantry: weekly average families visits	50

Outreach

Social Concerns Committee

Help was offered to 176 families requesting food and utilities assistance.

Poor Box collections

totalled \$6,146.12 to cover outreach efforts.

Food Pantry collected thousands of pounds of food from our generous parishioners.

Additional pantry donations totalled \$1,160.00.

The Blessed Sister Celine Scholarship Fund

was created in July 2022 to honor the Sisters of the Resurrection specifically to cover the cost of RE tuition for our families. A poor box was designated for the Scholarship fund.

Collections totalled \$3,893.82

18 families received \$3,450.00 in assistance.

Collections & Drives

Special food and toiletry drive, July 16 & 17

Catholic Charities Annual Backpack

& School Supplies Drive, August 13 & 14

Birthright shower baby item collection, Oct 2

Thanksgiving Food Baskets, November

Christmas Giving Tree, Nov 26 - Dec 11

Blankets, Hats &, Gloves Collection, Feb 18/19

Easter Gift Certificate drive, March/April

Diaper Collection by RE, March 1-20

The Giving Tree - 844 tags which represent gifts were placed on our tree. All tags were taken and many extra gifts were donated.

Many individuals and families were helped through the following organizations:

Catholic Charities Monmouth and Ocean County program, Family Growth, Freehold Manor, Concord Healthcare, 180 degrees turning lives around, Ocean's Harbor House and our local parishioners and families.

The four pillars of Stewardship



Volunteers

Time & Talent

- Liturgical Ministry
- Altar servers, Ushers
- Extraordinary Ministers
- Readers,
- Music Ministry, Choir
- St Martha's Guild,
- Altar Care, Sacristan
- Baptism Committee
- Bereavement
- Homebound Visits
- Art & Environment
- Prayer Leaders
- Chapel Coord.
- Adorers
- Liturgy Comm.
- St Matthew's Guild
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Trustees
- Respect Life
- Parish clean ups
- Food Collections
- Maintenance Vol.
- Parish directory
- 60th Anniversary
- Hospitality/Fellowship
- Events
- Picnic
- Donut Sundays
- Parish office & kiosk
- Parish Mailings
- Building Clean up Vol.
- Classroom set up
- Angel patrol
- Catechists
- Teachers aides
- Youth Group
- Good News Media
- Social Concerns
- Pantry
- Giving Tree/Collections
- Security Committee
- Stewardship Comm.
- IT Committee
- Buildings & Grounds
- Ad Journal
- Fundraising
- Sponsorships
- Annual Catholic Appeal
- Formation Facilitators

Service is
 our Faith
 in Action