

**SS. Simon and Jude Parish**  
155 North Brady Street  
Blairsville, PA 15717

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**Dear Parishioners,**

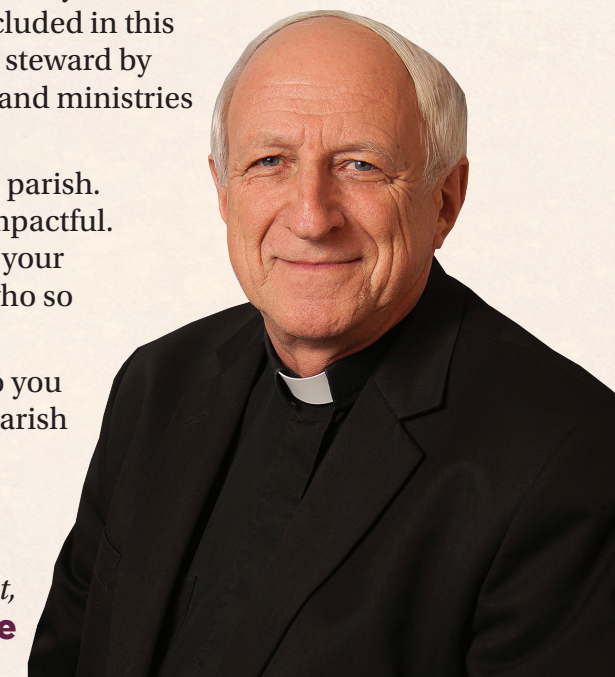
Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. It is incredible to look back on the last year and see how our parish is beginning to come back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Mass attendance is beginning to rebound, and we are working on a revival of some of our parish ministries and services.

If you, too, are in need of revival in your life, consider this a personal invitation to reunite yourself with the very source of our strength and the summit of our faith. We are all welcome to once again experience His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist and to take a more active role in the life of the Church.

There are many ways in which we can all help to uplift our faith community. First, I ask you to pray (possibly the rosary on a regular basis) and invite others to pray 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 the missions and ministries within our parish 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 help to keep this parish vibrant and impactful. Please remember our parish in the coming year, and prayerfully offer your stewardship so that we can continue to bring the Eucharist to those who so desperately need it (all of us).

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.



*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Steve**



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**FAITH**  
Community

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Annual Report 2022**





## Sources of Hope:

The generosity of our parishioners helped to uplift our parish this past year. The record-breaking 2022 Diocesan Lenten Appeal was a great support to our parish budget and helped us to meet necessary operating expenses. We did, however, have to rely on parish reserve funds to cover the expensive air conditioning and air handler project that was completed during the year. I am sure that your continued generosity will help to rebuild those reserve funds for future needs.

Thankfully our parish, and particularly our societies are once again able to plan some fundraisers. A few such activities are presently being planned – please consider participating. It would be wonderful to see people gathering as a community again in activities other than the Sunday Mass.



## Our Parish by the Numbers:



### Registered Households

2022: 374  
2021: 379  
2020: 391

### Current Single Member Households

144



### Baptisms

2022: 6  
2021: 3  
2020: 4

### Weddings

2022: 0  
2021: 2  
2020: 2



### Funerals

2022: 27  
2021: 23  
2020: 25



## Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Angels of Compassion
- Liturgy Arts and Environment
- Cantors
- Children's Leaders of the Word
- Catechists
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Choirs
- Lectors
- Ushers

We really do need volunteers to support our parish. Please call the parish office today at 724-459-7103 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

## Capital Improvements:

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain our church building and surrounding grounds, making it the center of prayer in our community. During the past couple of years, we installed new lighting for our church parking lot area and replaced the air conditioning and air handler units in the church. Most recently we replaced the air conditioning unit that cools the kitchen area of Marian Hall.



## Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 310,937	\$ 302,811	\$ 294,386
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	975	1,258	1,193
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	38,299	15,212	26,948
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	11,754	10,502	3,793
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	2,472	3,928	39,273
<b>Special Collections</b>	13,555	10,181	14,881
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 377,992</b>	<b>\$ 343,892</b>	<b>\$ 380,474</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 101,139	\$ 98,489	\$ 95,523
Church	36,081	41,777	44,335
Rectory	7,223	5,820	7,137
Education and Ministry	34,670	30,728	38,200
General Expenses	169,415	157,197	161,356
Special Collections	13,639	10,161	14,249
Extraordinary Expenses	105,473	14,196	15,734
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>467,640</b>	<b>358,368</b>	<b>376,534</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (89,648)</b>	<b>\$ (14,476)</b>	<b>\$ 3,940</b>

## Ways You Can Give



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Thursday  
9:00 AM – Noon and  
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



**ONLINE:**  
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