



Saint Mary's Anglican Church

St. Mary's 150th Annual Vestry Report

(For activities year ending 2022)

2023 Annual Vestry Meeting:

Sunday, February 26th, 2023

Rector: **The Bishop Patrick White**

Organist and Music Director: Soyoung Shin

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In Memorium

Members of the Parish Family and Others Who Died in 2022

Joan Thomas

Charlotte Monty

Marilyn McGregor

Doris Moore

Yvonne Sutton

Natalie Williams

Karen Ferrie

Pat King

Gladys Moorhead

Richard Michael Boyer

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May their souls, along with all the souls
of the faithful departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.



Our Vision

St. Mary's is a parish in the Anglican tradition, that embodies the love of God revealed to the world through God's son, Jesus Christ. The People of this church feel empowered by God's Holy Spirit and are committed to authentically showing that love and being that love where ever it is needed.

Our community draws strength from: serving others, being family to each other, engaging in communal prayer and worship, being open to holy learning and by letting God speak to our souls through music, art, nature and prayer.

St. Mary's embraces a community mindset, where all success and goodness is to God's Honour and Glory. We embrace sharing our worship spaces with other churches. We support community and arts groups by sharing our programme space. Our church building is our spiritual home, and it is where we reach out with others, to others and model a holy love, that lifts, liberates and blesses in every way it can.

At the heart of this community is the word, family. This faith community is a vessel, which carries us all through the storms of life. It blends people from differing paths and priorities and melds us together as God's loving family. A place where we can grow in our ability to love God, each other and even ourselves.

Vestry Sunday

Sunday, February 26, 2023

12:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Selection of Vestry Clerk and Parish Tribunal
3. Approve Agenda and Signing Vestry Declaration
4. Review / Accept past year's Vestry Minutes
5. Parish Leadership Reports
(Bishop's, Rector's, and Warden's Reports)
6. Review and Accept 2022 Financial Report
7. Review and Approve proposed 2023 Parish Budget
8. Appointments and Elections
9. Receive and Accept Parish General Reports
10. Motions for consideration by Vestry
(Auditors and Rectory Grant)
11. New/Other Business
12. Thanks and Acknowledgements
13. Adjourn / Closing Prayer

The Anglican Parish of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill

Minutes of Vestry Meeting

Monday February 28, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.

The meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

1. Opening Prayer – Fr. Matthew McMillan the Rector opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Selection of Vestry Clerk and Parish Tribunal

Motion:

To approve Jennifer Ferdinands as vestry clerk, and John Martin and Lucia Ferrara as parish tribunal.

Moved by Wardens

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

3. Approve Agenda and Signing Vestry Declaration

The Rector read and clarified the Vestry Declaration, summarizing the following points that all in attendance:

- have been a member of the Anglican Church of Canada and of this congregation for at least three (3) months,
- have regularly attended services of worship with this congregation at least three (3) times in the past year.
- are age sixteen (16) years or over, and;
- have not voted as a member of any other vestry during the previous three (3) months, nor do intend to vote in any other vestry during the ensuing year

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

4. Review / Accept past year's Vestry Minutes

Motion:

We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill wish to receive and formally adopt the Minutes of the February 21, 2021 Vestry Meeting.

Moved by Wardens

Vote Called:

Motion carried

5. Present Parish Leadership Reports

(Diocesan Bishop's, Area Bishop's, Rector's and Wardens' Reports)

Rector's Report Summary by Matthew McMillan

6. Review and Accept the 2022 Financial Report

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St Mary's vote to approve and authorize the 2021 Financial Reports as presented in the 2021 Parish Vestry Reports".

Moved by Wardens.

Vote called:

Motion carried

7. Review and Approve proposed 2022 Parish budget

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote to approve and authorize the 2021 Budget as contained in our 2021 Parish Vestry Reports".

Moved by Wardens.

Vote called:

Motion Carried

8. Receive and Accept Parish General Reports

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote that all the parochial reports from the parochial ministries and groups of St. Mary's be received and approved as presented."

Moved by Wardens

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

9. Appointments and Elections

The Rector then announced the names of individuals who have received parish office appointments for 2022.

Appointments by Rector

Rector's Warden

Colin Webb

Deputy Rector's Warden
Parish Board Member at Large

Chas Mills
Kate Mannion

Appointments by Wardens

Treasurer	Maggie Veltheer
Envelope Secretary	Carol Rochemont
Heritage Fund Advisory Committee	Kola Deru
	Jim Stockall

Appointment by Rector and Wardens

Chair of Property Usage	Betty Romanchuk
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The rector made note that the representatives named as chairs for the various committees are not voted for at Vestry as they are chosen by their committees.

Motion:

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote to accept the proposed nominations and open nominations for the election of officers for our 2022 operating year."

Moved by Kola Deru seconded by Ron Smit

Vote Called

Motion Carried

The Rector then announced the names of individuals who have been put forward by the parish nomination committee;

People's Warden	Sharon Hanns
Deputy People's Warden	James Agyeman
Lay Delegates to Synod	Joe McEwen
	Sharon Hanns

Alternate Lay Delegates	Nicholas Kasoyaga
	Gleniss Harris
Parish Board Member at Large	Kola Deru
Secretary of Parish Board	Jennifer Ferdinands

The Rector then invited any nominations from the floor. None came forward.

Rector asked for a motion to close nominations.

Motion

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill vote to close nominations for the election of officers for our 2021 operating year."

Moved by Suzanne Gorman seconded by Marlene Gardiner

Vote Called:

Motion carried

With the close of the ballot and no formal election occurring, the above list of candidates are now acclaimed as 2022 office holders and members of St. Mary's Parish Board.

10. Motions for consideration by Vestry (*Auditors and Rectory Grant*)

Appointment of Auditors for 2022

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the appointment of Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants (Branch — Pickering, Ontario), to be the Auditors of record for St. Mary's Financial Reports for the year ending 2022 Financial Cycle."

Moved by Maggie Veltheer & Colin Webb

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

Rectory Grant

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the Corporation to apply for a Carleton Grant in the year 2022, to help pay for costs of maintenance, renovation and repair to our Parish Rectory, located at 100 Arnold Crescent in Richmond Hill."

Moved by Chas Mills & Colin Webb

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

11. New / Other Business

None

12. Thanks and Acknowledgement

The Rector offered thanks to Jennifer for helping to coordinate this meeting. Thank you to the wardens. Special thanks and round of applause to Sharon Hans for all her ceaseless efforts during the pandemic and especially last year..

13. Adjourn / Closing Prayer

Motion to adjourn St. Mary's, Richmond Hill February 28, 2021 Annual Parish Vestry Meeting

Moved by Chas Mills.

Vote Called:

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned.

St. Mary's Parochial Reports

Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2023

The College of Bishops Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2023

**To the clergy, churchwardens, and
parishioners of the Diocese of Toronto:**

Dear friends,

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 1:2)*

As we come to our Annual Vestry Meetings, it is a good time for us to reflect with thanksgiving on the past and look with a sense of hopefulness to the year ahead.

The past year was significant in many ways in the life of our Diocese. First, we have been returning to some sense of normalcy after two years of Covid lockdowns and restrictions. While we continue to urge parishes to exercise caution, many of our communities have returned to something that resembles our pre-pandemic life together. We thank God that the worst of the pandemic now seems behind us.

Of course, parishes are continuing to grapple with the effects of Covid. Many of our churches continue to experience a decrease in Sunday attendance, fewer volunteers to fill key parish roles, and a diminished number of regular financial givers. Clergy and lay leaders also continue to experience a deep sense of fatigue and anxiety about the future. In that light, we continue to encourage a gentleness with one another and a renewed commitment to self-care as we navigate post-pandemic realities. Over the past year, we have been pleased to offer a mini-Sabbatical opportunity for clergy. These ten days – taken together or broken up – are intended for rest and renewal. We have been delighted to hear that many clergy have already taken a mini-Sabbatical

or have made plans to do so in 2023.

The past year also saw the launch of “Cast the Net”, a strategic visioning process for our Diocese. Ably led by the Very Reverend Peter Elliott, Canon Ian Alexander and Dr Anita Gittens, ODT, the Cast the Net team has surveyed the clergy in the Diocese in various consultations, and is now engaging lay people from every parish across the Diocese. Based on John 21, this Biblically-grounded initiative is seeking to help us chart of path forward as a Diocese. We eagerly anticipate a full report from the Cast the Net team at our Synod next November.

Our restructuring of episcopal leadership also continued through 2022. The Episcopal Leadership Implementation Team followed up the good work of the Episcopal Leadership Working Group and brought forward a model for raising up and deploying territorial archdeacons and canon administrators to assist the bishops in their work. Interviews took place in November, leading to the appointment of four new archdeacons and one new canon administrator. Many of you were present at the Cathedral on January 15 as Archdeacon John Anderson, Archdeacon Theadore Hunt, Archdeacon Steven Mackison and Archdeacon Cheryl Palmer and Canon Laura Walton were collated. They have now begun their work and are already helping to share ministry with the College of Bishops.

After twenty years of service, Canon Clare Burns also retired as our Chancellor and is now Chancellor Emeritus. We are grateful for Clare's ministry and are also delighted to welcome Marg Creal our new Chancellor. Those of you who were present at the New Year's Levee on January 1 will remember the joy of Chancellor Creal's installation.

Our work in the area of anti-bias and anti-racism (ABAR) also continued in 2022. The workshops for clergy concluded last year and we began to roll out the parish-based program. Clergy and lay facilitators are now trained to visit parishes and lead this important work. The ABAR Pod has also been formed to lead the ongoing work of dismantling bias and racism in our structures. May God continue to bless our efforts and encourage us in this vital work.

As we look ahead to a new year, we do so with a sense of great hope. Our beloved Church has changed dramatically over the past few years and will continue to change. But God is present and faithful, and our proclamation and sharing in the redemptive love of God in Christ continues to be the mission to which we are called.

Be assured of our prayers for each of you as you meet for your Annual Vestry Meeting. We want to express our profound thanks to all who exercise leadership in the Diocese of Toronto. Whether you are stepping down from a particular ministry, or continuing on, or taking up a new role this year, thank you for your commitment and faithfulness. You are a blessing to the Church in our Diocese.

We write this letter on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. As the Church celebrates the beginning of Paul's evangelistic ministry to the Gentiles, please join us in praying and working for the extension of the Gospel in every place, and for the renewal of the Church in our midst.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

+Andrew Toronto

The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

+Riscylla Shaw

The Right Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

+Kevin Robertson

The Right Rev. Kevin Robertson
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

Wardens' Report—2022

We have completed another very unusual year as society continued to contend with the Covid-19 virus and its mutations which again impacted all aspects of our church life. We began 2022 with the closure, once again, of our in person services which began on Christmas Eve of 2021. We were happy that services could resume in early February, albeit with strict guidelines in place pertaining to the receiving of communion. Things continued to progress throughout the spring with the introduction of the common cup in the early summer. I was very pleased to see that all sub deacons agreed to resume their roles to assist Fr. Matt at services after new training at the beginning of May.

We were all shocked I am sure, by the announcement on Oct 2 by Fr. Matt that he had accepted a new position as priest in charge at St. Peter's in Cobourg. His last Sunday with us was Nov. 20. There was a lovely reception for him and his family in Wrixon Hall after the service with the surprise attendance by Mayor David West. He will be greatly missed by all. His five years of service to this community has been exceptional. As I said in the farewell speech, we could not have asked for a better priest to lead us through the pandemic time with his boundless energy, optimism and good humour. His whole family will be sorely missed: Pam for her Sunday School leadership and Riley and Keely for their ownership of our Audio Visual system. We wish them every blessing as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

At the very end of November we welcomed our interim priest in charge, Bishop Patrick White, retired Bishop Of Bermuda. It was indeed challenging for him to step in at such a busy time of the year with Advent and the Christmas services on the horizon and our 150th celebration service on Dec. 4 which included the visit of Bishop Andrew Asbil and the dedication of the new window. At this time it is not possible to be able to determine how long this interim period will last.

The leadership team has had to make some difficult decisions throughout the year and I thank my fellow wardens: Colin, Chas and James for all their attention to

items that had to be attended to. We will be busier than ever as we enter into this transition time. Special thanks goes to Chas Mills as he has decided to step down from his duties as deputy warden after 5 years of service. We will still see him around I am sure, in his capacity of looking after our property.

As I mentioned in last year's report, I am thankful for our ability to live stream and record our services. This has been of great help and comfort to our community as those who are not able to physically come out to the services or have moved away, can still feel connected. This system was overseen by Fr. Matt and has been extensively updated since it was initially installed about 6 years ago. We are currently experiencing some difficulty at the moment, in finding volunteers to be trained and operate it on a weekly basis but hope to remedy this in the new year.

I would like to extend my thanks to Chas Mills and Colin Webb, our property managers for all their continued efforts in working on our buildings which have involved many plumbing issues this year and ensuring our heating system is in order. A more detailed Property Committee report is located elsewhere in this package.

The year 2022 was another year of change in our office staffing. Our office administrator, Lucia Ferrara, resigned at the end of June as her move to Stouffville and the resumption of her work as an editor made it increasingly difficult to continue her work in the office. On behalf of the wardens, I thank Lucia for her service in this position during the past year. We hired Robin Murray to fill this position. She began working at the beginning of October and has proven to be invaluable to us in light of the announcement of Fr. Matt's departure as of Nov. 20. She was able to work with him for 7 weeks to get the gist of things before welcoming our interim priest in charge.

We are grateful that we concluded the year in a positive financial situation due in part to a reduction of work hours in the summer for the office administrator and for the contributions to the Special Appeal. By the Fall we had almost exhausted our surplus carried forward from the previous year and so prior to Thanks giving, we launched the Special Appeal to replenish it. We especially thank all of you for your generosity throughout the year for your envelope donations in person or via the preauthorised payment program or online via Canada Helps and also to those who are sending in your donations by mail. We extend our gratitude to Maggie

Veltheer, our Treasurer who keeps a good eye on our financial situation, and to Carol Rochemont for the offering of her time and talent as our envelope secretary. It is important to note that the anniversary window was completely paid for by donations from our parishioners.

We are very grateful to all who serve on our committees and to their chair persons. It has been gratifying that a number of our committees have resumed their work. Our thanks goes to Ron Smit for continuing the Merchant card program and to the gardeners who work so hard on Monday mornings in the growing season to keep our gardens looking so lovely especially for the June 150th anniversary garden party. The grounds were very colourful and were remarked upon by our many visitors. The tree purchased in memory of Jack Walker was dedicated by Fr. Matt after a Sunday service in the spring.

Thank you Diane Robertson for starting our parish lunches again this past fall. We look forward to the continuation of this most needed social time in the future. Diane was very busy indeed with the unexpected tasks of organizing the farewell reception for Fr. Matt and family, as well as the reception after the dedication of the window in December. Kudos to Diane and her team and thanks to the members of the Outreach committee for bringing back our Loonie Muffin Sundays.

We are so fortunate that Rose Ballotta, a relatively new member to the St. Mary's community, offered to oversee the coffee hour after our Sunday service which she diligently covered ever since we were able to resume this activity in the spring. It is a vital part of fellowship for many on a Sunday morning. She decided it was time for a much needed break by mid November. As I write this report, it is my pleasure to announce that she has returned to this ministry.

A huge note of gratitude goes, once again to Jan Mills, our Lay Pastoral Assistant who spends countless hours on the phone, checking in with parishioners and is the contact person for those in need of prayer and for her work at the local hospital.

Our thanks goes to Marlene Gardiner and the ACW team who coordinated the in person Christmas Market and poinsettia sale in November. It was a resounding success and it was so exciting to see the chapel decorated for the luncheon for the first time since Nov. 2019 and was very well attended. The funds raised for this aspect of the Market were directed to the refugee fund. I am sure you

will read more about this event in the ACW report. It was great also to be able to offer the annual ACW breakfast in Dec. to discuss the disbursement of their funds.

Thank you to Betty Romanchuk, our Space Usage Chairperson. It has been a busy year for her as we have seen the return of most of our previous tenants and therefore the renewing of contracts. Also we thank Soyoung Shin, our Music Director and Organist who chooses our choir music. Choir practice was able to resume in April and after a summer break the choir began again in September with some new members even, culminating in a wonderful program of music before the Christmas Eve service this year.

The sale of our vacant piece of land took up a lot of time once more at the beginning of the year and now with a signed agreement, it is awaiting the severance process involving the City of Richmond Hill which could take some time. Ron Smit will have more information in his report elsewhere in this vestry booklet.

I would like to thank our 150th Anniversary committee for all their hard work to plan events to celebrate our 150 years of ministry in this community. Thank you Colin Webb for chairing this committee and to Diane Robertson, Suzanne Gorman, Joan Connolly, and Fr. Matt. I was very happy to join this incredible team. When we first met in the fall of 2021 it was daunting to try and plan events for 2022 when we had no idea what limitations we would be under. Despite that, we had videos at selected "anniversary" services along with visits of former incumbents and others involved in ministry here, the garden party and the installation of the beautiful St. Mary's window, dedicated by the Bishop on Dec. 4. A huge thank you to Fr. Matt whose idea this was! We have had so many comments about it. Many thanks to Brian Metcalfe and Cheryl Caleski from Rainbow Maker's Stained Glass who brought our design to fruition.

I am very blessed indeed to be a part of this wonderful community of St. Mary's. It is fortuitous that I have had the time to contribute as much as I am able to be of service to you as your People's Warden, particularly now as we are in this transition time. May God bless us as we begin the work of determining the future of St Mary's and the skills required by a new priest in charge to implement our vision. We are only at the beginning of this journey as I write this report and I will keep you informed going forward as I am able.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Hanns ODT, on behalf of the Wardens

Lay Pastoral Care and Ministry—2022

There has been no 'Lay Pastoral Visiting' since COVID. I have been calling different parishioners for the past two years and have been visiting some in their homes and in the hospital since the COVID restrictions were lifted. It is certainly hoped that we, as a team, will be able to resume our visiting in the near future.

Respectfully submitted by: Jan Mills

Anointing Ministry—2022

Once again during 2022, St. Mary's anointing ministry was suspended as we were slowly introducing other aspects of the worship service. In the past it has been the practice of having anointing take place as part of the communion service on the first Sunday of each month, as well as during a home visit. We anticipate that this act of healing will be restored to our worship experience in the not too distant future, perhaps as part of the observance of Lent in 2023.

Anointing with oil is a sacramental act and is restricted to ordained clergy and licensed lay anointers. Thank you to all of my fellow anointers: Jan Mills, Rhelda Stockall, John Emmanuel, Joe McEwen, Lucille King and Phoebe Williams for your commitment to this ministry in the past. I look forward to welcoming as many of these trained volunteers back to the ministry soon as they feel comfortable doing so.

Respectfully submitted by: Sharon Hanns on behalf of the Anointers

Lay Member to Synod Report—2022

Prior to the regular session of synod, there was a pre synod meeting held online on Oct. 15, 2022 at which we were presented with the various motions that would be voted on and the issues that would be discussed at the regular session. The 161st regular session of Synod took place virtually for the second time from November 17 to November 19, 2022. The theme of Synod this year was Cast the Net which comes from the reading from John 21 and is the basis for the diocese's visioning process for the future. At the time of writing this report we have been given notification that

Synod for 2023 will be in person.

During the opening Eucharist service at All Saints Kingsway, Bishop Andrew Asbil delivered his charge to Synod which was based on the story of the disciples fishing. If you still have a copy of the January issue of *The Anglican*, you will see the full text of the Bishop's message and it is well worth the read. The essence of the text is that there is no going back to pre pandemic times but to go forward to make things right. Three main topics were focussed on: renew the commitment to reconciliation with First Nations Peoples, pay attention to climate change and commit to anti-racism and anti-bias. A synopsis of each day's events is also in that issue that you can read at your leisure. I will give just a brief review of the main points of the session this year.

On the first day there was an update from the Episcopal Leadership Implementation team which will result in the creation of territorial archdeacon positions. An evaluation was also presented on the new Synod Council structure which was generally positive. The members learned about Cast the Net. Many clergy were involved in a session in the fall and lay people will have the opportunity in the new year to do so. In fact at the time of writing, 4 members of St. Mary's have already participated in a session. They are Tieg Dawe, Diane Robertson, Ken Wightman and Jennifer Briggs-FitzGerald.

Day 2 consisted of voting on changes to the Constitution and Canons and the receiving of the budget for 2023. It was noted that the Assessment Rate would remain at 24.7%, unchanged from last year. The financial threshold at which a parish requires an audit was set at \$200,000. This has no affect on us as we already have required an annual audit as we meet that threshold.

I do have an interest in the business of Synod and had of necessity, to sit through the online meeting again this year but am really looking forward to an in person session in 2023 in order to be able to reconnect with colleagues once more.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sharon Hanns, ODT, on behalf of the lay members to Synod

Parish Board—2022

In 2022 the Parish Board continued its regular quarterly meetings. The members of the board are the clergy and church wardens, the Treasurer and chairs of the various church groups as well as members at large. The main purpose is to act in an advisory capacity to the leadership team, to review financial statements and to receive the budget and make recommendations. It also provides a venue for the chairperson of each parish group to communicate the activities of the various groups. This year the board met in January, May, September and November. Most of the meetings have been a mix of in person and on line attendance. We thank Jennifer Ferdinand for her work as secretary and wish her well as she stepped away from this role in the fall. We of course, thank Fr. Matt for taking on the role of Chair of the Board over the last three years, which involved preparing the agenda and keeping us on track. In the New Year it will be one of the first duties of the Board to elect a chair from within its membership during its first meeting following Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Hanns, ODT

Property Committee—2022

The year started with the installation of LED lighting in the Narthex, the lounge, and the main entrance. We received a grant to cover part of the cost and the lights. This will save us money in the future since LED lights are more efficient than fluorescent. We hope to convert the rest of the church lighting in 2023. Thanks to Henry Tsang and Ron Smit for their help in installing the lighting.

To get ready for the 150 anniversary stained glass window, the existing window had to be converted from four panels to three.

We split the cost of installing air conditioning in the Chapel with Saint Seraphim Orthodox Church.

Discovery Academy has renovated some of the rooms that they have recently rented. The Chapel basement has been converted into a lounge and lunchroom for their senior students. The former lounge for older Sunday School participants on the Wrixon Hall balcony has been enlarged and converted into a classroom.

As usual, there were the ongoing problems with toilets and heating which required attention. The shed furthest to the west was cleared out of old propane tanks, doors, windows etc. and taken to recycling.

Respectfully submitted by the property team of Chas Mills and Colin Webb

150 Anniversary -2022

The original St. Mary's Anglican Church now called the Chapel had its first service on December 8th, 1872. To celebrate our 150th anniversary a committee was formed in late 2021 to plan and coordinate events. The committee members were Colin Webb, Sharon Hanns, Joan Connolly, Suzanne Gorman, Diane Robertson and Father Matt McMillian.

The number and type of events were limited by Covid restrictions.

As a lasting memorial for the anniversary, it was decided to install a new stained-glass window. The window was designed and created and installed by Rainbow Makers. The window consisted of three panels with St. Mary in the middle flanked by the images of the old and present churches. We petitioned the congregation to raise funds. We are grateful for the donations of parishioners that covered the \$25,000.00 cost of the window with a special thanks to the Hill/Eakins families that sponsored the cost of the Chapel panel.

To communicate our anniversary to the Richmond Hill community we replaced the panels in the Yonge Street illuminated sign with panels stating our 150 anniversary and inviting others to join us.

Throughout the year we had guest speakers to reflect on their time at St. Mary's. They were Rev. Dan Graves, Cannon Rev. Ruthanne Ward, Rev. Mark Kinghan, Rev. Dr. John Oakes, Rev. Canon Don Bone, Rev. Don Downer and Murry Baer. As a special addition to our guest speakers, Joan Connolly and her daughter Sandra produced slide shows depicting past events to be shown before and after the service.

Submitted by Colin Webb. Committee Chair

A 150 anniversary garden party was held in June. Past clergy and parishioners were invited. Refreshments and cake were served.

The archives committee displayed artifacts from their collection in the Chapel and there were two guest speakers. The mayor of Richmond Hill David West brought greetings from the city. Catherine Leckie, the wife of former minister Rev. Bob Leckie gave reflections of her time at St. Mary's.

The final event was the church service that was closest to the actual anniversary date. On December 4th we had two guests, The Right Reverend Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto as the celebrant and Mayor David West. After the service Bishop Andrew led the congregation to the newly installed stained glass 150 anniversary window and formally dedicated the window. Cake and coffee were served in Wrixon Hall.

Throughout the year Joan Connolly requested and obtained written memories from many former and current parishioners. In the future, it is hoped that we compile these for our archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Webb. Committee Chair

Parish Lunch Report—2022

During 2022 only two parish lunches were held; on in October for Thanksgiving and the second one in December for Christmas. Both lunches were held in the Chapel and were very well attended. Thanks to the dedicated team of cooks and servers for providing the parish lunches.

Respectfully submitted by

Diane Robertson

ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH				
Income Statement				ACTUAL
December 31, 2022	ACTUAL YTD	ACTUAL YTD	Y-T-D	LESS
	DEC 2022	DEC 2021	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE				Y-T-D
Donations				
Envelopes	177,739	214,666	220,425	-42,686
Open Plate	1,986	2,612	2,650	-664
Special Appeal	9,870	0	0	
Festivals	3,645	10,470	25,000	-21,355
ACW	4,100	3,500	0	4,100
Memorial donations	4,435	5,910	2,500	1,935
Fundraising	126	10	3,000	-2,874
Total Donations	201,901	237,168	253,575	-61,544
Jubilee Grant	5,365	5,000	5,365	0
CRA Grant	0	13,810	0	0
Diocesan Grant	28,725	24,500	0	28,725
Rental Income	215,667	167,512	205,033	10,634
Total Revenue	451,658	447,990	463,973	-22,185
EXPENSES				
Staffing				
Stipends & Salaries	128,075	135,009	131,805	-3,730
Clergy Benefits	21,490	23,755	24,984	-3,494
Staff Benefits	8,455	11,324	7,040	1,415
Travel	1,778	1,530	3,000	-1,222
Total Staffing	159,798	171,618	166,829	-7,031
Diocesan Assessments	64,380	72,154	64,380	0
Buildings				
Insurance	19,470	23,077	25,542	-6,072
Property Taxes	7,344	7,222	7,380	-36
Utilities	51,522	44,306	49,465	2,057
General Maintenance	87,108	71,491	81,570	5,538
Capital Purchases	1,414	13,255	10,000	-8,586
Total Building Expenses	166,858	159,351	173,957	-7,099
Other				
Administration	33,760	31,759	33,410	350
Benevolence	250	450	0	250
Committees	40,180	23,979	25,200	14,980
Total Other Expenses	74,190	56,188	58,610	15,580
Total Expenses	465,226	459,311	463,776	1,450
EXCESS/ DEFICIT	-13,568	-11,321	197	-23,635
INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
Trf To Family Ministry		20,000	0	0
Opening Surplus	42,263	33,575	42,263	-20,931
Closing (Deficit)	28,695	42,254	42,460	-44,566

Income Statement				ACTUAL
December 31, 2022	ACTUAL YTD	ACTUAL YTD	Y-T-D	LESS
	DEC 2022	DEC 2021	BUDGET	BUDGET
STIPENDS & SALARIES				
	128,075	135,009	131,805	19,603
CLERGY BENEFITS				
	21,490	23,755	24,984	-3,494
STAFF BENEFITS				
	8,455	11,324	7,040	1,415
UTILITIES - CHURCH				
Gas	23,592	19,692	22,500	1,092
Hydro	11,018	9,418	10,000	1,018
Water	6,446	3,539	4,400	2,046
Telephone	2,507	2,503	2,500	7
	43,563	35,152	39,400	4,163
UTILITIES - RECTORY				
Gas	1,655	1,626	1,825	-170
Hydro	2,138	2,248	2,400	-262
Water	1,125	1,662	2,000	-875
Telephone	3,041	3,618	3,840	-799
	7,959	9,154	10,065	-2,106
	51,522	44,306	49,465	2,057
GENERAL MAINTENANCE				
Electrical	3,201	0	3,000	201
Elevator	2,321	2,313	2,320	1
Fire Alarm System	2,949	1,391	2,700	249
Heating/AC System Repairs	12,760	15,854	11,000	1,760
Janitorial supplies	13,915	10,356	13,200	715
Lawn care	5,161	5,352	5,400	-239
Organ Maintenance	1,169	474	1,200	-31
Plumbing	953	1,808	2,000	-1,047
Rectory Maintenance	4,788	6,252	5,300	-512
Security	1,068	2,973	3,000	-1,932
Snow Removal	12,736	12,727	13,250	-514
Waste Management	26,087	11,991	19,200	6,887
	87,108	71,491	81,570	5,538
ADMINISTRATION				
Bank Charges	1,068	1,059	1,440	-372
Meetings	53	0	150	-97
Office Supplies	2,493	4,595	5,000	-2,507
Postage	700	458	1,000	-300
Copier Supplies	2,411	2,818	3,000	-589
Internet Charges/WEB hosting	839	1,034	1,020	-181
Bookkeeper	12,518	11,649	11,800	718
Legal	0	0	0	0
Audit	13,678	10,146	10,000	3,678
	33,760	31,759	33,410	350

Income Statement

December 31, 2022

COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School - supplies
Books & resources/training

CHURCHWARDENS

150 th Anniversary
Memorial expenses

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Advertising Church Services
Books/bulletins/hymnals
Communion supplies, Candles
Music Supplies
Special Services Supplies

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Hospitality & Parish Life
Website development
Archive
Card ministry

PARISH BOARD

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family AV Costs
Family Ministries

TOTAL COMMITTEE

	ACTUAL YTD DEC 2022	ACTUAL YTD DEC 2021	Y-T-D BUDGET	ACTUAL LESS BUDGET
	0	676	600	-600
	1,077	323	600	477
	1,077	999	1,200	-123
	1,796	0	2,500	-704
	1,542	2,014	2,000	-458
	3,338	2,014	4,500	-1,162
	471	1,423	1,400	-929
	722	328	1,000	-278
	706	599	600	106
	535	440	1,200	-665
	444	875	1,500	-1,056
	2,878	3,665	5,700	-2,822
	139	715	400	-261
	12,650	10,383	6,000	6,650
		0	500	-500
	0	265	100	-100
	12,789	11,363	7,000	5,789
	16,321	0	0	16,321
	3,777	5,938	6,800	-3,023
	20,098	5,938	6,800	13,298
	40,180	23,979	25,200	14,980

December 31, 2022					
Designated Fund Summary					
	Opening				Closing
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Capital fund	47,339	6,085	29,104		24,320
150 Anniversary window	0	28,990	28,990		0
Outreach	2,789	1,903	1,596	-26	3,070
Out of the Cold	0	350	386	36	0
Refugees	13,096	4,213	10,186		7,123
Adopt a Family	0	830			
Faithworks	0	1,325	1,315	-10	0
Family Ministries	36,546	1,358			37,904
	0				0
	59,779	38,969	42,473	0	56,275
ACW	7,428	8,171	12,880		2,719

ST. MARYS ANGLICAN CHURCH			
Budget			
2023	Budget	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2023	2022	2021
REVENUE			
Donations			
Envelopes	171,373	187,609	214,666
Open Plate	2,000	1,986	2,612
Festivals	10,400	3,645	10,470
150th Celebration	0	28,990	0
ACW	0	4,100	3,500
Memorial donations	4,500	4,435	5,910
Fundraising	1,000	126	10
Total Donations	189,273	230,891	237,168
Family Grant	0	28,725	29,500
Jubilee Grant	0	5,365	39,444
CRA Grant	0	0	13,811
Rental Income	222,067	216,067	167,512
Total Revenue	411,340	481,048	487,435
EXPENSES			
Staffing			
Stipends & Salaries	115,410	127,695	135,009
Clergy Benefits	4,794	21,490	23,755
Staff Benefits	9,292	8,518	11,324
Travel	0	1,778	1,530
Total Staffing	129,496	159,481	171,618
Diocesan Assessments	59,832	64,380	72,154
Buildings			
Insurance	26,150	24,372	23,077
Property Taxes	7,532	7,344	7,222
Utilities	54,640	54,921	44,306
General Maintenance	84,420	87,279	71,491
Capital Purchases	6,000	38,315	13,255
Total Building Expenses	178,742	212,231	159,351
Other			
Administration	33,020	34,551	31,759
Outreach	0	250	450
Committees	10,250	32,322	23,979
Total Other Expenses	43,270	67,123	56,188
Total Expenses	411,340	503,215	459,311
EXCESS/ DEFICIT	0	-22,167	28,124
INTERFUND TRANSFERS			
		0	20,000
Opening Surplus	20,096	42,263	35,575
Closing (Deficit)	20,096	20,096	83,699

STIPENDS & SALARIES

115,410	127,695	135,009
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CLERGY BENEFITS

4,794	21,490	23,755
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STAFF BENEFITS

9,292	8,518	11,324
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UTILITIES - CHURCH

Gas	30,500	26,434	19,692
Hydro	11,400	11,442	9,418
Water	6,000	6,446	3,539
Telephone	2,700	2,507	2,503
	50,600	46,829	35,152

UTILITIES - RECTORY

Gas	1,600	1,787	1,626
Hydro	1,440	2,138	2,248
Water	1,000	1,125	1,662
Telephone	0	3,042	3,618
	4,040	8,092	9,154
	54,640	54,921	44,306

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Electrical	200	3,201	0
Elevator	2,320	2,321	2,313
Fire Alarm System	2,700	2,949	1,391
Heating/AC System Repairs	12,000	12,760	15,854
Janitorial supplies	13,200	13,942	10,356
Lawn care	5,400	5,160	5,353
Organ Maintenance	600	1,169	473
Plumbing	2,000	953	1,808
Rectory Maintenance	600	4,788	6,252
Security	3,000	1,068	2,973
Snow Removal	16,000	12,936	12,727
Waste Management	26,400	26,032	11,991
	84,420	87,279	71,491

ADMINISTRATION

Bank Charges	1,200	1,029	1,059
Meetings	100	0	0
Office Supplies	3,000	2,405	4,595
Postage	800	700	458
Copier Supplies	3,400	2,411	2,818
Internet Charges/WEB hosting	1,020	901	1,034
Bookkeeper	12,300	13,427	11,649
Audit	11,200	13,678	10,146
	33,020	34,551	31,759

COMMITTEES : 2023 Continued
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School - supplies	200	401	323
Books & resources/training	0	676	676
	200	1,077	999

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Advertising Church Services	700	471	1,423
Books/bulletins/hymnals	1,000	722	328
Communion supplies, Candles	600	706	599
Communication	4,500	12,650	10,383
Music Supplies	650	535	875
Special Services Supplies	600	444	440
	8,050	15,528	14,048

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

150th Celebrations	0	5,786	0
Memorial expenses	1,000	1,542	2,014
Hospitality & Parish Life	300	192	715
Synod meeting	500		0
Card ministry	0	0	265
	1,800	7,520	2,994

FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Ministries	200	8,197	5,938
TOTAL COMMITTEE	10,250	32,322	23,979

St. Mary's Space Usage—2022

This winter on Sunday & Monday evenings we are hosting the Out Of The Cold program under the direction of The Blue Door. They have ask to extend the program from March till mid. June. We are considering their request.

I'm pleased to announce that Discovery Academy have renewed their contract for the next 3 years. They have converted some of our space to classrooms at their expense. We are not able to host any events in Wrixon Hall when the school is in session as they have 2 classrooms in the Wrixon Hall area. Evenings & weekends are free.

Sunlily Yoga has returned doing classes twice a week. Many of her students are hesitant to join a group. Some of our other tenants are finding the same, attendance is very low. York Symphony orchestra is once again rehearsing in the chapel on Thursday evenings. St. Seraphim continues to hold services on Sunday in the Chapel. They also use the West Rooms for their Sunday School & social time. Blessed Community Church uses the main church & Wrixon Hall on Sunday afternoons.

We have had quite a few musical events in the main church & expect more in the spring. The Peddleheads program will return again this summer for 4 weeks.

Many thanks to Chas Mills, Robin Murray & the cleaning staff for all their help.

Submitted by Betty Romanchuk Property Usage Chair.

Counters' Report—2022

As the COVID 19 restrictions began to lift, the counting ministry teams resumed our normal counting schedule in mid April. I was able to return as Co-ordinator with the support of Warden Sharon Hanns. Thank-you to our Envelope Secretary Carol Rochemont for her diligent work. Many thanks to James Agyeman who continues to make the weekly deposit at the bank. Heartfelt thanks to the teams who faithfully continue to count donations each week. The team members include; Garry Bettridge, Elsie Coulter, Sheila Amankwah, Dave Hunt, Ron Smit, Cheryl Butler, Sally White, Betty Romanchuk, Kola Deru, and myself Margaret Baldassarre. Most importantly thanks to all of Saint Mary's parishioners who make everything possible.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Hanns and Margaret Baldassarre on behalf of the Counters

Music at St. Mary's—2022

It has been an amazing year filled with opportunities to praise the Lord Almighty.

I thank the Lord that he blessed us richly as a congregation and allowed us to continue to lift our voices together to praise his name throughout the last year.

At the beginning of the year, I continued to select hymn recordings on YouTube and we played them during the services for the congregation when we still had virtual worship services. And when all the services were moved back inside the building, we were able to enjoy singing with the organ once again.

Since the worship services moved back to normal services, we could proceed with our choir rehearsals and enjoy listening to the choir during our worship services again from the middle of April.

The choir continued to perform anthems and led Sunday Hymn singing. We also provided music for Thanksgiving, the Advent, and the Christmas Carol service in 2022. The choir met for a practice session every Thursday night at 7:30 from April to December last year.

Jennifer and Ian Fitz Gerald sang a solo and duet occasionally during the services. In addition, Erica Mayhew played the trumpet for the anthem.

Fortunately, Olivier Laquerre was kind enough to visit our church in March. He came to our service, and he sang songs for an Anthem as well as during communion.

We are so thankful for the many musicians who have blessed our church family by using their gifts during this time.

The feedback on every performance that we participated in was great and I would like to personally thank each and every choir member and guests for their commitment. In the midst of your busy schedules at work, you volunteered your time and talents for our Lord.

Upon the arrival of Covid, three of our members, Charles Mills, Garry Bettridge, and Jenny Rogers announced their retirement from the choir team. As such, we are deeply saddened by their absence in the loft.

I would like to thank Charles, Garry, and Jenny for their leadership and contribution to the choir.

You had chosen to do so by offering your singing voices in the choir. Thank you so much for the time, work, and talents that you have provided us with for so many years.

However, we had new additions last year in the soprano and bass parts; Ranga, Carolin, and Tieg. We are very fortunate for these new members and the talents that they share with our church.

I thank every single member of the choir for their hard work and devotion to music at St. Mary's Anglican church in 2022. I also thank every single one of the parish members for encouraging and supporting the music at St. Mary's Anglican Church all throughout last year.

Many thanks,

Soyoung Shin

Organist and Music Director

Altar Guild—2022

This past year, 2022, started much as it did last year with the church having to suspend in person worship once again as of Christmas Eve 2021. We were able though, to reopen again at the beginning of February with certain restrictions in place. Things continued to improve and we were able to introduce the use of the common cup by the summer time and so we have two administrators each Sunday.

I thank Jenny Rogers and Olga van der Lee who did a wonderful job of decorating the sanctuary so beautifully for the Thanksgiving season. Garry Bettridge continued his role of ordering and arranging the floral displays for Easter and Christmas which always enhance our vast worship space. I also wish to thank Colin Webb and Charlie Mills who came out in late November to assist myself in decorating the church for the Christmas season by installing the trees at the front and attaching the bows to the pillars. I heard many compliments on Christmas Eve on how lovely the church looked.

Once again, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Jan Mills and Caroline Matchett for their assistance throughout the year as part of this group. Together we set up the weekly services and of course clear the vessels away. The three of us participated in the usual Stripping of the Altar service on Maundy Thursday. Caroline does a wonderful job of washing our church linen.

As there was no opportunity again, to have volunteers come together to make palms for Palm Sunday, I ordered the premade ones from African Palms Ltd. which we had last year. I know they are not like the ones we have had in the past but all profits from the sale of these palms are directed to charitable projects.

This is a very necessary ministry within the church organization and I continue to hope to be able to welcome more members to join us so we can perhaps form a couple of teams to ease the burden on the three members that are presently forming this group. Please speak to me if this is of interest to you.

Blessings to all and may 2023 continue to be a good year for everyone as we learn to live with the reality of Covid-19 and we look to welcome a new priest in charge.

Respectfully submitted by

Sharon Hanns, ODT

Chair of the Altar Guild

ACW—2022

It was with great joy that we returned to an in-person Christmas Market & Luncheon on Saturday, November 19, 2022. Thank you to everyone who helped us set up, donated gift items, sewing, knitting, baking, plants, urns, Jewelry and of course the chefs of our delicious luncheon. Thank you whether you donated, worked or shopped we appreciate all of your support for making this event a huge success. Thank you to Fr. Matt for his support and to Robin Murray our office administrator for her assistance.

Our AGM was held on Sunday, December 11, 2022. We had 25 women in attendance and Bishop Patrick White joined us. After our delicious breakfast Bishop White congratulated us on the success of our in-person Christmas Market. He appealed to us to not go away, and that we will have good times together. He acknowledged that transitions are hard.

The following names of women from St. Mary's who passed away during the year 2022 will be inscribed in the ACW Toronto Diocesan Memorial Book. Karen Ferrie, Pat King, Doris Moore, Marilyn MacGregor, and Yvonne Sutton. May they Rest In Peace and Rise in Eternal Glory.

The meeting proceeded and we all voted to make monetary donations to the following groups within our parish and outreach to our community.

Within our Parish donations:

St. Mary's general fund, Green Team, Kitchen, Archives Committee, Garden Group, Card Tables and the ACW Memorial Book.

Outreach to our Community:

Toronto Diocesan ACW, St. Mary's Refugee Family, Richmond Hill Community Food Bank, Home on the Hill, Hill House Hospice, Out of the Cold, Yellow Brick House and UNICEF for Ukraine Relief Fund.

A total of \$9,000.00 was donated.

Thank you to the following ACW members who have stepped down as of the end of 2022. Helen Butt (Bake Table Convenor for 10 years), Jane Robertson (Convenor of the Poinsettia sale for 5 years) and Marlene Gardiner, President (for the past 5 years).

A new 2023 ACW Leadership Committee has been formed. Thank you to Linda Wightman, Mary Jane Couldridge, Diane Robertson, Helen Tompkins and Suzanne Gorman for taking up the baton and continuing to keep St. Mary's ACW alive and well!

Respectfully submitted by Marlene Gardiner,

ACW Outgoing Executive Chair

Outreach—2022

2022 continued to be a year of challenges. Covid 19 ebbed and flowed. Some in person activities resumed others remained online.

The Outreach committee started the year with a short series of in person meetings in the chapel. As a follow up to Jennifer Briggs Fitz Gerald's thoughtful anti racism presentation made

to the Parish Board in the fall of 2021, the committee sponsored a book study of *The Skin We're In* by the journalist and activist, Desmond Cole. During the spring, Jennifer facilitated a discussion of the book and how we could work to become anti racists

The Blessings Box continued to be heavily used by the community. Despite the revamping of the box with heavier hinges and a stronger door, frequent vandalism again became a serious problem during the summer months. By September the box was being vandalised as soon as it was repaired. The Committee investigated the costs of having a completely metal-vandalism proof- box made, however, the costs of such a box were found to be prohibitive. Therefore, the Committee reluctantly decided in September that this program would be discontinued. Many thanks to Charlie Mills and Colin Webb for their many repair efforts. The Parish is urged to continue to support the Richmond Hill Food Bank. The number of clients at the food bank has risen threefold in recent years. The continuing steep rise in food prices is expected to keep the demand for support by the Food Bank high.

June saw the return of Loonie Muffin Sundays. Revenues from this mission help to pay for the two children sponsored through PLAN Canada. The committee plans to continue Loonie Muffins sales on a monthly basis. Thank you to everyone who has purchased muffins and to those who have volunteered to bake for the program.

A second antiracist book study was planned for the fall. – *Seven Fallen Feathers* by Tanya Talaga. Unfortunately this study was cancelled due to lack of interest. The Committee hopes to undertake a brief survey of the Parish to determine the sort of educational activities in which they are interested.

Again this year the focus of the Christmas Family Program was the raising of funds to support our sponsored refugee family, the Karemis. St. Marys is responsible for covering the travel loan made by the Federal government (\$10,000) and a contribution towards their first year of living costs in the amount of an additional \$10,000. As of the writing of this report approximately \$7200 has been raised. Outreach and the Refugee Sponsorship committee continue to work on developing additional fundraising programs to meet this obligation. The good news is that the Karemi's have at long

last received their travel date. 10 February, 2023! This is very good news as they have been waiting in a refugee camp for some time.

During the Christmas season, parishioners were once again encouraged to purchase gift cards through the Merchant Card Program. Sales were relatively strong. The rebate received by the church was used to purchase 30 \$10 McDonald's gift cards to be distributed by the Priest in Charge as needed.

The Outreach committee looks forward to continuing to promote awareness of issues and needs within the community at large. Any parishioner who is interested in joining this committee is asked to speak to Judy McAdam.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy McAdam

On behalf of the Outreach Committee

Refugee Sponsorship Report—2022

January 2022 started with the Mohebbi children all enrolled in school and learning on-line. Kazim and Simin were also enrolled in English classes. Due to the donations we received during the 2021 Christmas Family appeal for money to contribute to the family's transportation costs to Canada, we were able to have the money on hand when the family received their bill from the Government of Canada. This was a great help to the family given the high cost of living expenses in York Region, particularly housing.

At the end of February, Ibrahim Mohebi and his family moved into a home in East Gwillimbury. He took his mother, Zahara with him, leaving Kazim and his family to pay a modest monthly rent to Ibrahim for the home in Richmond Hill. Kazim's oldest son, who had come to Canada with Ibrahim and who is now finished his schooling and working and living independently moved in with his parents to help support his family.

In March, Fr. Matt and family along with a few parishioners took the Mohebbi family to a local sugar bush to introduce them to the maple syrup process. A good time was had by all.

St. Mary's was able to assist Mansoor and Freshta in obtaining some of their volunteer hours for school, as they put the BAS and hymn books back in the pews when the church Covid restrictions were lifted. We were also able to help them once more with their hours as they helped us serve and clean up during the Christmas Market Luncheon. Eraj, the youngest, also benefited as he entered grade nine in September. These kids are willing, their English is excellent and they are a joy to work with.

In October, the Mohebbi family celebrated their first year in Canada and we welcomed them to church and a reception with cake and decorations. Mansoor was unable to attend as he was tutoring some students, however, the rest of the family attended and Freshta and Eraj joined Fr. Matt during the Kids Talk to speak about their time as refugees prior to coming to Canada. With the one-year anniversary, St. Mary's financial commitment to the Mohebbi family and to AURA was fulfilled, however, the Sponsorship Committee will endeavor to keep in touch as much as possible.

As 2022 was drawing to a close and the land sale, which was to supply the \$10,000.00 commitment we had to the agreement with AURA and Canadian Harzara Humanitarian Services had not materialized, the committee started to look for ways to fundraise the money needed. We also wanted to help provide for transportation costs as AURA requires those monies to be paid during the first year. With this in mind, we approached the ACW to ask if the proceeds for the Christmas Market Lunch could be directed to Refugee Sponsorship. With their agreement we approached Grande Cheese for a donation of cheese for our lunch and they also supplied us with a lovely gift basket for the raffle. We raised \$1,500.00 at the luncheon. We also approached the Outreach & Social Justice Committee and asked if they might consider the Refugee Sponsorship Fund for the annual Christmas Family appeal. They also agreed and we thank all those who participated in the Christmas appeal. At the same time, we discussed amalgamating the two committees, as with Fr. Matt's departure the Sponsorship Committee consisted of Maggie Veltheer and Lyne Webb.

At the close of 2022, we are still awaiting news of the Karimi family's travel dates.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lyne Webb, Committee Chair

The Archives Committee—2022

In 2022, our Committee welcomed the opportunity to resume in person meetings and activities, once again. As we looked forward, we discussed practical approaches to managing our collection going forward, including what materials we want to retain and how our collection will be used in the future. We also explored opportunities to better manage our collection, including digitization of key items. We met with the Diocese of Toronto archivist and had a very productive discussion about the challenges and opportunities they face in managing the Diocese of Toronto Archives collection. More to come as we consider possible next steps, which will also include the necessary costs and time investment.

The Committee has begun to tackle the backlog of historical items relating to St. Mary's that parishioners have thoughtfully passed along for review and which we could not address during the pandemic lockdowns.

Before adjourning for the summer, we arranged an interesting display in support of the 150th Anniversary garden party. Our display comprised a variety of topics across the decades including weddings at St. Mary's, Sunday School and youth group activities, publications and building projects, not to forget items from our earliest years as a parish. After so many months, it was most enjoyable to share our collection once again with St. Mary's and the wider community.

Throughout the year, Joan Connolly and her daughter Sandra continued their excellent series of videos documenting St. Mary's 150 year history. The themes include our Ministers, Music, Stained Glass, Growing & Improving, Events and Special Moments. Each video was presented at the beginning and conclusion of a service, both in person and online for all to enjoy. These videos represent many hours of research and assembly across many months. Thank you to Joan and Sandra for all of your hard work and efforts to capture so many fascinating parts of our 150 years of history. If you have not had a chance to enjoy all of these videos I encourage you to view them on St. Mary's website under the 150th Anniversary page.

Our Committee comprises Joan Connolly, Lucille King, Colin Webb & Cheryl Butler in addition to myself. We appreciate the continuing interest from the Parish in maintaining our history for now and the future. We look forward to new

opportunities in 2023 to share our collection with the Parish and the community.

Dave Hunt

On behalf of the Archives Committee

Greeting Cards Ministry—2022

The Greeting Card Ministry is meant to bring a sense of fellowship and a word of encouragement to those who are sick and or grieving. We pray that it shows you that the St. Mary's Family care even when you are unable to be physically present at Worship.

The Cards are sent not only to Parishioners, but when appropriate to extended Family Members. During the year 2022, cards were sent to those experiencing an illness, recovering from surgery and those mourning the loss of a loved one.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gleniss Harris

Youth Ministry & Sunday School— 2022

In mid-November 2022 Pam McMillan, who served as the previous Sunday School Co-ordinator, left St. Mary's when Father Matthew McMillan was reassigned to a different parish. I would like to thank Pam McMillan and Father McMillan for setting up the current church lectionary cycle based Sunday School programming. At present, I have continued the same programming for Sunday School in the winter of 2022 as St. Mary's Interim Sunday School Co-ordinator. In September 2022 four of our Sunday School students completed the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Another family focused gathering with the Sunday School students was organized in December 2022 to say farewell to Pam McMillan, Father McMillan, and his family. St. Mary's begins 2023 by continuing to offer an in-person Sunday School program following the church lectionary cycle. We look forward to more gatherings and many more of our friends returning to join us in-person.

Respectfully, Submitted by:

Lucy Amankwah

St. Mary's Interim Sunday School Co-ordinator

Gardener's Report—2022

The gardeners met each Monday morning throughout the spring, summer, and fall. St. Mary's numerous gardens require regular maintenance, pruning, weeding, and fertilizing. The rain barrel that was purchased a couple of years ago collects rain water for use throughout the hot summer. The compost bin (not green bin) provides much needed compost to the gardens.

Two tomato plants grew from the compost and we actually harvested some cherry tomatoes.

Lyne and Colin Webb worked tirelessly on the slope facing Yonge Street weeding and tending the garden bed. Annuals were planted around the quadrangle to provide colour for the 150th garden party that was held in the summer.

Thanks to all of the gardeners who came out each Monday; Barbra Amadori, Vera Briggs (who provides refreshments), Helen and Sean Gault, Judith McAdam, Jenny Rogers, and Pearl Taylor.

Respectfully Submitted by Diane Robertson

Prayer Support Group –2022

The Prayer Group has continued its ministry throughout the COVID challenge. There were seven members on this team. Sadly, two of those seven have passed away. The Prayer Group receives update reports once per month regarding illness and or other issues in need of prayer.

Respectively submitted. By: Jan Mills

Green Team—2022

The Green Team met in person monthly on the last Wednesday of the month as they have been doing for the past 14 years. Present members include: Janet Bartram-Thomas, Joan Temple-Porter, Vera Briggs, Pat Duke, Barry Rollinson, Carl Chen Quan, Betty Bei Yuan and Helen Gault.

To honour Earth Day in May, the Green Team gave a talk to the children in the Sunday School about the importance of pollinating insects and each child was given butterfly weed

seeds to plant. Butterfly weed was chosen as it is the host plant for Monarch butterflies, a once common but now endangered butterfly. After church, in the memorial lounge, parishioners were also given seeds for their garden to encourage Monarchs and other pollinating insects.

On June 5, World Environment Day, the Green Team sang the Garden Song and encouraged parishioners to join in as a way of celebrating this important day and remembering that all food we eat comes from seeds. By caring for Mother Earth, we are caring for the source of the food that we and life on Earth consume.

The Green Team also updated the bulletin board outside the office and posted articles about local environmental issues and actions we can all take to help lessen the impact of climate change and protect our environment.

During The Summer Garden Party celebrating St. Mary's 150th Anniversary on the grounds in front of the church on June 25, members of Green Team helped children build habitat boxes which were placed in St. Mary's gardens to meet the different housing needs of pollinators and other beneficial insects.

In September, Green Team members hiked through Pioneer Park, a forest behind Mackenzie Health Richmond Hill Hospital. They enjoyed the sounds and sights of the maple, beech forest with squirrels, songbirds and a pond with ducks and geese.

Green Team meetings in 2022 focused on how to proceed as we transition to 2023 and deal with the environmental issues facing our planet. New members are always welcomed to join their environmental/green efforts! Please phone Janet at 905 884 6635 or Joan at 905 884 7682 for more information or to join.

Respectfully Submitted by Helen Gault

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When the sale is completed, approx. 80% of the proceeds will be retained by St. Mary's in order to allow us to continue our work within the community, and grow the Church. Further announcements and progress reports, including the sale completion dates, will be made as they become more definite.

Land Sale Report—2022

On April 8, 2022, the Wardens of St. Mary's finalized a Conditional Agreement to sell a portion of the Church lands. This agreement was the culmination of several years of discussion, discernment, and negotiation between the prospective buyer, the Diocese, and the St. Mary's community, especially the Wardens and staff.

The agreement is conditional upon the Buyer obtaining the right to sever approx. 75 feet of the southernmost portion of the lands, fronting onto Yonge St., between the main sanctuary and the two houses to the south. The land is currently used as a playground for the Discovery Academy. The agreement is now scheduled to be completed by the end of April.

There have been a few issues that have delayed the original Dec 31'22 completion date, both with the Buyer, as well as some details with the title to the property that need to be dealt with prior to the sale completing. The hope is that these concerns will be ironed out by the end of April. Unfortunately, some of the issues are beyond our control and are dependent on the City of Richmond Hill, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority, the Diocese, the Buyer's Planning Consultant etc., and this may necessitate a further extension of the agreement, but both parties are committed to getting the deal done as quickly as possible, and bringing this process to a successful conclusion.

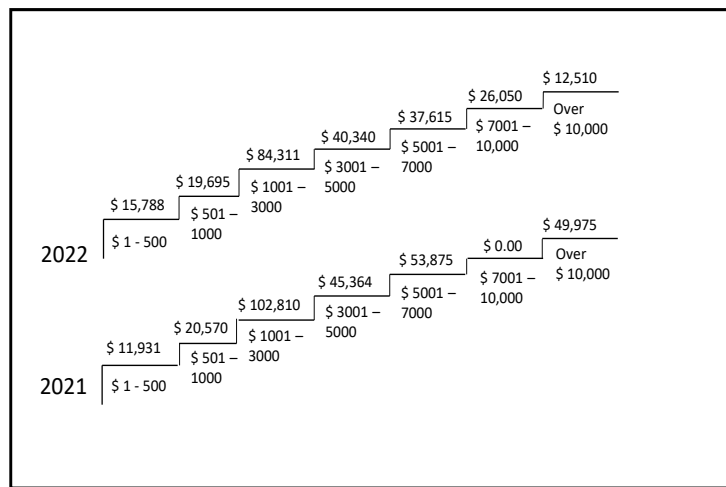
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Respectfully Submitted by Ron Smit, Land Use Committee Chair

Envelope Report—2022

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH			
DONATIONS REPORT FOR JAN 1 - DEC 31/22			
<u>CATEGORIES</u>			
150th ANNIVERSARY			500.00
ACW			205.00
ACW BAZAAR			600.00
BUILDING			20.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERING			280.00
EASTER			1,985.00
FAITHWORKS			1,105.00
FLOWERS			1,165.00
GENERAL			181,829.50
HERITAGE			6,035.00
MEMORIAL			3,365.00
OUTREACH			2,165.00
PURSE for Fr,Matt			2,235.00
REFUGE FAMILY			1,700.00
STEWARDSHIP			20.00
THANKSGIVING			740.00
WINDOW (Stained Glass)			31,645.07
YOUTH			715.00
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>\$236,309.57</u>
<u>DONATIONS PAID BY</u>			
CANADA HELPS			17,420.00
CASH			25,835.00
CHEQUE			125,831.07
E/TRANSFER			7,820.00
PAP			57,987.50
PAR (Payroll)			1416.00
<u>TOTAL</u>			<u>\$236,309.57</u>

The steps below provide a snapshot to our congregation giving patterns during 2021 and 2022. Each step represents a range of dollars given.



Respectfully Submitted by: Carol Rochemont

Motions for 2023 Vestry Meeting

Approval of Auditors Motion:

(This motion allows us to formally appoint our auditor's for next year's reports)

Moved by; Maggie Veltheer & Sharon Hanns

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the appointment of Hurren, Sinclair, McIntyre, Chartered Accountants of Pickering, Ontario, to be the Auditors of record for St. Mary's Financial Reports for the year ending 2023 Financial Cycle."

Rectory Grant Motion:

(This motion gives us permission to apply for Diocesan Grants for work on the Rectory if any major or urgent repairs are required. No such work is anticipated, but voting on this now means that no special vestry will be required if such an application is needed.)

Moved by; Chas Mills & Sharon Hanns.

"We the Vestry of St. Mary's, Richmond Hill authorize the Corporation to apply for a Carleton Grant in the year 2023, to help pay for costs of maintenance, renovation and repair to our Parish Rectory, located at 100 Arnold Crescent in Richmond Hill."

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH – VESTRY NOMINATIONS & APPOINTMENTS

February 26th, 2023 – Names in **bold** are members of Parish Board.

Appointments for Vestry

Vestry Clerk	Robin Murray
Parish Tribunal	John Martin

Appointments by Rector

Rector's Warden	Colin Webb
Deputy Rector's Warden	Margaret Baldassarre
Parish Board Member at Large	TBD

Appointments by Wardens

Treasurer	Maggie Veltheer
Envelope Secretary	Carol Rochemont
Heritage Fund Advisory Committee	Kola Deru

Appointment by Rector and Wardens

Chair of Property Usage	Betty Romanchuk
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Wardens, Synod Delegates, and Others for Election by Vestry

People's Warden	Sharon Hanns
Deputy People's Warden	James Agyeman
Lay Delegates to Synod	Joe McEwen Sharon Hanns
Alternate Delegates to Synod	
Parish Board Member at Large	Kola Deru

Committee Chairs/Representatives Chosen by their Committees

ACW Leadership Team	Linda Wightman, MaryJane Couldridge, Helen Tompkins, Diane Robertson, Suzanne Gorman
Archives	Dave Hunt
Communications	
Green Team	Helen Gault
Land Use/Development	Ron Smit
Outreach	Judy McAdam
Property	Colin Webb
Sides people	
Sunday School	Lucy Amankwah

N.B.: Parish Board Officers to be Elected by Parish Board are:

Chair	Bishop Patrick White
Vice-Chair	Sharon Hanns
Secretary	Robin Murray