

Sacred Heart Parish
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Latrobe, PA 15650

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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 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. This summer, our Vacation Bible School on The Last Supper gave our children an unforgettable experience on the Eucharist. We are now working on some new and innovative approaches to faith formation to transmit the faith to our children.

At the same time, we know how important the faith lived in our homes is for our children to “catch” the faith. So we are continuing our Faith and Family First for parents and other interested adults monthly on Sunday mornings while our children are in their classes.

We hope you'll be able to join us for one of our monthly Children's Masses or one of our Monday evening Healing Masses with the Anointing of the Sick.

Our blessings include numerous impactful ministries in our parish that engage many volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor, the elderly and the many families impacted by the opioid crisis. 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 fundraiser, The 200 Club, 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.

I also ask you to note that next year is our parish's 150th anniversary. Please mark your calendars for the Sacred Heart Parish 150th Birthday Celebration on May 18, 2025.

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 underway to improve our parking lot and new lighting to make our parish an even more welcoming place.

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 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.

Very Truly Yours in Christ,
Father Jim



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Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **September through May** – Bingo the first Sunday of every month (except December 8), 2-4 PM, Saint Cecilia Parish
- **October 20, November 10, December 8** – Faith and Family First, 9-10:10 AM, Saint Cecilia Parish
- **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).
- **October 27** – Children’s Mass (monthly), 8 AM, Saint Cecilia Parish
- **November 24** – Children’s Mass (monthly), 10:30 AM, Sacred Heart Parish
- **December 15** – Children’s Mass (monthly), 8 AM, Saint Cecilia Parish
- **November 2** – Mass of Remembrance for Relatives, Friends and Benefactors, 10 AM, Sacred Heart Parish
- **November 18** – Healing Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, 6 PM, Sacred Heart Parish
- **November 20** – Grandparents Raising Grandchildren (ecumenical social outreach) Thanksgiving Celebration, 5:30-7:30 PM, hosted by Sacred Heart and Saint Cecilia Parishes
- **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).

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 411
2023: 414
2022: 414

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



159



Baptisms
2024: 2
2023: 2
2022: 6

Weddings

2024: 3
2023: 1
2022: 0



Funerals
2024: 13
2023: 13
2022: 17

Households that Give

344

Households that Don't Give

67

New to Our Parish

We welcome Jeremy Zawelensky as Office Assistant. Jeremy will aid handling of parish finances, oversee established fundraising efforts and be the Safe Environment Coordinator, as well as other duties. Jeremy presently is finishing a Master’s in social work, and hopes to enter a graduate level seminary program.



Giving With Gratitude



We are excited to showcase our GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Traditional check and cash donations are always deeply appreciated as well. You can visit our website, stop by in person, or mail your gift.



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM



ONLINE:
sacredheart-online.com

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 187,633	\$ 178,050	\$ 168,226
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,889	1,511	1,511
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	14,154	63,106	1,135
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	44,040	40,607	39,111
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	41,480	2,758	79,308
Special Collections	19,547	20,081	22,105
Total Income	\$ 308,744	\$ 306,113	\$ 311,396
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 73,396	\$ 67,312	\$ 67,026
Church	21,456	19,724	20,849
Rectory	8,173	7,790	6,094
Education and Ministry	45,874	37,165	36,015
General Expenses	113,135	103,325	107,302
Special Collections	19,522	20,081	22,085
Extraordinary Expenses	17,152	53,507	39,430
Total Expenditures	298,709	308,904	298,801
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 10,035	\$ (2,791)	\$ 12,595

Our Ministries:

- Altar Server
- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- Communion Ministers to the Homebound
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Cantors
- Lectors
- Money Counters
- Sacristans
- Catechists
- Faith Study
- 200 Club
- Rosary Altar Society
- Social Events Committee
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

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 724-537-7358 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

