

Devoting Support ^{to our}

FAITH

Community

STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during
the COVID-19 pandemic.

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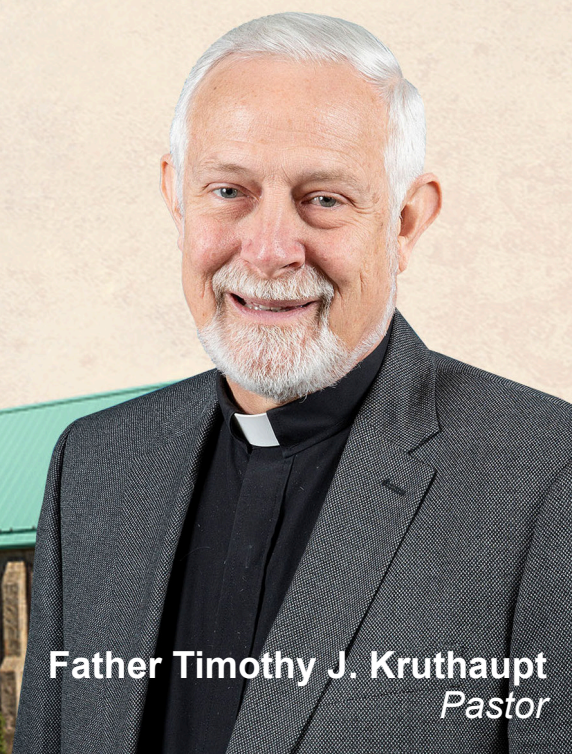
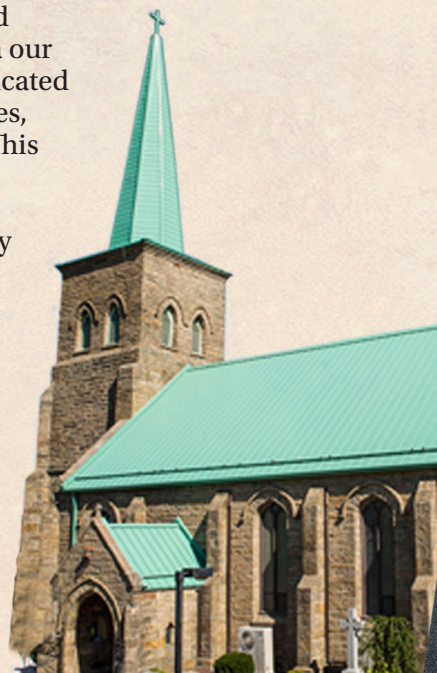


Staying Connected During COVID-19

I have been keeping the parishioners of our Partner Parishes of St. Peter and St. Cecilia in my prayers during this pandemic. I can't even imagine the difficulties you must be facing; balancing family, job, school and everything else that has been made more complicated by COVID-19. During this stress-filled time, I want you to know that our parish continues to care for the spiritual and material needs of our faith community.

Once our church building was closed in March, St Peter Parish began to stream Masses, devotions and informational updates to our parishioners via our website and through Facebook. We communicated extensively through our Parish Facebook pages, which increased our social media presence. This also offered another outlet for our streaming liturgies and educational opportunities. We conducted a parish phone outreach especially to the elderly and homebound. We created a Ministry of Hospitality.

During the period of the COVID Pandemic, we've created a number of special Facebook presentations to keep our Partner Parish members up to date with parish events and developments. We also, once our church building opened, created volunteer cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use.



Father Timothy J. Kruthaupt
Pastor

Ways You Can Give



St. Peter Parish
118 Church St.
Brownsville, PA 15728



9 AM to 4 PM
Monday-Friday



stpeterstcecilia.org
parishgiving.org

Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase of your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online or by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail or by visiting our website for online offertory

COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community

Our parish weekly offertory was reduced because of our limited Mass attendance at St. Peter - but it was greatly assisted by those who sent contributions by mail or by online giving. This is particularly remarkable because during the same period our parishioners support the 1.2 million campaign capital campaign for our new Social Hall/Rec Center.

Our parish and particularly our societies who participate so fully in parish fundraising events suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. For example, our Lenten Fish Fries, which started out so positively netting over \$18,000 by March 13, had to be discontinued because of COVID. Our spring Bonanza was conducted virtually, which had a very significant negative impact on funds raised.

do want to call your attention to the amazing work of those involved in managing St. Mary's Hall. This service group has taken on various projects to assist the parish and community Its purpose is to define needs that are relevant to us and develop ways to assist.

Members meet regularly to discuss and plan various events. These have included: the three American Red Cross Blood drives conducted during the pandemic, the Trash to Treasures Flea Market that netted roughly \$10,000 and the benefit conducted to support the Sealy Family as they deal with the illness of their 10-year-old daughter. Shannon Sealy, Office Manager and mother of "Livi" expressed great appreciation for the significant financial support the benefit provided for the family.



Parish Statistics



Registered Households



*2018: 976
*2019: 965
*2020: 980

Single Member Households



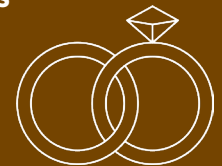
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Baptisms



*2018: 19
*2019: 8
*2020: 6

Weddings



*2018: 11
*2019: 4
*2020: 4

Funerals



*2018: 51
*2019: 50
*2020: 36

Parish Financials

	*2018	*2019	*2020
Offertory	\$ 285,151	\$ 277,318	\$ 283,597
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,505	6,646	9,350
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	23,358	33,844	961
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	20,693	75	311
*Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	3,557	7,088	**528,137
Special Collections	24,218	12,221	19,692
Total Income	\$ 360,482	\$ 337,193	\$ 840,126
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 81,636	\$ 106,026	\$ 72,826
Church	68,796	81,533	59,830
Rectory	4,329	2,280	—
Education and Ministry	45,398	52,390	34,561
General Expenses	129,705	154,379	133,003
Special Collections	24,218	11,971	19,547
*Extraordinary Expenses	102,567	4,804	533,488
Total Expenditures	456,650	413,384	853,255
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (96,168)	\$ (76,191)	\$ (13,129)

*Fiscal year and were funds received from parishioners commitments in conjunction with the Capital Campaign for the new Social Hall

**Funds committed by parishioners for the new social hall capital campaign

*These are the fiscal year

Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain our campus, which includes, the church, our offices, the rectory and our new Social Hall/Rec Center, all of which contribute to the enhancement the faith life of our community.

Over the last three years, we conceived, sought authorization, designed, then conducted a capital campaign and constructed our new Social Hall/Rec Center. One of the key purposes for construction of our new facility was to provide additional space for Religious Education classes. This enhancement will greatly relieve the crowding and eliminate the use of the cellar for classroom space in our office building.

As you know our offices are housed in an old convent where the sisters who taught at St. Mary's School lived. The layout of the convent, the small rooms that were the "cells" of the sisters are not conducive to learning nor do they provide adequate space or appropriate accommodations for teachers and students.



Ministries at St. Peter

St. Peter Parish encourages parishioners to participate in one of our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

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 an altar server.

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.

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.

Hospitality Ministry

Ministers of Hospitality help assist ushers at each Mass and also assist those attending in fulfilling the special expectations that need to be observed in light of the pandemic.

Cantor

Cantors provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.

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 Prep Sponsor Couples.

Welcoming Ministry and Hospitality Ministry