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Dear Members of the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Parish Family,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. It really is incredible to look back on the last year and see how our parish is coming back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Mass attendance is slowly building and our outreach is gaining strength! We still have a long way to go.

Please consider this outreach as a personal invitation from us to reunite at our primary and most important form of worship, which is the Eucharist. The Mass is the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith. If you have started going out and about in public, please know that we need you at our Sunday Liturgies. Our faith is about a personal encounter with Jesus, in His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. If you have not done so yet, it is time to come back!

I know that many Catholics might be missing out on the personal experience of God's covenant of love. You yourself, or someone you know may not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about your faith. Some struggle with understanding the mission of our Church. Come back and join us in reawakening your soul to Christ's love.

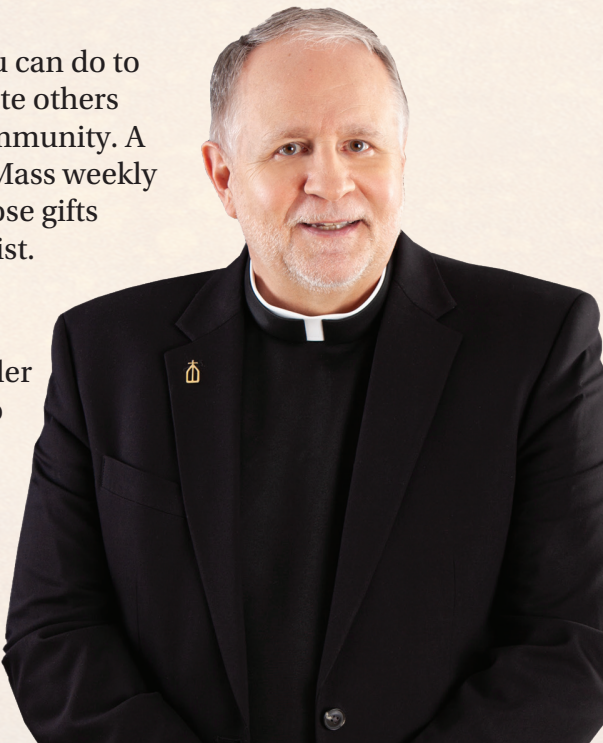
Your presence will uplift our faith community! Here are a few things you can do to deepen your faith experience. First, I ask you to pray the rosary and invite others to pray it with you. Also, consider taking an active role in our parish community. A ministry listing is included in this report. Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly and become a good steward by offering the gifts God has given you. Those gifts support our mission 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.

This report gives us an opportunity each year to communicate with you about our ministries, outreach, capital improvements, finances and parish statistics. After you read it, I invite you to come see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!

Yours in Christ,

Msgr. Riffle, Fr. Pujol, Deacon Bill and the Parish Staff



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Community

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Annual Report 2022**



Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this year. The record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal supported our outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, and the sick and the homebound. As the number of homeless rises in Western Pennsylvania, we will continue to need your support.

Thankfully, our parish and our prayer and faith sharing groups are once again able to gather and celebrate our parish community. This year, our Oktoberfest was a great success, with more than 190 people attending! It was wonderful to see so many people gathering together in person again.

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

- Nov. 20, Rite of Welcome at 11 a.m. Mass
- Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 5, First Penance, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 7-8, Immaculate Conception (Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. vigil, and Thursday, 11:45 a.m. with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and 5:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 9, Lessons and Carols with Bishop Kulick, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10-11, Bethlehem Project Basket Raffle
- Dec. 14, Advent Twilight Retreat, 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 17, Advent Regional Penance Service, 11 a.m.
- Dec. 20, Advent Eucharistic Experience (Expose the Eucharist at 11:45 a.m., evening service at 6 p.m.)
- Dec. 22, Church Christmas Decorating after 11:45 a.m. Mass
- Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Vigil Masses, 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. with Bishop Larry J. Kulick
- Dec. 25, Christmas Day Mass, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

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 | \$ 788,506 | \$ 742,918 | \$ 785,435 |
| Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i> | 6,668 | 5,812 | 5,834 |
| Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i> | 173,374 | 176,723 | 149,926 |
| Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund | 128,623 | 177,614 | 125,831 |
| Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i> | 120,104 | 78,350 | 132,195 |
| Special Collections | 88,040 | 129,867 | 97,871 |
| Total Income | \$ 1,305,315 | \$ 1,311,284 | \$ 1,297,092 |
| Expenses | | | |
| Administration | \$ 255,323 | \$ 279,658 | \$ 259,757 |
| Church | 198,590 | 110,085 | 110,899 |
| Rectory | 51,035 | 97,581 | 54,319 |
| Education and Ministry | 176,459 | 179,956 | 150,000 |
| General Expenses | 353,959 | 349,446 | 356,277 |
| Special Collections | 89,853 | 131,328 | 83,323 |
| Extraordinary Expenses | 115,837 | 38,662 | 79,096 |
| Total Expenditures | 1,241,056 | 1,186,716 | 1,093,671 |
| Net Operating Income (Loss) | \$ 64,259 | \$ 124,568 | \$ 203,421 |

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2022: 1,477
2021: 1,503
2020: 1,542

Current Single Member Households

456



Baptisms

2022: 28
2021: 21
2020: 17

Weddings

2022: 22
2021: 19
2020: 16



Funerals

2022: 44
2021: 44
2020: 50



Our Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Homebound Ministry
- Greeters
- Lectors
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Ushers
- Prayer Chain
- Bethlehem Project
- Ministry of Care
- Money Counters
- Bereavement Support

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters and catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-834-3710 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we completed sealing of the parking lot and replacement of the lighting over the Stations of the Cross, the rectory air conditioning and heating systems, and the Formation Center roof, as well as important ongoing maintenance of the church air conditioning system and the organ pipe cabinets.



Ways You Can Give



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IN PERSON:
Monday - Friday - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM



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