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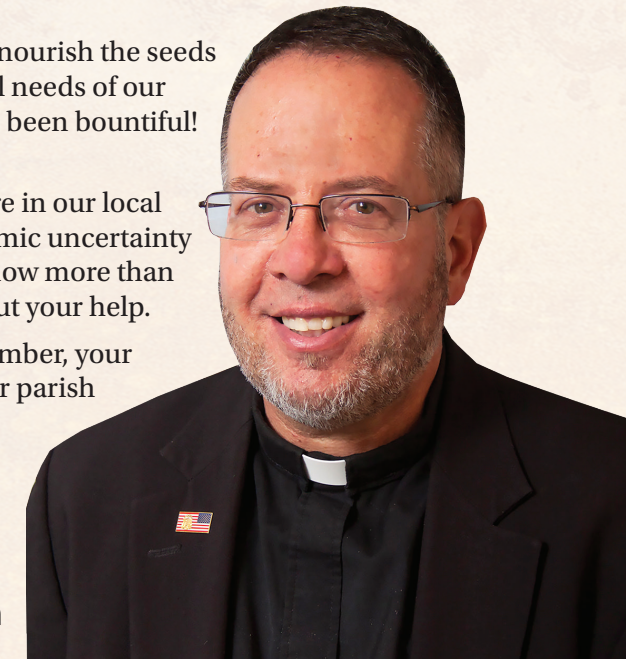
Dear Parishioners,

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. Still today, there is the ongoing uncertainty of what is next.

I want you to know that through it all, Saint Joseph 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 efforts to serve the people of God here in our local Church, I also realize that a tidal wave of need is still on the horizon. 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.



In the Year of Saint Joseph,
Father Salvatore R. Lamendola

Growing Support for our **FAITH** Community



Saint Joseph Parish Annual Report 2021

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

- **Altar Servers** - Assist the priest in preparing and serving at Mass.
- **Faith Formation Leaders and Catechists** - These individuals assist in forming the next generation of Christ's disciples.
- **Music Ministry** - Choirs provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.
- **Knights of Columbus #2648** - The Knights provide charitable service to the poor and hungry, while promoting Catholic education and family values.
- **Greeters** - Greeters welcome parishioners to our faith community.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** - Assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist at Mass.
- **Altar Rosary Society** - The Altar Rosary Society under the inspiration of Mary, our Blessed Mother, strives to promote devotion, love, dedication and service to the Church and parish community. Members help maintain altar linens, assist in caring for the altar, assist at funeral luncheons and support other parish activities.
- **RCIA** - Adult faith formation journey into the Catholic Church.
- **Communion Ministers to the Homebound** - Men and women, as well as the Pastor, carry our Blessed Lord present in the Holy Eucharist to our homebound parishioners on a monthly basis. Parishioners who cannot attend Mass may call the parish office to arrange for home visitation.
- **Ushers** - The ushers take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society** - Members helping the poor and community with their needs.
- **Ministry of Care** - These volunteers provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound of the parish. The ministers take the Eucharist to the sick where they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.
- **Lectors** - Proclaim the word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.
- **Money Counters** - These individuals assist in counting collections.
- **Our Lady's Rosary Makers** - An organization of volunteers who promote the devotion to Our Lady through making rosaries to give to Catholics in our parish, the Home Missions, and those abroad.



Cultivate the Garden Within: Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we installed a new air conditioning system in the parish rectory for our tenants. In response to multiple acts of vandalism, several significant upgrades were made to advance and ensure the protection of our parish family and the physical integrity of our parish facilities. Upgrades include:

- 1) A comprehensive surveillance camera system was installed around the entire perimeter of the main Church. Surveillance system includes system 12 high definition cameras and a monitoring screen mounted in the parish office which allows for 24-hour monitoring of the church grounds.
- 2) Replacing of numerous outdated lighting fixtures around entire Church building and parking lot and installation of new, advanced installation of LED lighting system which will provide greater visibility, safety and serve as a means to ward off criminal activity in the future.
- 3) Installation of new Church carpeting in the Church entrance, gathering space and side isles. The interior of the church, in particular the votive candle shrine, have suffered extensive carpet damage resulting from the vandalism, i.e. the toppling of votive candles. By working closely with the diocese, we were allowed to replace the old and faded church carpeting with entirely new carpet in the church and gathering space.

4) Chronic water damage control: New underground drainage pipes and a downspout were installed to prevent and mitigate future and potential water damage in the church social hall and restrooms. Our diocesan insurance, along with parish staff and the great assistance of several dedicated parish volunteers, addressed and resolved the issues of flooding in the church social hall by replacing several old and severely deteriorated terracotta underground drainage system with new and larger heavy duty plastic pipes along Second Ave. A large and new downspout was also installed on the church roof to facilitate better drainage flow of rainwater.

5) Church social hall repainted: As a result of extensive water damage and flooding in the church social hall, the walls and ceilings were also adversely affected. A claim was submitted to the diocesan insurance provider, whereby the diocesan insurance covered all expenses associated which provided us the opportunity to repaint the entire Saint Joseph social hall at minimal cost.

6) Church bell tower: During the installation of the new lighting system throughout the parish, a bucket truck was used to place four custom-made protective caps over each of the four existing columns to extend long term longevity of the bell tower.

7) Social hall: Floors in the church social hall and kitchen were recently stripped and waxed.

Our Garden



Registered Households

2021: 465
2020: 462
2019: 377

Single Member Households

206



Baptisms

2021: 5
2020: 5
2019: 3

Weddings

2021: 1
2020: 2
2019: 1



Funerals

2021: 11
2020: 17
2019: 20



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; but it was greatly assisted by online giving and a very generous response to this year's Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. This year, our Knights of Columbus successfully managed to provide our popular Lenten fish dinners on a takeout only basis.

We recently attempted to have a partner parish-wide photo pictorial directory to create a greater sense of familiarity among parishioners. The parish website now is on Facebook to promote greater human connectivity.



Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL:
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IN PERSON:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM



ONLINE:
smartinstjoseph.org

Parish Financials

	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 173,974	\$ 160,106	\$ 167,474
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,419	4,682	3,196
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	27,465	23,365	29,337
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	3,094	5,109	2,401
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	1,937	25,597	1,138
Special Collections	3,089	6,430	9,821
Total Income	\$ 211,978	\$ 225,289	\$ 213,367
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 54,971	\$ 50,872	\$ 49,495
Church	34,641	35,517	41,869
Rectory	5,132	2,738	3,120
Education and Ministry	28,057	30,609	36,598
General Expenses	82,883	83,130	76,945
Special Collections	2,815	6,992	9,822
Extraordinary Expenses	-	4,494	24,568
Total Expenditures	208,499	214,352	242,417
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 3,479	\$ 10,937	\$ (29,050)

