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### Dear Parishioners,

The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

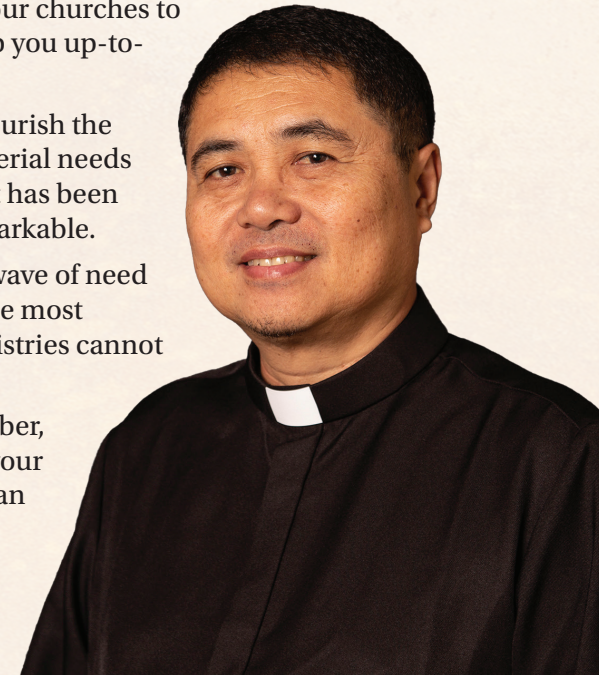
I hope you have been comforted by our local and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings and, in many parishes, special COVID-19 ministries like online prayer chains and other opportunities for prayer. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and letters and cards mailed to all you to keep you up-to-date on the guideline changes over the last year.

I want you to know that through it all, Saint Patrick Parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Victor S. Baguna**



Growing Support for our  
**FAITH**  
Community



**Saint Patrick Parish Annual Report 2021**

## Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- **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 9:30AM 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.



# Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community.

## Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 172,499	\$ 162,726	\$ 182,020
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,979	2,810	3,504
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	51,589	41,859	99,630
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	4,066	2,036	2,640
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	45,323	82,899	4,388
<b>Special Collections</b>	14,672	14,366	15,847
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 290,128</u>	<u>\$ 306,696</u>	<u>\$ 308,029</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 85,882	\$ 84,842	\$ 85,736
Church	18,843	19,537	25,856
Rectory	6,130	9,550	5,197
Education and Ministry	16,103	15,693	17,004
General Expenses	104,310	113,565	94,917
Special Collections	14,793	14,428	15,847
Extraordinary Expenses	28,662	16,289	65,977
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>274,723</u>	<u>273,904</u>	<u>310,534</u>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<u>\$ 15,405</u>	<u>\$ 32,792</u>	<u>\$ (2,505)</u>

## Our Garden



### Registered Households

2021: 185  
2020: 192  
2019: 195

### Single Member Households

75



### Baptisms

2021: 9  
2020: 2  
2019: 9

### Weddings

2021: 0  
2020: 1  
2019: 1



### Funerals

2021: 12  
2020: 7  
2019: 5



## Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners; but it was greatly assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal.



As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our Ladies Group, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. This year, our fish dinners were canceled, and the Fall Festival was not planned because of lack of leaders to plan the event. The treasure aspect of stewardship is important, but Saint Patrick is suffering from the lack of volunteers donating their time and talent. Our parish is in desperate need of help from the younger families in our parish.

The pastoral council is diligently working to come up with new fundraising ideas and welcomes feedback from all parishioners. The pastoral council's goal is to incorporate all our parishioners, young and old, with whatever time, talent and treasure they can share with our faith community.

## Ways You Can Give



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday and Friday  
9:00AM - 2:00PM



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