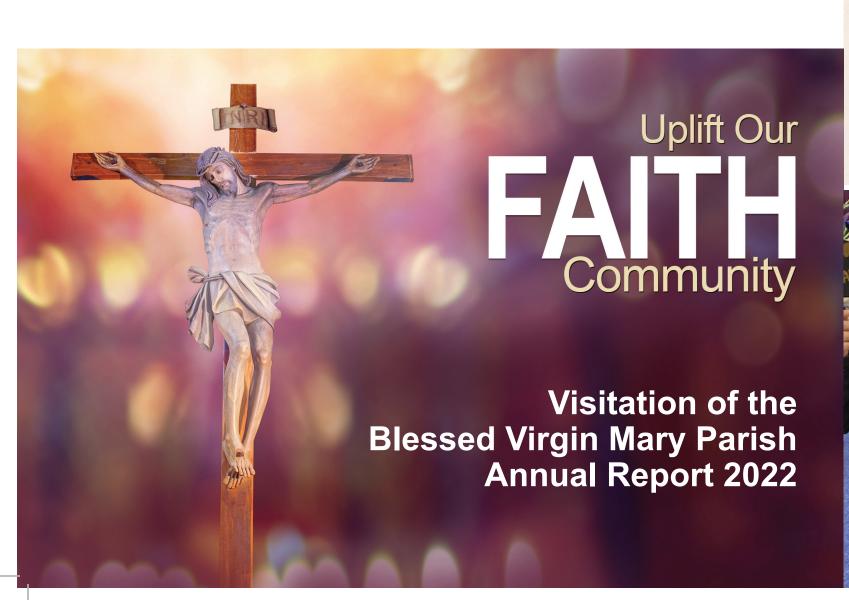
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#### **Dear Parishioners,**

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 has come back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Mass attendance is rebounding and our outreach is revived!

If you, too, are in need of a revival, consider this a personal invitation to reunite with the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith. When you are ready, I welcome you to once again experience His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist as we attend Mass together in Visitation Church.

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. Every contribution you make of your time, talent and treasure allows us to grow as a parish family.

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

Yours in Christ,

**Father Paul** 



## **Sources of Hope:**

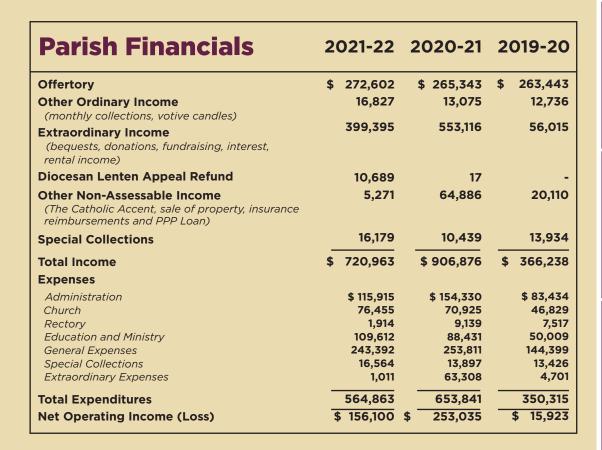
The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this year. The record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal supported outreach to our parishioners and our community. As the number of homeless rises in Western Pennsylvania, we will continue to need your support.

Thankfully our parish, and particularly our societies are once again able to fundraise. This year, our summer festival was a great success, with more than 200 people attending! It was wonderful to see so many people gathering as a community again.

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

- November Night of Refection, "Holy Name of Jesus"
- Pierogi Sale
- Bake Sale
- Candy Sale

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.



# **Our Parish** by the **Numbers:**



2022: 558 2021: 560 2020: 572

**Current** Single Member **Households** 



**Baptisms** 2022: 5 2021: 5 2020: 8

Weddings 2022:5 2021:2 2020:4





**Funerals** 2022: 21 2021: 32 2020: 22





### **Our Ministries:**

- Altar Server
- Faith Formation Leaders
- Youth Ministry
- Choir
- Cantor
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Funeral Altar Servers
- Homebound Ministry
- Ushers
- Lectors
- Greeters

- Money Counters
- Kitchen Crew
- Baptism Prep
- Marriage Prep
- Sacramental Prep
- RCIA Team **Organizations:**
- Christian Mothers
- Rosary Altar Society
- First Catholic Slovak **Ladies Association**
- Knights of Columbus

We are blessed with many ministries and parish organizations! The service and care our ministries offer cannot be done without the gift of time, talent and treasure. Please prayerfully consider how your gifts can serve our community, and call the parish office at 724-547-1911 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 have repaired and painted the grotto, remodeled the school hall and restroom, air conditioned the church, installed the Lady of Fatima statue in our back yard, and repaired the front doors of the Church.







### **Ways You Can Give**



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12:30 PM - 3:00 PM



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