

**Dear Parishioners,**

Each year during the fall season, the parishes of the Diocese of Greensburg invite our members to review their financial support of the Parish Offertory and to consider increasing it for the coming year.

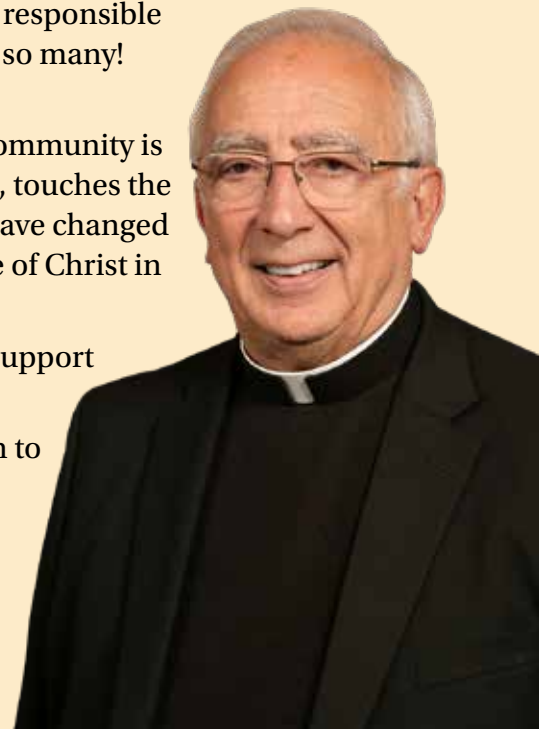
No one needs to be told of the increasing costs in daily living and the challenges of inflation to everyone's budget. Saint Sebastian Parish is no different.

We rely on your faith, your good will, your financial support and your commitment as Catholics to advancing the parish's mission in this community and area. The costs of sustaining our programs and ministries and our facilities and grounds, and our future planning, require responsible stewardship on the part of us all. We cannot do this without the support of so many! This includes you.

The presence of Saint Sebastian Parish in the middle of the Belle Vernon community is a visible reminder that Christ remains always in our midst and, through us, touches the hearts of young and old in all that we do in His name! Even though times have changed since those proverbial "good old days," we continue to rely on the presence of Christ in this parish to sustain us on our journey of faith.

May our love for Jesus Christ be reflected in the way we offer our tangible support for Saint Sebastian Parish in 2024-2025.

Please review your giving in the past few years and respond as best you can to this invitation in good faith and gratitude for the many ways in which the Lord touches your life and the life of Saint Sebastian Parish every day!



*Blessings Always,*  
**Monsignor James Gaston**



GIVING QR Code

**Saint Sebastian Parish  
Annual Report 2024**





# Become an Intentional Disciple

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

- **October 24 – Senior Dinner**
- **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](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings)).
- **December 7 – Breakfast with Santa**
- **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](https://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](https://ChristmasNightMarket.org)).
- **December 19 – School Christmas Concert**



## Our Parish by the Numbers:



2024: 666  
2023: 708  
2022: 777

**Registered Households**

**Current Single Member Households**



**280**



**Baptisms**  
2024: 11  
2023: 11  
2022: 6

**Weddings**

2024: 4  
2023: 5  
2022: 2



**Funerals**  
2024: 48  
2023: 37  
2022: 28

**Households that Give**

**511**

**Households that Don't Give**

**155**



## Giving With Gratitude



We are excited to showcase our GIVING QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, increase your weekly offertory or make a year-end gift. Traditional check and cash donations are always deeply

appreciated as well. You can visit our website, stop by in person, or mail your gift.



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](https://saintsebastianchurch.org)

## Parish Financials

	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22
Offertory	\$ 508,653	\$ 476,516	\$ 471,755
Other Ordinary Income (monthly collections, votive candles)	14,143	14,767	18,060
Extraordinary Income (bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)	54,174	68,108	114,962
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	25,372	38,043	5,642
Other Non-Assessable Income (The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)	18,796	16,488	18,799
Special Collections	22,453	17,316	18,602
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 643,591</b>	<b>\$ 631,238</b>	<b>\$ 647,820</b>
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 183,141	\$ 179,264	\$ 170,579
Church	45,799	35,746	33,302
Rectory	2,475	2,707	2,696
Education and Ministry	100,039	106,605	93,571
General Expenses	203,886	196,377	192,337
Special Collections	21,953	17,816	19,530
Extraordinary Expenses*	186,983	104,160	156,295
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>744,276</b>	<b>642,675</b>	<b>668,310</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (100,685)</b>	<b>\$ (11,437)</b>	<b>\$ (20,490)</b>

\*Includes additions to Reserve fund of \$154,132; \$43,879; and \$88,531 in FY24, 23 and 22 respectively.

## 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**
- **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.