

**Holy Family Parish**  
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### Dear Parishioners,

The health and safety of every member and friend of our parish have been held in daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the coronavirus pandemic. Many of you have endured great pain and even personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as COVID-19 has imposed an ongoing struggle with anxiety in our lives.

I hope you have found comfort in these challenging times through Holy Family Parish and diocesan outreach through on-line Masses, phone calls, bulletin mailings, and special "COVID-19 ministries" such as our 2021 Lenten Faith Formation journey "Who Is Jesus?" We have been blessed to have volunteers who clean and sanitize our church building to help protect those who worship here. I want to extend my gratitude to those who have worked to connect with our elderly and homebound so they know they have not been forgotten. All of these efforts reflect the love of Jesus Christ for each of us.

I want to let you know that through it all, Holy Family Parish, Seward, continues to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community and beyond. The good news in all of this is that our harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support you have provided has been remarkable!

Economic uncertainty and the possibility of continued isolation mean that we need to provide pastoral care at Holy Family Parish more than ever. Our mission and ministries need to continue in order to provide the Gospel message to all in our area.

I want to thank you again for your growing support of our parish. Please do not forget that your generosity to Holy Family Parish keeps us vibrant and thriving. I ask that you remember Holy Family in your daily prayers and consider increasing, if you have not done so recently, your stewardship, so we can continue to echo hope in God's care throughout our entire community.

*With heartfelt gratitude, prayers, and blessings,*  
**Father Willie**



Growing Support for our  
**FAITH**  
Community



**Holy Family Parish Annual Report 2021**

## Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

### Leadership and Pastoral Ministries:

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council
- RCIA Team
- Faith Formation
- Cookie Baker
- Grounds and Gardening
- Church Cleaning
- Rosary Making Ministry
- Ministry to the Homebound
- FORMED Online Catechesis
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Youth Ministry
- Adult Faith Formation
- Prayer Chain

### Liturgical Ministries:

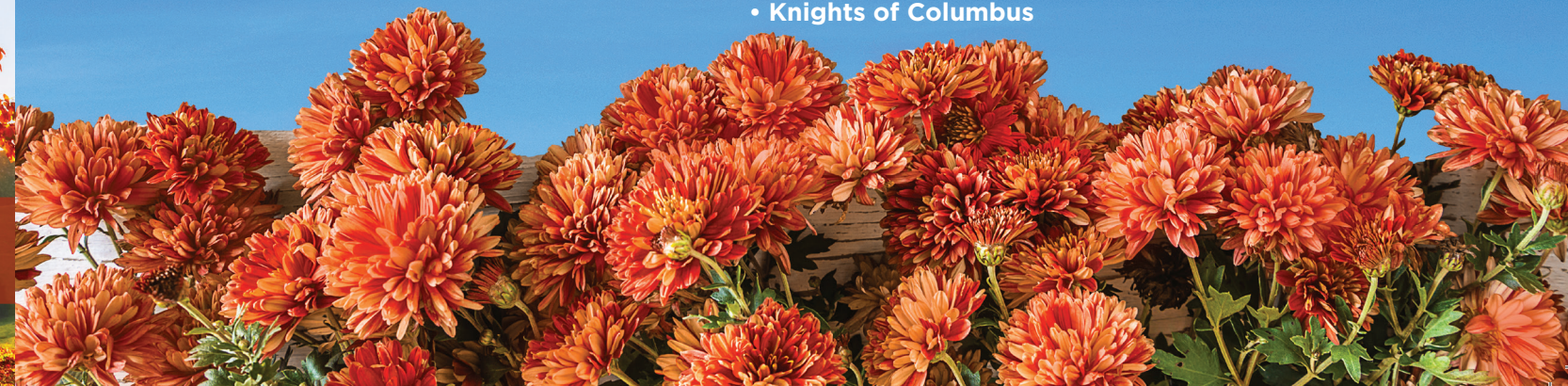
- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
- Before Mass Rosary/Prayer Leader
- Music Ministry
- Usher
- Sacristan/Altar Linen Care
- Greeter/Hospitality Minister
- Reader
- Cantor

### Service Ministries:

- Holy Name Society
- Collection Counter
- Parish Support of Local Ministerium

### Other Service Ministries:

- Lazarus' Ladies
- Knights of Columbus



# Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Since I became pastor in July 2020, a number of capital improvements of the physical plant at Holy Family Parish have taken place. Some, such as rectory sidewalk repair, flooring and furniture replacement due to mold, waterproofing of the rectory basement, and church and rectory roof repairs have been covered under insurance claims. There are a number of other

improvements that we have been able to make because of your generosity. These include: handicapped door installation at the entrance of the Nazareth Room of the church, stair treads for safer walking in the sanctuary, relocation and upgrade of parish office, installation of WiFi and new telephone system, and the purchasing of computers and technology that meet Diocesan standards.

## Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 183,003	\$ 166,326	\$ 174,065
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,049	2,072	3,051
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	13,235	8,748	5,514
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	19,964	30,245	9,641
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	74,700	23,555	62,627
<b>Special Collections</b>	7,457	6,938	6,614
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 301,408</b>	<b>\$ 237,884</b>	<b>\$ 261,512</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 135,405	\$ 84,832	\$ 79,230
Church	32,760	11,162	14,330
Rectory	45,289	8,954	10,310
Education and Ministry	12,365	5,675	5,451
General Expenses	110,935	99,685	93,199
Special Collections	7,263	6,703	6,928
Extraordinary Expenses	9,224	7,982	46,468
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>353,241</b>	<b>224,993</b>	<b>255,916</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (51,833)</b>	<b>\$ 12,891</b>	<b>\$ 5,596</b>

## Our Garden



**Registered Households**  
2021: 491  
2020: 455  
2019: 428

**Single Member Households**

**256**



**Baptisms**  
2021: 0  
2020: 2  
2019: 1

**Weddings**

2021: 0  
2020: 0  
2019: 1



**Funerals**  
2021: 18  
2020: 13  
2019: 16



## Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for each of us, now we are called to provide for our parish and community. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, Holy Family's offertory has remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners and friends; additionally, it has also been assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Some of our future parish events that will help us to spread the Gospel message include:

- Wednesday, November 3, 2021, **Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster**, to see their production of Queen Esther
- **Ministry Fair** - November 6 and 7, 2021, immediately following weekend Masses throughout the Church
- **New Parish Photo Directory** - Picture Dates on Wednesday, November 10 and Thursday, November 11 as well as Friday, December 10 and Saturday, December 11, 2021
- **Parish Assembly (Town Hall Meeting)** - December 5, 2021, immediately following weekend Masses in the Church
- **Advent Evening of Reflection** - Saturday, December 11, 2021, immediately following 9:30 AM Mass in the Church
- **Annual Sarris Christmas Candies Fundraising Sale** - an event that is financially beneficial and delicious!

These events, along with other exciting opportunities, will help plant seeds of faith for future generations in our parish.

## Ways You Can Give



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday - Friday  
9:00AM - 3:00PM



**ONLINE:**  
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