

Christ, Prince of Peace Parish
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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 have been privileged to be your Pastor for over three years now, and I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

Among our many blessings, let me begin by drawing your attention to the youth of our parish, who are the next generation of Christ's disciples and the future of our Church. Currently we are in the process of adapting toward a regional faith formation model in order to provide the most effective and impactful experiences possible in transmitting the faith to our children and young people.

Some of the highlights from this past year include the restoration of the church organ, which we have been unable to use for the past five years due to construction projects and delays with work in the choir loft area. We were also able to replace the chiller for the air conditioning system in the church this summer. The long-awaited new cushions for the pews and sanctuary furnishings also arrived this summer; this was one of our DLA projects for this year, and the LCBA also generously contributed.

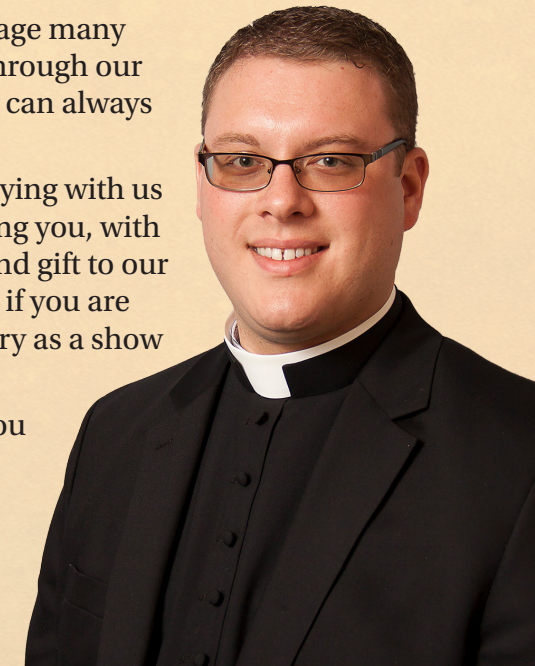
Bishop Larry J. Kulick recently dedicated a new vocations chapel at Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Kittanning during a Mass for the Assumption, with a reception afterward in thanksgiving for the many priestly vocations that have come from our region and our parish in the past several years. These include Father Tyler J. Bandura, Father Andrew J. Hamilton and myself, as well as our newest seminarian, Eli Halutick.

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!

All of you are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass and praying with us and supporting the parish through your generous donations. 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 may be willing to increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has given 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.

Gratefully in Christ,
Father Dinga



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Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **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).
- **December 6** – 4th Annual “Rorate” (candlelight) Mass for Advent at 7:00 PM.
- **December 8** – Solemn Evening Prayer and Blessing of Saint Cecilia Window. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will bless the reinstalled Saint Cecilia window in the choir loft and rededicate the restored organ.
- **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).

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 492
2023: 462
2022: 397

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



244



Baptisms
2024: 14
2023: 16
2022: 24

Weddings

2024: 11
2023: 7
2022: 8



Funerals
2024: 27
2023: 12
2022: 27

Households that Give

418

Households that Don't Give

74

New to Our Parish



While we have already been privileged to work with her as our parish Faith Formation Director for the past three years, we were pleased to welcome, as of July 1 of this year, Katie Tylinski

as our newly appointed Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship, which encompasses the five parishes in our Deanery: Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning; Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro; Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City; Saint Lawrence Parish, Cadogan; and Saint Patrick Parish, Brady's Bend.



Giving With Gratitude



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IN PERSON:
Monday - Thursday - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



ONLINE:
fccatholic.org
(click on Online Giving)

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 370,605	\$ 358,641	\$ 323,444
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	5,342	5,414	4,825
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	22,398	42,709	30,465
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	35,844	40,174	7,702
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	24,446	14,659	2,247
Special Collections	30,629	35,623	28,036
Total Income	\$ 489,264	\$ 497,220	\$ 396,719
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 110,692	\$ 101,474	\$ 93,101
Church	91,430	104,446	86,143
Rectory	15,362	28,508	20,067
Education and Ministry	64,932	49,492	54,076
General Expenses	153,757	163,056	156,485
Special Collections	15,834	36,496	17,621
Extraordinary Expenses	38,888	41,152	39,948
Total Expenditures	490,895	524,624	467,441
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,631)	\$ (27,404)	\$ (70,722)

Our Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Lector
- Usher
- Minister of Hospitality
- Youth/Young Adult Ministry Volunteer
- Prayer Chain
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Legion of Mary
- Collection Counter
- Faith Formation Volunteer
- Choir/Cantor
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Bereavement Committee
- Ministry to the Homebound
- Maintenance Committee
- Decorating Committee
- Knights of Columbus
- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Loyal Christian Benefit Association (LCBA)
- RCIA Team
- Book Club

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 724-763-9141 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

