

Holy Family Parish
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Seward, PA 15954

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Dear Parishioners,

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled *thanks*GIVING for Our Blessings. Although I am new to the parish, 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. Currently, we are working on expanding the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd curriculum for faith formation, to transmit the faith through experiential learning that moves our children and adults to grow in faith.

Our blessings include numerous opportunities in our parish to engage parishioners to reach out to the sick and the elderly. Please read through our ministry listing and consider becoming part of this transformative work and volunteer to meet the many needs of running and maintaining the parish and its facilities. We can always use more help!

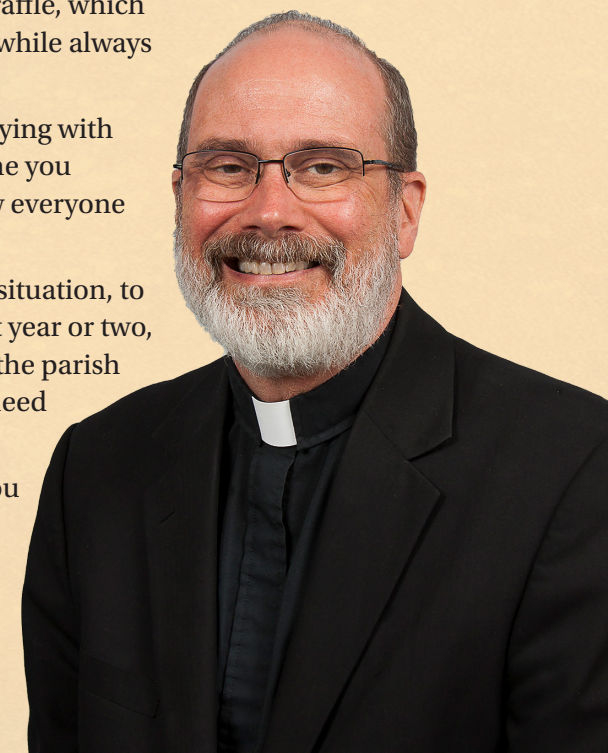
Let me also mention our parish picnic and covered-dish dinner and basket raffle, which serve to support the parish and to foster a sense of joyous community spirit while always supporting our mission to grow in faith and service.

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 new lift in the vestibule that was installed to allow everyone access to the second floor of our Church and Catechetical Center.

Now I am asking you, with prayerful consideration to your current financial situation, to increase your weekly or monthly offertory, if you have not done so in the last year or two, or to make a year-end gift to our parish if you have not been able to support the parish throughout the year. To keep this parish around for years to come, we truly need every family or individual to help financially support the parish.

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 John J. Harrold



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Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **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).
- **November 1 – Combined All Saints and All Souls Celebration, 7 PM**
- **Veteran’s Day Gathering**
- **Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids and Veterans Project**
- **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: 437
2023: 497
2022: 494

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households



213



Baptisms
2024: 6
2023: 7
2022: 1

Weddings

2024: 2
2023: 3
2022: 1



Funerals
2024: 13
2023: 16
2022: 11

Households that Give

200

Households that Don't Give

237

New to Our Parish

This summer, Father William J. Lechnar needed to take a leave of absence for health reasons, and Father John J. Harrold was assigned to be the new Pastor of Holy Family Parish. Father Harrold grew up in Greensburg, attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Christ the King Seminary in New York, and has been a priest for the Diocese for 32 years. Danielle Cribbs became the Regional Director of Faith Formation and Discipleship for almost all the parishes in Indiana County and Seward. Patti Griffith is now the parish secretary and Safe Environment Coordinator.



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



ONLINE:
www.HolyFamilySeward.org
(click on “Give Online to Our Parish”)

Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 202,110	\$ 196,349	\$ 187,823
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,162	4,343	3,556
Extraordinary Income* <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	10,749	7,737	3,810
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	229,689	115,538	19,987
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	12,696	78,505	37,001
Special Collections	17,286	86,486	16,575
Total Income	\$ 474,691	\$ 488,958	\$ 268,752
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 102,180	\$ 108,072	\$ 97,010
Church	173,594	119,840	11,594
Rectory	4,776	5,063	9,936
Education and Ministry	15,933	11,773	20,469
General Expenses	130,973	135,872	101,663
Special Collections	17,474	86,359	13,915
Extraordinary Expenses	17,291	18,522	11,411
Total Expenditures	462,221	485,501	265,998
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 12,470	\$ 3,457	\$ 2,754

Our Ministries:

LEADERSHIP AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES:

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

- Altar Server
- Cantor
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at Mass
- Lector
- Usher
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick
- Funeral Choir
- Sacristan/Altar Linen Care

SERVICE MINISTRIES:

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

OTHER SERVICE MINISTRIES:

- Lazarus’ Ladies
- Knights of Columbus

Please call the parish office today at 814-446-5759 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

