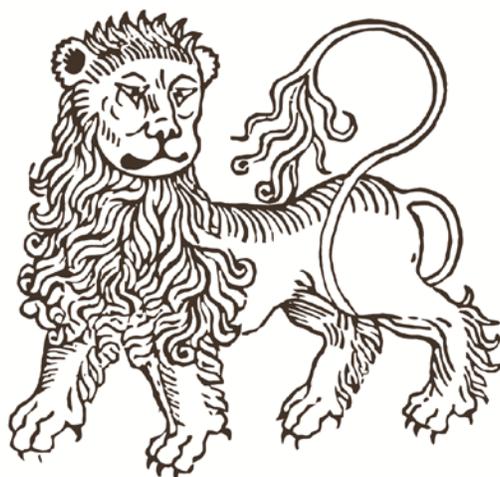


THE CHURCH OF
ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

ANNUAL REPORT
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RECTOR'S REPORT TO THE PARISH
on the Occasion of the Annual Parish Meeting
The Third Sunday after the Epiphany, 27 January 2013

Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa and Martyr, 22 January 2013

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am honoured to address the parish on the occasion of the 2013 annual meeting, my sixth as your Rector. 2012 was a very good year in the life of our community. We fought our way back from some financial difficulties, we continued to grow in membership and vitality, and we accomplished a number of significant and important tasks.

I will start, however, as I always do, with some numbers. Mass was celebrated 109 times on Sundays and 127 times on week-days. Evensong was sung on fourteen Sundays and Evening Prayer prayed 63 times on week-days. We celebrated two marriages, buried one of our number, and baptised four children. At our Patronal Feast this past October, on the occasion of his Episcopal visitation, our new bishop (then bishop coadjutor), the Rt Rev'd Andrew M. L. Dietsche confirmed two adults and one teen, and received into our communion one adult. Our average Sunday attendance grew to 113 from 109 in 2011, a gain of 4%.¹ Since 2007 our Average Sunday attendance has grown 43%.

Indeed, our statistics tell an interesting story. Over the past few weeks, I have compiled and analysed all our attendance figures since 2007. These figures highlight the achievements we have made together and points at areas which need more attention. Indeed, our average Sunday attendance has grown 43% since 2007. In the same period, attendance during our program year has grown from an average of 87 at all services on Sunday in 2007 to 129 in 2011, about 48%. Almost all of this growth, however, has come at our Sunday 9 A.M. Sung Mass. In 2007 average attendance at that liturgy was 23. In 2011 it had risen to 48, and was trending even higher by the closing months of the year with an average of 53 in attendance during the period from September through December 2012. The 11 A.M. Solemn Mass has not grown nearly as much. In 2007 the average attendance was 63. In 2011 the number had risen to 79, a respectable 21% change. Growth since 2008, which represents a point of stabilisation following my arrival a year earlier, however, is only 4%. In the same period, the nine o'clock service has grown by 60%.

To what can we attribute these numbers? The growth on Sundays at nine is a direct result of our emphasis on children's and family programs. We have worked to attract and retain families with children, paying attention to childcare and the welcome of children at Mass, ensuring safe, dedicated space for our children's program, relaunching our Sunday School, founding our Children's Choir, and planning events like the Christmas Party and Family

At the Annual Meeting last year, and on the official Parochial Report made to the National Church we reported our 2011 average Sunday attendance (ASA) as 115. In reviewing the figures this winter in advance of this meeting and as a result of discovering a math error while compiling a more complete set of statistics going back to 2007, the 2011 ASA was revised down to 109. Nonetheless this still represents 5.4% growth from the previous year.

Eucharist. A core of families makes the community attractive to new families and gives them the chance to enter into our community gently. Indeed, we owe much to our families who have stayed with us over a number of years and who have been witness to our growth. Given the demographics of our neighbourhood, achieving this kind of growth is natural and something we needed to do. I believe that we have been able to expand our ministry to include more families with children without compromising our core values of inclusivity and traditional, Anglo-Catholic worship. Indeed, those two core principals run through everything we strive to do here in this place and are very important reasons why folks have come here and brought their children.

Explaining why we are basically flat at eleven since 2008 is tougher. Indeed, this is not a zero sum game. Growth at nine does not make inevitable stagnation at eleven. Far from it. Both can and should grow and eleven *is* growing, but not as fast, or as sustainably. And here, I believe, we have the point. Our unique combination of real inclusivity (which is not a code-word for political correctness), traditional worship, and beautiful music draws people to us. It draws visitors from around the United States and around the world. In the past year I have welcomed people from England, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and from all over the United States. They have discovered us by reputation, word-of-mouth, and on the internet, and they love what they experience, but they are not a source of sustainable growth. Our core values also draw others to us, especially young adults, to worship with us. Each year a number of people in their 20s and 30s come and worship with us, but yet they inevitably graduate from school or move away, and are replaced the next year by a new crop who come to New York and to the Upper West Side. Our profile has grown and our reputation has grown, too, as we have maintained a very high standard of liturgy and music while welcoming all who come through our doors. Indeed, our growth during Holy Week (57% since 2007) and at Christmas reflect both our greater openness to our neighbourhood and to families and the spreading word about our liturgical and musical traditions.

The challenge for us is how do we grow in a sustainable way at our eleven o'clock Mass. I have begun to have this conversation with members of the Vestry and others in our community and we will begin to explore ways to get the word out about Saint Ignatius and invite more people through our doors. We are a welcoming community and I have seen this group enfold newcomers in a way that is warm and healthy, that keeps folks coming back. Together we can make this happen. In the meanwhile, do invite your friends to Church. The best evangelism is the evangelism that happens Christian to Christian sharing the Good News that there is life and abundance in community, especially a spiritual nourishing community like ours.

Our continued growth in 2012 helped us with our finances and this year we were able to pay 100% of our assessment to the diocese and draw less money from our Capital Reserves than we have for some time. We were able to stay within the budget we had formulated to reduce expenses and increase efficiency. In 2012 we saw significant gains in stewardship. We had 12 new pledges and in total 91 individuals and families pledged \$217,000 in support, over 85 pledging \$207,000 in 2011 (we had 67 pledges in 2007). In the end (and as you will see in the Treasurer's report), the final amount received was significantly smaller than the \$217,000 promised as a consequence of economic uncertainty felt by parishioners as they moved into the second half of the year. Our 2013

pledging is on track to have as many if not more families pledging (we have eight new pledges), but giving a smaller amount of money.

The restructuring we experienced in 2011 allowed us in 2012 to fulfill the commitment I made at last year's annual meeting and call a curate for the first time in a number of years. The Rev'd Rebecca A. Barnes joined our staff on July 1 and she has made a significant contribution to the life of the parish, and not simply in the office. Mother Barnes has helped me with liturgical duties and has been able to share in pastoral care so that more of you can better receive the support that you need. We had hoped to hire a week-end sexton, but finding a suitable candidate has proved difficult and we are still looking for the right person. James Mayanja continues to work as our sexton. He has done an admirable job given the limited hours we can give him and the scope of the task we ask of him. He is a cheerful and helpful presence and I am thankful for his service. Cathy Chin Tunkey worked in the office as our acting parish secretary for the first half of the year and I am grateful to her for her hard work and support in that time. Many of her duties were assumed by Mother Barnes. Deacon Kahn continues to serve with us and lead our adult formation programs as well as provide an important liturgical and pastoral presence to the parish, along with collegial support for me. We remain a teaching community and saw the ordination of our seminarian Mother Barnes, the continued service of our Diocesan Intern, Dr Philip Towner (who will become our curate in just a couple of weeks!), and the joining of our team by seminarian Richard Pike. Douglas Keilitz, our organist and choirmaster, has kept our liturgical music to the highest of standards and stewards an amazing program of concerts that engages our congregation with an important community of musicians performing sacred and secular music reflecting our values and traditions.

At the beginning of this report I made reference to our facing challenges this year. In 2011 our challenges were largely financial and administrative. Today, I am happy to say, we have this under control (although we continue to rely on your stewardship to enable our ministry). In 2012 our challenges came from another quarter: our relationship with our neighbours. From 2007 when I arrived, I allowed homeless people to sleep on our steps as a bridge to being housed and getting help. Happily a good number of our former "guests" entered into the system and got help. However, starting in May 2012, there arose a significant problem with the men who began sleeping on our steps and in the moat. These individuals refused both help and shelter from social services on numerous occasions and, in at least one case, was engaging in criminal activity. While they were intermittently cooperative to our requests to move from the entrances so that the business of the church could go on, at other times they blocked our entrances, caused damage to the property, and created safety and security issues in the neighbourhood. To see how we might humanely handle and resolve this matter, I sought advice from a number of quarters, including Goddard Riverside Homeless Outreach, the 24th Precinct, the NYPD Homeless Outreach Unit, and the Manhattan District Attorney's office. I discovered that, in order to better assist those in need accept help and services, Homeless Outreach was now recommending that we (and other churches) no longer allow people to sleep on our property. In order for us to effect this change, the DA's office required that we make clear by signage and physical barriers that unauthorized residence on our property is not allowed. Therefore, after much soul searching and thought, we made the difficult decision to sign a no trespass order with the DA's office and put chains across our entrances and

affix signs. Our goal is not to arrest trespassers. It is to keep our members, neighbours, and property safe. Each night both Goddard's Homeless Outreach Teams and officers from NYPD Homeless Outreach Unit come by our church and offer help to anyone they find. Working in cooperation with a number of city agencies we are doing all we can to help those in need and help create a safe environment for our parishioners and neighbours. I shared this information with the parish before Christmas and early in the New Year with the members of Goddard's TOP Program that uses our Undercroft during the week. The response from both groups—our members and the men and women of TOP who themselves have a history of homelessness—was very supportive. A sign of support from the wider community has come just this week from our City Council Member, Gayle Brewer, who wrote to me on Wednesday: "Thank you for calling about the steps of the church and those who are homeless. I very much appreciate your calling, and I thank you for your kind words about the support from Goddard, NYPD and the DA's office. The same kind words should be attributed to your leadership."

As part of our desire to make our community safer and better protect our youngest members, we also worked to construct a new room in the Undercroft which we have given to our tenant, Goddard's TOP Program for group meetings. This new room has allowed us to reclaim the children's playroom for the exclusive use of our community. We have also continued to work in cooperation with TOP's director, Russell Roten, to clean up the Undercroft and make more of the space available for our community to use. I have been grateful to Russ for his cooperation and collaboration and will miss him as he moves onto a new position this winter. I expect that the new director and I will also forge a good working relationship that will benefit both communities.

The work we have done together would not have been possible without the support of the Churchwardens, Charles Knapp and Karen Christian, the members of the vestry, and other lay leaders. I am particularly grateful to James Mitchell for taking leadership on the Building and Grounds Committee, especially as we carried out repairs to the roof in addition to the other work connected with the Undercroft Construction and homeless issues. I also want to say a special word of thanks to our outgoing vestry member, Marie Postlewate, for her faithful service to our community over many years.

2012 was a good year for us .It was a year of getting back on track financially and instituting new staffing arrangements that have strengthened our ability to better minister to the needs of our community. It was a year of cooperation with our neighbours to ensure the health and safety of our community, both our Church community and the larger community of which we are a part. It was a year of growth and success that has helped point us in the direction we need to go. Most importantly, it was a year in which the love of God was celebrated over and over again in so many ways by a group of people who love each other, who love their neighbours and who love our Lord who calls us deeply into relationship with him.

May God bless us and all our work. Amen.

Faithfully yours,
Andrew C. Blume ✠
Rector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Herewith is the presentation of the 2012 fiscal year operating budget as projected (first column), followed by a column indicating the fiscal year's actual expenses. The parish again finished the fiscal year very close to projections, with the revenue shortfall in pledges compensated for by reductions in expenses, as well as an additional withdrawal from capital reserve.

The third column indicates the Vestry approved operating budget for 2013. We are again hoping to reduce our withdrawal from reserve to an amount around \$10,000. Most all other expenses remain flat with our actual expenditures for the 2012 fiscal year, with projections for increases in utilities, insurance, and other costs.

The Other Income and Expenses area shows our capital expenditures for 2012, followed by an overview of our capital fund balances. --- Ravi Rajan, *Treasurer*

	FY12 Budget	FY12 ACTUAL	FY13 Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Candle Offerings	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,686.00	\$ 1,860.00
Concert box office/tickets	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 655.00	\$ 5,000.00
Endowment Income	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,527.52	\$ 1,650.00
Music Fund & Concert Support	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 8,405.00	\$ 15,000.00
Music Group Fees	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 18,463.00	\$ 19,000.00
Nicoll Trust	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,839.67	\$ 18,000.00
Other Offering / income	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 23,364.50	\$ 38,000.00
Other Space Use	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 4,520.00	\$ 8,500.00
Plate	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 15,607.00	\$ 13,000.00
Pledges	\$ 206,000.00	\$ 187,278.50	\$ 206,000.00
Reach Out	\$ 76,316.00	\$ 80,372.00	\$ 78,859.02
Reserve Fund to Balance	\$ 19,271.67	\$ 30,040.06	\$ 10,244.00
Soup Kitchen Offerings	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,209.58	\$ 8,000.00
Tower Apartment Rent	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00	\$ 14,400.00
Total Income	\$ 417,997.67	\$ 413,367.83	\$ 437,513.02
Expense			
Advertising	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Associate Clergy	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 250.00
Auditing Fees	\$ 6,500.00	\$ -	\$ 6,500.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 13,228.27	\$ 9,000.00
Building Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 2,672.54	\$ 3,000.00
Candles	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,882.86	\$ 1,800.00
Child Care	\$ 6,780.00	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 6,000.00
Choir	\$ 38,500.00	\$ 41,695.00	\$ 40,250.00
Christian education	\$ 800.00	\$ 854.56	\$ 800.00

Clergy Continuing Education	\$ 750.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,250.00
Concert Series	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 4,330.96	\$ 7,000.00
Conferences & Conventions	\$ 500.00	\$ 360.00	\$ 500.00
Deputy Organist	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 5,810.00	\$ 6,400.00
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 40,586.00
Evangelism	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Flowers	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,325.00	\$ 2,000.00
Hospitality & coffee hour	\$ 400.00	\$ 429.60	\$ 400.00
Insurance	\$ 26,500.00	\$ 27,579.29	\$ 30,000.00
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 900.00	\$ 307.30	\$ 500.00
Office Supplies	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,969.29	\$ 4,000.00
Organ Repairs	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ 450.00
Other Music Expenses	\$ 750.00	\$ 225.64	\$ 750.00
Postage	\$ 500.00	\$ 476.78	\$ 500.00
Printing & Photocopying	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 7,268.46	\$ 7,100.00
Rector's Discretionary Fund	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Rector's Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,028.52	\$ 2,500.00
Retreats & Quiet Days	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Seminarian	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,660.28	\$ 1,500.00
Soup Kitchen (non-coffee hour)	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 7,813.00	\$ 6,500.00
Telephone & Cable	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,969.44	\$ 6,000.00
Utilities	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 28,483.15	\$ 33,000.00
Wages and Salaries	\$ 200,617.67	\$ 206,247.89	\$ 216,477.02
Total Expense	\$ 417,997.67	\$ 413,367.83	\$ 437,513.02
Net Ordinary Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

Other Income	\$ 8,681.67
Total Other Income	\$ 8,681.67

Other Expense

Capital Expense	\$ 14,534.22
Total Other Expense	\$ 14,534.22

Capital Funds

	<u>Reserve Fund</u>	<u>Nicoll Trust</u>	<u>Endowment</u>
Beginning Value 1/1/2012	\$ 361,894.31	\$ 390,829.39	\$ 51,337.53
Income	\$ 17,007.13	\$ 12,174.37	\$ 2,160.61
Disbursements	\$ (35,892.61)	\$ (16,459.56)	\$ (1,175.01)
Investment Fees	\$ (3,618.94)	\$ (5,994.71)	\$ -
Change in Market Value	\$ 6,280.11	\$ 21,479.60	\$ 3,009.02
Ending Market Value 12/31/2012	\$ 345,670.00	\$ 402,029.09	\$ 55,332.15
Net Capital Funds	\$803,031.24		

STEWARDSHIP

The 2012 Stewardship Campaign, chaired by Holly Hughes, was a great success. Following our traditional every member canvas, conducted by the Wardens, Vestry, and parishioners David Holkeboer, Frank Horak, and Ms Hughes, the final results were as follows:

Number of pledges received: 91
 Amount pledged \$217,406
 Increased pledges: 26
 Decreased pledges: 5
 New pledges: 9
 Renewed pledges: 6

This represents respectable growth from 2011, when we saw 85 pledges for \$207,814.

This year's stewardship campaign began in late October when Father Blume sent a letter to every member of the parish community. This year the campaign was chaired by the Wardens, Karen Christian and Charles Knapp. The Wardens, members of the Vestry, parishioners Holly Hughes and Scott McDermott conducted the Every Member Canvass and we continue to truly appreciate the energy, consideration and care that all the participants brought to this endeavor.

This year's numbers suggest both continued strong support for the parish and yet a sense that people are continue to experience a certain level of financial uncertainty. Here is where we stand as of January 24, 2013:

Number of pledges received: 79
 Amount pledged \$179,621
 Increased pledges: 25
 Decreased pledges: 15
 New pledges: 9

At this time last year we stood as follows:

Number of pledges received: 78
 Amount pledged \$205,480
 Increased pledges: 26
 Decreased pledges: 5
 New pledges: 6

As the Rector said in his report, we have seen a decrease in the total amount pledged for 2013 and we have adjusted our expectations. Nevertheless, if previous years can provide a guide, we can expect to receive more pledges in the coming weeks and we also hope to welcome new members to our parish throughout the year. In measuring the total amount pledged for 2013, we also need to note that we have already recieved very significant gifts from members towards our operating expenses that can not count as pledge, but which will keep our overall operating revenue strong.

All of us involved in our Stewardship efforts want to express our gratitude to our fellow parishioners who have pledged for their loving commitment to the work of our church.

Faithfully,
Charles Knapp and Karen Christian, Churchwardens
The Rev'd Dr Andrew C. Blume, Rector

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Buildings and Grounds

This past year we have been working to rebuild the Buildings and Grounds Committee and move ahead towards a new model of stewarding our historic 1901 Church building. Members of the committee, rector Andrew Blume, churchwarden Charles Knapp, Holly Hughes, Scott McDermott, and Chair, James Mitchell.

In 2012 the building became part of an expanded Upper West Side historical district. While this new designation will protect the historical architecture of our building it will also add a worthwhile layer of complexity to future exterior (and in some cases interior) renovation work.

This past year the Committee has created an annual calendar of ongoing maintenance and custodial projects. Regular maintenance of the building continues to be carried out by our part-time sexton, James Mayanga. James has also continued to perform certain plumbing and other repairs that would have, in the past, been carried out by an outside contractor.

Some of the larger specific issues that were addressed 2012 include

1. Completion of the installation of the brass railing on the stairs to the undercroft.
2. Roof repairs in several locations of the building.
3. Installation of a new water fountain in the undercroft.
4. Replacement of new sink and related plumbing in sacristy.
5. Installation of new counter top in the undercroft restroom.
6. Installation by Con-Edison of new electrical feeder lines to Church's main electrical room.
7. Construction of a new dedicated room for TOP so that the Sunday school program would have exclusive use of the nursery.

In 2013 the committee will continue working to develop mid-term and long-term goals for the building and how the building can best support the variety of constituents that are served.

MUSIC

“O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth stand in awe of him” (*Psalms* 96: 9). We, as Ignatians, already know how seriously we take that psalmverse. As we gather together for mass, evensong, and feast days, we offer unto our Lord the very best we possibly can in our worship of Him. Music is no exception: we continue a tradition established here long ago of offering music for the mass which beautifies the worship of our Lord. Music, like spoken or silent prayer, is another vehicle in which we communicate with God, and He with us. As such, it is an offering and sacrifice unto our God, a gift to Him in acknowledgment of all the gifts He continues to give us. As Ignatians, we know that we can offer no less than our finest gifts!

To that end, the professional Choir of St. Ignatius of Antioch prepares for each solemn mass a setting of the Ordinary, a motet or anthem whose text is reflective of the scriptural theme of that particular day in the church year, and the ancient plainsong propers (it is important to note that they do all of that within a 1 3/4-hour rehearsal on a Sunday morning!). The music offered for the mass represents some of the finest settings written specifically for the worship of God throughout the centuries, enhancing a tradition of worship that includes all five senses. In addition, our volunteer Evensong Choir provides the choral music for the monthly evensong services, feast days, and summer worship. This past year also witnessed the creation of a children’s choir under the direction of Lucy Tucker Yates. Therefore, it has been my constant effort to increase the awareness of what we do on our corner of West End Avenue with the hope that we will continue to attract more people to our parish.

The “Music at Saint Ignatius of Antioch” concert program continues to draw attention to our Anglo-Catholic family, acting as a unique form of outreach, making our presence better known in our local community and the city, and assists at raising funds for the financial support of our music ministry. As the series has been evolving, our presentations have been growing in scope, attracting a wide audience from all over the city.

2012 saw continued concert performances by the Choir of St. Ignatius of Antioch: in March, the Choir presented *Avanti Gabrieli: Music by Adrian Willaert and his contemporaries from St. Mark’s, Venice* in observance of the 400th year of Gabrieli’s death. In May, I presented the first concert on the newly-restored Casavant organ since the water-damage incident of several years ago. Attendance continues to be strong at these concerts, and the long, steady applause at the conclusion of each performance demonstrates an appreciative audience. 2012 also saw the initiation of half-hour organ concerts preceding the monthly evensong services by guest organists.

St. Ignatius of Antioch’s support of and commitment to the performing arts has made it an attractive venue for a variety of ensembles. In 2012, we continue to be the home of ten ensembles-in-residence: the internationally-acclaimed men’s ensemble *Lionheart*; the early music ensemble *Polyhymnia*; the women’s ensemble *Amuse*; our long-time friends *Canticum Novum Singers*; the chamber choir *Cerddorion*; the all-professional *New York Virtuoso Singers*; the venerable *Amor Artis Chorus*; *TENET*; *Accord*; and *Central City Chorus*. Concert organist Christopher Houlihan continues as our Artist-In-Residence.

Additionally, we have served as hosts to a number of concerts, including performances by *Mimosa Chamber Ensemble*, *Parthenia Consort of Viols*, *C4*, *Hudson Valley Singers*, *Cantori New York*, *Blue Heron Renaissance Choir*, *Manhattan Choral Ensemble*, *Artek*, *New Amsterdam Singers*, and *Ghostlight*. To help publicize all of these performances, a new full-color glossy brochure was designed in-house, printed, and mailed, as well as being strategically placed both within and outside the church.

I am blessed to have the opportunity to work and worship in this parish, in this city. For me, the work of planning, preparing, and presenting music in the church is indeed worship, both as part of my own personal devotions and, hopefully, as an aid to the devotions of others. Thank you for your continued support of my work and efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Keilitz,
Organist and Choirmaster

OUTREACH

Outreach Projects of St. Ignatius of Antioch January, 2012 Report

The Outreach Committee warmly invites all members and friends of the parish to take part in its projects. Following is a list of current outreach activities:

Carpenter's Kids: The Carpenter's Kids Program is a partnership between the Anglican Diocese of Central Tanganyika and the Episcopal Diocese of New York. This program provides HIV/AIDS orphans and other vulnerable children with school uniforms, a pair of shoes, daily breakfast, and school supplies. Donors commit to giving \$60.00 a year for five years to sponsor a child for his or her entire primary school education. In 2009 St. Ignatius of Antioch joined in this effort and we are now in year four of our five-year commitment.

Year 1 = September 2009 - June 2009

Year 2 = September 2010 - June 2010

Year 3 = September 2011 - June 2012

Year 4 = September 2012 - June 2013 (We are in Year 4 now.)

Year 5 = September 2013 - June 2014

We hosted two missionaries from St. Bart's at an Adult Education class in October. They gave a compelling presentation.

New donors are welcome. You may write a check to St. Ignatius of Antioch for \$60 and write CARPENTERS KIDS in the memo line and place it in the collection plate or send it to the office.

You can read more about Carpenter's Kids at: <http://www.carpenterskids.net/> or you can watch a movie about the program at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwVcNuaTNek>

Christmas Gifts: for homeless children: Each year, as we have for 27 years, St. Ignatius collects wrapped gifts for children from 6 months of age to 16 years. This year, the gifts were donated to the Ellington Hotel Homeless Shelter on West 111th Street. We thank Rob Hillman, Jim Mitchell, and the Family Education committee for leading the effort this year.

Crop Walk: Churches throughout the country participate in the Crop Hunger Walk, which raises money for initiatives to end hunger. We participate by walking, sponsoring walkers and donating money. The money supports the efforts of the Church World Service by responding to hunger locally and globally. Our Soup Kitchen is a beneficiary of this program. Please speak to Mother Barnes if you would like to find out more.

Standing Rock Church Mission, South Dakota: The Standing Rock Mission Church serves a widespread community of Hunkpapa Lakota Sioux living on or near a Native American reservation. Rev'd Robert C. Schwarz, formerly a priest of St. Ignatius, is the priest-in-charge and just recently preached at St. Ignatius. I would like to encourage anyone in the parish who would like to be involved in this reaching out to Standing Rock to contact me or Father Blume.

Respectfully submitted,

Constance Vidor

SOUP KITCHEN

Our longest-running mission continues to provide food and fellowship to anyone who appears at our door every Saturday at 4pm and every Wednesday at 7pm, no matter the weather. In 2012, we served 3420 “first” meals (we are often able to serve “seconds”). While we served 11 fewer meals than in 2011 (when we saw 400 more requests for meals than in the previous year), on some Saturdays in 2012 we saw our highest number of guests in years, and we are seeing many new faces. Volunteers put time into talking to guests waiting in line before the food distribution, to welcome our guests and to get a sense of the needs of this changing population.

Our menu includes healthy soup, tuna and peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, fruit, juice and various other treats. We periodically distribute travel-size toiletries which have been donated by parishioners who deposit them in the plastic bin next to the West End Avenue door.

The soup kitchen is funded by the church budget, a grant from Church World Services CROP Walk, and occasional direct donations. Other sources of food and supplies include Food Bank from New York City's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP), volunteers and a friend of a soup kitchen captain whose company has provided peanut butter. We have applied for a grant from Episcopal Charities, a grant we received in 2010 and 2011.

Of the approximately 50 individuals who volunteer either regularly or as substitutes, about 20 are parishioners, and the rest are non-parishioners. This represents a continuing shift from the past when the majority of volunteers were parishioners. To address the pressing need for regular volunteers, Volunteer Coordinator David Holkeboer implemented an idea gleaned from one of the Sustainability Workshops lead by Episcopal Charities, and initiated a group on the “meetup.org” website. We continue to need volunteers for various teams. Anyone interested in more information about opportunities to serve this ministry is invited to contact the authors of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Hughes and David Holkeboer

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