**Saint Sebastian Parish** 

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#### **Dear Parishioners,**

The title for this year's Parish Annual Report, "thanksGIVING for God's Blessings," references what this report is really about. Even though it apprises you on the financial and physical aspects of the parish, it is really all about being thankful! Sometimes it is too easy to look around and see what is wrong with our parish and what needs to be improved; it is a whole different matter to be grateful for what our parish is and all the wonderful people who make us Saint Sebastian Parish.

The strength of any parish is not always in the bottom line of the financial ledgers. The real strength is found in the many volunteers who keep things running. At Saint Sebastian Parish, we are blessed with many people who share their time and talents in many ways. Also in this report, we present to you the many ministries that you can become a part of. It is by sharing our gifts with one another that the real gift of Christ becomes real to us.

This year there is a National Eucharistic Revival sponsored by the Church, and all of our staff have been a vital part of this. Together we are building a foundation that will assure a strong future for our Church. It is in working alongside each other that the real goodness of Christ can be seen and felt by others. In reaching out and touching the lives of the people around us with gentleness, kindness and love, we all become a part of this Eucharistic Revival.

The improvements made to our Church this year are all a result of your generosity, and it is important for all of us to realize that each and every one of us has a part to play in bringing about the success of our parish. I hope that this report is insightful, and will give you a better understanding of the workings of our Church and the many ways you can offer help. Together we do have much to be thankful for. Please know how grateful I am to all of you for the many ways you bring the love of Christ to one another. In looking back, we are grateful for the blessings from the past year, and we also look forward with hope to the coming year. May you and your families be blessed as we journey through this fall season of *thanks*GIVING!

## **Become an Intentional Disciple**

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

- October 19 Senior Anointing and Dinner
- December 2 Breakfast with Santa
- December 10 Lessons & Carols
- December 17 Christmas on Broad
- December 21 School Christmas Concert



<b>Parish Financials</b>	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
Offertory	\$ 476,516	\$ 471,755	\$ 441,846
Other Ordinary Income	14,767	18,060	19,144
(monthly collections, votive candles)			47 400
Extraordinary Income	68,108	114,962	43,490
(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)			
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	38,043	5,642	49,590
Other Non-Assessable Income (The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)	16,488	18,799	101,862
Special Collections	17,316	18,602	15,403
Total Income	\$ 631,238	\$ 647,820	\$ 671,335
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 179,264	\$ 170,579	\$ 182,721
Church	35,746	33,302	31,473
Rectory	2,707	2,696	5,670
Education and Ministry	106,605	93,571	97,799
General Expenses	196,377	192,337	204,723
Special Collections	17,816	19,530	14,630
Extraordinary Expenses	104,160	156,295	106,238
Total Expenditures	642,675	668,310	643,254
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (11,437)	\$ (20,490)	\$ 28,081

# Our Parish by the Numbers:



**Registered Households** 

2023: 708 2022: 777 2021: 915

Current Single Member Households

294





Baptisms 2023: 11 2022: 6 2021: 9

Weddings

2023: 5 2022: 2 2021: 2





Funerals 2023: 37 2022: 28 2021: 67





### **Giving With Gratitude**

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.





BY MAIL: Saint Sebastian Parish 801 Broad Avenue Belle Vernon, PA 15012



IN PERSON: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



**ONLINE:** saintsebastianchurch.org

## **Our Ministries:**

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Communion and visits to Homebound
- Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Church Choir
- Cantors
- Greeters
- Hospitality

- Catechists/Formation
  Volunteers
- Clerical Help
- Money Counters
- School Volunteers
- Parish Festival
- Landscape/Gardening
- Decorating Church Environment

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 724-929-9300 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

