**Immaculate Conception Parish** 

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#### **Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you for taking the time to read our parish annual report. It really is incredible to look back on the last year and see how our parish has come back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Mass attendance is rebounding and our outreach is revived!

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. When you are ready, I welcome you once again to the celebration of sacred Mass which combines so beautifully the Sacred Scripture teachings and encouragement, while the Eucharist itself gives us that experience of His Divine Presence as food for the journey. There is no better way to start our week than with each other nurtured in faith!

I know that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing that covenant of love. Many do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

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

I invite you to come see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!

Yours in Christ,

**Father John Moineau** 





## **Sources of Hope:**

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this year. The record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal supported outreach to seniors, infants and expectant mothers, as well as the sick and the homebound. As the number of homeless rises in Western Pennsylvania, we will continue to need your support.

Thankfully our parish, and particularly our societies, are once again able to fundraise. This year, our monthly raffle tickets and Super Bowl and Stanley Cup raffle tickets, along with Night at the Races, Burger Bashes and Cash Bash, were great successes! These events filled our halls with great fellowship and laughter. It was wonderful to see so many people gathering as a community enjoying each other's company and having a good time. We, along with Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, hosted some great spiritual events such as the Saint Peregrine conference for cancer patients and a beautiful eucharistic procession on Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's grounds honoring the saints and their love of the Holy Eucharist. Most recently in October we held a two day event of Praise and Healing with Deacon Jack Sullivan. Over 300 people were blessed with the Relic of Cardinal Newman. We are planning more spiritual and social events in the upcoming months, so please consider participating. Watch the bulletin for more details on each event.

- Conference of Catherine Laboure and the placement of her relic in the altar
- Santa Breakfast
- Lessons and Carols with Immaculate Conception Parish Choir
- Advent Penance Service and Spiritual Reflections
- Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses
- Night at the Races

I would also like 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 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. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

Parish Financials	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 1,272,393	\$ 1,165,376	\$ 1,093,771
Other Ordinary Income	24,382	23,817	25,974
(monthly collections, votive candles)  Extraordinary Income (bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)	109,033	79,272	82,827
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	74,521	104,075	86,087
Other Non-Assessable Income (The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)	58,464	74,578	167,769
Special Collections	21,998	12,001	27,275
Total Income	\$ 1,560,791	\$ 1,459,119	\$ 1,483,703
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 318,865	\$ 310,090	\$ 286,718
Church	100,408	99,014	104,573
Rectory	7,209	6,587	6,280
Education and Ministry	241,479	229,558 399,894	236,950 418,861
General Expenses Special Collections	428,885 21.998	12,001	27,275
Extraordinary Expenses	346,467	433,654	238,331
Total Expenditures	1,465,311	1,490,798	1,318,988
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 95,480	\$ (31,679)	\$ 164,715

# Our Parish by the Numbers:



2022: 2,672 2021: 2,467 2020: 2,513

Current Single Member Households

649



Baptisms 2022: 52 2021: 65 2020: 61

Weddings 2022: 22 2021: 23 2020: 18



Funerals 2022: 80 2021: 80 2020: 84





### **Our Ministries:**

- Altar Servers/Acolytes
- Music Ministry
- Ministry to the Homebound
- **Eucharistic Ministers**
- Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry Leaders
- Landscape Committee

- Theology on the Vine
- Decorating Committee
- Burger Bash Volunteers
- Comfort Blanket Ministry
- Immaculata Women's and Men's Groups
- Christian Mothers/ Women's Guild
- Grief Share Program
- Bereavement Committee
- Welcome Committee

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically ushers, greeters and altar servers! Please call the parish office today at 724-863-9550 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

# **Capital Improvements:**

Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer and hospitality.

Over the last three years, we have upgraded the electrical and HVAC system on the third floor of the Administration Building, replaced a crumbling brick wall on the Administration Building steps, addressed a long-standing water problem in Our Lady's Plaza, refinished all church pews and unity chairs, and installed new

pew and unity chair cushions and new kneeler pads.

Most recently we installed new parking lot lighting around the Administration Building, making it safer and brighter for evening parish events and activities. We are patiently waiting for parts to complete the renovations and upgrades to our church organ hardware and software systems. We are still in the process of completing the church exterior door and new alley door project.





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



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IN PERSON: Monday - Friday - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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