

**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 *thanksGIVING* for Our Blessings. I have been privileged to be your Pastor for a little over a year 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 summer include our parish apple dumpling booth and participation at the Fort Armstrong Folk Festival, which takes place each year and serves to support the parish and to foster a sense of joyful spirit for the wider community while always supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

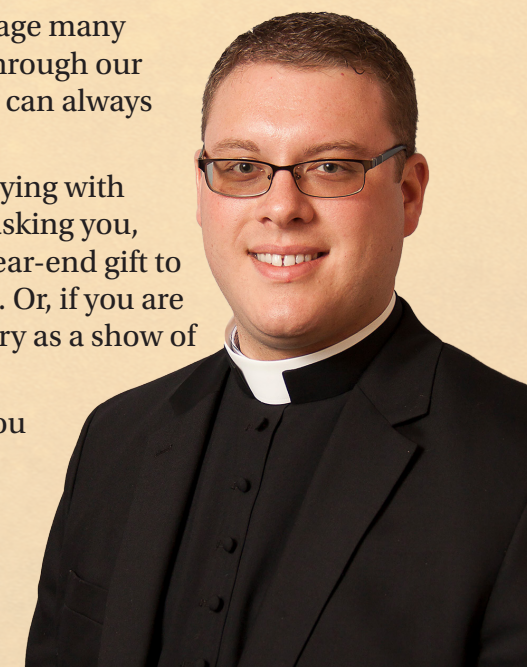
I hope that you have had the chance to notice the work that was recently completed with the interior deep cleaning of the church building, which was one of our major Diocesan Lenten Appeal projects for this year. In addition, Bishop Larry J. Kulick recently dedicated a new chapel of prayer for vocations at our parish during a Mass for the Assumption with a reception afterward in thanksgiving for the many priestly vocations that have come from our region in past years.

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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Annual Report 2024**

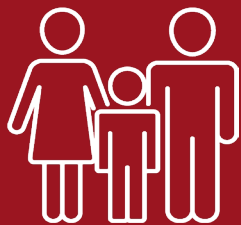


Become an Intentional Disciple

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).
- **During Advent - Wish Tree Project** for children in need
- **December 6 - Regional Opportunity**, 4th Annual "Rorate" (candlelight) Mass for Advent at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City on December 6 at 7 PM.
- **December 7 - Holly Berry Fair**, 9 AM-5 PM, St. Mary Parish Hall. Theme Basket Raffle, Christmas Greens and Things, Used Christmas Items, Bake Sale, Vegetable Beef Soup & Bread Sale, Money Raffle, Surprise Packages for Children, Breakfast with Santa and Children's Games 9:30-11 AM, Lunch menu 12-3 PM, Bingo 1-4 PM.
- **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: 633
2023: 645
2022: 668

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



238



Baptisms
2024: 6
2023: 6
2022: 11

Weddings

2024: 0
2023: 3
2022: 3



Funerals
2024: 23
2023: 24
2022: 20

Households that Give

332

Households that Don't Give

301

New to Our Parish



We were pleased to welcome, as of July 1 this year, Ms. Katie Tylinski as our newly appointed Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship, which encompasses the five parishes in our Deanery: St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe,



Kittanning; St. Mary, Mother of God, Yatesboro; Christ Prince of Peace, Ford City; St. Lawrence, Cadogan; St. Patrick, Brady's Bend.

Giving With Gratitude



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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

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.



Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 367,586	\$ 363,921	\$ 334,482
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,608	3,052	4,758
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	282,897	217,440	150,611
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund*	123,870	32,635	33,193
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	46,187	35,336	20,682
Special Collections	116,751	24,862	37,580
Total Income	\$ 941,898	\$ 677,246	\$ 581,306
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 140,386	\$ 115,938	\$ 106,243
Church	79,666	61,951	53,572
Rectory	10,869	5,244	6,981
Education and Ministry	69,761	63,018	58,014
General Expenses	208,194	192,053	186,126
Special Collections	116,458	24,602	37,331
Extraordinary Expenses	219,483	166,474	84,093
Total Expenditures	844,817	629,280	532,360
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 97,081	\$ 47,966	\$ 48,946

*Includes a one-time special DLA donation from a deceased parishioner.