

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish
c/o 109 Owens View Avenue
Apollo, PA 15613

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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual report titled "*thanksGIVING* 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 our college students, 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!

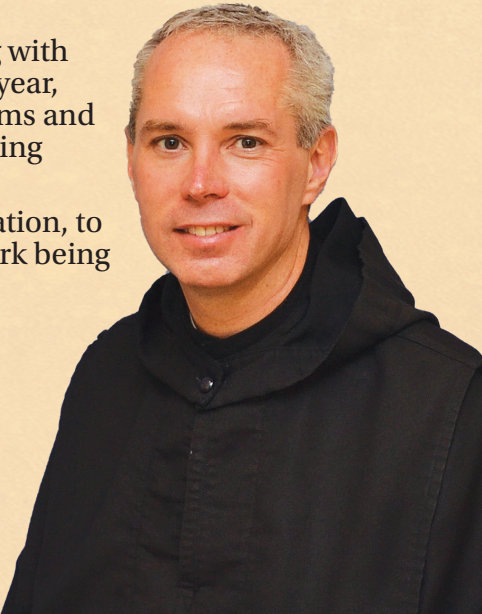
Let me also mention our parish activities, which foster a sense of joyous community spirit while always supporting our mission to grow in faith and service. These activities include our adult Bible study, corn hole evenings, monthly kids fests, teenage events, paint nights, Late Night Catechism sessions, Tapping Theology rounds and so much more.

You, yourself, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish through your generous donations. Within the past year, these contributions have helped us to replaster and paint the former rectory rooms and hallways, repoint the former rectory chimney, and purchase a new air-conditioning system for the social hall.

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 have 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 Vincent



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Giving QR Code

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Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **Bimonthly bingo; monthly rummage sales**
- **October 16 and November 6 – Tapping Theology rounds**
- **October 20 and December 8 – Kids Fests**
- **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).**
- **November 25 and December 2 – Late Night Catechism sessions**
- **December 1 – Advent Anointing Service**
- **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).**
- **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).**
- **December 22 – Tree trim**

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 119,062	\$ 104,093	\$ 92,794
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,267	4,174	1,846
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	87,648	69,577	57,265
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	17,152	7,153	4,268
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	5,536	9,628	38,028
Special Collections	15,335	16,594	7,673
Total Income	\$ 247,000	\$ 211,219	\$ 201,874
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 37,823	\$ 33,757	\$ 33,032
Church	28,669	27,885	47,370
Rectory	7,792	1,573	1,750
Education and Ministry	21,444	20,294	17,573
General Expenses	92,806	85,964	75,269
Special Collections	19,346	14,773	6,099
Extraordinary Expenses*	36,011	20,911	23,849
Total Expenditures	207,880	205,157	204,942
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 39,120	\$ 6,062	\$ (3,068)

*Includes the purchase of a new air-conditioning system for the social hall

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 192
2023: 189
2022: 197

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households

113



Baptisms
2024: 4
2023: 0
2022: 1

Weddings

2024: 2
2023: 0
2022: 1



Funerals
2024: 7
2023: 14
2022: 13

Households that Give

121

Households that Don't Give

68

New to Our Parish



Tina Komarinski has been named the full-time Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship for our area. She will provide leadership in adult spirituality, Christian discipleship, children's catechesis and youth ministry. We welcome Tina to our parishes and region and assure her of our prayers and support as she serves God's people in this important ministry.



Giving With Gratitude



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IN PERSON:
Monday – Thursday – 9:00 AM – NOON,
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM – NOON, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



ONLINE:
evcatholic.org

Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Cantors
- Adult Choir
- Lectors/Readers
- Ushers
- Instrumentalists
- Children's Activities
- Christian Mothers
- Ministry of Mothers
- Young Adult Ministry
- Funeral Ministry
- Ministry of the Sick
- Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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 724-478-4958 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

