

**Sacred Heart Parish**  
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Jeannette, PA 15644-1799

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### Dear Parishioners,

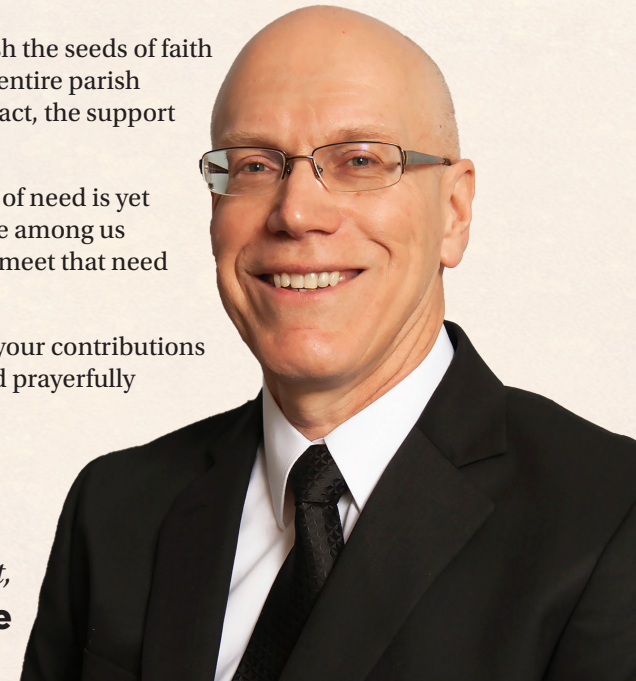
The safety and health of every member of our parish have been in my daily prayers as together we continue to face the ups and downs of the pandemic. Many of you, I know, have endured great pain and personal loss, not to mention the numerous concerns that have developed as the pandemic has imposed an ongoing struggle with fear and isolation in many people's lives. The crosses on the wall at Ascension Church attest to parishioners' personal losses, and the many empty seats in both churches make present the concerns that the pandemic continues to present to us today. Even with the reopening of the businesses and some return to normalcy, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next on the horizon.

I hope you have been comforted by our local and Diocesan outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls and pastoral visits. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, clothing and baby supply drives to assist young families in need, volunteers who cleaned and sanitized our churches to protect our at-risk parishioners, and outreach coordinators who made a crucial connection with the elderly and homebound. These are just a few examples of the outpouring of love we saw in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the pandemic.

I want you to know that through it all, Sacred Heart Parish has continued to nourish the seeds of faith that have been planted, seeking to care for the spiritual and material needs of our entire parish community. The good news in all of this is that the harvest has been bountiful! In fact, the support provided by you, the faithful, has been just remarkable.

As excited as I am about the impact of our outreach, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is yet to come. Economic uncertainty and continued isolation mean the most vulnerable among us will need us now more than ever. Our missions and ministries cannot continue to meet that need without your help.

I want to sincerely thank you for all that you have given to our parish. Remember, your contributions keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember your parish this year, and prayerfully consider increasing your stewardship so we can continue God's work.



*Yours in Christ,*  
**Deacon Bill Newhouse**

Growing Support for our  
**FAITH**  
Community



**Sacred Heart Parish Annual Report 2021**

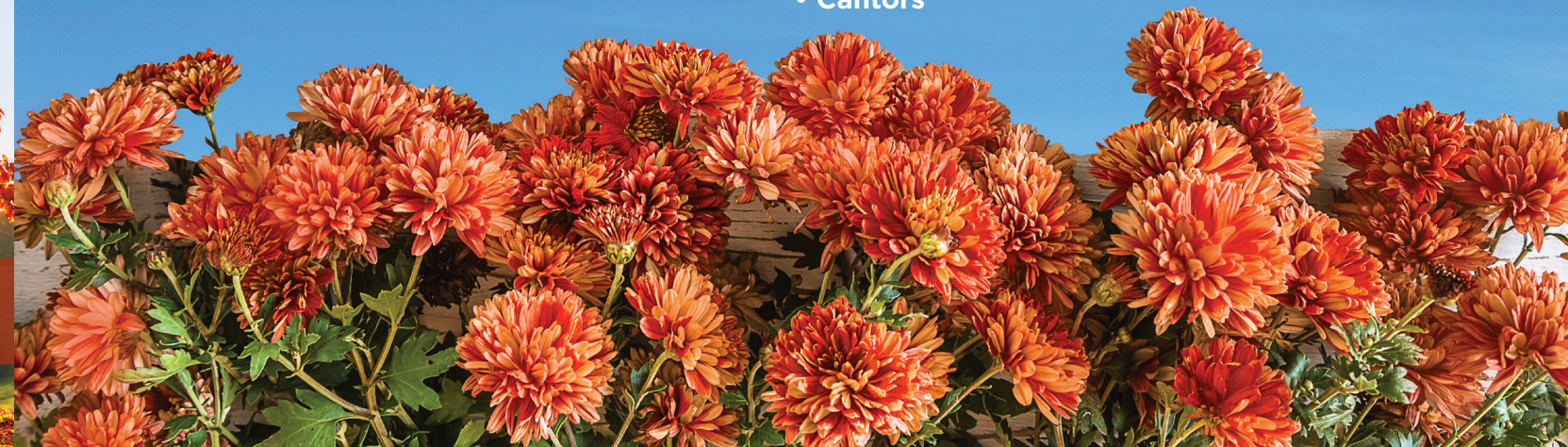
## Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

- Pastoral Council
- Jeannette Holy Name Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Rosary Altar Society
- Prayer Chain

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Cantors



# Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements



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

Over the last three years, we replaced the 30-year-old parish phone system and upgraded all office computers and software packages. At the Sacred Heart School building, we installed a new fire

alarm system in order to comply with all state and local codes pertaining to day care centers while also performing preventative perimeter wall repairs on the school building roof.

Despite all the listed improvements, the challenge of maintaining all of the buildings of both parish campuses is enormous.

## Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 240,594	\$ 305,266	\$ 310,725
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	421	2,375	4,987
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	123,593	119,057	174,331
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	—	3,287	6,290
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	54,227	110,575	42,641
<b>Special Collections</b>	16,156	19,551	37,387
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 434,991	\$ 560,111	\$ 576,361
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 75,592	\$ 85,096	\$ 89,875
Church	39,337	41,719	49,714
Rectory	16,439	18,409	14,578
Education and Ministry	61,839	78,694	92,433
General Expenses	243,512	247,438	240,153
Special Collections	16,281	20,388	37,588
Extraordinary Expenses	8,506	37,784	70,037
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	461,506	529,528	594,378
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	\$ (26,515)	\$ 30,583	\$ (18,017)

## Our Garden



### Registered Households

2021: 516  
2020: 532  
2019: 522

### Single Member Households

259



### Baptisms

2021: 7  
2020: 3  
2019: 5

### Weddings

2021: 0  
2020: 0  
2019: 1



### Funerals

2021: 50  
2020: 27  
2019: 50



## Weathering COVID-19

Just as God has provided for you, you have provided for our parish. Your investment is like the tilling of the soil, helping us to grow stronger. Despite the pandemic, our parish offertory remained strong, primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners.

While the offertory remained strong, the Diocesan Lenten Appeal, at first, suffered. In addition to the pandemic, the uncertainty of the parishes in Jeannette was a concern. What worried many was the repair of Sacred Heart Church suddenly coming to a halt when the damage exceeded what was anticipated. The temporary closure seemed to turn into something long term, possibly permanent. This uncertainty had a negative effect on the DLA. Following the Bishop's assurance of his support for the churches in Jeannette and the reopening of Sacred Heart Church for liturgies, a DLA extension campaign was run, and all indications show that it is rebounding well.

On the other hand, as I am sure you can imagine, our parish suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. Almost two years of Lenten fish fries were lost, along with other fundraisers sponsored by the Holy Name and Rosary Altar Societies.

I do want to call your attention to some exciting news, though. We recently hired a pastoral associate for faith formation and evangelization, Elisa Esasky. Elisa will be bringing faith formation back to the parishes, along with heading up our evangelization ministry, youth ministry, young adult ministry and adult education. These efforts will go a long way in planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parishes.

In the meantime, Benedictine Father Job Foote has begun a lectionary-based Scripture study on Tuesday evenings, allowing parishioners to become better acquainted with the Bible. He has been working to strengthen the parishes' prayer life by having the rosary prayed before all Masses, eucharistic adoration before weekday Masses, and regular eucharistic adoration, confession and Benediction on Fridays. The first step in evangelization is becoming a people of prayer.

## Ways You Can Give



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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday - Thursday  
7:30AM - 12:30PM



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