

**Saint Barbara 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. For 10 years, I have witnessed firsthand God's generosity revealed through the members of Saint Barbara Parish. I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

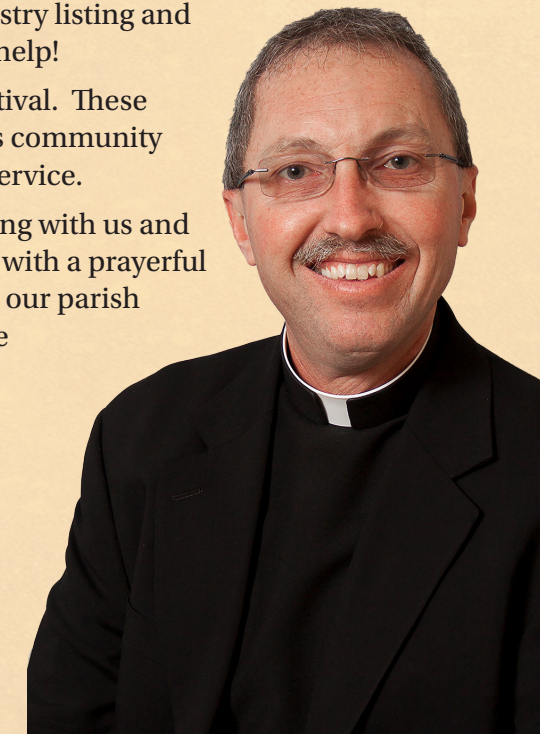
Among our many blessings, let me begin with the youth and young adults of our parish, the next generation of Christ's disciples, the future of our Church. We are blessed to have a great Adult Core Team that makes possible this exciting work. They invite both youth and young adults to enter more deeply a relationship with Jesus, help them to be formed as disciples and provide them the resources to share with others the goodness of God.

Our blessings include numerous impactful ministries in our parish that engage many volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor and the elderly. We are also blessed to provide an ever-growing number of social experiences that build the bonds of community. 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 monthly bingo, Lenten fish fry and annual parish festival. These activities not only serve to support our parish, but they foster a sense of joyous community spirit. Those who share in this work support 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. Now, I must ask you, with a prayerful consideration of your current financial situation, to consider 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 Michael**

*thanks*  
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**Saint Barbara Parish  
Annual Report 2024**

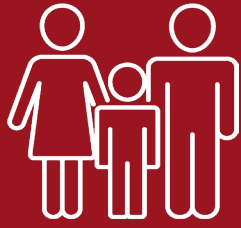


# Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- Every Saturday – Tiny Disciples, 9-11 AM
- 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](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings)).
- Nov. 3 – Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, after all morning Masses
- Nov. 4 – All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance, 7 PM, in commemoration of all who have died from our parish, with a light reception afterward
- Nov. 15-Dec. 8 – Sharing and Caring Project to benefit the needy in Penn Township (select a tag from Christmas tree and return gifts by Dec. 8)
- Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service and Meal, 6 PM, sponsored by the Penn-Trafford Ministerium
- Dec. 4 – Praise and Adore, 7 PM, with prayer, song, and adoration
- 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](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org)).
- Dec. 8 – Christmas Donut Sunday with live music, after all morning Masses.
- Dec. 8 – Living Nativity, 6 PM. Reflective walk-through, sponsored by Youth Ministry, featuring live music and actor portrayals, with cookies, crafts and entertainment in the social hall.
- 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](http://ChristmasNightMarket.org)).
- Dec. 14-15 – Ladies Guild Holiday Bake Sale, after all Masses

## Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 2,401  
2023: 2,382  
2022: 2,401

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



573



Baptisms  
2024: 44  
2023: 40  
2022: 36

Weddings

2024: 7  
2023: 6  
2022: 12



Funerals  
2024: 37  
2023: 55  
2022: 43

Households that Give

1,076

Households that Don't Give

1,325

## New to Our Parish

Last fall we welcomed Ihor and Iryna Romakh to Saint Barbara Parish. They are natives of Kyiv, Ukraine. Together with almost 300,000 other residents of that country, they fled to the United States in search of a better life. They are both fluent in Ukrainian. However, their mastery of the English language is outstanding.

Ihor is responsible for general maintenance and repairs. Iryna handles the cleaning of all parish facilities. They both possess a wide variety of skills and abilities. By profession, Iryna is an accountant. Ihor served for eight years as the Deputy Director of Construction for a firm that specialized in water and sewer supplies and gas pipelines. He also has broad experience in all areas of general construction.

Recently, we also (officially) welcomed to our parish Amelia Steele. Amelia is a lifelong parishioner of Saint Barbara Parish. She has served in a wide variety of ministries, services and activities. However, she now serves as the Regional Director of Youth Ministry and Discipleship. In this work, she provides leadership for all our efforts to help youth and young adults grow in a deeper relationship with the Lord.



## Giving With Gratitude



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appreciated as well. You can visit our website, stop by in person, or mail your gift.



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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Thursday – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Friday – 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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

## Parish Financials

|   | 2023-24      | 2022-23      | 2021-22      |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Offertory</b>  | \$ 1,112,998 | \$ 1,040,467 | \$ 1,047,567 |
| <b>Other Ordinary Income</b><br><i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>  | 8,679        | 7,662        | 12,644       |
| <b>Extraordinary Income</b><br><i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>                           | 198,009      | 150,717      | 129,313      |
| <b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>  | 104,729      | 188,732      | 21,694       |
| <b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b><br><i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i> | 310,571      | 426,839      | 180,956      |
| <b>Special Collections</b>  | 122,759      | 147,421      | 221,530      |
| <b>Total Income</b>   | \$ 1,857,745 | \$ 1,961,838 | \$ 1,613,704 |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |              |              |              |
| Administration  | \$ 356,829   | \$ 333,756   | \$ 311,541   |
| Church  | 235,244      | 341,604      | 67,280       |
| Rectory   | 20,873       | 37,055       | 11,762       |
| Education and Ministry  | 376,407      | 442,326      | 349,931      |
| General Expenses  | 529,027      | 492,763      | 476,137      |
| Special Collections   | 123,552      | 143,701      | 215,325      |
| Extraordinary Expenses  | 176,926      | 254,847      | 205,908      |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>   | 1,818,858    | 2,046,052    | 1,637,884    |
| <b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>  | \$ 38,887    | \$ (84,214)  | \$ (24,180)  |

## Our Ministries:



- Liturgical Ministers - Altar Servers, Lectors, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
- Music Ministry - Choirs, cantors, and instrumentalists.
- Homebound/Nursing Home Ministry
- Faith Formation Catechists/Youth Ministry Team/Young Adults
- Prayer Blankets
- Bereavement Team
- St. Barbara Food Pantry
- Kentucky Project
- Haiti Outreach Ministry

- Thanksgiving Outreach
- Adoration Committee
- Knights of Columbus Council 14078
- Catholic Men's Fellowship
- Ladies Guild
- American Heritage Girls
- Trail Life
- Social Committee
- Tiny Disciples
- Bikin' with Sikon
- Wine Wednesdays

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 724-744-7474 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.