

**Saint John the Baptist Parish**

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Perryopolis, PA 15473

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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 am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community which celebrated 120 years on October 9!

Our blessings include the youth of our parish, the next generation of Christ's disciples; they are the Church now. We are working on innovative curriculum for faith formation to transmit the faith through unforgettable experiences that move them and grow their friendship with Jesus.

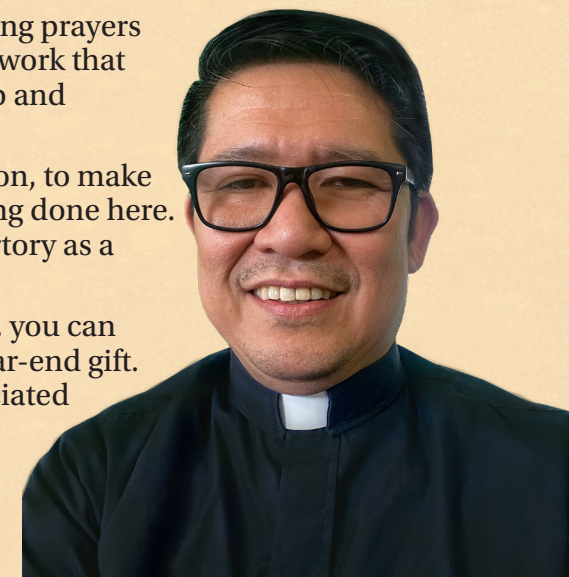
Our blessings include the members of our parish who answer the call to serve in ministry. We are also blessed with those who volunteer at our parish events to make them successful and who help to spread the Good News through their works. Please read through our ministry listing and consider becoming part of this transformative work!

Our blessings also encompass our parish festival, Lenten fish fry and Feast Day Novena, which thrive on fostering a sense of joyous community spirit while supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

You, too, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, offering prayers and donating to our parish. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the work that was completed at the entrance of the church, with the removal of the curb and replacing it with a ramp.

Now I am asking you, with prayerful consideration to your current situation, 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 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 Rody**



*thanks*  
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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 – Day of the Rosary, 8:30 AM.** The day will begin with the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, followed by Mass at 9 AM with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration, praying of the Joyful Mysteries at noon, the Sorrowful Mysteries at 3 PM, the Glorious Mysteries at 6 PM and Benediction.
- **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](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings)).
- **November 2 – Annual Holiday Vendor Show, 10 AM-2 PM**
- **November 2 and December 7 and 9 – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
- **November 24 – Thankful Brunch, covered-dish meal following Mass**
- **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](https://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](https://ChristmasNightMarket.org)).
- **December 22 – Living Nativity Story with Lessons and Carols, 4 PM,** performed by parish youth accompanied by the adult choir
- **December 24 and 25 – Christmas Masses at 4 and 10 PM Christmas Eve, 9:30 AM Christmas Day**
- **Ongoing – Youth Formation (Pre-K to 5th, Tuesdays, 6-7:30 PM; Called, for 6th-8th, first, third and fifth Sundays, 5:30-7:30 PM; Impact, for 9th-12th, first and third Sundays, 5:30-7:30 PM;)**
- **Ongoing – Adult Formation -** we are currently planning out our schedule, please watch our website, social media pages and bulletin for information.

## Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 604  
2023: 735  
2022: 710

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



159



Baptisms  
2024: 11  
2023: 4  
2022: 7

Weddings

2024: 1  
2023: 0  
2022: 1



Funerals  
2024: 24  
2023: 36  
2022: 29

Households that Give

281

Households that Don't Give

323

## New to Our Parish

In 2024, our parish has been celebrating the 24th day of each month. The 24th day was chosen to reflect the feast day of our patron saint. Each month on the 24th day, there is a special event, spiritual and/or social. Some months are bigger, some are simpler.

This year, our annual parish festival was moved to be closer to our patron feast day. We also extended it to two days, each day reflecting the history and ancestry of our parish brought by the Slovak (Eastern Europe) and Italian immigrants. We also welcomed Bishop Larry J. Kulick to celebrate an outdoor polka Mass!

This fall is also seeing our youth formation schedules change, and our class curriculum is becoming more experiential and dynamic to help our families grow in faith.

The amazing thing about families is they are always growing and changing, so new things are always happening. Be sure to watch our posts on Facebook and Instagram; sign up for our Flocknote mailings by texting SJBPERRY to 84576; download our myParish app; and visit our website, [www.sjbperry.org](http://www.sjbperry.org).



## Giving With Gratitude



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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[sjbperry.org](http://sjbperry.org)



## Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 308,459	\$ 311,610	\$ 309,718
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,583	1,248	-
<b>Extraordinary Income*</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	77,196	41,999	50,386
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	31,508	94,899	87,392
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	49,386	36,298	54,330
<b>Special Collections</b>	8,901	10,326	6,848
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 477,033</b>	<b>\$ 496,380</b>	<b>\$ 508,674</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 141,599	\$ 130,687	\$ 147,107
Church	40,014	21,547	32,147
Rectory	11,158	13,954	10,776
Education and Ministry	33,546	68,764	93,159
General Expenses	133,763	147,129	187,446
Special Collections	8,236	10,326	6,848
Extraordinary Expenses	150,645	60,409	46,239
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>518,961</b>	<b>452,816</b>	<b>523,722</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (41,928)</b>	<b>\$ 43,564</b>	<b>\$ (15,048)</b>

\*Includes bequests of \$63,043 in fy22 and a right-of-way utility payment of \$90,000 in fy23.

## Our Ministries:

- Youth Altar Servers
- Adult Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers to the Sick and Homebound
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Adult Choir
- Cantors
- Youth Music Ministry, Choir and Cantors
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Formation Catechist or Group Facilitator
- WESTYVFLA



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 724-736-4442 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

