

**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled *thanks*GIVING for Our Blessings. I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

Among our many blessings, let me begin with the youth of our parish, the next generation of Christ's disciples, the future of our Church. Currently, we are working on a new and innovative curriculum for faith formation to transmit the faith through unforgettable experiences that move our children toward the Holy Spirit.

Our blessings include numerous impactful ministries in our parish that engage many volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor and the elderly. Please read through our ministry listing and consider becoming part of this transformative work. We can always use more help!

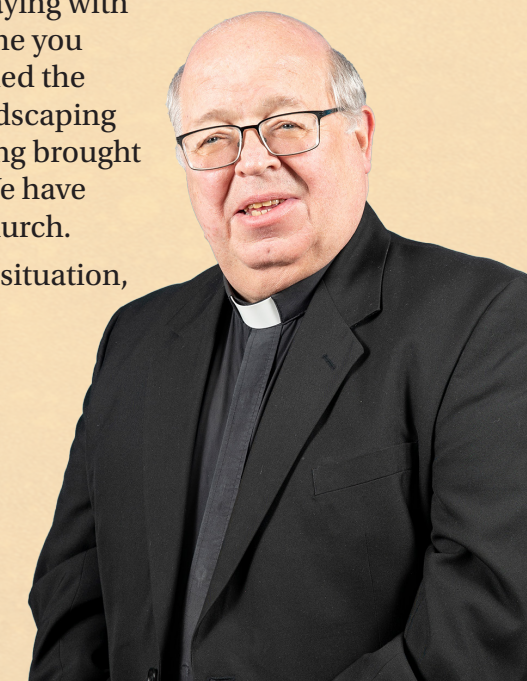
Let me also mention our parish festivals and purse bash bingo, which serve to support the parish and to foster a sense of joyous community spirit while always supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

You, yourself, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish through your generous donations. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the work underway. In our parking lot we have finished the installation of the fence and the related site work. Some upgrades to the landscaping around the church property have been completed. The heavy rains this spring brought about an unexpected project, repointing some of the brick on the church. We have completed the first and most critical phase of this project, the front of the church.

Now I am asking you, with prayerful consideration to your current financial situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude to God for the good work being done here. Or, if you are able, perhaps you will increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

For your convenience, we've included a GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Of course, traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well.

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Paul Lisik**



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# Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with your fellow parishioners by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **Upcoming: Annual Fall Dinner, Rosary Altar Society Annual Holiday Bake Sale**
- **October 24 – Prayer and Perfect Pairings, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.**  
A five-course meal and wine pairings with recipes from Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Father Christopher J. Pujol, Father Andrew J. Hamilton, Father John Torres and Father Daniel E. Carr; proceeds benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg (tickets: [DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings)).
- **November 21 – Christian Mothers Meeting with Sommelier Joe Bello (all members welcome)**
- **December 7 – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, 9:30 AM, Saint Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon.** Free event with brunch, photos with Saint Nicholas, an art project and a show about cultural versions of Saint Nicholas (details available in November: [DioceseofGreensburg.org](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org)).
- **December 14 – Christmas Night Market, 2-9 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.** Food and craft vendors, cards, gift and décor booths, 4 PM Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick and the Diocesan Youth Choir, artist Pipka Ulvilden with her Blessed Mother and Nativity creations, Christmas cookies, and wine tastings (details: [ChristmasNightMarket.org](https://ChristmasNightMarket.org)).
- **March 2 – Purse Bash Bingo (tickets make great Christmas gifts and will be available in December)**



## Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 551  
2023: 552  
2022: 558

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households

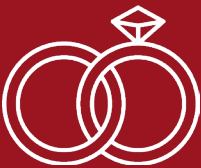
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Baptisms  
2024: 7  
2023: 6  
2022: 5

Weddings

2024: 4  
2023: 3  
2022: 5



Funerals  
2024: 18  
2023: 18  
2022: 21

Households that Give

345

Households that Don't Give

200

## New to Our Parish

We welcomed over the past year four new Parochial Vicars: Father Peter Guardiano, Father Edwin Rubido, Father Craig Alexander and Father John Torres. Father Peter and Father Edwin come to us from the Philippines through the International Priests' Program. Father Craig and Father John are two of the newly ordained priests in our Diocese. Both attended Saint Vincent Seminary, graduating last spring. Father Craig is from Highspire, near Harrisburg, and Father John is a native of Sao Palo, Brazil. Now they both call the Diocese of Greensburg home.

Theresa Turner and Mary Allison joined our staff last November. Theresa is our Office Assistant overseeing the clearance records. Mary is our Regional Faith Formation Director responsible for all aspects of Faith Formation in our eight regional parishes. Our newest staff member is Melissa Swift, who takes over as organist/music director. Melissa comes to us with a great deal of experience in Catholic music ministry. We also offer congratulations and thanks to our longtime music director, Sheryl Nagy, who retired on June 30 after 20 years in our churches.



### Giving With Gratitude



We are excited to showcase our GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well. You can visit our website, stop by in person, or mail your gift.



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Thursday  
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[mpcatholicchurches.org](https://mpcatholicchurches.org) (choose Visitation)  
then click the “online giving” button

## Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 272,782	\$ 253,613	\$ 272,602
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	48,922	46,184	16,827
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	119,959	97,205	399,395
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	6,205	4,220	10,689
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	13,023	13,521	5,271
<b>Special Collections</b>	11,866	9,177	16,179
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 472,757</b>	<b>\$ 423,920</b>	<b>\$ 720,963</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 86,558	\$ 91,457	\$ 115,915
Church	53,531	47,440	76,455
Rectory	2,806	2,139	1,914
Education and Ministry	66,987	96,299	109,612
General Expenses	178,779	199,465	243,392
Special Collections	11,876	9,182	16,564
Extraordinary Expenses*	94,472	311,453	1,011
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>495,009</b>	<b>757,435</b>	<b>564,863</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (22,252)</b>	<b>\$ (333,515)</b>	<b>\$ 156,100</b>

\*Includes \$300,000 added to CI Reserve for FY23 & repairs to parish building of \$75,480 in FY24.

## 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 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 724-547-1911 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.*

