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Transforming Lives for Jesus Christ

Year in Review

July 2021 - June 2022





My Dear Parishioners,

Every fall our newsletter contains a snapshot of the past year from the perspective of our ministry activity, capital improvements, and finances. This past year we reflected on the theme, "What Faith Can Do!" with our patron Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young man known for his devotion to the Eucharist. Compelled by the theme of our Eucharistic Faith, this past year saw us return to our normal pre-pandemic level of activity! All ministries have been up and running. Most people have returned, but some are remaining cautious due to health concerns. We miss all those we have not seen in a long while, and we invite all who can to return to the regular celebration of Mass. For those who cannot, we will still live stream and record daily 7 a.m. Mass, and Sunday 9 and 11 a.m. Masses.

Our vibrancy in faith this past year saw us welcome 81 second graders into the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Bishop Amos joined us for Confirmation with 98 eighth graders. Twelve adults and children were initiated into the church at a capacity crowd Easter Vigil!!! What a beautiful Mass that was! At the end of May our 516-pupil St. Hilary School graduated 63 eighth graders, 60 of whom chose to go to Catholic high schools, and our 224 PSR pupils celebrated another great year with a year-end Mass and ice cream social! Vacation Bible School returned this past June with a different family format, and all enjoyed a beautiful outdoor Mass and three evenings of faith-filled activities for all age levels, including parents!

Summer is always the time for improvements to our campus, and this year we were busy with the church tile repair and pew replacement project and the total refresh of the junior high rooms at the school which includes new lockers, desks, carpet, paint, and lighting. All of the school hallways were also painted a clean white. Everything looks crisp and bright! We also sealed and striped the parking lot for the first time in several years. We are praying for a mild winter so it will last! This October we will also be replacing the roof over the church sacristy.

Financially, St. Hilary Parish is in excellent shape thanks to your generosity! As you can see in the following pages, our offertory was slightly down, but not off the previous year by much. We appreciate all who are faithful to their stewardship of treasure! Our fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and we ended with a slight profit of \$19,185. We are in great shape regarding savings and will be using some of those resources in the coming year for needed roof replacements on the school junior high wing, science lab, art room, and kitchen.

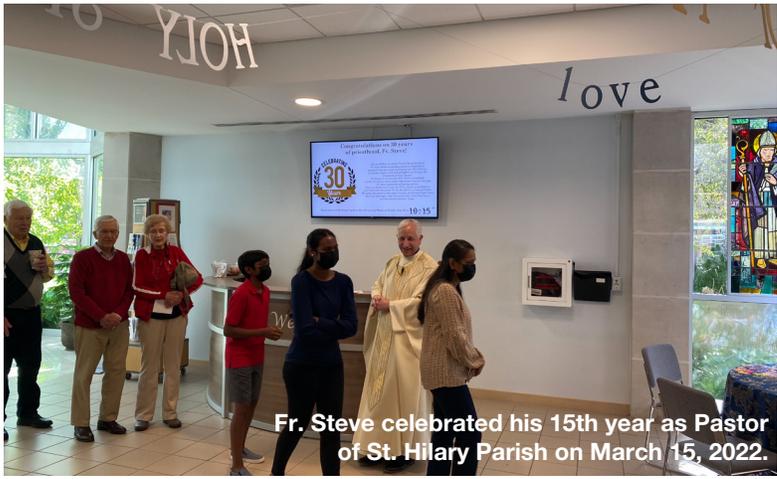
On a personal note, this past March 15 marked my 15th anniversary as pastor of St. Hilary Parish! It does not seem possible that I have been here that long, but I can say it has been a pleasure being your pastor, and I look forward to many more years together!

Finally, every year brings transitions in staff both at the parish and school, but this year we say farewell to our business manager Lou Camerato. Lou joined our staff right after I arrived and will be retiring on October 1. Though Lou works mostly in the background, let me assure you that our success and fiscal stability these last 15 years have been largely due to his hard work and steady hand!!! Thanks, Lou! We will miss you! His replacement, Trey Baker, has been shadowing Lou since June 1, so we are in great shape going forward.

I am writing this column on the first day of a new school year! So exciting! All the bright smiling faces of the students remind me that each year is a new opportunity for growth, learning and growing closer to God and one another! St. Hilary Parish is an amazing place to do just that, thanks to you!

Many Blessings!
Fr Steve Brunovsky
Pastor

Rev. Steve Brunovsky



Fr. Steve celebrated his 15th year as Pastor of St. Hilary Parish on March 15, 2022.



Outdoor Stations of the Cross



We welcomed back Vacation Bible School this June after nearly 3 years off!



Washing of the feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday



The Interfaith Justice Series welcomed James L. Knight to speak on Cultural Humility during Lent.



Inaugural Faith & Food Truck Festival in August 2021



St. Hilary School 8th Grade graduates



The church got a refresh this summer with new pews and tile repairs. This is the church without pews!

A snapshot of the sacraments

83 Baptisms

81 First Communion

98 Confirmations

10 Weddings

7 Adults and 5 children initiated into the Catholic Church through RCIA

Stewardship: Fall 2021

Our inaugural Faith & Food Truck Festival kicked off the parish stewardship campaign, themed “We Said Yes”! On August 29, 2021, following 5:30 Mass, parishioners enjoyed Beach Boyz Entertainment and food trucks including complimentary Sal’s Gelato, generously provided by the St. Hilary Parish Foundation.

The parish unveiled its Stewardship video during all Masses the weekend of October 9-10, featuring our ministries in action saying “Yes to God”! Visit sthilarychurch.org/belong watch.

Miguel Chavez, Director of Missionary Discipleship for the Diocese of Cleveland, returned to St. Hilary in October to host an evening of reflection, and again in May to launch the newly created Called by the Spirit gifts discernment retreat.



Social Action

John and Mary Lou Grossmann received the Summit County Catholic Commission’s 2021 Bishop Cosgrove Award (pictured at right). This award is given annually to individuals or organizations in Summit County who exemplify the work of peace and justice. The Awards dinner was held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at Tangier’s.

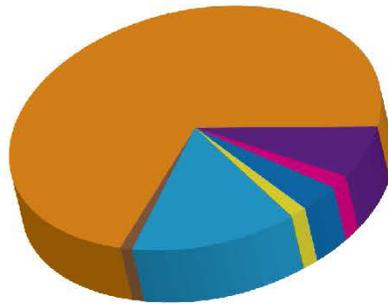
The faith leaders of the Interfaith Justice Alliance, including Pastor Jean Hansen of Faith Lutheran Church, Fr. Steve Brunovsky, Rabbi Josh Brown of Temple Israel and Rev. Dr. David Nelson of New Hope Baptist Church were selected by Love Akron as this year’s Allies Award Recipient. Love Akron seeks annually to recognize faith leaders who are working together to better our community. They were nominated by Karen Hrdlicka of the Akron Community Foundation. Love Akron will present this prestigious award on Tuesday September 27, 2022 during their 11th Annual Awards Breakfast.



ST. HILARY CHURCH - REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Revenue Sources as a Percent of Total Revenue

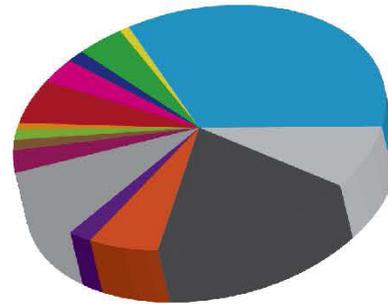
Twelve Months ending June 30, 2022



74.30%	\$2,098,171	Offertory & Other Collections
.90%	25,549	Donations & Bequests
14.90%	420,951	St. Hilary Foundation
-3.30%	(92,473)	Investment
1.20%	33,490	Fundraising
3.50%	98,312	Parish Ministries
1.90%	53,989	Designated Collections
6.60%	187,455	Heart of the Shepherd
100.0%	\$2,937,206	

Expense Sources as a Percent of Total Expenses

Twelve Months ending June 30, 2022

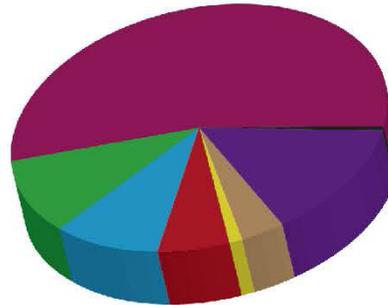


34.70%	\$820,063	Salaries, Benefits & Taxes
.80%	19,600	Rectory
3.70%	86,994	Administration & Technology
1.60%	35,521	Worship
2.90%	68,466	Social Outreach
5.50%	130,904	Faith Formation & Evangelization
0.80%	19,525	Caring & Participating
1.50%	36,029	Utilities
1.40%	32,238	Insurance
3.10%	72,359	Plant Operation
10.20%	240,042	Diocesan Assessments
2.30%	53,989	Designated Collections
6.30%	150,000	School Support
17.30%	409,633	Capital Expenditures
7.90%	187,455	Distributions to Foundation
100.0%	\$2,362,818	

ST. HILARY SCHOOL - REVENUE AND EXPENSES

Revenue Sources as a Percent of Total Revenue

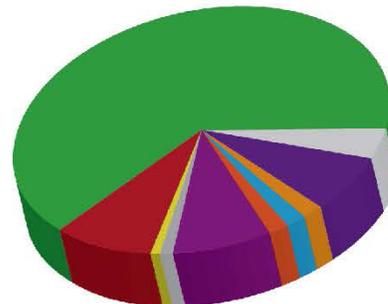
Twelve Months ending June 30, 2022



54.20%	\$2,112,629	Tuition & Fees
10.80%	419,177	Mandated Services
9.80%	383,005	Fund Raising
6.20%	241,939	St. Hilary Foundation
0.90%	35,333	Student Services
3.80%	150,00	School Support From Parish
13.70%	535,179	Other School Income
0%	0	SBA PPP Loan Forgiveness
.50%	20,664	Latchkey
100.0%	\$3,897,926	

Expense Sources as a Percent of Total Expenses

Twelve Months ending June 30, 2022



64.90%	\$2,817,525	Salaries, Benefits & Taxes
9.30%	403,180	Instructional
.70%	28,314	Library/Technology
1.10%	45,833	Utilities
8.30%	358,772	Plant Operation
1.80%	79,384	Insurance
1.60%	69,503	Student Services
1.80%	79,451	Administration
6.90%	300,664	Capital Improvements
3.70%	158,741	Hot Lunch Program
100.0%	\$4,341,367	

Congratulations on your retirement, Lou!

After 15 years at St. Hilary Parish as its Business Manager, Lou Camerato is retiring at the end of September. Trey Baker, a veteran of the banking industry, is taking his place. Trey and his wife Molly live in Ravenna and are members of Immaculate Conception Parish. They have four children: McKenna, 8, Reese, 5, and two-year-old twins Riley and Ronan.

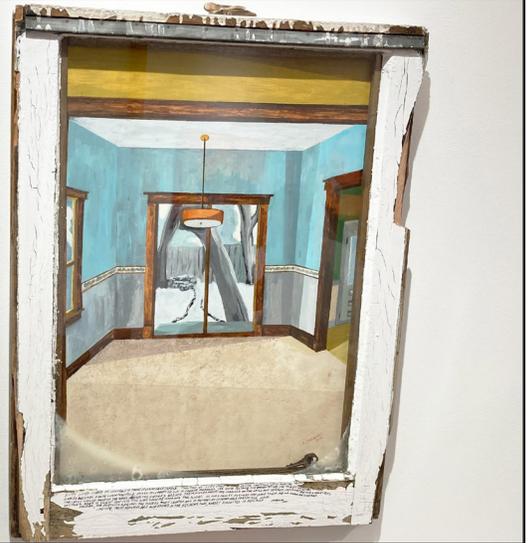
Before coming to St. Hilary, Trey worked at Key Bank in the Cleveland suburb of Brooklyn. "I have always done accounting and had reached my peak at the bank. It was time to move on. I'm Catholic and many facets of church work and school finances appealed to me. What I am most looking forward to is just being able to help out the school and church and provide input to help make St. Hilary even better," he said.

As Business Manager, Trey maintains the parish and school's finances, serves as its accountant, and monitors its computer platform, all while conforming business practices to the Diocese of Cleveland's standards.

Outside of work, Trey said his life revolves around his children and their gymnastics and soccer commitments. He plays golf and enjoys following The Ohio State University and all the Cleveland sports teams, especially the Browns, of which he is a season ticket holder.

As his retirement date nears, Lou said he would miss the connectivity he's had with staff and parishioners. On the other hand, "I'm going to wake up every day knowing that every day is Saturday." That said, Lou's post-St. Hilary life will be plenty busy with freelance accounting work and watching his granddaughter Ava once a week for son Aaron and his wife Anna.

Lou with his acrylic/assemblage art piece titled *Empty Houses #1*



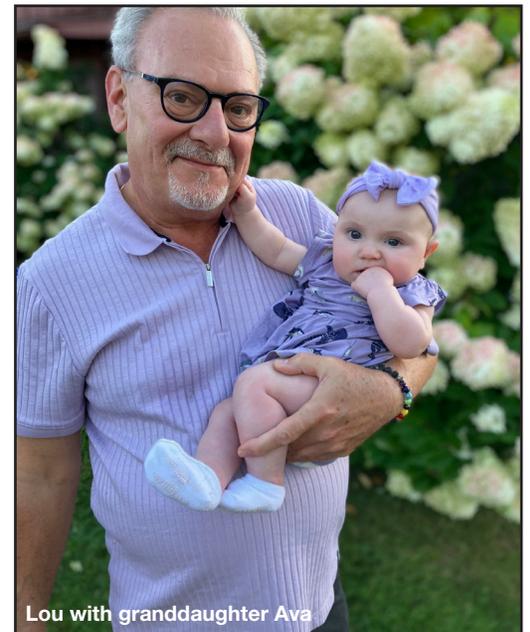
He also wants to travel with a river cruise in Europe planned for spring. Retirement also gives Lou the chance to further pursue his love of art, especially painting, collage, and assemblage, a three-dimensional art form using found objects.

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Fr. Steve Brunovsky

Fr. Steve has appreciated Lou's contributions over the years. "Although Lou has worked largely behind the scenes these last 15 years," said Pastor Steve Brunovsky, "his steady hand and financial acumen are largely responsible for the excellent condition we find ourselves in regarding our parish finances. I am truly grateful for his guidance these last 15 years!"

"We look forward to a smooth transition with Trey Baker assuming the role of Business Manager October 1, as he has been shadowing Lou since June 1," he said.



Lou with granddaughter Ava



Trey with wife Molly, and children, McKenna (8), Reese (5), and twins Riley and Ronan (2).



St. Hilary welcomes new seminarian intern

St. Hilary's newest seminarian intern leaves behind his books and classes for a year to experience parish ministry first-hand. A life-long parishioner of St. John Bosco in Parma Heights, Chris Cotone knew he needed exposure to the diocese's Southern Region, so he sought an internship in the Akron area for a deep dive into parish life.

St. Hilary is just the latest stop in his vocational journey. It began years ago with a highly musical family steeped in the life of the Church. His father Norman Cotone has been the Director of Music and Liturgy at St. John Bosco for over 25 years, where his mother has also been a cantor. "My father got the job when my mom was pregnant with me." Chris, who plays guitar and cantors, has two older sisters, one of whom is pursuing an acting career in New York City.

In addition to the nurturing of his family, the influence of a strong pastor in Fr. David Liberatore and youth ministers on the parish and high school level all factored in the development of Chris's faith life and eventually his decision to enter the priesthood.

Involvement in his parish's youth ministry led him to similar pursuits at Holy Name High School in his hometown. "My relationship with the Lord was introduced and

formed at home by my parents. It was further nourished through Holy Name's Campus Ministry Program," Chris said. He saw the campus ministers as role models. "They were easy to talk to and relatable. Campus ministry as a whole was an inviting community.

"Coming out of high school, I was deeply impacted by the campus ministers at my parish. I was thinking I would love to be a campus minister on the college level, so that factored into my decision to go to John Carroll," he said.

Recalling his choice of college courses, Chris said, "Based on the recommendation of my mom, I took business and communications classes with some theology classes sprinkled in. When I was taking them, I was unfulfilled. I remember sitting in one of my classes saying to myself, 'What am I doing here? What do I really want?'"

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Chris Cotone

He then recalled a conversation he'd had with a seminarian two years before: "'You'd be a really good candidate for the priesthood,' he said to me. But at the time, I rejected it." That conversation was a seed that took a couple years to germinate. In Chris's sophomore

year at John Carroll he transferred to Borromeo Seminary. Chris later met with the seminarian who first invited him to consider the priesthood. "When we grabbed dinner together, his face was radiant with joy. It was like Christ was welcoming me in. I thought, this life can't be so bad!" After deciding to enter Borromeo, Chris knew it was the right choice: "I had a deep sense of peace."

His mom's reaction was a bit different, he recalled, "I remember when my mom and dad first dropped me off at Borromeo. My mom was crying in the parking lot as we said our goodbyes. Not tears of sorrow, but of joy and affirmation. She knew that I was where I was supposed to be."

Chris is now in his third year at St. Mary Seminary and is on track to be ordained in two years. "During the internship year, we are here to encounter Christ in the life of His Church. Pragmatically, I'm going to be offering preaching reflections throughout the year, attending staff meetings, getting to know the various ministries here at St. Hilary, going on home and hospital visits, and shadowing Fr. Steve and Fr. Cameron," he said.

"I will be seeing how ministry happens first-hand. I'm thrilled that the seminary has given us this year to get a glimpse into what full-time ministry as a priest will look like. For me, my hope this year is to deepen my love for the people of God." Amen to that!



From left to right: Chris, Krysten (sister), Leo (nephew), Brad (brother-in-law), Lee (grandma), Donnalee (mom), Norm (dad), Karilynn (sister), Chris (Karilynn's boyfriend)



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October

October 28

Parents R.O.C.K.
(Raising Our Catholic Kids)
6:30 p.m., Gathering Area

October 29

Unbound: Freedom in Christ
Conference
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Horning Hall

November

November 12 & 13

Christ Renews His Parish Men's
& Women's Retreats

November 20

Family Spirituality
Advent Wreath Workshop
12-2 p.m., Gathering Area

December

December 11

Gaudete Sunday Concert
7 p.m., Church

December 13

Communal Reconciliation
7 p.m., Church

