

**Saint Mary, Our Lady
of Guadalupe Parish**
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Kittanning, PA 16201

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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." Although I am new to the parish, 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.

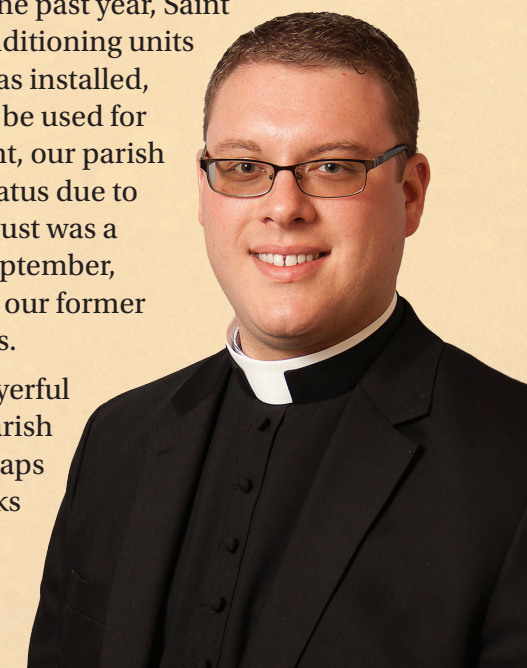
With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time and talents to strengthening our faith community. This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will prompt you to become involved and join the others who are feeling the call to service.

I am truly grateful to our parish staff for the many ways they inspire the hearts and minds of our parishioners through their dedicated efforts, and in particular the welcome and assistance they have given to me as the new Pastor. As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, our staff members are part of a grassroots effort to share the importance of promoting greater awareness and understanding of the gift of the Eucharist in the life of our Church. A concrete example of this was the planning and organization of the Eucharistic Procession that took place through the Kittanning Riverfront Park on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

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. Within the past year, Saint Mary Parish Center received a total roof replacement, and the heating and air conditioning units were repaired at Saint Mary Parish Hall. In addition, a new audio-visual system was installed, including multimedia laser projector, portable speakers and retractable screen to be used for faith formation and other parish functions at Saint Mary Parish Hall. This past Lent, our parish was grateful to be able to resume the in-person Lenten fish dinners following a hiatus due to the pandemic. Our parish participation at the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival in August was a huge success thanks to the help of many parish volunteers. At the beginning of September, we were privileged to welcome back for Mass and a reception Bishop Medil Aseo, our former Parochial Vicar, and the current Bishop of the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines.

Living a life rooted in gratitude requires us to express our thanks. And so with prayerful consideration to your current situation, I ask you 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 may also wish to increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

Yours in Christ,
Father Dinga



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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:

- **December 1-2 – Holly Berry Fair, Saint Mary Parish Hall**
- **Wish Tree Project – during Advent**



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2023: 645
2022: 668
2021: 678

Current Single Member Households

242



Baptisms

2023: 6
2022: 11
2021: 7

Weddings

2023: 3
2022: 3
2021: 4



Funerals

2023: 24
2022: 20
2021: 19

New to Our Parish

New to our parish this year is Father Eric J. Dinga, V.F., who became Pastor of Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro, effective August 31. He was installed by Bishop Larry J. Kulick here in Kittanning on October 3. Father Dinga remains Pastor of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, and Saint Lawrence Parish, Cadogan, as well as Vicar Forane of Deanery I.

We are also pleased to welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Father Juanito G. Lozano, who is one of our new international priests from the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines. Father Nito began his time with us on Aug. 31 and resides at the rectory here at Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.

In March, we welcomed two new staff members at the parish: Bernadette Boylan, Office Assistant, and Patricia Peterson, Custodian/Housekeeper.



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.



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IN PERSON:
Monday – Thursday – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



ONLINE:
stmarykittanning.org

Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 363,921	\$ 334,482	\$ 309,689
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,052	4,758	5,282
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	217,440	150,611	121,078
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	32,635	33,193	34,115
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	35,336	20,682	51,780
Special Collections	24,862	37,580	49,795
Total Income	\$ 677,246	\$ 581,306	\$ 571,739
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 115,938	\$ 106,243	\$ 128,989
Church	61,951	53,572	55,952
Rectory	5,244	6,981	8,782
Education and Ministry	63,018	58,014	57,883
General Expenses	192,053	186,126	169,600
Special Collections	24,602	37,331	49,528
Extraordinary Expenses	166,474	84,093	36,810
Total Expenditures	629,280	532,360	507,544
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 47,966	\$ 48,946	\$ 64,195



Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Adult Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers to the Sick and Homebound
- Lectors
- Ministers of Hospitality & Greeters
- Music Ministries
- Ushers
- Sunday Rosary Ministry
- Arts and Environment Ministry
- Church Cleaning Team Ministry
- Saint Mary Parish Hall Events Ministry
- Funeral Luncheon Ministry
- Catholic Men's Fellowship 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 724-548-7649 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.