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Saint Agnes Parish
Annual Report 2025

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a joyful heart and profound gratitude that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. Much has been accomplished in the last year at Saint Agnes Parish, most notably the renovation of Resurrection Hall.

This was an exceptional year of generosity for our parishioners. While funds from our reserves paid to renovate Resurrection Hall as a legacy of the past, parishioners contributed to furnish the renovated space as a pledge for our future. A handful of other individuals contributed more than \$31,000 toward the emergency replacement of 700 feet of gas lines. Both offertory income and contributions to our Diocesan Lenten Appeal have increased; the latter will help with the next big project of renovating the former convent. Meanwhile, parishioners contributed to social outreaches locally, within the Diocese, and far beyond. **We can be proud of our parish!** I certainly felt that tangibly at the Bazaar Worker's Mass and when Bishop Larry J. Kulick came to bless our hall.

As you review the report here presented, some explanation helps to tell the full story. The "bottom line" presents as revenue a net surplus of \$411,591. However, that seeming surplus is made up of money that was withdrawn from our reserve to cover the balance of the Resurrection Hall project, the expected balance of gas line expenditures, this year's operating balance, and some anticipated sewer projects for next year. The cancellation of this year's fish fry reduced our fundraising totals, we had a significant expense for an emergency gas line repair, and we had significant increases in several areas of our general expenses (e.g., insurance, healthcare, utilities, etc.) Thus, even with investment and fundraising income, our ordinary and extraordinary expenses demonstrated an operating deficit in FY 2024-2025.

The good news for next year is that 2025's record-setting bazaar, the return of a fish fry, and other anticipated fundraisers should help to return us to a better financial position.

Similarly, our parish census demonstrates a decrease of 85 households. That is because our office staff has been updating our census to reflect who is here now. We've removed more than 150 families who no longer practice their faith at Saint Agnes Parish. Some were deceased, have moved away, or joined another parish; others have fallen away from the practice of the faith. We ask you to prayerfully consider how you might invite a non-churchgoing Catholic to "come home" by attending Mass with you. This is an important task for each of us, and one that is bearing fruit: in the last year we registered **71 new families** and celebrated an increasing number of baptisms and sacraments. Thus, through your prayers, time as a volunteer, and generosity, we continue to grow as a parish family united in Christ's mission. Look out for information about the Christlife discipleship initiative that will be taking place early in the new year, and please say a prayer right now for those who will be attending.

Looking ahead, we are grateful for your support this year as we also plan for necessary improvements to the sewer system in various parts of our campus and for the renovations to the former convent, which has also been our Diocesan Lenten Appeal case for two years. A Giving QR Code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings remain deeply appreciated as well.

Our parish is a blessing, not only to each other but also to the wider community and Church. Let us move forward together with thanksgiving in our hearts, confident that by strengthening our parish, we, like our patroness, are answering the call to be a living witness of Christ's love in the world.

With gratitude and prayers,

Father Daniel J. Ulishney, J.C.L., Pastor



A Big Year for Saint Agnes Parish

NEW FACES

Since last year's annual report, we bid farewell to Deacon Bill Wilson and welcomed Deacon Al Rosker into our parish. Deacon Al has thrown himself into parish ministry, coordinating baptisms, conducting Bible studies and our Thursday Holy Hour, spearheading our Christian Initiation outreach, preaching the Word, and serving in many other capacities. We also welcomed three new helpful and super-friendly staff members: Clearance Coordinator Marie Tatarek, Communications Coordinator Robin Hoffman, and Faith Formation Administrative Assistant Stephanie Williams. You've probably had a chance to interact with them already in renewing your clearances, registering children for events, or noticing some new content on social media.

NEW PROJECT

This year was a big one for facilities at Saint Agnes Parish. For many years, the parish has needed a larger and more modern gathering space. The much-anticipated renovation of Resurrection Hall was substantially completed over the summer. The parish came together creatively during construction to share space. Current parishioners also took ownership of the new building by practicing stewardship of the future through the Deck the Hall fundraiser, and by physically helping to move out of and back in to the hall. Our annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal has yielded nearly \$53,000 toward our next major project — the renovation of the former convent. Significantly, more than 700 feet of gas line was replaced back in February. I am grateful that a few generous parishioners helped to cover the better part of the more than \$60,000 cost of this emergency expense. Many other necessary but smaller-scale projects were completed this year, too. For instance, one day when a breaker tripped at the rectory, I noticed sparks; the electrical panel and outdoor lighting have now been replaced. Other projects included a compressor for the office AC and accessibility upgrades to restrooms in the Children's Chapel and choir area of the church. Our partnership with the Norwin Youth Football and Cheer organization has also materialized into significant capital improvements to McCabe Field ... check out the road, drainage, expanded parking area, lighting, and especially the new pole building. It looks great!

A Call to Serve

We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Liturgical ministers such as youth altar servers, adult funeral servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, as well as faith formation volunteers, are always needed to bring Christ's light to our community. Consider joining a parish organization or prayer or study group to deepen your faith. Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office — we're here to guide you through every step, including the clearance process, so you can share your gifts confidently and joyfully.

Giving With Gratitude

This is our Giving QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, make your first gift, increase your weekly offertory, make a year-end gift, or donate in honor of or in memory of someone you love.



Or, visit our website to make a donation: StAgnesParishPA.com and click on GIVING at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to Saint Agnes Parish, 11400 Saint Agnes Lane, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

NEW PROGRAMS

This year, Saint Agnes Parish welcomed some new programs. We expanded our Young Disciples groups (for sixth- and seventh-graders) and grew participation in 4:12 Youth among our teens. We also started a successful women's ministry on Saturday mornings (She Shall Be Called Woman), and offered support to grieving families through the launch of both a GriefShare group and a new Ministry of Consolation to accompany families through and beyond a funeral. This fall, we invite you to participate in the Rosary Challenge sponsored by Our Lady's Prayer Group.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

 **Registered Households**
2025: 1,579
2024: 1,664
2023: 1,620

 **Baptisms**
2025: 27
2024: 22
2023: 10

First Holy Communions
28 

 **Confirmations**
38

Weddings
2025: 5
2024: 6
2023: 1 

 **Funerals**
2025: 48
2024: 35
2023: 34

Households that Give
780

Households that Don't Give
799



Ministries in Action

The Scriptures remind us that precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful (Psalm 116:15). Months of discernment of parish needs by the Pastoral Council is now bearing fruit at each death in the parish. The new **Ministry of Consolation** helps console a grieving family with a call or visit, by their presence at the funeral home and funeral liturgy, and with a pastoral follow-up during the following year.

We've learned firsthand that our young people are hungry for faith. **Young Disciples and Confirmation mentor groups (grades 6-8)** have seen young people asking questions, getting answers, and seeking the sacraments. A highlight of this ministry is always Confirmation Boot Camp during the summer, when the seventh- and eighth-graders have an immersive week to build relationships, deepen faith, and have old-fashioned fun.

Among many groups at Saint Agnes Parish is the **Our Lady's Prayer Group**. They meet regularly to lift up prayer intentions before the Lord, but this fall they are helping Saint Agnes Parish give a birthday present of 50,000 Rosaries to the Blessed Mother. Join them by praying a private or family Rosary and submitting it for the tally on our website.

Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 918,734	\$ 862,132	\$ 819,105
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	7,285	9,215	12,777
Extraordinary Income * <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	253,342	234,955	193,425
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	49,376	30,037	23,769
Other Non-Assessable Income ** <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	1,374,982	21,069	165,565
	53,918	79,411	51,499
Total Income	\$ 2,657,636	\$ 1,236,819	\$ 1,266,140
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 251,771	\$ 208,833	\$ 233,904
Church	113,456	110,619	138,891
Rectory	19,801	15,381	13,285
Education and Ministry	215,970	205,826	218,057
General Expenses	505,434	404,126	384,103
Special Collections	53,918	79,411	51,499
Extraordinary Expenses ***	1,085,695	136,109	229,570
Total Expenditures	2,246,045	1,160,305	1,269,309
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 411,591	\$ 76,514	\$ (3,169)

* Donations given for Deck the Hall and for Gas Project

** Withdrawal from Reserve for Resurrection Hall Construction

*** Expenses for Resurrection Hall and Gas Project