

Holy Family Parish
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Seward, PA 15954

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My Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanks*GIVING for God's Blessings." I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication.

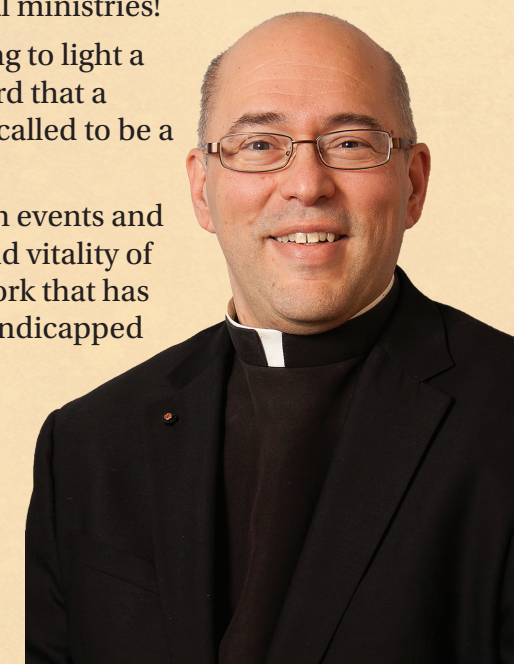
With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time and talents to strengthening our faith community, like our homebound and "homemade soup" ministries that provide hope and spiritual healing. This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will inspire you to become even more involved in parish life. Many others are feeling the call to service! In fact, we had 14 new volunteers from our parish this year who are enthusiastically participating in liturgical, faith formation, groundskeeping and other pastoral ministries!

With gratitude to our parish staff, take notice of the work they have been doing to light a fire for Christ in the hearts and minds of our parishioners. You may have heard that a National Eucharistic Revival is underway. This means our staff members are called to be a part of a grassroots effort to share the gift of the Eucharist.

With gratitude to each of you who attends Mass, offers prayers, participates in events and donates to the parish, take a look at the many ways you impact the culture and vitality of Holy Family Parish. The next time you are in church, I hope you notice the work that has been progressing for the installation of our new mechanical lift to provide handicapped access to the second floor of our church building.

Keeping all of these pastoral, spiritual, liturgical and physical plant needs in mind, I simply conclude with a big THANK YOU for your ongoing and generous support of Holy Family Parish!

With heartfelt gratitude, your Pastor,
Father Willie



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For God's Blessings



Giving QR Code

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Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **Through October 19** – pray before the Saint Joseph traveling icon
- **November 19** – Cemetery service to remember deceased loved ones, 11 AM, Saint Mary’s Cemetery, New Florence
- **November 23** – Thanksgiving meal baked goods blessing, 9 AM Mass
- **December 2** – Youth Ministry movie night following 4 PM Mass
- **December 15** – “KNOW HIM: Saint Nicholas the Gift Giver and the Gift of the Eucharist,” 10 AM and 2 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg
- **December 16** – Breakfast with Saint Nicholas, 9:30 AM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg
- **December 16** – Christmas Night Market 2023, 3-8 PM, Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg
- **January 7** – Parish patronal feast day brunch, 11 AM, Clyde Volunteer Fire Department Hall
- **Date TBD** – Blessing of and festive gathering in honor of new mechanical lift

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2023: 497
2022: 494
2021: 491

Current Single Member Households

254



Baptisms

2023: 7
2022: 1
2021: 0

Weddings

2023: 3
2022: 1
2021: 0



Funerals

2023: 16
2022: 11
2021: 18

New to Our Parish

All are invited to consider how you might support our New Maintenance Ministry following the financially required reduction in force of our paid maintenance position. Please reflect on how you might use your talents to help make our parish’s physical plant shine while continuing to function efficiently. Feel free to contact our Parish Office at 814-446-5759 or see Father Willie with any questions or to learn more about how you make a big difference at Holy Family Parish!



Giving With Gratitude

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.



BY MAIL:
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AT THE PARISH OFFICE:
Monday – Thursday – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Friday – 9:00 AM – NOON



ONLINE:
www.HolyFamilySeward.org

Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 196,349	\$ 187,823	\$ 183,003
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,343	3,556	3,049
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest)</i>	7,737	3,810	13,235
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	115,538	19,987	19,964
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, transfer from savings)</i>	78,505	37,001	74,700
Special Collections	86,486	16,575	7,457
Total Income	\$ 488,958	\$ 268,752	\$ 300,665
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 108,072	\$ 97,010	\$ 135,405
Church	119,840	11,594	32,760
Rector's	5,063	9,936	45,289
Education and Ministry	11,773	20,469	12,365
General Expenses	135,872	101,663	110,935
Special Collections	86,359	13,915	7,263
Extraordinary Expenses	18,522	11,411	9,224
Total Expenditures	485,501	265,998	353,241
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 3,457	\$ 2,754	\$ (52,576)

Our Ministries:

LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES:

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy 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