

Devoting Support ^{to our}

FAITH

Community

STAYING CONNECTED

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

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ways you can be part
of our parish!





Help us stay connected to you! PLEASE take a moment to fill out our parish survey online:
DioceseofGreensburg.org/HolyTrinity

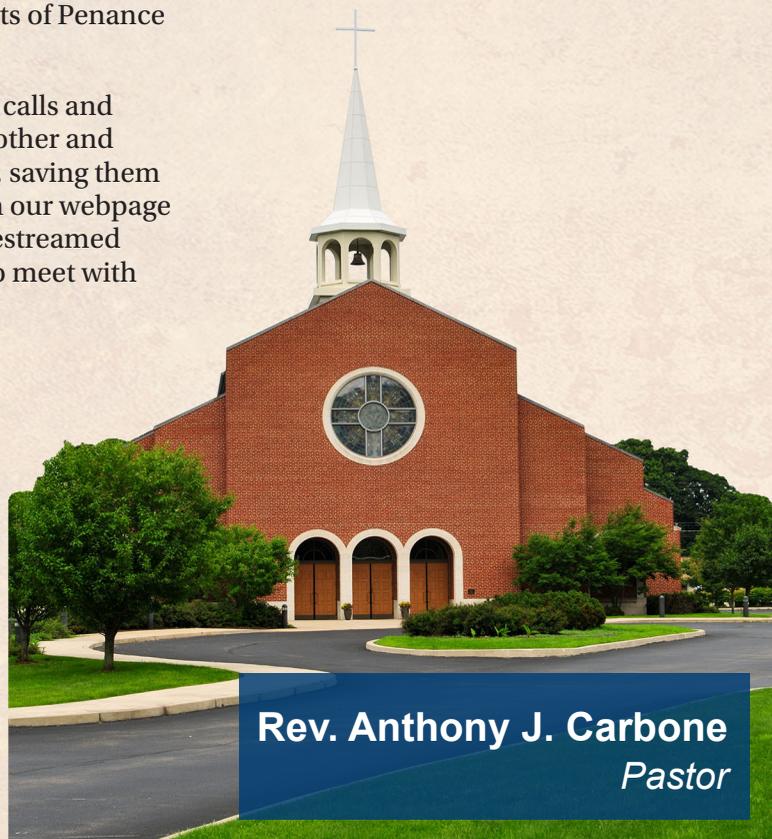
Staying Connected During COVID-19

During the early days of the pandemic, I continued to offer Mass every day, praying for all our parishioners and all persons living here in the Ligonier Valley. I was also available for the celebration of the Sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick.

The parish stayed in contact with parishioners through phone calls and emails. Many parishioners initiated phone trees, calling each other and checking up on others. Some parishioners shopped for others, saving them a trip outside of their homes. We also updated parishioners on our webpage and Facebook page. We encouraged parishioners to watch livestreamed Masses and televised Masses. Our youth minister continued to meet with several middle school parishioners via Zoom.

Our parish office never closed – we were always here to assist parishioners and others in their needs. We did have a few calls regarding assistance for food, utility payments, and rent payments. Our Community Service group provided Giant Eagle vouchers for about 70 families at Easter time.

Once we were allowed to begin celebrating Mass publicly again, we developed volunteer cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use. We also have a few hospitality ministers to assist with seating and distributing worship aids.



Rev. Anthony J. Carbone
Pastor

Ways You Can Give



Holy Trinity Parish
342 W. Main St.
Ligonier, PA 15658



8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
Monday - Wednesday, Friday

8:30 AM to 1:30 PM
Thursday



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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 in 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 offertory remained relatively strong during the spring, due to the generosity and steadfast support of our parishioners. Many parishioners mailed to the parish office and/or dropped off their contributions at the parish office, while others took advantage of our new online giving platform.

Online givers have two options available to them – they can donate on our parish webpage or on the diocesan webpage. Parishioners continued to be faithful to their Diocesan Lenten Appeal commitments and pledges.

The main fundraiser for our Community Service group has been cancelled – parking cars in our parish parking lot during the October Fort Ligonier Days. This fundraiser provided much needed financial support to the Community Service team for the whole year. The team provides gifts to needy children at Christmas, Blizzard Baskets in winter, food at Thanksgiving and Easter and material assistance all year long to those in need.

We hope still to be able to offer assistance to community members in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

In addition to this, we have had to postpone hiring a Faith Formation Coordinator. We are waiting to see what Faith Formation needs, what we will have in the future and how we will continue to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ post pandemic.



Parish Statistics

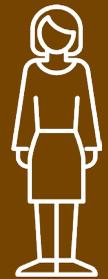


Registered Households



2018: 709
2019: 698
2020: 730

Single Member Households



288

Baptisms



2018: 18
2019: 17
2020: 7

Weddings



2018: 4
2019: 3
2020: 3

Funerals



2018: 23
2019: 16
2020: 10

Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
Offertory	\$ 392,377	\$ 378,952	\$ 367,534
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	7,932	5,642	2,341
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	53,396	77,570	87,498
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	28,298	20,344	47,080
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	61,248	21,551	94,951
Special Collections	40,667	30,903	42,499
Total Income	\$ 583,918	\$ 534,962	\$ 641,903
Expenses			
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 119,873	\$ 99,161	\$ 72,346
<i>Church</i>	52,065	70,858	43,786
<i>Rectory</i>	18,562	14,540	15,920
<i>Education and Ministry</i>	118,081	115,075	111,118
<i>General Expenses</i>	150,157	148,673	160,683
<i>Special Collections</i>	40,667	30,903	42,499
<i>Extraordinary Expenses</i>	75,750	75,825	202,028
Total Expenditures	575,155	555,035	648,380
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 8,763	\$ (20,073)	\$ (6,477)

Capital Improvements

We continue to care for our physical plant and to make improvements to the buildings. A new roof was put on the rectory for just under \$20,000. At a cost of nearly \$14,000, repairs were made to the rose window in the church building and the window in the Eucharistic chapel.

Major potholes were repaired in the church parking lot. Access points and wiring were installed to support wireless internet access on parish grounds. The HVAC in the church building is in need of major repair, probably costing approximately \$6,000-7,000. We would like to install air conditioning in the Parish Education Center in order that we can offer new catechetical programs in the future and move our parish offices there.

Perhaps, too, the Parish Education Center can become a kind of "Community Center," hosting various meetings and support groups. We already are hosting the Ligonier Valley Food Bank, which distributes food on the Saturday after the third Friday monthly.

Ministries at Holy Trinity

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

Altar Server

Both children and adults are welcome to assist the Priest as he celebrates Mass. We also welcome those who would like to serve at Funeral Masses.

Sacristan

A sacristan will assist the Priest in setting up for Mass, ensuring that all the necessary vessels, books, and other items for the celebration of Mass are in place.

Choirs & Cantors

Cantors assist the assembly in singing various Mass parts and choirs provide musical support. The Funeral Choir performs a great corporal act of mercy in burying the dead and helping those who grieve at the death of a loved one.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

When the size of the assembly is too large for the timely distribution of Holy Communion by the Priest (and Deacon) only, laypersons may assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Extraordinary Ministers at times may also bring Holy Communion to those who are homebound or residing at personal care home or nursing home.

Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality

Ushers and Ministers of Hospitality assist worshippers in finding a pew; distribute worship aids; clean and sanitize pews, doors, restrooms, and other high traffic areas of the church building; and help in emergency situations.

Parish Vocation Ministry

Members of this group pray for religious vocations and try to raise awareness of the need for holy priests and religious.

Collection Counters

Members of the parish count the weekly collection and make sure the collection is deposited safely and securely.

Reader

Readers proclaim the Word of God during Mass and other liturgical services.

Catechists

Catechists share their faith by instructing in the faith and practicing the faith. Catechists are able to share the faith with children, youth, engaged couples, children preparing for the Sacraments, and persons who are seeking to become Catholic.

Leaders of the Word

Leaders of the Word help children in grades K-5 understand and incorporate the Sunday Scriptures in a way that is appropriate to their age and experience.

Parish Council and Finance Council

Members offer advice to the Pastor about pastoral and financial issues affecting the parish. They also often serve by taking leadership positions for various activities.

Funeral Luncheon Committee

Members of this Committee help in providing aid and comfort to mourners. Some of the responsibilities of this committee include setting up the Atrium and cleaning the Atrium after the funeral meal.

Christian Mothers

The women of the parish gather for spiritual and mutual support in living out their vocations.

That Man Is You

The men of the parish gather for spiritual and mutual support in living out their vocations.

Community Service

Community Service provides food at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter for residents of the Ligonier Valley Community who are in need. The organization also provides Blizzard Boxes for students and children in need. Community Service will also sometimes assist persons with utility bills and rent payments.