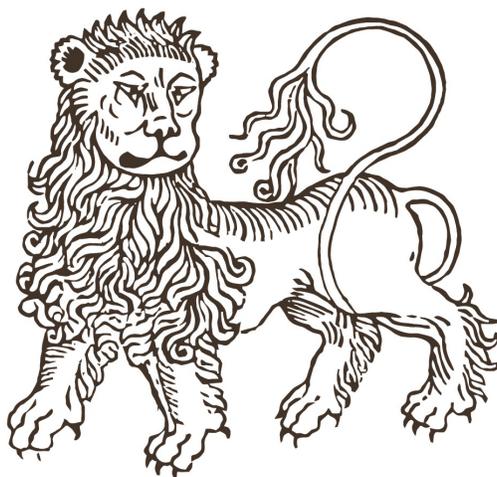


THE CHURCH OF
ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

ANNUAL REPORT
2018



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RECTOR'S REPORT
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of the Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Sunday, 27 January 2019

In October, on the Feast of our Patron, Saint Ignatius of Antioch I began my twelfth year as Rector of our parish church. It has been a privilege to minister in this community. We have been through a good deal together and, especially as we look towards marking the parish's one hundred fiftieth anniversary in 2021, the wardens and I have been giving a great deal of thought to our future, indeed to our next one hundred fifty years. Throughout the course of this year, in and through the reflection we have done together, I have come to believe firmly that we are moving in the right direction.

In 2018 Mass was celebrated 160 times on Sundays and 31 times on weekdays. We baptised four children, celebrated one marriage, and buried one of our number, Anthony Wentworth Morss. As of this Annual Meeting, there are 250 members on our rolls and we can count 228 people as regular communicants and active members. This is four fewer members than what we reported to the Episcopal Church last year in our Parochial Report. Last year, average Sunday attendance slipped to a ten year low of 84, down from 92 in 2017. The drop is attributable to a decline in the 9 AM Sunday attendance, which was a continuation from 2017 and which we saw all year, and to a significant drop in 11 AM Sunday attendance during the first five months of the year. The 9 AM congregation is in a period of consolidation, in which we have retained our core of families, but have seen a number of families fall away without attracting new ones. This is a matter that the vestry has been discussing and will continue to consider. The fall off in 11 AM attendance last winter is, I believe, directly attributable to the lack of heat we experienced while we were in the midst of upgrading the heating system. This decline has already begun to reverse itself, and Summer attendance was up 14% over 2017 and Sunday 11 AM attendance between September and December saw a 13% increase over January to May. In even better news, 2018 Christmas attendance was up 8% over 2017. From the evidence of this first month of 2019, I have every reason to expect that our attendance, especially Sunday 11 AM attendance, will continue to strengthen.

In 2018 we received pledges from 91 individuals and families totalling \$200,765, an increase from 82 pledges totalling \$178,499. This was a very positive development, especially as the Churchwardens have asked the congregation for a 12% annual increase in pledge for three years to help close our budget gap. At the same time fulfilment of pledges, on a cash basis and reported in our year-end financials, appears flat year over year at \$178,500. While a number of unfulfilled pledges accounts for a portion of the discrepancy, an unusually large number of 2018 pledges were (for tax reasons) received at the end of 2017 (inflating our 2017 cash basis numbers), while we did not receive a similar number of pre-paid 2019 pledges at the end of 2018. Counting pre paid 2018 pledges, pledge fulfilment was about \$190,000 of the \$200,000 pledged, or 95%. The difference, therefore, between the amount pledged and paid for 2018 (counting pre paid pledges) is much smaller than shown on the cash basis balance sheet and represents an increase in giving year over year, which is very encouraging for 2019. Also encouraging and helpful to our finances is that 26 of you have chosen to fulfil your pledges through direct debit. 2019 stewardship looks like we will consolidate our 2018 gains, although with your further help we can easily reach the numbers we need to keep reducing our deficit.

The Church property continued to present a number of challenges during 2018. In the past three years we have undertaken and completed projects that were generational in scope and that will ensure that our building is safe and warm for years to come. Specifically, in 2018 we finished replacing the sidewalks, carried out extensive plumbing repairs, worked to complete the Heating Project, addressed maintenance concerns on the roof, as well as other issues, all of which are discussed at length in the full report which will be included in the Annual Report [B&G Report below]. It would not have been possible to deal with these issues without the tireless efforts of our sexton, Boniface Nawita, who joined us in the fall of 2017 to replace James Mayanja. Boniface, to whom I have given increasing responsibility as he has proven himself more and more capable, carried out his regular duties in addition to supervising contractors and made himself available to work additional hours as necessary. James Kennerley, as full-time tenant of the property, has also worked very hard (and sometimes at great personal inconvenience) to make sure that our building remains safe and well cared for. And I am grateful to him for this.

It has always been important to me to be transparent with you about finances and other matters like attendance and the state of our building. If we don't understand the challenges that face us, it is much harder for us to work together as a community to overcome them and move ahead. It is essential that we understand how it takes everyone's personal and financial support for us to continue to serve our community, both those who identify as Ignatians and those in our neighbourhood and city who don't worship with us, but with whom we live and whom we serve in our several vocations. Indeed, your ordained and lay leaders want to better understand your needs, why you come to Saint Ignatius, and what we can do better moving ahead.

As part of our strategic planning, therefore, we engaged Maurice Seaton from the Episcopal Church Foundation to help us move forward with this work. Although in large measure this was specifically in response to the financial reality that we must retire the debt incurred in 2017 as we addressed massive, unexpected capital works projects, and assure our long-term financial stability, we also saw this as an important opportunity to better understand and meet the needs of our congregation and help us become a stronger community. The first phase of this work involved organising a series of focus groups that would involve as many members of the congregation as possible. Your response to this was extraordinary. You have heard and read elsewhere about the high level of participation and success of this effort. For me personally, reading your responses was extremely helpful, and in discussions with the wardens and vestry we have been able to begin to shape our vision for the next phase of our community life through the lens of your participation and feedback.

Of course you expressed your commitment to, and appreciation of our strong program of liturgy and music. That we have always taken seriously the beauty of worship, and undertaken its enactment in an inclusive, thoughtful way is something almost everyone who participated reflected upon as one of the main reasons they continue to attend Saint Ignatius. In large measure this is thanks to the hard work of my clergy colleagues, Father Towner and Deacon Kahn, as well as the parishioners who devote a great deal of effort to their service at the altar. We are also so fortunate that we can, even on with our limited resources, continue to offer important, sometimes rarely-performed, appropriate, historic, liturgical music of the highest quality, performed by some of the finest professional musicians in the city. James Kennerley, our organist and choirmaster, directs our music program with grace and style and musicianship of the first order.

You also reflected upon the friendliness and conviviality of the people you have met here. At the same time, you expressed a clear sense that we need to be a stronger community, with more opportunity for personal interaction from which we can build a firmer foundation of interconnection. This, together with your feeling that we needed stronger Christian formation, were concerns that the wardens and I felt must be addressed immediately. Thanks to the efforts of a number of parishioners including Meredith Strauss, Josh Slater, Cathie Phelps, Stephanie Cowell and others, we have inaugurated a series of, what has proven to be a very successful, social gatherings, outside of Church to bring people together, form new relationships, and stimulate a sense of how we can be Church together in the world, how we can better minister to each other and the world.

In the area of Adult Formation, we have responded with a full year of programs, offered by Stephen Morris, Father Towner, Deacon Kahn, and myself. We will make sure that in the spring we begin to formulate as vibrant a plan for next program year. As we have redoubled our commitment to adult programs, and Meredith Strauss has continued to lead our Sunday School program for younger children, over the course of last program year, it also became increasingly clear to me and others that we needed to engage our growing population of tweens and teens. To be perfectly honest, our group was not growing because of new membership, but rather because the group of children who were toddlers when I arrived in 2007 have grown up and need new things from us to keep engaged, to help them grow in their faith. This cohort, twelve in number, deserved better from us and we set out to create a new program for 2018-2019. Over the summer I sought the advice of an expert in this area of ministry, the Rev'd Gina L. Gore, who had recently moved with her family from Los Angeles to New York. In the end, I found that Mother Gore, who also works in family ministry part-time at the Church of Saint Luke in the Fields, was interested, if I was able to find the funding, to join our staff and co-leading the program with me. With a generous donation from one of our families, I was able to hire Mother Gore and she and I have been working together with the group, regularly seven to nine of them, since September. We have incorporated worship, play, study, and the sharing of a meal in a two hour, once-a-month meeting. We hope to expand the program to include other social and service activities, and to ensure it continues next year.

There were other items of feedback that we heard and have been taking very seriously. Indeed, this was a watershed experience for us and, as one vestry member put it, it was worth every penny we spent on our consultant. It showed us that there is significant energy in this community to engage the issues that face and we will continue to seek ways to further engage every member in this work.

The life of a church is work we do together. It is work we undertake not merely for our own benefit, but for that of the world, to expand the light of God into places where it does not shine, where it has not yet penetrated, or where it is reflected only dimly. Dietrich Bonhoeffer famously wrote that the church is the only institution that exists for others, those not already its members. We do this work, yes, by helping to make more Christians, to bring more people to the font and to the altar, to put more bodies in the pews, to grow by adding to our number those not already here. We also do this work, however, more importantly, I feel, without expectation that we will grow ourselves, expand our budget, produce more program, grow our endowment. We worship God here, make meaning of our lives, seek and find our vocations in the world, serve others with our program, not with expectation of reward, but in the sure and certain hope in the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which is nothing other than our faith—our lived relationship with the reality that Love triumphs over Death, that God's propose triumphs over the selfish and self-willed ambition of men.

The task we set before us, to keep up this building, grow our congregation, worship in the beauty of holiness, is work we do because it is right, because we are called to it by the very purpose of Creation. We want to be an attractive and welcoming community, with soaring and inspiring worship to draw people in and express into space and time an image and likeness of God present, alive, and at work in creation. When all the literal dust is settled, we come here and participate in the life of this community so that the work of God may be accomplished.

Faithfully yours,
Andrew C. Blume✠

The Rev'd Dr Andrew C. Blume
Rector

TREASURER'S REPORT

St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2018

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1020 Chase Operating 2038	11,670.45
1021 Insurance Reimbursement	0.00
Total 1020 Chase Operating 2038	\$ 11,670.45
1030 Chase Reserve 5706	2,153.66
1031 Diocesan Loan #1 (2016)	35,306.49
1032 Capital Campaign 2018-2020	4,354.24
1033 Diocesan Loan #2 (2018)	44,258.43
Total 1030 Chase Reserve 5706	\$ 86,072.82
1040 Chase-G&M Checking 2103	0.00
1041 Bleek's Gift	0.00
1042 Cattell Estate	0.00
1043 Chantry Guild Acct	7,682.26
1044 Columbarium	7,181.22
1045 Rector Continuing Ed	750.00
1046 Deacon's Continuing Ed	1,250.00
1047 Hoffman-Dodge Fund	-8.40
1048 Kress Memorial	0.18
1050 Capital Campaign Sidewalk 2017	8,495.88
1051 Towner Continuing Ed	750.00
1052 Flood Gift	0.00
1053 Purse	615.00
1054 Music Fund	10,000.00
1055 Retreat	535.50
Total 1040 Chase-G&M Checking 2103	\$ 37,251.64
1059 Chase Rector Disc. Fund 7211	1,514.29
RDF-Citibank checking	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 136,509.20
Accounts Receivable	
1100 Accounts Receivable	500.00
Rent Receivable	0.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 500.00
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid expenses	1,068.46
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 1,068.46
Total Current Assets	\$ 138,077.66

St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church
Statement of Financial Position
As of December 31, 2018

	Total
Other Assets	
1060 Investments	
1061 Dioc Inv Trst - ENDOWMENT	732,660.97
1062 Fidelity Inv. - RESERVE FUND	185,266.16
Total 1060 Investments	\$ 917,927.13
1690 Property	0.00
1510 Equipment	197,823.00
1550 Building	450,000.80
1560 Building Improvement	935,618.30
1691 Land	193,751.00
1700 Accumulated Depreciation	-921,565.70
Total 1690 Property	\$ 855,627.40
Total Other Assets	\$ 1,773,554.53
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,911,632.19
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
2000 Accounts Payable	0.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 0.00
Credit Cards	
2400 Chase Credit Card	763.28
Total Credit Cards	\$ 763.28
Other Current Liabilities	
2420 Funds for Transmittal	364.83
2430 403B Withholding	692.00
2500 Other Current Liabilities	0.00
Funds For Transmittal	200.17
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 1,257.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 2,020.28
Long-Term Liabilities	
2700 Sidewalk Loan	108,767.46
2710 Landmark Loan	87,392.46
2720 Diocesan Loan #2	117,588.80
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 313,748.72
Total Liabilities	\$ 315,769.00

St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church
Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2018

	<u>Total</u>
Equity	
3000 Net Assets	-378,143.36
3900 Retained Earnings	325,988.26
Gain/Loss on Investment	296,984.65
Permanently Restricted	378,143.36
Temporarily Restricted	88,345.00
Unrestricted	1,255,186.34
Net Revenue	-370,641.06
Total Equity	<u>\$ 1,595,863.19</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,911,632.19</u>

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Episcopal Church
Budget vs. Actuals: 2018 Budget - FY18 P&L
January 1 - December 31, 2018**

	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	Total Annual Budget
Revenue					
4000 Operating Income			0.00		
4010 Plate	8,714.55	9,000.00	-285.45	96.83%	9,000.00
4020 Pledges	170,933.93	195,000.00	-24,066.07	87.66%	195,000.00
4021 Music Pledge	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.00%	5,000.00
Total 4020 Pledges	\$ 175,933.93	\$ 200,000.00	-\$ 24,066.07	87.97%	\$ 200,000.00
4030 Music Fund & Concert Support	19,148.00	8,000.00	11,148.00	239.35%	8,000.00
4040 Music Group Fees	32,338.25	30,700.00	1,638.25	105.34%	30,700.00
4050 Other Offering / Income	22,212.69	18,000.00	4,212.69	123.40%	18,000.00
4051 Candle Offerings	633.11	2,000.00	-1,366.89	31.66%	2,000.00
4052 Weddings/Funerals	10,100.00	0.00	10,100.00		
4053 Interest & Dividends	52.82	0.00	52.82		
Total 4050 Other Offering / Income	\$ 32,998.62	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 12,998.62	164.99%	\$ 20,000.00
4080 Space Use Income			0.00		
4081 Other Space Use	6,060.00	8,500.00	-2,440.00	71.29%	8,500.00
4082 Rent - The Other Place	87,161.08	96,484.00	-9,322.92	90.34%	96,484.00
Total 4080 Space Use Income	\$ 93,221.08	\$ 104,984.00	-\$ 11,762.92	88.80%	\$ 104,984.00
Total 4000 Operating Income	\$ 362,354.43	\$ 372,684.00	-\$ 10,329.57	97.23%	\$ 372,684.00
4300 Outreach Gifts			0.00		
4310 Soup Kitchen Offerings	5,902.85	8,000.00	-2,097.15	73.79%	8,000.00
Total 4300 Outreach Gifts	\$ 5,902.85	\$ 8,000.00	-\$ 2,097.15	73.79%	\$ 8,000.00
4400 Nicoll Trust	19,388.00	13,797.00	5,591.00	140.52%	13,797.00
4500 Memorial Income	0.00	0.00	0.00		
4501 Chantry Guild Income	2,649.00	0.00	2,649.00		
4502 Other Memorial Income	100.00	0.00	100.00		
Total 4500 Memorial Income	\$ 2,749.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,749.00		\$ 0.00
4600 RDF Income	200.00	0.00	200.00		
Endowment Investment Income	-5,910.07	28,473.00	-34,383.07	-20.76%	28,473.00
Fidelity Investment Income	25.10	0.00	25.10		
Total Revenue	\$ 384,709.31	\$ 422,954.00	-\$ 38,244.69	90.96%	\$ 422,954.00
Gross Profit	\$ 384,709.31	\$ 422,954.00	-\$ 38,244.69	90.96%	\$ 422,954.00
Expenditures					
6000 Operating Expense					
6010 Office Expense					
6011 Postage	595.65	500.00	95.65	119.13%	500.00
6012 Printing & Photocopying	9,475.59	7,500.00	1,975.59	126.34%	7,500.00
6013 Office Supplies	6,138.38	6,000.00	138.38	102.31%	6,000.00
6014 Bank Fees	421.90	0.00	421.90		
6015 Advertising	673.47	500.00	173.47	134.69%	500.00
6016 Conferences & Conventions	535.00	600.00	-65.00	89.17%	600.00
6017 Rector's Expenses	797.00	1,000.00	-203.00	79.70%	1,000.00
6018 Insurance	41,460.75	40,000.00	1,460.75	103.65%	40,000.00
6019 Clergy Continuing Education	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00%	1,000.00
Total 6010 Office Expense	\$ 60,097.74	\$ 57,100.00	\$ 2,997.74	105.25%	\$ 57,100.00

	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget	Total Annual Budget
6040 Professional Expenses			0.00		
6041 Auditing Fees	10,258.00	15,000.00	-4,742.00	68.39%	15,000.00
6042 Legal Fees	7,609.50	0.00	7,609.50		
6043 Other Subcontractors	0.00	0.00	0.00		
6044 Accounting Services	24,342.70	17,400.00	6,942.70	139.90%	17,400.00
Total 6040 Professional Expenses	\$ 42,210.20	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 9,810.20	130.28%	\$ 32,400.00
6050 Space Use Expenses			0.00		
6051 Telephone & Cable	7,941.48	7,200.00	741.48	110.30%	7,200.00
6052 Building Repairs and Maintenance	17,464.78	24,000.00	-6,535.22	72.77%	24,000.00
60521 Organ Repairs	1,038.00	1,000.00	38.00	103.80%	1,000.00
6053 Building Supplies	5,967.73	3,500.00	2,467.73	170.51%	3,500.00
6054 Utilities	27,813.97	24,000.00	3,813.97	115.89%	24,000.00
Total 6050 Space Use Expenses	\$ 60,225.96	\$ 59,700.00	\$ 525.96	100.88%	\$ 59,700.00
6070 Worship Expenses			0.00		
6071 Candle Exp	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
6072 Child Care	2,878.80	3,000.00	-121.20	95.96%	3,000.00
6073 Choir	16,050.00	0.00	16,050.00		0.00
6074 Liturgical Supplies	5,026.53	4,000.00	1,026.53	125.66%	4,000.00
6075 Christian education	3,197.54	500.00	2,697.54	639.51%	500.00
6076 Flower Exp	1,847.00	1,500.00	347.00	123.13%	1,500.00
6078 Hospitality & coffee hour	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.00%	250.00
6079 Other Music Expenses	1,100.25	2,000.00	-899.75	55.01%	2,000.00
6080 Retreats & Quiet Days	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.00%	300.00
Total 6070 Worship Expenses	\$ 30,100.12	\$ 11,550.00	\$ 18,550.12	260.61%	\$ 11,550.00
6090 Other Expenses			0.00		
6091 Investment Fees & Charges	2,774.18	0.00	2,774.18		
6092 Interest Expense	11,114.71	22,140.00	-11,025.29	50.20%	22,140.00
Total 6090 Other Expenses	\$ 13,888.89	\$ 22,140.00	-\$ 8,251.11	62.73%	\$ 22,140.00
Total 6000 Operating Expense	\$ 206,522.91	\$ 182,890.00	\$ 23,632.91	112.92%	\$ 182,890.00
6020 Personnel Expenses					
6021 Wages and Salaries					
6022 Clergy Compensation	93,600.47	93,612.44	-11.97	99.99%	93,612.44
60226 Choir Master	21,871.92	21,122.00	749.92	103.55%	21,122.00
6025 Maintenance Salaries	26,903.35	16,640.00	10,263.35	161.68%	16,640.00
6026 Music Salaries	35,800.00	43,460.00	-7,660.00	82.37%	43,460.00
6027 Associate Organist	6,498.95	6,300.00	198.95	103.16%	6,300.00
6028 Office Salaries	11,692.33	18,928.00	-7,235.67	61.77%	18,928.00
6029 Bookkeeper	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total 6021 Wages and Salaries	\$ 196,367.02	\$ 200,062.44	-\$ 3,695.42	98.15%	\$ 200,062.44
6030 Benefits					
6031 Rector's Pension	18,586.46	15,300.00	3,286.46	121.48%	15,300.00
6032 Choirmaster's Pension	2,511.24	2,060.00	451.24	121.90%	2,060.00
6034 Health Insurance	37,502.00	33,900.00	3,602.00	110.63%	33,900.00
Total 6030 Benefits	\$ 58,599.70	\$ 51,260.00	\$ 7,339.70	114.32%	\$ 51,260.00
6035 Payroll-related Taxes/Fees					
60355 NYS Workers' Compensation	0.00	6,530.00	-6,530.00	0.00%	6,530.00
6036 Disability Ins.	11.52	0.00	11.52	0.00%	3,800.00
60365 Social Security Tax	6,527.33	0.00	6,527.33		
6037 Medicare Tax	1,526.80	0.00	1,526.80		
6039 NYS Unemployment	79.20	0.00	79.20		
6089 Payroll charges	1,674.03	1,008.00	666.03	166.07%	1,008.00
Total 6035 Payroll-related Taxes/Fees	\$ 9,818.88	\$ 11,338.00	-\$ 1,519.12	86.60%	\$ 11,338.00
Total 6020 Personnel Expenses	\$ 264,785.60	\$ 262,660.44	\$ 2,125.16	100.81%	\$ 262,660.44

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6300 Outreach Expense			0.00		
6310 Soup Kitchen (non-coffee hour)	7,262.60	8,000.00	-737.40	90.78%	8,000.00
6320 Evangelism	71.85	500.00	-428.15	14.37%	500.00
Total 6300 Outreach Expense	\$ 7,334.45	\$ 8,500.00	-\$ 1,165.55	86.29%	\$ 8,500.00
6350 Diocesan Assessment	34,464.64	33,363.00	1,101.64	103.30%	33,363.00
6410 Capital Campaign Expense	6,684.39	0.00	6,684.39		
6500 Memorial Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00		
6510 Chantry Guild Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total 6500 Memorial Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		\$ 0.00
6600 RDF Expenses	2,812.12	1,600.00	1,212.12	175.76%	1,600.00
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Total Expenditures	\$ 522,604.11	\$ 489,013.44	\$ 33,590.67	106.87%	\$ 489,013.44
Net Operating Revenue	-\$ 137,894.80	-\$ 66,059.44	-\$ 71,835.36	208.74%	-\$ 66,059.44
Other Revenue					
8000 Capital Receipts					
8010 Capital Campaign Offerings	3,025.00	0.00	3,025.00		0.00
8020 Insurance Claims and Other Reimb	2,100.00	0.00	2,100.00		0.00
8030 Organ Rental Income	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00		0.00
Total 8000 Capital Receipts	\$ 7,125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,125.00		\$ 0.00
Total Other Revenue	\$ 7,125.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,125.00		\$ 0.00
Other Expenditures					
9000 Capital Expenditures	239,871.26	0.00	239,871.26		0.00
9010 Capital Repairs and Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Total 9000 Capital Expenditures	\$ 239,871.26	\$ 0.00	\$ 239,871.26		\$ 0.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$ 239,871.26	\$ 0.00	\$ 239,871.26		\$ 0.00
Net Other Revenue	-\$ 232,746.26	\$ 0.00	-\$ 232,746.26		\$ 0.00
Net Revenue	-\$ 370,641.06	-\$ 66,059.44	-\$ 304,581.62	561.07%	-\$ 66,059.44

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As of Sunday, January 27, 2019 we have received 67 pledges for a total of \$174,228 for 2019. At this time last year we had 68 pledges for \$151,609.

Of these 2019 pledges:

34 are increases

5 are decreases

15 have remained flat

7 are new

20 pledgers have opted to use our direct debit program. This is an increase from last year. The income amounts to just a little more than \$4,000 per month from ACH collections.

For 2019 we still hope to see as many as 25 more pledges, which could get us to well over our \$200,000 goal.

By the end of 2018, we closed the year with 90 pledges for \$200,405. 43 pledges were increases and 13 were new. This was a significant increase over 2018 when we had 82 pledges for just over \$178,000.

Faithfully,
Warren Woodfin
Stewardship chair

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The Church property continued to present a number of challenges during 2018, as outlined below. It would not have been possible to address these issues without the tireless efforts of our sexton, Boniface Nawita, who joined us in the fall of 2017 to replace James Mayanja. Boniface, to whom I have given increasing responsibility as he has proven himself more and more capable, carried out his regular duties in addition to supervising contractors and made himself available to work additional hours as necessary for special events, including our concert series. James Kennerley, as full-time tenant of the property, has also worked very hard (and sometimes with great personal inconvenience) to make sure that our building remains safe and well cared for.

Sidewalks

The project to replace the sidewalks on the West End Avenue and 87th Street sides of the property, waterproof the vault beneath 87th Street, reset the 87th Street steps of the church and install new iron work railings and tree-pit guards was mobilised in the summer of 2017 and was finally completed in the spring of 2018. In the end, we were able to finance the project exclusively through funds raised from parishioners and with grants from the Episcopal Diocese of New York and the Landmarks Conservancy. The project was, however, delivered complete over 250 days late, which caused conflict between the contractors and the church over final payment. We have followed recommendations of our engineers, Rand Architecture & Engineering and of our attorney in how we have handled this issue. The most recent development was that late in the summer the tree pit guards were removed, we assume, by either the contractor or sub-contractor as a self-help repossession, which is to say that this was carried out against the terms of the contract and the law. On the advice of council we are not pursuing the matter, although there is a slight chance that the contractor may choose to do so.

HVAC

In the Fall of 2017 we mobilised our project to replace and upgrade our heating system. This work consisted in replacing the boiler and all the related boiler-room equipment, installing new radiators and valves throughout the building (mostly using our existing piping), and installing a new control system. In addition to giving us more and more efficient heat, one of the specific benefits of the program was the removal of the large blower units at the (liturgical) west end of the church. While the new boiler was installed before the end of 2017, the installation of the radiators and controls took longer than we expected, due mostly to manufacturing delays, and continued into the first half of 2018. This meant that the church was not adequately heated as we went into a cold period in January. We responded by having the contractors install temporary electric heat, which was quite expensive for us to operate. The installation of the radiators, valves, and controls was mostly complete by the end of the heating season in May and rather than finish the project over the summer when it could not be tested, and begin our two year warranty and service contract while the system was off, we all agreed that the contractors would return in October to finish the work. At this point, while a few punch list items (including elements of the control system) remain, along with the fireproofing of a section of pipe that had been missed in the original scope of work, the project is virtually complete and came in only about \$8,500 over budget, which is well within the contingency built into the project financing, which consisted of a \$40,000 grant and \$270,000 in loans from the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Related to the work, we installed at the (liturgical) west end of the church, in the place of the blowers, an oak chest, purpose-built to store altar frontals. The work was carried out by master-carpenter Jeremy Savian and was paid for with restricted gifts from the Estate of Gilbert Cattell and the Jocelyn H. Kress Fund.

Plumbing and Sewers

You will remember that in the Summer of 2017 we discovered that the hundred year-old sewer pipes beneath the Undercroft that service the mechanical rooms and kitchen had reached the end of their useful life and had crumbled. Together with our engineers, Rand Engineering & Architecture, and with financing from the Landmarks Conservancy in the form of an emergency loan, we were able to address the problem by using above-ground pipes and an ejector pump to service those areas of the building. This work was completed early in 2018. When the work was finished we repainted and thoroughly cleaned the Undercroft. Our tenant, the Goddard Riverside Community Center's TOP Program, which had been unable to use the space between August 2017 and January 2018, returned to full use of the space and worked with us in cleaning and reorganising the Undercroft. Goddard were out for six months and, per our license agreement with them, did not pay rent for the time they were out. Our Insurance covered only the first two months, when we were cleaning up and investigating the source of the problem. During 2018 we discovered that other sections of waste line piping also needed replacement. Landmarks generously extended our line of credit and we were able to address these areas as well without disrupting our tenant's occupancy. We are grateful that our plumbing contractors, initially engaged for the Undercroft sewer project, have been responsive and helpful as we have continued to address these and other issues. In the end we borrowed a little more than \$105,000 from Landmarks to carry out this work. During 2018 important unrelated repairs were also carried out in the Undercroft bathroom.

Roof

During the year we became aware that our gutters and drains had become clogged, causing water to come down the walls of the church in several places. We engaged our roofing contractor Fort Cicca to evaluate and fix the problem. At the time they inspected the roof and found it was in good condition, making a spot repair to one area over the Lady Chapel. Later in the year we discovered that the gutters under the dormer windows of the Tower Apartment are in need of repair. This work will be carried out in the coming weeks. Related damage to the interior of the West End Avenue side of the building will also be repaired through an insurance claim we have filed with the Church Insurance Company.

---The Rector

MUSIC

From the Organist and Choirmaster:

As I begin my sixth year as Organist and Choirmaster, it continues to be a distinct honor to serve this magnificent community. To that end, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Rector, to the Wardens, and to the Vestry for enabling such a rewarding synergy. Together we're working to ensure that Saint Ignatius boasts one of the finest church music programs in the City.

"Came for the music, stayed for the mass." Music at Saint Ignatius, however beautiful or enjoyable in itself, is always an attempt to reveal something deeper about our faith and about ourselves. For those new to our traditions, music can offer a bridge between the seemingly elaborate outward signs of the liturgy and the true meaning of the same. It remains one of our most notable "draws" for new members, and the choir and I take that responsibility very seriously indeed.

The core of my responsibility at Saint Ignatius revolves around our renowned professional choir, an ensemble of eight singers that is expanded upon depending on the demands of the repertoire and the liturgy. Due to budget constraints I have tended direct the choir from within, and sing tenor as part of the ensemble (and sometimes accompany on the camber organ at the same time!). Our full-time choir members are: Ruth Cunningham and Amanda Sidebottom, sopranos; Aaron Lauber and Donna Breitzer, altos; Garrett Eucker, tenor; Zachary Fletcher and Dominic Inferrera, basses. I wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their extraordinary gifts and hard work that shape our parish so richly.

It is a delight to be able to add yet more marvelous music to the choir's extensive repertoire, many editions of which have been prepared exclusively for the use of the choir and which often receive their first performances during the liturgy. The choir's repertoire is firmly rooted in the works of the Renaissance, with sprinklings of the finest works of the English cathedral school, and contemporary works. The Service of Advent Lessons & Carols was held for the fifth time in December. It allowed us to show off our choir and church community in a glorious synergy of music and readings and the church was gratifyingly full.

Work continues on our Casavant Frères pipe organ. Douglas Keilitz, our erstwhile curator, departed at a time when numerous repairs and maintenance projects were mid-project. We have since been playing "catch up" with our new curators, Emery Brothers, who have been identifying the many and various issues that need to be dealt with on such a complicated instrument and machine. Most notable of these was the severing of the communication cable between the console and the organ during the heating installation work in the first part of 2018. December saw one of the wind reservoirs burst at the seams. They are lined with calf's leather, an extremely durable material that nonetheless needs replacement every 40-50 years. As such, a third of the organ has been silenced as a temporary measure. We hope that remedial work takes place in 2019. The Klop continuo organ remains in regular use, supporting the choir and allowing for intimate solo keyboard repertoire to be performed.

We have exciting plans for two special musical offerings in 2019: concerted versions of the Tenebrae lessons as part of the liturgy on Holy Wednesday, and a concert featuring our choir in May, made possible by an extremely generous donation by a friend of Saint Ignatius. The church remains a center of music making with the 50 or so concerts that are held throughout the year by our Ensembles-in-residence and also by some of the most renowned music groups from around the City.

Our enviable location, acoustics, and surroundings make Saint Ignatius a concert venue of the highest order. Music also acts as a dynamic and powerful form of outreach to the wider community, and as a significant way of attracting potential parishioners.

I am excited about music at Saint Ignatius. Our future is extremely bright.

Respectfully submitted,
James Kennerley
Organist and Choirmaster

FAMILY MINISTRIES

We continue, as always, to welcome children of all ages to St. Ignatius, and to provide programs and opportunities that are meaningful and age-appropriate for all.

Our Sunday School meets in the playroom between the 9am and 11am Masses. This group of preschool through middle school students learns about Bible stories, liturgical practices, and the life and teachings of Jesus in an engaging and interactive manner. The overarching theme of our lessons is that *God loves us no matter what*. We emphasize serving others, loving all of God's creation, and developing a personal relationship with God.

The children and teens continue to serve at the altar as acolytes, under the patient and expert tutelage of Dr. Leanne Dodge as well as all of our clergy.

A welcome addition to our Family Ministry this year was our Youth Group for teenagers. Father Blume has been leading the Youth Group along with Mother Gina Gore. The Youth Group meets monthly for Mass and conversation, and will be engaging in social programming and outreach in the coming months.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith L. Strauss

Adult Education

Our continuing education program began in Lent with a series led by Fr. Towner on the Passion. Autumn brought an 8-week evening series on the Old Testament Lessons in the Easter Vigil, led by parishioner Stephen Morris. Stephen has also kicked off this year with weekday morning Bible Study, popular with the retired and those with alternate work schedules. In late February Deacon Paul will lead a discussion on preparing for Lent, the biennial parish retreat to Holy Cross Monastery is scheduled for March, and Fr. Towner will offer an Eastertide series on the First Letter of Peter. As you see, we have a full year ahead of us. There are even rumors of the return of the Advent Quiet Day!

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev'd Dr Philip H. Towner
The Rev'd Paul S. Kahn

OUTREACH

Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen's mission is to provide two nourishing meals a week to all individuals who come to our West End Avenue door in a manner that respects their dignity and privacy. We also offer information on other services available in the city to help them as they struggle to stabilize their lives with limited means. Additional items, including toiletries, are also provided when available.

Volunteers serve take-away bag meals at 4pm on Saturdays and 7pm on Mondays. In 2018, the soup kitchen served 2382 guests. Our guests are primarily adults from the neighborhood, and include seniors and people with mobility issues, but some have come from as far away as the South Bronx, Chelsea and midtown.

We receive canned staples through the New York City's Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP), which are augmented with ingredients purchased by soup kitchen captains. We also receive in-kind donations of peanut butter from a friend of a long-time soup kitchen captain.

To help cover overhead and the cost of supplies, the church applied for and received a Basic Human Needs Grant from Episcopal Charities of \$3200. Thanks to the parish's participation in the Crop Walk NYC, we received \$578 from Church World Service. In 2018, we received from EFAP \$1324 in reimbursement for some of our non-food expenses (paper goods, exterminator fees, repairs) incurred by the church between July 1 2016 and June 30, 2017.

It takes roughly 36 volunteers a month for the Soup Kitchen to function. Currently 15 parishioners and 24 non-parishioners regularly serve on weekly teams. We are pleased that 4 students from Trinity School are again volunteering at the soup kitchen, a few years after their involvement waned. Parishioner Stephen Morris, a long-time Monday night captain, took on the role of volunteer coordinator in 2018 after David Holkeboer stepped back from his administrative responsibilities in the soup kitchen. In his new role, Stephen has taken on the task of recruiting, training and communicating with our volunteers, and would always welcome more volunteers, especially on Monday nights, holiday weekends and on 5th Saturdays.

Advent Gift Drive

As in past years, the parish collected new, wrapped gifts for children spending the holidays at the Ellington Shelter in the neighborhood. This year, Meredith Straus and Kristy Milkov organized and publicized the gift drive. We collected gifts for 86 kids, ranging from newborns to age 17. Every child received at least one present, and the staff said that we put smiles on everyone's faces! We are grateful to all who contributed to this important ministry.

Faithfully submitted,
Holly Hughes and Meredith Strauss

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