

Parish of Christ the Redeemer
Pelham, New York

Stewardship Campaign 2022



PRAISE GOD
FROM WHOM ALL
blessings flow
PRAISE HIM
ALL CREATURES
HERE BELOW
praise him
above the heavenly hosts
PRAISE FATHER, SON
HOLY GHOST

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



Dear Christ Church Family,

Christ Church has been a constant source of support and community throughout the world-changing events we have all been through. The past two years may have left many of us a little worn down, but that only makes the things that build us up, even more important.

The remarkable work and innovation of Fr. Matt and our whole staff allowed us to remain a church family whether you joined in person or stayed connected on-line. The generous and vital support from all of us through pledges and contributions let us maintain, and also reinvent, how we worship and sustain each other.

We weathered the storm last year with some belt tightening, smart planning, and the hard work of many of our fellow parishioners who gave so much of their time and talent. That work will continue in the coming year.

Next year will bring more challenges and opportunities, it always does. We look forward to your support to continue to build our parish family.

Our mission commits us to spiritual growth and serving God through worship and service to the community and the world. Your pledge for 2022 helps make that mission a reality.

Thank you & God bless you,

Jeff Bodenmann

FROM THE RECTOR



Dear Friends in Christ,

I am grateful for the prayers, presence, and support you have all offered me, each other, and our wonderful church over the past two years. We are living in challenging times, yet through it all, Christ Church has remained open, active, and a vibrant hub for worship, ministry, and community events and activities. Thank you all so much.

Our shared faith is incarnational: In Jesus Christ, *God is with us*, and as members of the Body of Christ we are called to be *with one another*. I encourage you to renew and strengthen the bonds we have with one another in Christ by worshipping, praying, and serving the Lord through ministry together. Together we are the Church, the People of God, and the Body of Christ.

Please join me and our parish leaders and make a pledge to support Christ Church financially in 2022. My wife Nicole and I pledge 10%, a classic tithe, and we consider being part of Christ Church to be among the greatest blessings God has given us. Every blessing comes from God, and a pledge is a great way to share your blessings with the church and our community. Pray over what your pledge will be for 2022, and please fill out a pledge card and return it to church on or before November 21. Every pledge helps ensure that our parish grows, thrives, and continues doing the good and Godly work that our parish family has been doing together for nearly 180 years.

May the blessing of God, who is with us always and from whom every blessing flows, be with you now and ever more. Amen.

Father Matt

2022 STEWARDSHIP GOALS

Goal 1: Total pledge income should increase and enable us to meet the challenges of the coming year.

In 2020 and 2021 we received temporary financial help from the Federal Payroll Protection Program (PPP) and a reduction in our Diocesan assessment. It is up to us to fill these known gaps next year. Community and Parish life are not yet back to normal and are likely to remain somewhat altered. Establishing a strong and stable operating budget through everyone pledging, will enable us to support what we love, and meet whatever next year has in store.

Goal 2: Every parishioner understands what a Pledge is, makes a pledge, and considers increasing their pledge.

A pledge is an expression of faith and a personal response to God's generosity. A pledge is a statement of intent, not a legal obligation. It can be changed at any time. An average pledge increase of 3-5% helps the parish to cover inflationary increases and costs. Regardless of the size of your annual pledge, we hope that you will participate in this year's stewardship campaign and complete the pledge card included here.



BIG PICTURE BUDGET

Below is a Big Picture Budget. The complete Budget is published at the January Annual Meeting and can be found in our Annual Report: <https://christchurchpelham.org/archives/>

Income and Expenses	2019	2020	2021
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Income			
Pledge	375,445	370,669	369,650
Plate & Contributions	51,682	49,193	44,300
Fundraisers	10,418	9,539	9,018
Rental	75,342	51,090	46,955
Endowment Draw (about 5%)	152,713	39,552	160,992
Total Income	665,600	520,043	630,915

Expenses			
Personnel	337,234	328,768	338,622
Diocesan Assessment	83,184	65,552	66,714
Buildings, Grounds, Insurance & Utilities	156,078	120,142	149,376
Outreach, Education & Evangelism	8,924	8,857	10,820
Worship, Music & Childcare	30,401	38,254	29,475
Administrative	49,512	46,720	46,558
Fellowship	1,891	578	2,425
Total Expenses	667,224	608,871	643,990

What is a Pledge?

A pledge is a financial commitment to support our parish in the coming year and a personal response to God's generosity. A pledge is a part of how Episcopalians give their time, talent, and treasure to their parish. Pledging is a spiritual practice and an outward commitment to God and our parish community. The amount you pledge is kept confidential.

Paying a Pledge?

You can pay your pledge in a variety of ways: annually, monthly, weekly, cash in envelopes, check, stock gifts, online, etc. If circumstances change, you can notify the Stewardship Chair and modify your pledge any time during the year. We issue quarterly statements for tax purposes and proper record keeping. 100% of your Pledge is tax exempt.

Pledge vs. Plate Offerings?

Regardless of how and when they are paid, pledges enable the Vestry to budget for the coming year and make responsible decisions about staff, buildings, and funding critical ministries. Pledging is Christ Church's primary income source, by far. Plate offerings and other donations are greatly appreciated, but they are less reliable than pledges and are therefore much more difficult to plan for and budget.

How Much Should I Pledge?

Everyone's financial situation is different. For some a percentage of income makes sense, for others an annual gift from investments or savings makes sense. It may be helpful to think of some things that are important in your life, that you are part of, and that you spend money on. None of these things are the same as the place and community where we gather together for Baptism, Confirmation, Communion, Marriage, and Burial... "for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Pledge Amount	2020 Pledges	2021 Pledges
Up to \$499	9	8
\$500 - \$1,499	38	24
\$1,500 - \$2,499	16	13
\$2,500 - \$4,999	18	18
\$5,000 - \$9,999	20	16
\$10,000 +	11	11
Total Pledges	112	90



How do I Make a Pledge for 2022?

There are several ways to make a Pledge at Christ Church.

Fill out the enclosed pledge card...Return it either by mail or in person to the church office. We will begin collecting pledge cards immediately and will celebrate the close of the campaign on Christ the King Sunday, November 21.

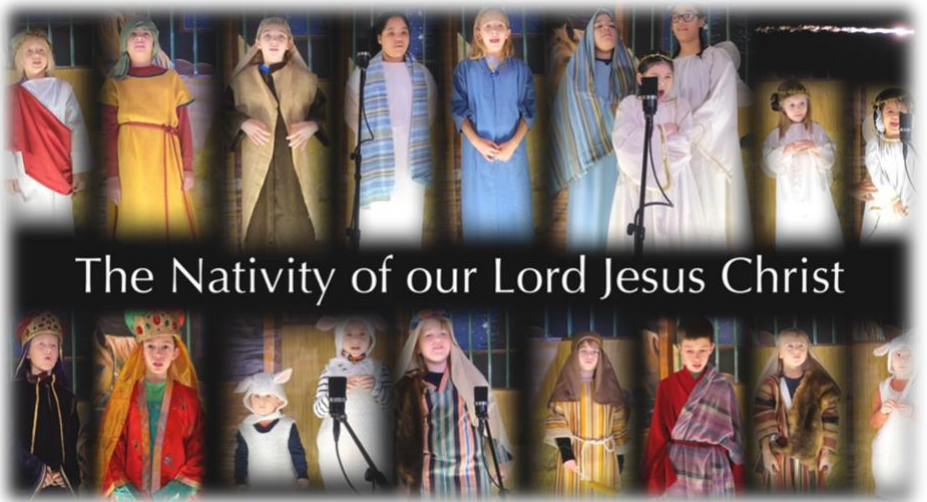
Electronically/On-line...If you would like to use our electronic pledge system, please see the instructions below. You can access the “Give/Donate (Parish Giving)” link, through our website at: www.christchurchpelham.org. Signing up online through this link is a safe, secure, and easy way to make a pledge payment or donation to Christ Church. The convenience includes the ability to choose the date and frequency, options to use a credit card or bank transfer, as well as the benefit of not having to remember envelopes each week!

Call the Parish Office...If you prefer to speak with someone about your pledge, please call the parish office.

Stock Donations... Stocks can be used to fulfill all or part of your pledge. A number of your fellow parishioners use this option. Please contact the parish office if you would like to consider the donation of stocks to the church as a way to fulfill your pledge.

Money & Church?

40% of Jesus' parables are about money or possessions. There can be a lot of emotional weight attached to money... hopes & dreams, security, fear, success & failure, joy & happiness to name just a few examples. When we talk about money in church and with each other, we are not just limiting our conversations to finance and pledges, we are also talking about our church family and the fullness of life in many different ways. Please know that you can speak about any of these items with the clergy at Christ Church and if you ever have questions about pledging or church financials, we are happy to put you in touch with our treasurer, accountant, wardens, vestry, or stewardship committee members.



The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Christ Church

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*Christ Church Pelham is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition.
As members of the Body of Christ, we are dedicated to spiritual growth
and committed to serving God through worship and
service to our community and the world.*