



ST. FRANCIS IN 2023 AND BEYOND

St. Francis is entering a time of transition. As Father Jack retires, we don't yet know what form future clergy leadership will take. We will also weather the loss of several families generous in giving their Wealth, Works, and Wisdom who are moving out of the area. One certainty, however, is that to sustain the vital ministries described in this brochure (and maybe develop new ones), **continued parishioner support will be essential.** We hope you will begin to prayerfully consider *what God is calling you to give in the coming year* - meaningful giving that will deepen your relationship with God and help us grow further into living our mission.



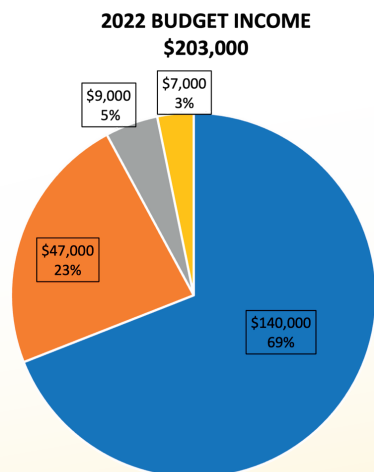
ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Narrative Budget 2022

INCOME

So how do we fund all this wonderful work? St. Francis is a fully financially self-sufficient parish. Our income is primarily (almost 70%) from monetary offerings made by members and friends of the parish either as annual commitments or as regular giving. Dividends from our investments only supply 5% of our income. No funding is received from the Diocese of NJ or wider Episcopal Church.

Every dollar you donate to St. Francis is used to fund our mission and ministries. **St. Francis could not operate without your continued generosity and spirit-filled giving.** We are grateful for all the ways you support the parish in giving of your Wealth, Works, and Wisdom.



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St. Francis' Episcopal Church is a diverse community, accepting all.

We gather to worship God, grow in faith, and share in fellowship.

We go out to serve Christ by serving others.

Everyone is welcome here!

-Mission Statement of St. Francis Church

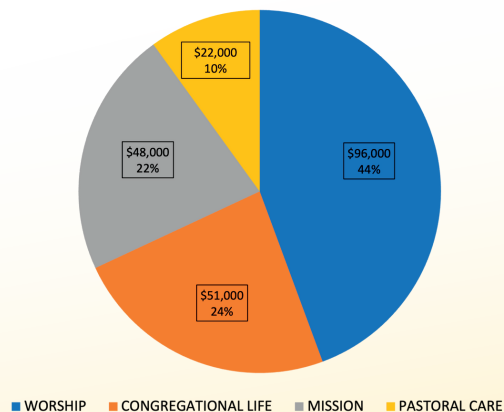
WELCOME TO ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, WHERE *EVERYONE IS* *WELCOME HERE!*

We, the Vestry of St. Francis Church, are pleased to share with you this Narrative Budget. Its purpose is to present a general overview of the income and expenses of the parish - a snapshot of St. Francis' finances in 2022. We hope you find it to be enlightening; in fact, some of our budget may even surprise you!

The work of St. Francis is to further its mission as a parish (see the front page) and as a member of the Body of Christ. Our hope is that this Narrative Budget will make clear that **ALL** money spent by St. Francis, including overhead costs like utilities, salaries, and even snow removal, furthers our mission!

How is that possible? Well, **every** expense in our budget can be allocated into one, some, or all of four ministry categories: **Worship, Mission in Action, Pastoral Care, and Congregational Life**. Examples and explanations of these ministries follow. And when they are combined, by the Grace of God these ministries transform the whole of St. Francis into a special place with special people striving to heed God's call of mission and ministry.

2022 BUDGET EXPENSE
\$217,000



WORSHIP

Worship is central to our life at St. Francis. In the sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist we are drawn deeper into the love of God given in Jesus and enlivened by the presence of the Spirit. On Sundays and special services throughout the year, we gather as a community of faith to praise God and to hear God's word; to renew the bonds that bind us together as the people of God, and to support each other on the journey of faith. Our worship empowers and encourages us to "go out to serve Christ by serving others." Worship activities and related expenses supported in our budget include:

- Clergy Presence, Leadership, and Salaries
- Music Ministry
- Altar Flowers and Supplies
- Worship Booklets and Office Supplies
- Livestream of Worship
- Buildings and Grounds Maintenance



PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is one of the most important ministries we do for our congregation. According to the Episcopal Dictionary, Pastoral Care is "The ministry of caring at the heart of the church's life. It includes hospital visitation, counseling, and ministries of shared presence, listening, and support." Our clergy team faithfully and lovingly provides our parishioners with this care. The parish provides the team with spiritual and financial support thereby facilitating:

- Clergy visits to and support of: hospitalized and shut-in parishioners; and people in times of crisis, death, and grief
- Providing Communion and other sacraments to parishioners as needed
- Intercessory Prayer Group
- Newcomers Ministry (COME!)
- Rector's Discretionary Fund

MISSION IN ACTION

Taking the whole of our Mission Statement as a call to action, our Outreach ministry is an integral part of the parish. We are committed to caring and sharing with those in need, especially with our neighbors in the Dunellen area. St. Francis' budget includes a generous monetary allowance for direct Outreach endeavors while individual members of the parish generously contribute as well. Projects and organizations that receive our support include:

- Food donations to St. Paul's Food Pantry
- Pet food to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center
- Fresh Start personal care items to Summit Health
- Christmas gifts to a local family in need
- Monetary donations to Dunellen Fire & Rescue, FISH Hospitality, Trinity Cathedral, NJ Institute for Social Justice, Episcopal Relief and Development, and Episcopal Community Services - NJ
- Fair Share contribution to the Diocese

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

St. Francis is a small but diverse congregation where "Everyone is welcome!". We seek to build closer relationships with God and each other through fellowship, formation, communication to parishioners and our neighbors, and inviting others to join us on the Christian journey. These activities build the bonds of relationship and enrich our life of faith. Congregational Life activities supported in our budget include:

- Christian Formation for Adults and Children
- Coffee Hour and other Fellowship Gatherings
- Stewardship Programs
- Contemplative Prayer Group
- Communications via The *Communique*, Website, Facebook, and Media Advertising
- St. Francis presence at Community Events
- Fundraisers such as St. Patrick's Day Dinner