

**St. Cecilia Parish**  
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**Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. It really is incredible to look back on the last year and see how our parish has come back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Mass attendance is rebounding and our outreach is revived!

If you, too, are in need of a revival, consider this a personal invitation to reunite with the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith. When you are ready, I welcome you to once again experience His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

I know that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing that covenant of love. Many do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

You can help us change that! You can uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to pray the rosary and invite others to pray it with you. Also, consider taking an active role in our parish community. A ministry listing is included in this report. Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly and become a good steward by offering the gifts God has given you. Those gifts support our missions and ministries that will help others encounter Christ.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have already given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember our parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can bring the Eucharist to those who so desperately need it.

With this report, we take an opportunity each year to communicate to you about our ministries, outreach, capital improvements, finances and parish statistics. But I invite you to come see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!



*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Efren Ambre**



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**FAITH**  
Community

**Saint Cecilia Parish  
Annual Report 2022**



## Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this year. The 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal helped maintain parish operations and supported outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, and the sick and homebound at the Diocesan level. As the number of homeless rises in Western Pennsylvania, we will continue to need your support.

Thankfully our parish, and particularly the Christian Mothers, are once again able to fundraise. This year, the Calendar Party and Spaghetti Dinner were great successes, with more than 100 people attending! It was wonderful to see so many people gathering as a community again.

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating:

- Pumpkin Pie and Roll Sale - November
- Soup and Bake Sale - January
- Grocery Bingo - February

I want to call your attention to the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative to show as many people as possible what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the heart and soul. Look for more information about adoration and reconciliation opportunities locally to help confront the hardships that we face in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

## Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 99,620	\$ 95,414	\$ 82,273
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	977	858	234
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	(125)	270	25
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	14,033	17,230	23,394
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	1,564	232	7,982
<b>Special Collections</b>	11,418	21,500	30,398
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 127,487	\$ 135,544	\$ 144,306
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 23,693	\$ 21,950	\$ 20,109
Church	26,012	18,647	18,074
Rectory	1,335	1,600	1,680
Education and Ministry	13,231	14,354	13,834
General Expenses	55,172	58,068	50,693
Special Collections	11,418	21,500	29,723
Extraordinary Expenses	1,110	-	25
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	131,971	136,119	134,138
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	\$ (4,484)	\$ (575)	\$ 10,168

## Our Parish by the Numbers:



### Registered Households

2022: 173  
2021: 177  
2020: 171

### Current Single Member Households

99

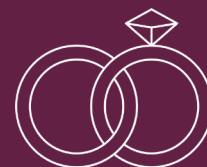


### Baptisms

2022: 3  
2021: 2  
2020: 0

### Weddings

2022: 0  
2021: 1  
2020: 0



### Funerals

2022: 27  
2021: 49  
2020: 19



## Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Christian Mothers
- Hospitality Ministry
- Cantor
- Religious Education
- Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically ushers and individuals who can help us to organize our Lenten fish fry. Please call the parish office today at 724-787-7718 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

## Capital Improvements:

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

This year, we made renovations to the ladies restroom in the social hall, replaced the floor in the rectory kitchen and a new floor in the social hall will be completed in November. Thank you for your support of these projects.



## Ways You Can Give



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



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