

Historic Church of Saint Peter Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

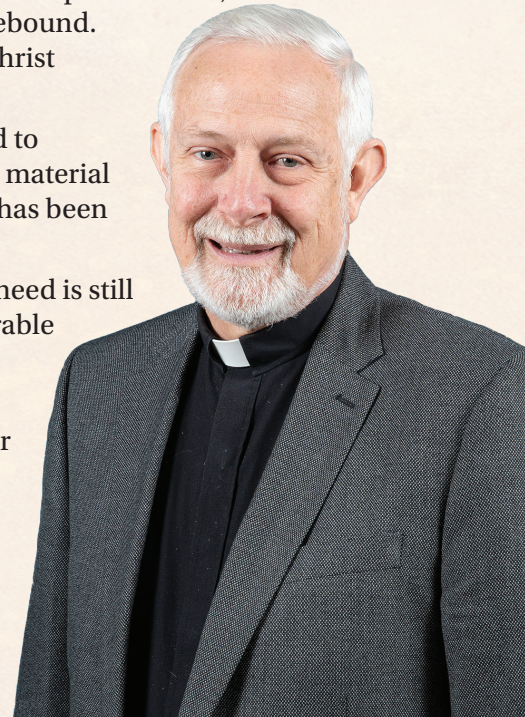
The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

I hope you have been comforted by our local and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, other opportunities for prayer, phone calls, special mailings and our monthly gatherings for events in the social hall. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and outreach coordinators who made a crucial connection with the elderly and homebound. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

I want you to know that through it all the Historic Church of Saint Peter has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

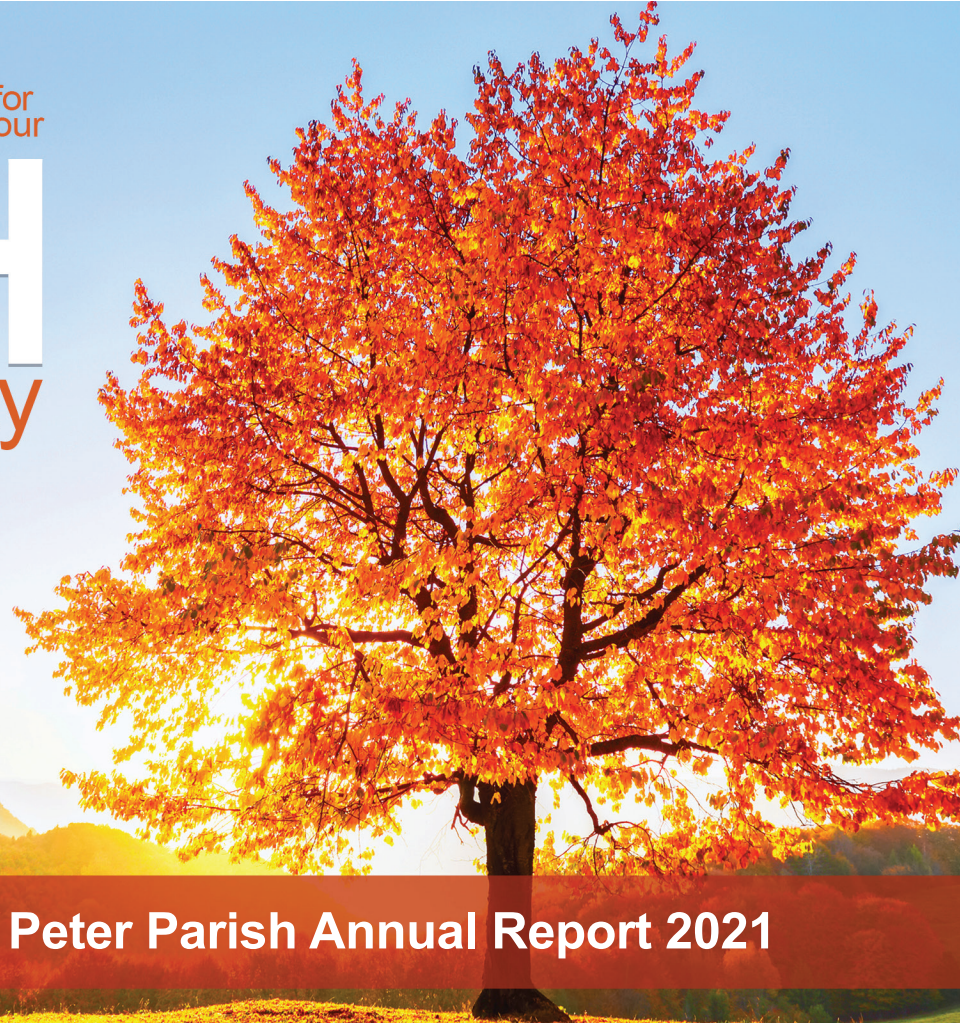
As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.



Yours in Christ,
Father Tim

Growing Support for our
FAITH
Community



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Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- **Altar Servers** — Altar servers assist the priest in preparing for Mass. The servers take part in the liturgy by performing tasks to help the priest celebrate the Eucharist. Children in grades 3 and above, or once their first Communion is made, are encouraged to become altar servers.
- **Bereavement Ministry Groups** — Adults, Children's Group and Funeral Planning.
- **Liturgical Ministries** — Altar Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ministers to the Sick and Homebound, Music Ministry, Choir and Cantors.
- **Ushers** — The ushers take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.
- **Welcoming Ministry and Hospitality Ministry**
- **Social Service Organizations** — Knights of Columbus, The Society of Catholic Women and Catholic Daughters of America.
- **Social Service Ministry** — Meals on the Boulevard (feed homeless twice a month) St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank, Clothing Drive for distribution to homeless and at Food Bank, Prolife Outreach, Angel Tree and Prayer Chain.
- **Helping Hands Ministry** — Gardening/grounds maintenance; event crews (plan, set-up, cook, serve, clean-up); craftsmen and labor completion of social hall; dodransbicentennial (175th year) committee; decorating committee (church and social hall).
- **Sacramental Formation Ministry** — Marriage Preparation Sponsor Couples.



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community.

Over the last year, we have created the beautiful Mary Garden and procured and installed a new air conditioner

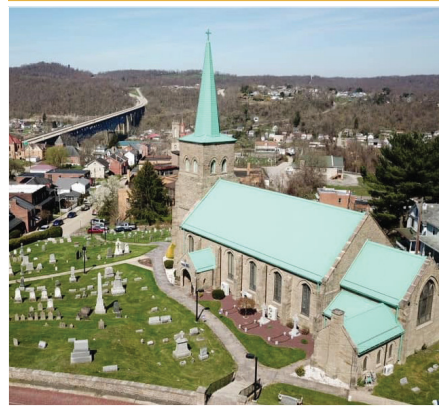
and furnace in the rectory. The old units were installed in 1986, and their efficiency had greatly diminished.

These enhancements will be a welcome improvement.

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 279,708	\$ 283,597	\$ 277,318
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,813	9,350	6,646
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	27,442	(961)	33,844
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	-	311	75
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	2,450	528,137	7,088
Special Collections	8,965	19,692	12,221
Total Income	\$ 320,378	\$ 840,126	\$ 337,192
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 79,591	\$ 72,826	\$ 106,026
Church	47,746	59,830	81,533
Rectory	80	-	2,280
Education and Ministry	44,685	34,561	52,390
General Expenses	163,896	133,003	154,379
Special Collections	8,965	19,547	11,971
Extraordinary Expenses	1,357	533,488	4,804
Total Expenditures	346,320	853,255	413,383
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (25,942)	\$ (13,129)	\$ (76,191)

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 952
2020: 980
2019: 965

Single Member Households

416



Baptisms

2021: 22
2020: 6
2019: 8

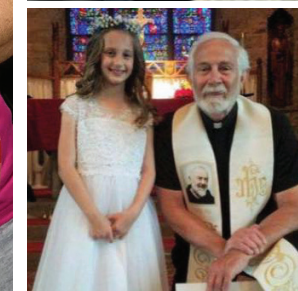
Weddings

2021: 6
2020: 4
2019: 4



Funerals

2021: 39
2020: 36
2019: 50



Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners. Although the number attending Mass weekly has been significantly lower than prior to the pandemic, other avenues of support have greatly grown. Online giving has developed significantly, and many parishioners are mailing their collection envelopes to the parish office each week.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. This year, our spring Bonanza had to be held online. Several different fundraising events had to be cancelled. In spite of these challenges, our amazing social hall crew, the Society of Catholic Women and Knights of Columbus have continued to meet and are planning events.

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating. Help us grow the flowers of tomorrow by planting the seeds today.

Oct. 31 — Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast

Nov. 13 — Fall Bonanza

Nov. 20 — Flea market, Pumpkin Bake Sale

Nov. 25 — Christmas cookie tray orders accepted

Dec. 19 — Pancake breakfast and Santa visit

I do want to call your attention to the fact that the Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring soccer and free throw shootout competitions in the social hall late in the fall. Upon completion of the gym facility, we will be hosting basketball league competition. The lower level of the office building is completely full of every type of clothing for distribution to the needy through our outreach ministries. These efforts will go a long way toward planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.

Ways You Can Give



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