

Saint Cecilia Parish
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Dear Parishioners,

I am delighted to present this year's Parish Annual Report titled *thanks*GIVING for Our Blessings. I am truly grateful for the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon our faith community.

One of our greatest blessings is the youth of our parish — the next generation of Christ's disciples and the future of our Church. We are currently developing a new and innovative curriculum for faith formation, designed to inspire our children through unforgettable experiences that lead them closer to the Holy Spirit.

Our blessings also include the numerous impactful ministries within our parish, supported by dedicated volunteers who reach out to the sick, the poor and the elderly. I salute the faithful maintenance crew volunteers who take care of the upkeep of our church's properties. I encourage you to read through our ministry listings and consider becoming part of this transformative work. We always welcome more helping hands!

I would also like to highlight our partner parishes' summer social that we had in July and which served not only to support our community but also to foster a joyful spirit while advancing our mission to grow in faith and service.

You, too, are a blessing to our parish. Thank you for attending Mass, praying with us and supporting our community through your generous donations. The next time you visit, I hope you notice the improvements done at the parish office with the new signboard and the new printing machine. We met our goal in building an extra rainy day fund recognizing that the offertory collection and other fundraising activities are never enough for the ordinary operational expenses of the church. We are also planning to purchase an organ to provide a grand musical backdrop for church liturgy and enhance our parish's welcoming atmosphere.

I now invite you, with prayerful consideration of your current financial situation, to make a year-end gift to our parish as a way to express your gratitude to God for the good work being done here. If you are able, perhaps you might also consider increasing your weekly or monthly offertory as a sign of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

For your convenience, we have 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 Efren Ambre

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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).
- **October 27 – Bingo Social**, 2-5 PM (doors open at 12:30 PM), St. Mary’s Social Hall (proceeds benefit the partner parishes)
- **November 16 – Bag and Bling purse bash**, noon, Sons of Italy Hall (proceeds benefit Saint Cecilia Parish)
- **November 22 – Parish Feast Day Mass** in honor of the church’s patron, Saint Cecilia, 6 PM, followed by social with refreshments
- **November 24 – Pumpkin Roll Sale**, 10 AM, Saint Cecilia Parish Hall (proceeds benefit Saint Cecilia Parish)
- **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).
- **December 15 – Pancake Breakfast**, 9 AM-1 PM, St. Mary’s Social Hall (includes breakfast with Santa)



Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 109,896	\$ 109,219	\$ 99,620
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	835	1,357	977
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	7,450	3,058	(125)
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	20,691	19,443	14,033
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	163	154	1,564
Special Collections	2,828	6,536	11,418
Total Income	\$ 141,863	\$ 139,767	\$ 127,487
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 20,345	\$ 34,982	\$ 23,693
Church	6,962	10,675	26,012
Rectory	-	885	1,335
Education and Ministry	16,147	15,016	13,231
General Expenses	62,410	77,990	55,172
Special Collections	2,828	6,305	11,418
Extraordinary Expenses	-	-	1,110
Total Expenditures	108,692	145,853	131,971
Net Operating Income (Loss)*	\$ 33,171	\$ (6,086)	\$ (4,484)

*Net Operating Income resulted from the transfer of Father Arnel, with decreased Administrative, Rectory and General Expenses.

Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 131
2023: 176
2022: 173

Registered Households

Current Single Member Households

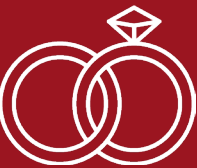
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Baptisms
2024: 1
2023: 2
2022: 3

Weddings

2024: 1
2023: 0
2022: 0



Funerals
2024: 7
2023: 8
2022: 27

Households that Give

94

Households that Don't Give

37



Giving With Gratitude



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IN PERSON:
Monday – Friday – 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM



ONLINE:
stpeterstceilia.org



Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Bereavement Ministry groups
- Liturgical Ministries
- Ushers
- Welcoming Ministry and Hospitality Ministry
- Social Service Organizations
- Social Service Ministry
- Helping Hands Ministry
- Sacramental Formation Ministry
- Vocation Ministry

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters and catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-785-7781 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.