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Dear Parishioners,

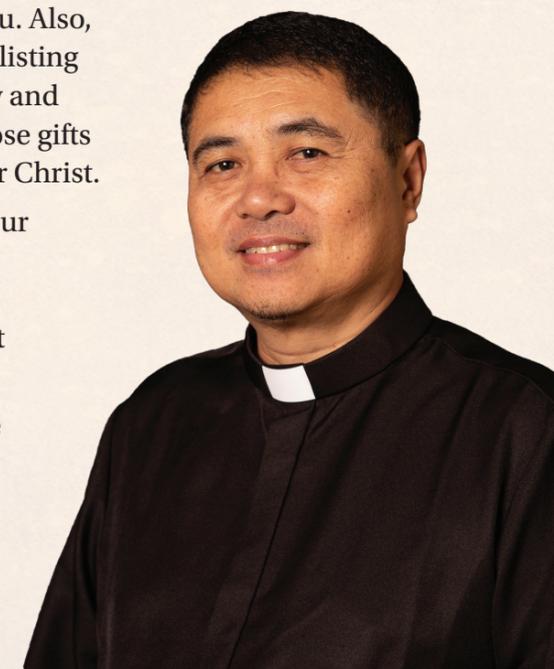
Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. The last year has been another challenging year for Saint Patrick Parish. Mass attendance has not rebounded as I have hoped. In the Catholic Mass, the goal of our worship is quite clearly directed at the praise of God and the sanctification of the world. As stated in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. I challenge those of you who have not returned to the church to come, participate in Mass, and reunite with the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith.

I know that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing that covenant of love. Many do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church. You can help us change that! You can uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to pray the rosary and invite others to pray it with you. Also, consider taking an active role in our parish community. A ministry listing is included in this report. Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly and become a good steward by offering the gifts God has given you. Those gifts support our missions and ministries that will help others encounter Christ.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have already given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember our parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can bring the Eucharist to those who so desperately need it.

With this report, we take an opportunity each year to communicate to you about our ministries, outreach, finances and parish statistics. But I invite you to come see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!

Yours in Christ,
Father Victor



Uplift Our
FAITH
Community

**Saint Patrick Parish
Annual Report 2022**



Sources of Hope:

Thank you to those who are dedicated in giving to our parish. Your generosity is what helps us to meet our day-to-day expenses. Unfortunately, we had to withdraw funds from our savings account several times last fiscal year to meet our expenses. We are making efforts to eliminate some of our expenses, but your help is needed, too - not only by contributing financially to the parish, but your time and talents as well.

Even though the Diocese had a record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, our parish fell short of our Diocesan goal by more than \$2,500. This was the first time since 2006 that we did not reach our goal. The appeal supports outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, and the sick and homebound. As the number of homeless rises in Western Pennsylvania, the support of the parishioners of the Diocese of Greensburg will be needed.

On a positive note, the return of our dine-in and take-out Fish Dinners brought back customers who were present at the last dinner in March 2020. Many of them commented that it was truly joyful to see people and talk to them in person. They thanked us for offering the dine-in option when many other places were still take-out only. The return of our Roast Beef Dinner on October 2 was a blessing also.

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating:

- **Thanksgiving Mass will be held November 24 at 9 a.m. Blessed bread will be available for you to take home and share with your Thanksgiving dinner.**
- **Beginning November 19 and continuing the third Saturday of each month, Adoration will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end with Benediction at 4:30 p.m. Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:15-4:45 p.m. and on Sunday from 8:45-9:15 a.m.**
- **Be on the lookout for your postcard that contains the Advent and Christmas schedule.**

I want to call your attention to the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative to show as many people as possible what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the heart and soul. Look for more information about adoration and reconciliation opportunities locally to help confront the hardships that we face in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

Parish Financials	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 164,762	\$ 172,499	\$ 162,726
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,708	1,979	2,810
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	15,234	51,589	41,859
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	1,990	4,066	2,036
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	29,069	45,323	82,899
Special Collections	12,506	14,672	14,366
Total Income	\$ 226,269	\$ 290,128	\$ 306,696
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 82,220	\$ 85,882	\$ 84,842
Church	20,527	18,843	19,537
Rectory	7,438	6,130	9,550
Education and Ministry	16,400	16,103	15,693
General Expenses	105,683	104,310	113,565
Special Collections	12,564	14,793	14,428
Extraordinary Expenses	22,826	28,662	16,289
Total Expenditures	267,658	274,723	273,904
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (41,389)	\$ 15,405	\$ 32,792

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2022: 179
2021: 185
2020: 192

Current Single Member Households

85



Baptisms

2022: 3
2021: 9
2020: 2

Weddings

2022: 1
2021: 0
2020: 1



Funerals

2022: 9
2021: 12
2020: 7



Our Ministries:

- **Altar Servers** - Assist the priest in preparing for Mass. The servers take part in the liturgy by performing tasks to help the priest celebrate Eucharist.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Assist the priest by distributing the Eucharist at Mass.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick** - Assist the priest by taking Eucharist to the sick whether they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.
- **Greeters** - Welcome and greet people as they enter the front door of the church.
- **Lectors** - Proclaim the word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.

• **Music Ministry/Choir** - Provide musical support of full and active participation at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

• **Ushers** - Take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.

• **Knights of Columbus/Holy Name Society** - Provide charitable service to the poor and hungry, while promoting Catholic education and family values.

• **Lenten Fish Dinners** - Each Lent, on Fridays, except Good Friday, many parishioners prepare fried or baked fish, plus additional items, for sale to the public.

• **Mercy Meal Team** - Provide a meal when a funeral takes place for a parishioner or non-parishioner. The group works with the family to provide a delicious hot meal to those who come to pray for and pay respects to the deceased person and the family.

• **Prayer Chain** - This group of parishioners helps to build up the community with prayer.

• **RCIA** - The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is available to those who are discerning their call to join the Catholic Church.

• **St. Paddy's Ladies Group** - Women of all ages that attend to the needs of the parish by maintaining the candles in the church, providing meals to shut-ins and sending cards.



The need for volunteers is great within our parish, especially altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors and ushers. Please call the parish office today at 724-526-5079 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.



Ways You Can Give



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Monday and Friday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM



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