**Holy Trinity Parish** 

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#### **Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. I am happy to say that many of our regular activities have been reactivated now that most of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions are a thing of the past. Our Mass attendance is rebounding, and many parishioners are eager to participate in not only the liturgical life of the parish, but also in the social and service aspects of parish life.

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. If you have not yet returned to the sacramental life of the Church, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible. As a simple reminder, our Sunday Mass schedule includes Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 8 and 11 a.m. on Sunday. The Sacrament of Confession is regularly celebrated at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Jesus Christ is calling each of us to experience His love and presence in the sacraments, especially in the Most Holy Eucharist. Please come to Mass and once again experience Our Lord's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

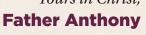
You are probably aware, as I am, that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing what they are truly longing for – a relationship with Jesus Christ in a covenant of love that is expressed most profoundly and beautifully in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Many Catholics are experiencing disconnection with the Church, and perhaps even the Lord Himself. Here at Holy Trinity we want to help Catholics to be fulfilled in their faith and life and to be knowledgeable about their Catholic faith. We desire that Catholics will understand the mission of our Church and play an active role in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

You can help us accomplish 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 our parish vibrant. Please remember our parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can bring the Eucharist to those who 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,









# **Sources of Hope:**

The generosity of our parishioners is always evident. Our weekly stewardship report in the bulletin reveals the dedication parishioners have to the parish and the Diocese. Our participation in the record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal supported outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, and the sick and homebound throughout the Diocese. The parish portion of the DLA that has been returned to us gives us a cushion to plan for future needs. The parishioner support for the Ligonier Valley Food Pantry and Holy Trinity Community Service is outstanding, as parishioners provide for the members of our community who need assistance throughout the year. Community Service also provides extra support at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is a great witness of our Catholic faith.

God has blessed us in so many ways. It is a true blessing that we do not have to depend on fundraising events. However, we do try to provide social events and spiritual growth opportunities. Our annual Parish Picnic and Classic Car Show was a great success, as parishioners and guests enjoyed delicious food, children's games and classic cars. We celebrated a Pet Blessing in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi in October and gathered as a parish family to pray the rosary on Oct. 17. We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating:

- Nov. 21 will bring a special Advent Preparation Evening, emphasizing the Jesse Tree.
- On Dec. 12 we will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with Mass in the morning and a spiritual event in the evening.
- Please be on the lookout for extended confession times during Advent as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord.
- Don't forget our Advent holy day of obligation on Dec. 8 as we celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 Christ 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. Please note that our parish has exposition, adoration, and Benediction every Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

| <b>Parish Financials</b>  | 2021-22           | 2020-21           | 2019-20         |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory   | \$ 452,104        | \$ 383,081        | \$ 367,534      |
| Other Ordinary Income   | 3,369             | 4,309             | 2,34            |
| (monthly collections, votive candles)  Extraordinary Income (bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income) | 53,052            | 26,556            | 87,498          |
| Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund   | 59,874            | 60,438            | 47,080          |
| Other Non-Assessable Income (The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)              | 140,667           | 47,700            | 94,95           |
| Special Collections   | 34,859            | 34,769            | 42,499          |
| Total Income  | \$ 743,925        | \$ 556,853        | \$ 641,90       |
| Expenses  |                   |                   |                 |
| Administration  | \$ 84,542         | \$ 80,474         | \$ 72,34        |
| Church  | 50,813            | 44,859            | 43,78           |
| Rectory   | 9,448             | 10,655            | 15,920          |
| Education and Ministry  | 84,273            | 84,138            | 111,11          |
| General Expenses  | 193,723           | 172,936           | 160,68          |
| Special Collections Extraordinary Expenses  | 34,859<br>259,507 | 34,769<br>119,611 | 42,49<br>202,02 |
| Total Expenditures  | 717,165           | 547,442           | 648,38          |
| Net Operating Income (Loss)   | \$ 26,760         | \$ 9,411          | \$ (6,477       |

# Our Parish by the Numbers:



**Registered Households** 

2022: 666 2021: 683 2020: 730

Current Single Member Households

**173** 





Baptisms 2022: 8 2021: 9 2020: 7

Weddings 2022: 3 2021: 7 2020: 3





Funerals 2022: 19 2021: 11 2020: 10



### **Our Ministries:**

- Altar Server
- Sacristan
- Choirs and Cantors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ushers
- Parish Vocation Ministry
- Collection Counters
- Readers
- Catechists
- Leaders of the Word
- Greeters

- Ministers of Hospitality
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Parish Council
- Finance Council
- Funeral Luncheon Committee
- Christian Mothers
- That Man Is You
- Women of Holy Trinity
- Community Service
- Walking with Moms in Need

Please consider volunteering in one or more of the many ministries, apostolates and activities that are available and active here at Holy Trinity, using your time and talent to bring glory to God and assistance to fellow parishioners and others. Call us at 724-238-6434 - we are ready to help you obtain clearances and trainings as you prepare to offer your gifts to the parish. Thank you for prayerfully considering this opportunity to become more active at Holy Trinity.

# **Capital Improvements:**

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

Our church building is over 17 years old. While this is still relatively new, we must constantly be vigilant in caring for it. We recently had the air ducts cleaned in the church

and atrium.

The cracks in the parking lot were filled, but we will have to seriously consider getting the whole lot repaved in the next year or so.

The Holy Trinity Education and Community Center is even older than the church building, as you know. With the rising costs of utilities, a newer and more efficient boiler will help us to curtail costs by heating the building with the use of less energy.

As we look to the future, we must also necessarily consider how these projects will be funded.



#### **Ways You Can Give**



BY MAIL: Holy Trinity Parish 342 West Main Street Ligonier, PA 15658



IN PERSON: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM Thursday - 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM



NLINE:

osvhub.com/holytrinityligonier/giving/funds