

Immaculate Conception Church

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Mission Statement

We, the parish of Immaculate Conception in Astoria, are a diverse family united in our faith in Jesus Christ, and the Church He established. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we seek to build a community reflective of Gospel values rooted in love, faith and prayer. We are committed to living the Gospel by:

- Nourishing the spiritual lives of one another;
- Serving those in need; and
- Welcoming all the children of God.

Following the example of Mary, our patroness, we hope to grow in peace and unity, strengthen the bonds which unite us and proclaim the kingdom of God in all that we do.



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ANNUAL PASTORAL & FINANCIAL REPORT

2014 - 2015



**A LETTER
FROM YOUR PASTOR**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This past fiscal year has been significant in many ways—the two most important of which are:

90th ANNIVERSARY

Still fresh in all our minds was the parish spiritual celebration of our 90th Anniversary. The two Masses -- October 4 celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Paul Sanchez and December 7 celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Raymond Chappetto -- made an indelible impression on all who participated especially those who have been in the parish since the first cornerstone was laid. This spiritual celebration was followed by a very successful fundraiser held January 18 at Russo's on the Bay. The fundraising efforts realized \$79,117 which went a long way to help ease some of the parish expenses.

POPE FRANCIS' VISIT TO UNITED STATES

This year witnessed a truly historic event - Pope Francis came to the United States in September. He addressed all the members of Congress. The Pope also went to the UN and spoke to all the world powers about the many profound and difficult international crises that they are witnessing. In both these meetings he called attention to the suffering of Christians throughout the world. Christianity is being persecuted in 47 countries!

Pope Francis has become a spokesman for not just Catholicism, but all Christians (which still make up 1/3 of the earth's population - the largest Religion on Earth). By going back to the Gospel basics and creating a warm and inviting view of Christianity, he has emerged favorable considered by the Orthodox and many of our Protestant brothers and sisters. No other faith can say that one person can speak for so many people.

My hope is that we may grow closer in thought and affection to the direction the Pope wants our Church and hence our parish to go.

In Christ,
Monsignor Ferrarese

**2014-2015 PARISH FINANCES
EXPENSES (continued)**

<u>Heat, Light & Power</u>	
Heating	\$81,636
Electric/Water	53,629
Total Heat, Light & Power	135,265
<u>Maintenance & Repairs</u>	
Contracted Maintenance	36,119
Ordinary Repairs (Church/Rectory/Others)	34,269
Major Repairs & Renovations - Church	37,000
Major Repairs & Renovation - Rectory	18,875
Major Repairs & Renovation- Other (Convent, School, etc.)	
Total Maintenance/Repairs	126,263
<u>Fees</u>	
Accountant Fees	8,200
Professional Fees	5,023
Other Miscellaneous Fees	6,052
Total Fees	19,275
<u>Community</u>	
Religious Education	1,490
Youth	13,212
Community Programs	30,368
Miscellaneous Programs	
Total Community	45,070
<u>Donations to Other Organizations</u>	
Donations to Charities	91,262
Diocesan Assessment	53,400
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Diocesan School Fund	9,999
Total Donations to Other Organizations	154,661
Total Expenses	\$1,255,308
Shortfall to Parish	\$51,683

YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)

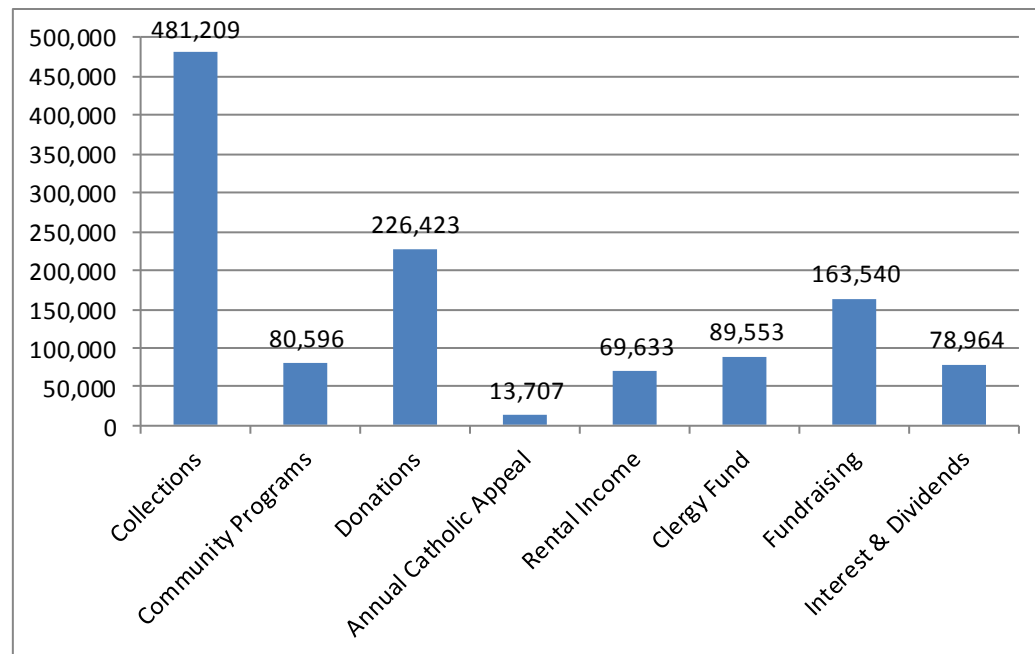
Capital Improvements

- Landscaping around Grotto and Rectory
- Repair & Replacement of Church Kneeelers

Selection of Yearly Events

- Lessons & Carols —Dec 21
- Blessing of the Animals—Oct 4
- Spring Film Festival
- Immac Youth Group Sponsored Swim Program & Other Fundraisers
- Renewal of Wedding Vows Ceremony on February 14 by Filipino Apostolate
- Anointing of Sick—February 11
- Blessing of Throats—February 3
- Holy Union Sisters Renew Vows on Feast of Annunciation —March 25
- Santacruzian and May Crowning Festival Honoring our Blessed Mother
- Flag Day Celebration -Special Honor to Members of Tuskegee Airmen—June 12

2014-2015 PARISH FINANCES - INCOME



2014-2015 PARISH FINANCES INCOME (continued)

Collections

Sunday	\$427,818
Christmas & Easter	24,944
All Other	28,447

Total Collections

481,209

Community Programs

Religious Education	18,204
Youth Program/Activity	17,494
Community/Adult Program	44,898

Total Community Programs

80,596

Donations

Candles	68,989
Poor Boxes	17,803
Other Donations	39,937
Other Extraordinary Income	99,694

Total Donations

226,423

Annual Catholic Appeal - Parish

13,707

Rental Income

Income from Rented Property	26,881
Rent Income—Clergy/Religious	42,752
Total Rental Income	69,633

Clergy Fund (Funerals/Weddings etc.)

89,553

Fundraising (Societies Contributions)

163,540

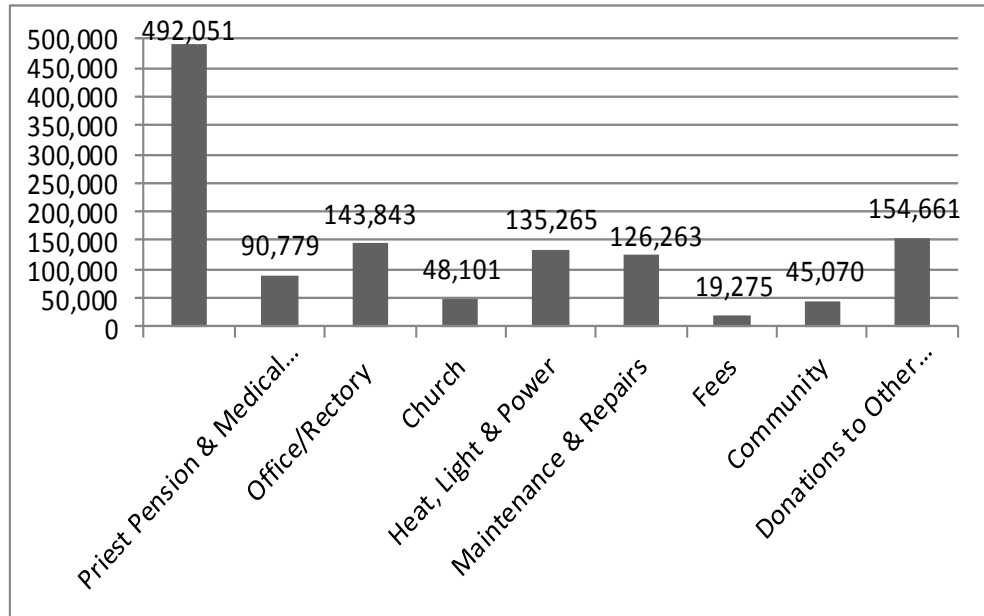
Interest & Dividends

78,964

TOTAL INCOME

\$1,203,625

2014-2015 PARISH FINANCES - EXPENSES



Salaries & Employee Benefits

Salaries	\$424,067
Benefits	67,984
Total Salaries & Employee Benefits	\$492,051
Priest Pension & Medical Benefits	90,779

Office/Rectory

Household Expenses	60,248
Insurance	48,022
Printing	21,128
Communications	6,096
Furniture & Fixtures	
Misc. Expenses	8,349
Total Office/Rectory	143,843

Church

Altar Supplies	23,137
Choir Books/Pamphlets /Newspapers	12,485
Tablet Expense	12,479
Total Church	48,101

YEAR IN REVIEW

Sacramental Statistics

- Baptisms — 91
- First Communions — 72
- Confirmations — 75
- Weddings — 15
- Funerals — 84

Ministerial Statistics

- CCD Registrations — 251
- School Enrollments — 295
- Sick Calls — 41
- Parishioners in Nursing Homes — 17
- Homebound Parishioners — 24
- Registered Families — 1,450

Special Occasions

- Alexander Pinacue Ordination to Priesthood on June 27th
- Jose Alvarez Donates Baby Grand Piano

New Ministries

- Jornada Group / Jornadistas

Important Events

- Pathways Lecture Series - Fr. Anthony Ciorra
- Lenten Mission with Deacons Hermann & Ensley
- Parish Retreat
- Immac Blog Launched

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Immaculate Conception School Highlights

The Mission of Immaculate Conception School in Astoria is to provide every child with a safe and nurturing environment that facilitates a love of learning as well as a love for God, others, and self. The faculty, staff, and parents of our students have worked together to ensure that this mission is fulfilled. Here are several ways this goal has been accomplished:

- Windows have been repaired & glass has been replaced throughout the school building. Upper floors have been painted.
- Camera system was expanded to provide enhanced security at all entrances, hallways, gym and cafeteria.
- Enrichment through the Arts is provided: Dancing Classrooms Programs—Grades 4, 5, 8; Performing Arts—Grades 4, 6, 8
- Students participate in monthly liturgies including First Friday Mass, Rosary, Benediction, Stations of the Cross, and Holy Hour.
- Granted a three year contract with NYC Department of Education to offer four PreK for All classes beginning in September 2015.

We appreciate the support of our Immaculate Conception Parish and Parishioners and look forward to being part of this diverse community for many years as the best little school in the heart of Astoria.