

**Saint Cecilia Parish**  
118 Church Street  
Brownsville, PA 15417

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## Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanks*GIVING for God's Blessings." After a year of being with you, I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication.

With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time and talents to strengthening our faith community, like our building and grounds maintenance crew and the Christian Mothers, who worked a lot during the whole year, or the homebound ministry that provides hope and spiritual healing. This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will prompt you to get involved. Many others are feeling the call to service!

With gratitude to our able parish staff, take notice of the work they have been doing to light a fire for Christ in the hearts and minds of our parishioners. You may have heard that a National Eucharistic Revival is underway, which means our staff members are part of a grassroots effort to share the gift of the Eucharist. They are helping to build the foundation for the future of our Church!

With gratitude to each of you who attends Mass, offers prayers, participates in events and donates to the parish, take a look at the many ways you impact the culture and vitality of our parish. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the work done to repair the church ceiling. Of course, we met our parish target to save financially for the rainy days. The social hall flooring was a huge project last year; for a small church like us, we are taking advantage of this homey place to build our Christian fellowship.

Living a life rooted in gratitude requires us to express our thanks. And so I ask you, with prayerful consideration to your current situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude 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.

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Efren Ambre**



*thanks*  
**GIVING**  
For God's Blessings



Giving QR Code

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Annual Report 2023**





# Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- November 5 – Spaghetti Dinner
- November 19 and December 17 – Pumpkin Roll and Pumpkin Pie Sale
- November 11 – The Last Supper and the Gift of the Eucharist, plus a Conference and Holy Hour, 9 AM-noon, Saint Mary’s Hall
- November 13-22 – Nine-day Novena Mass begins in honor of Saint Cecilia, whose feast we celebrate November 22, 6 PM
- December 17 – Breakfast with Santa, 8 AM-1 PM, Saint Mary’s Hall



# Our Parish by the Numbers:



## Registered Households

2023: 176  
2022: 173  
2021: 177

## Current Single Member Households

98



## Baptisms

2023: 2  
2022: 3  
2021: 2

## Weddings

2023: 0  
2022: 0  
2021: 1



## Funerals

2023: 8  
2022: 27  
2021: 49



## Giving With Gratitude

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Friday – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[stpeterstcecilia.org](http://stpeterstcecilia.org)

## Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 109,219	\$ 99,620	\$ 95,414
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,357	977	858
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	3,058	(125)	270
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	19,443	14,033	17,230
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	154	1,564	232
<b>Special Collections</b>	6,536	11,418	21,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 139,767</b>	<b>\$ 127,487</b>	<b>\$ 135,544</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 34,982	\$ 23,693	\$ 21,950
Church	10,675	26,012	18,647
Rectory	885	1,335	1,600
Education and Ministry	15,016	13,231	14,354
General Expenses	77,990	55,172	58,068
Special Collections	6,305	11,418	21,500
Extraordinary Expenses	-	1,110	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>145,853</b>	<b>131,971</b>	<b>136,119</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (6,086)</b>	<b>\$ (4,484)</b>	<b>\$ (575)</b>

## Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Bereavement Ministry groups
- Liturgical Ministries
- Ushers
- Welcoming Ministry and Hospitality Ministry
- Social Service Organizations
- Social Service Ministry
- Helping Hands Ministry
- Sacramental Formation Ministry

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 724-785-7781 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

