

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

CHRIST THE KING EPISCOPAL CHURCH
STONE RIDGE, NEW YORK



GROWING IN LOVE, STRIVING FOR JUSTICE, SEEKING TO BECOME ANTI-RACIST



FROM THE RECTOR

On Christmas Eve of 2021, a hundred of us gathered out in the snowy parking lot for a wonderfully chaotic and Spirit-filled service of "Las Posadas," a Latin American tradition of retelling the Nativity story. The energy was amazing, and we all went home giddy and filled with joy. The next week, Omicron slammed into the Northeast, and church shut down... again. We pivoted quickly (lots of practice!) and began gathering for worship and coffee hour on Zoom, but it was a punch to the gut for a fresh rector just starting to get her bearings.

This year has been a masterclass in flexibility and perseverance; an exercise in seeking God in unexpected places, and chasing down Spirit energy wherever and whenever we can. Witnessing this parish's ability to identify and lovingly magnify the love of the Divine has been a gift and a grace. I continue to be in awe of the resilience and big-heartedness of this place.

Pragmatically speaking, much of my first full program year has been dedicated to the work of stabilization, as we've slowly moved out of the shutdown/isolation phase of the pandemic and into a new and more integrated reality. For me, this has meant spending time cleaning up the church campus, learning how to use new equipment, reviving ministries that had gone dormant these past few years, and working to better understand our financial situation and administrative operating procedures.

As the CTK ship continues to right itself, our collective work shifts away from recovery and towards discernment. This coming year will be a time of reflection for us; a time to evaluate and prioritize what feels important to us, what we want to carry forward from these past years, and what we feel can be left behind. The shape of this parish has changed, and while we grieve the loss of what was, we also embrace the signs of resurrection and transformation that are unfolding all around us.

I am so hopeful and energized for all that lies ahead for CTK, and so grateful to each of you for the love and care that you have shown me (and each other!) This community continues to fill me with deep and abiding hope - even and especially when I feel overwhelmed by the ongoing pandemic, the climate emergency, and widespread injustice and political upheaval. I am endlessly heartened by witnessing us do what we do best, which is to lovingly tend to our corner of the vineyard, knowing that the love and growth that is cultivated here ripples out into the world around us, in small and large ways. Let's keep it up, Beloveds!

The Rev. Marcella Gillis

FROM THE WARDENS

As the year comes to a close and we turn our attention to 2023, it's an opportunity to reflect on the state of Christ the King. Like much of the world, 2022 was a year of slow recovery for CTK.

2022 saw our first full year under the leadership of the Rev. Marcella Gillis. While still navigating the Covid 19 Pandemic, Marcella+ led us through a full year of in-person worship and a reintroduction to many parish activities. Stewardship fundraisers, the Italian Dinner, the ever-popular Chicken Barbecue and the Folk Music Concert Series were shining examples of what makes Christ the King a special place in our community.

In terms of parish life at Christ the King, it was a joy to resume church school, youth activities, formation classes, adult education, and music at the 10 a.m. Eucharist.

While the specter of the pandemic still looms in the background, one can't help but feel we are moving forward with great resolve. Christ the King was a blessing to many throughout the pandemic, and continues to be a shining beacon of light as we move into 2023. May God bless each of you, and we wish you all the best in the coming year.

Tim Sweeney and Ryan Basten



FROM THE DEACON

In addition to my liturgical functions at both services and an occasional Wednesday noon service, I attended monthly Ulster Clericus meetings and Ulster Deanery meetings as they were scheduled. I also resumed pastoral calls and visits to parishioners unable to attend services. I participated in and was a facilitator for Sacred Ground, the faith-based dialogic series on race that ran last spring.

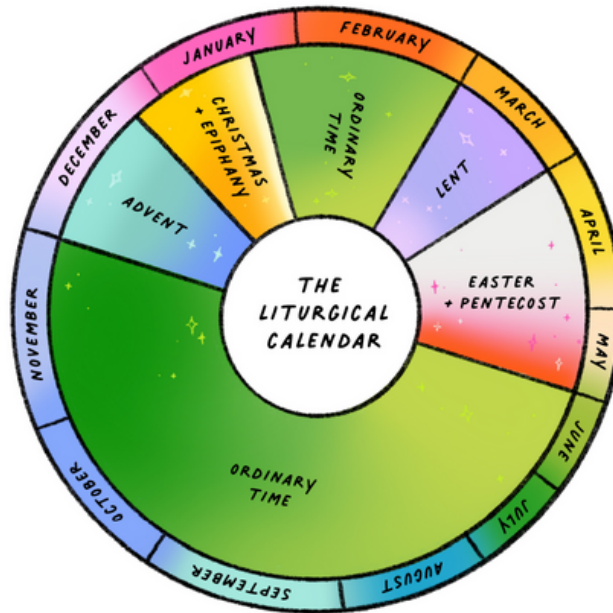
Rural and Migrant Ministry: We were part of the Justice Walk, formerly known as the Walk-a-Thon, which raises funds for the Summer Leadership Camp. We supported the second RMM trip to Ecuador in connection with the Youth Arts Group. I assisted other Hudson Valley deacons in providing blankets and school supplies to be given out to campers.

Seamen's Church Institute: I led parishioners in knitting scarves for the Christmas at Sea program. This year we had a couple of kids come to learn to knit and crochet, and we had a lot of fun! Several other parishioners who also have a known affinity for knitting and crocheting contributed items. I mailed a fat box to Port Newark for distribution to the seafarers.

Thank you all for the support you give to to these and many other ministries, and most of all to each other.

The Rev. Deacon Robin Beveridge

OUR YEAR IN LITURGY



Epiphany

- Epiphany Bonfire
- Valentines Day Mini Mass & Bonfire
- January Baptism

Lent

- Ash Wednesday services for children & adults
- Lenten Devotional: The Poetry of Wendell Berry

Holy Week

- Palm Sunday Procession & Passion Reading
- Maundy Thursday Agape Feast & Eucharist
- Good Friday Children's Service
- Good Friday Evening Prayers around the Cross
- The Great Vigil of Easter
- Easter Sunday Festival Eucharist & Butterfly Hunt

Pentecost

- Intergenerational Prayer Stations

Summer/Season After Pentecost

- LGBTQ+ Pride Eucharist
- Juneteenth Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Single Services through July & August
- Blessing of the Backpacks in September
- The Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of the Animals
- The Rev. Richard Witt with Rural & Migrant Ministry
- All Souls & All Saints Bonfire and Sunday Eucharist
- Christ the King Sunday & Bishop Glasspool Visitation
- Vigil for the Day of Transgender Remembrance

Advent

- Crafty Coffee Hour & Advent Wreath Making

Christmas

- Christmas Eve Pickup Pageant & Family Eucharist
- Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist with CHOIR!
- Christmas Day PJ Eucharist



MUSIC

After a rocky start to the liturgical year, we were blessed to have Brian Taylor provide beautiful music for us when we resumed in-person worship. By Easter, we were back to singing hymns together after a several year hiatus! Brian skillfully and graciously played for us through the spring and into the fall, until Dr. Owen Burdick joined us as our quarter-time interim Music Director. We have also been extraordinarily lucky to have Raha Mirzadegan join us as a cantor and soloist.

After several meetings of singers and former choir members, we pulled together a wonderful Christmas Choir, who sang us beautifully through our "midnight" Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist. We are so looking forward to what lies ahead for music at CTK.

A NOTE FROM DR. OWEN BURDICK, INTERIM MUSIC DIRECTOR

Dear Friends, just a quick note from your friendly parish organ grinder to say how grateful I am to be with you all at CTK, and how much I'm looking forward to the new year. There is so much potential in this parish: not only is there historical precedent for the continuation of a wonderful choir, but the room is so acoustically gracious and favorable to good choral (and congregational!) singing—tuned bathtubs would sound good—that it would seem a sin not to take full advantage of the myriad musical possibilities! I look forward to serving this parish in whatever capacity I am able to contribute, and to engendering the fullest voice we can muster in the praise of Almighty God!



INTERNATIONAL FOLK SERIES

This fall, our Stewardship & Outreach Committee worked closely with longtime parishioner Robyn Boyd to sponsor an international folk music series of well-known touring artists. Robyn has long worked in the folk music industry, and gathered an incredible lineup of groups and individuals who came and performed in the nave on Sunday evenings.

Attendance at the concerts ranged anywhere from between 40-80+, and was comprised largely of community members - i.e., folks who likely would never have had a reason to set foot in CTK! Concerts were followed by a wonderful and delicious reception organized by Pam Hoveling & our Hospitality Crew. At each concert, we took up an additional collection in support of one of our partner organizations, and raised an additional \$250-400 donation to the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, the Afghan Circle of the Hudson Valley, the Rondout Valley Food Pantry, and Rural & Migrant Ministry.

Our spring lineup is set with five concerts coming up, we are so excited for this next installment!



MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

FEED MY SHEEP: THE CTK KITCHEN

Our new commercial kitchen has been a joy and a delight, albeit intimidating! With the new equipment in place, we dedicated much of this year to learning to use it, and ensuring that we remain in accordance with safety and health codes as required for our commercial status. In the late spring, we welcomed chef Chris Lanier of Ravenwood as a renter. Chris used the kitchen twice a week through the spring and summer, and we were grateful and inspired by the collaboration. As we head into the new year, our Kitchen Committee is looking towards creative ways to use the space, both as a resource to the community and also a source of income for CTK.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Under the leadership of Beth Vargas and with the support of Tess Hartman, Cathy Kreibich and Tasha Clemmer, our Sunday School program continued to thrive throughout the year. With a group of anywhere between 4-15 kids on any given Sunday, our teacher volunteers provided formation, guidance and a space for our kids to explore their faith lives. With a partner grant from Trinity Wall Street, we were able to subscribe to a dynamic curriculum called "Storymakers," which encourages creativity and wonder in engaging the stories of our faith.

Over the summer, Rev. Marcella created a "Prayground" in the back of the nave where children are invited to hang out during worship. It's been wonderful watching them take advantage of the books, beanbag chairs, and coloring books - and really enjoying their liturgical lounge space.

We also began a once-a-month "Eucharist for Everyone," a family-friendly service at the 10 a.m. Eucharist featuring youth readers and acolytes, lively music, and an interactive sermon-story from the chancel steps. This service is in its "beta phase" and we're looking forward to expanding and improving it.

SACRED GROUND CONVERSATION CIRCLE

As part of our ongoing effort to become an anti-racist church, our Racial Justice Committee convened a group of 10 parishioners to engage with the Episcopal Church's "Sacred Ground" curriculum. The group gathered biweekly through the winter and spring to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. For a variety of logistical reasons, our group was not able to complete the full 10-session series, and is looking forward to resuming this holy work.

CONFIRMATION/REAFFIRMATION

In the fall, we kicked off an intergenerational Confirmation/Reaffirmation formation series for people looking to learn more about the Episcopal tradition, and those desiring a deep-dive into their relationship with God. The course is designed as a reflective and conversational engagement with the Baptismal Covenant from the Book of Common Prayer. Our group of 5 teenagers and 11 adults has been meeting monthly to have dinner together and to learn and talk about theology, the Bible, Church history, liturgy and sacraments, and much more to come as we finish out the course through the spring.

THE ULSTER DEANERY

The Ulster County Deanery is comprised of clergy and laypeople from the 11 Episcopal churches in the county. This past year, we have begun to gather to explore ways to collaborate, as the realities and demographics of our individual parishes continue to change. We met as a full cohort twice in 2022, and we are scheduled to meet next in March of 2023. The priorities for the group include Deanery-wide youth and children's ministries, as well as focusing on evangelism and sustainability within and among our congregations.



STEWARDSHIP

Our 2022 Annual Giving campaign was wonderfully successful, with a near 100% pledge rate from active parishioners! With Ryan Basten heading up the Stewardship Committee, we were able to raise over \$230K in pledge income through the year. We are so grateful for the faithfulness and generosity of this community - and all the ways that you contribute to the church with your time, treasure and talent.

ANNUAL GIVING RECAP

	2021	2022
Pledge Offerings	\$175,827	\$230,980
Pledging Units/Families	58	67

STEWARDSHIP & OUTREACH: A GREAT COMBO

A wonderful point of growth this year has been the transformation of the Stewardship Committee. As we gathered to discuss fundraising strategies, we wanted to more fully embody “stewardship” as an ongoing spiritual practice, rather than a single, seasonal pledge drive. The Committee began to integrate community events and fundraisers into their ministry, helping to bring energy and support to our traditional fundraisers as well as the creation of new ones.

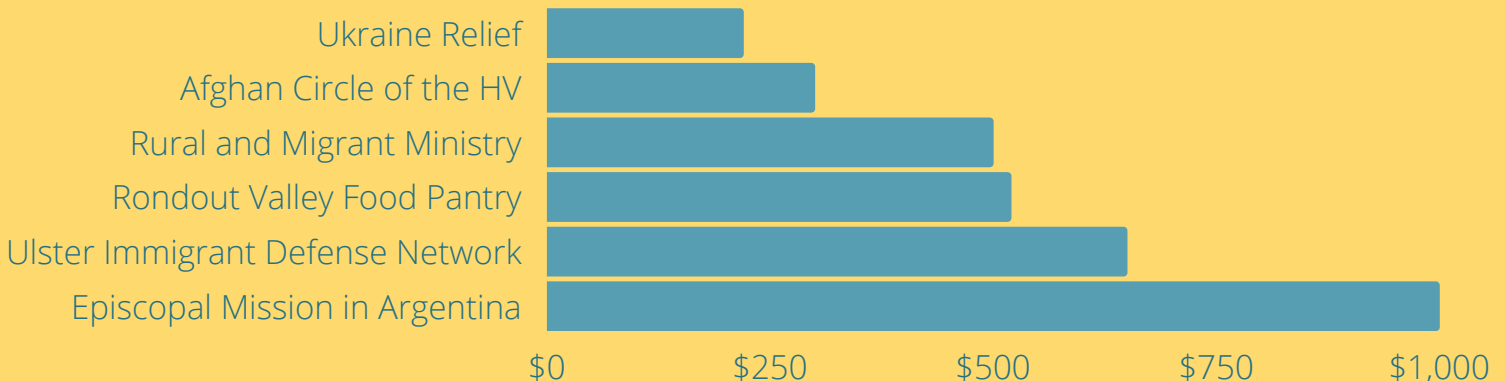
We’ve worked to incorporate an outreach component into all of our events and ministries, and have been able to provide financial support to local nonprofits that align with our mission, including the Rondout Valley Food Pantry, the Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, Rural and Migrant Ministry, the Ukrainian American Youth Association of the Hudson Valley, and others. The Stewardship Committee’s holistic approach to fundraising and giving has felt very authentic to who we are and who we want to be as a parish, and we are looking forward to building upon this strategy in 2023.

Stewardship/Outreach Events in 2022

- February - Midwinter Italian Feast
- March-April - Spring Soup Social
- June - Chicken BBQ Pop-Up
- September - Chicken BBQ
- October-December - International Folk Series



FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT OUR PARTNERS IN MINISTRY



2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

Our bookkeeping and finance team for 2022 consisted of Jodi Brooks serving as our bookkeeper, Aris Henderson as our CPA, and Pam Hoveling as treasurer – with the rector and vestry providing oversight. We are incredibly grateful for the hard work and tremendous patience of this team. As we move into 2023, we are transitioning leadership and bringing Tim Sweeney on as treasurer for the upcoming year.

- We spent this year continuing to develop and calibrate our accounting policies and procedures. We are beginning 2023 with an updated chart of accounts that more appropriately matches our financial context, and with a system in place that will provide clear and concise reports in accordance with the standards found in the Episcopal Church's Manual for Business Methods.
- Our 2023 budget is a conservative estimate based on the wider economic context, as well as our current operating costs.
- In 2022 we received close to \$400k from the Bronson Estate, which is currently being managed by Morgan Stanley. The Finance Committee will be working on developing a plan for the most effective use of our full endowment.
- The current balance of the Capital Campaign loan is \$326,122.84, with \$135K+ in the Capital Campaign account. The Finance Committee will be evaluating the most efficient way to manage loan, and exploring the option to continue to pay the monthly payment, or apply the account balance to the principal and refinance for a lower monthly payment.

CTK Finance Committee
 Tim Sweeney, Ryan Basten, Bob Mansfield,
 Bob Murphy & the Rev. Marcella Gillis

Balance Sheet 12/31/22

Assets	
Current Assets	\$ 958,181.93
Fixed Assets	\$ 358,078.30
Total Assets	\$ 1,316,260.23
Liabilities & Equity	
Liabilities	\$ 400,966.49
Equity	\$ 915,293.74
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,316,260.23

Profit & Loss Comparison

REVENUE	
OPERATING INCOME	
Unrestricted Contributions	274,973.09
Restricted Contributions	7,260.00
Total Contributions	282,233.09
Fundraising	8,865.41
Investment Income & Gains Utilized	6,571.52
Space Use Income	12,119.25
Other Income	975.00
Total Operating Income	310,764.27
NON-OPERATING INCOME	
Non Cash Memorial Income	410,705.33
Gains/Losses on Investments	(67,231.16)
Total Non-Operating Income	343,474.17
EXPENSES	
Restricted Contributions Spent	7,200.00
Parish Programs	11,247.48
Personnel	200,104.85
Office Expenses	28,938.78
Bank and Finance Fees	20,807.25
Interest Expense - CC Loan	14,400.85
Plant Operations	96,064.73
Total Expenses	378,763.94
NET OPERATING INCOME	(67,999.67)

Endowment Recap

	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
All Saints Rosendale Fund	\$58,127.90	\$49,276.42
Delafield Fund	\$140,372.69	\$118,997.54
Endowment Fund	\$301,173.10	\$264,824.76
Bronson Bequeath	\$364,870.16	\$347,540.15
Total	\$864,543.85	\$780,638.87
	Net Increase/Loss	(83,904.98)
	% Increase/Loss	(10%)