

Saint Margaret Mary Parish
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Dear Saint Margaret Mary Parishioner,

I am happy to present you with this year’s Parish Annual Report titled “*thanks*GIVING for God’s Blessings.” I am thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon our beautiful church community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication.

With thankful 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 parish faith community, like our homebound ministry that provides hope and spiritual healing through the reception of Holy Communion.

With gratitude to our 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 – the epicenter of our Catholic faith.

We are also blessed and are grateful to have a beautiful church campus in which we celebrate Mass and participate in the various ways in which we are working hard and together to celebrate our faith and share our “Jesus” with all, in a comfortable church building. As you are aware just from maintaining your home, the luxury of a comfortable place to call home demands a lot of effort and expense.

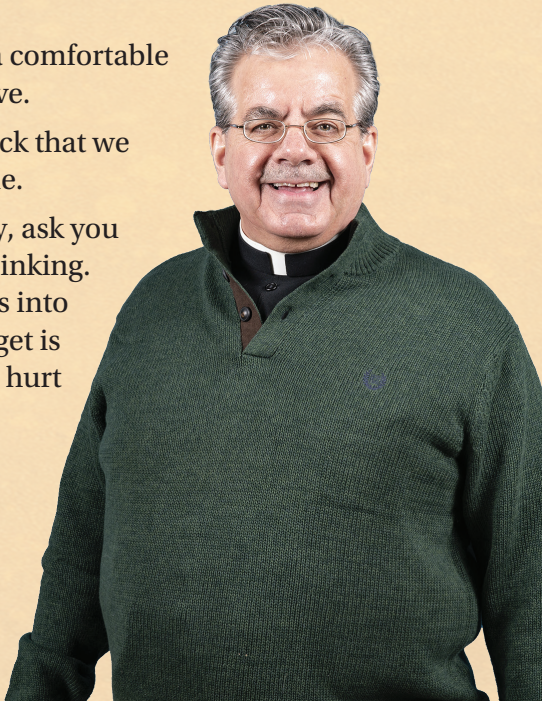
As our beautiful parish community works hard to generate and grow our faith in a comfortable place we call our home parish, our efforts and expenses to maintain it are extensive.

As we work to increase the time and talent of our parishioners, it comes as no shock that we also need to grow the gifts given by all of you to maintain our physical parish home.

I would like to softly touch your heart as I, on behalf of our beautiful parish family, ask you to increase your weekly offertory to our parish. By how much, you are probably thinking. The answer is simple: a \$3 to \$5 weekly increase would be perfect, if it perfectly fits into your budget. Everywhere you go, prices are up, and the attack on your family budget is occurring all the time. If you can increase your gift to our parish without putting a hurt on your family, by \$3 to \$5 a week, that would be appreciated. If you cannot, that would be understood.

I thank you for what you have done, and I thank you ahead of time for prayerfully reflecting on your ability or inability to increase your offertory gift. Your help, if that be possible, helps us to maintain our campus which houses the foundational activities of our faith.

In God’s Gentle Hand,
The Very Reverend Kenneth G. Zaccagnini, VF



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For God’s Blessings



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Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **November 6-10 –Nut and Apricot Roll Sale**
- **December 15 – “KNOW HIM: Saint Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist,” 10 AM and 2 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **December 16 – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, 9:30 AM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**
- **December 16 – Christmas Night Market, 3-8 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg**



Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2023: 1,107
2022: 1,077
2021: 1,074

Current Single Member Households

343



Baptisms

2023: 34
2022: 32
2021: 33

Weddings

2023: 2
2022: 8
2021: 6



Funerals

2023: 58
2022: 66
2021: 78



New to Our Parish

Two new Parochial Vicars joined Saint Margaret Mary Parish this year.

Father Elpidio Gutierrez Alcontin is from the Diocese of Tagum, Davao del Norte, in the Phillipines. He was ordained a priest in 2010. Before coming to the United States, he was the Administrator of St. Rosario Quasi-Parish and an Administrator of Via, Veritas et Vita Diocesan Retreat House of Tagum.

Father Joel Avenido Sayson is from Davao City in the Phillipines. He was ordained a priest in 1997. Before coming to the United States, he was a Parochial Vicar for four years, a Pastor for 20 years and a school administrator for three years.

We would like to welcome Father Elpidio and Father Joel to Saint Margaret Mary Parish. We are so happy they are here with us!



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 – Friday
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



ONLINE:
smmlb.org

Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 974,048	\$ 977,736	\$ 1,037,049
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	8,318	6,351	3,657
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	174,712	139,092	137,491
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	33,149	68,741	30,070
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	51,771	25,456	107,202
Special Collections	32,906	38,598	50,231
Total Income	\$ 1,274,904	\$1,255,974	\$ 1,365,700
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 233,900	\$ 206,147	\$ 253,707
Church	149,466	225,743	143,627
Rectory	31,342	5,659	8,343
Education and Ministry	157,990	175,771	166,248
General Expenses	437,607	443,644	455,765
Special Collections	35,406	38,598	50,410
Extraordinary Expenses	379,669	173,973	220,502
Total Expenditures	1,425,380	1,269,535	1,298,602
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (150,476)	\$ (13,561)	\$ 67,098
Added to Savings	264,839		
Total Operating Income	\$ 114,363		

Our Ministries:

- Bible Study
- Food Bank
- Haiti Project
- Homebound Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Parish Office Volunteers
- Prayer Chain
- Quilting Group
- Social Committee



We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically for the technology team and individuals who can assist with our faith formation and youth ministry programs. Please call the parish office today at 724-335-2336 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

