

Saint Francis of Assisi 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. Although I am new to the parish, as your administrator, 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 of our parish, the next generation of Christ's disciples, the future of our Church. Currently, we are working on a new and innovative curriculum for faith formation to transmit the faith through unforgettable experiences that move our children toward the Holy Spirit. Theresa Mazur has been named by the office of Faith, Family and Discipleship as our Regional Director of Faith Formation to oversee its implementation.

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!

Let me also mention our parish festival, which serves to support the parish and to foster a sense of joyous community spirit while always supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

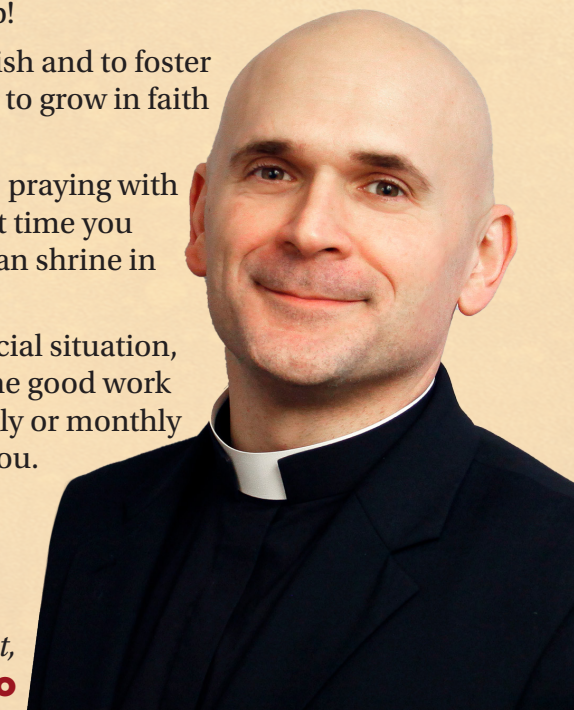
You, yourself, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting the parish through your generous donations. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the work that has been done to beautify the Marian shrine in Masontown as well as the plaster repairs in the choir loft in Footedale.

Now I am asking you, with prayerful consideration of 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 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 Anthony J. Klimko



Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **October 20** – Vendor Show, 10 AM-3 PM, Footedale social hall
- **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).
- **November 2** – All Souls Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, 11 AM, St. Maximilian Kolbe Shrine, Footedale. Bishop Kulick has established a tradition of celebrating Mass on the Feast of All Souls at historic locations of the Diocese for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed.
- **November 4** – Mass of Remembrance for parishioners who have been called home by the Lord, 6 PM, St. Francis of Assisi, Masontown
- **November 10** – Cash Bash, 2 PM, Footedale social hall
- **November 28** – Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9 AM, Footedale
- **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).
- **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).
- **December 22** – Lessons and Carols, 4 PM, Footedale, featuring combined choir and refreshments to follow



Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 499,230	\$ 479,605	\$ 470,812
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	5,193	3,340	6,639
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	151,667	312,927	145,575
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	3,219	25,445	22,100
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	166,433	116,446	5,366
Special Collections	10,156	26,467	44,767
Total Income	\$ 835,898	\$ 964,230	\$ 695,259
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 136,531	\$ 131,721	\$ 107,373
Church	42,329	39,023	42,765
Rectory	13,783	13,976	15,941
Education and Ministry	122,532	103,622	60,125
General Expenses	418,516	424,183	356,056
Special Collections	9,338	26,467	44,767
Extraordinary Expenses	64,977	266,527	39,803
Total Expenditures	808,006	1,005,519	666,830
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 27,892	\$ (41,289)	\$ 28,429

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 605
2023: 573
2022: 657

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



227



Baptisms
2024: 6
2023: 8
2022: 2

Weddings

2024: 3
2023: 2
2022: 2



Funerals
2024: 45
2023: 62
2022: 45

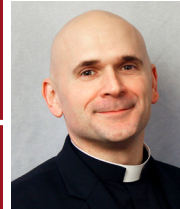
Households that Give

540

Households that Don't Give

65

New to Our Parish



Father Anthony Klimko became the new administrator of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish June 17, 2024. Father Tony grew up in Uniontown, earned a bachelor's degree in applied media arts at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, worked as a graphic designer in Pittsburgh for 12 years and then attended seminary at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He received his degrees in theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University and the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas. He was ordained a priest June 20, 2015, and has served in Clymer, Heilwood, Glen Campbell, Rossiter, Ernest, Fairchance, Point Marion and Uniontown. His grandparents were parishioners of Saint Thomas Parish in Footedale, and his parents were married there.



Father Teodoro Cortezano became Parochial Vicar of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish on June 17, 2024. Father Teo, a priest since 1997, was a parochial vicar and parish priest in the Philippines, spent more than three years as a missionary in the Solomon Islands and served in the Archdiocese of New York from 2015-17. He was formerly Parochial Vicar of Saint Pius X Parish and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Mount Pleasant, Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish, Donegal, Saint Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, and Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish, Delmont, and Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export.



Theresa Mazur became Regional Director of Faith Formation on July 1, 2024. Theresa has been a resident of Uniontown most of her life. She earned a master's degree in physician assistant studies from Seton Hill University and worked in the field for seven years. After much discernment, she went back to Seton Hill and received a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. She was a catechist for 14 years before receiving her degree, then served as Director of Faith Formation for Sacred Heart Parish and Ascension Parish in Jeannette. During the time of COVID, she was offered the position as Youth Minister and transitioned to Director a year later at the Roman Catholic Churches of Uniontown. She is currently back in college to receive a master's degree in pastoral theology. No matter what you ask of her, she fully gives of herself to serve God and the Church.

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 - Friday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



ONLINE:
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Our Ministries:

- Christian Mothers
- Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Faith Formation
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults team
- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Cantors
- Choir
- Greeters
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Hospitality/Outreach Ministry
- Collection Counters
- Church Cleaning
- Gardening (planting, weeding)
- Youth Ministry
- Nursing Homes and Homebound Ministry
- Funeral Altar Servers
- Environment and Art Committee
- Memorial Choir
- Video Ministry
- Sponsor Couples for Marriage
- Baptism Preparation Team
- Adult Formation Team

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 724-583-7866 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.