

**Saint John the Baptist 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. I also look back in joy at the wonderful events that returned, in particular our Saint John the Baptist Feast Day Novena and also the celebration of my installation as pastor in July. My prayer is that we continue to enter into a period of growth and renewal.

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 to once again experience His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

I know that many 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. We will be working hard to help build bridges back to our parish home.

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. Mama Mary is a powerful intercessor for us. Consider taking part in our Parish Community Rosary, beginning the First Saturday Devotion or spending time at Eucharistic Adoration.

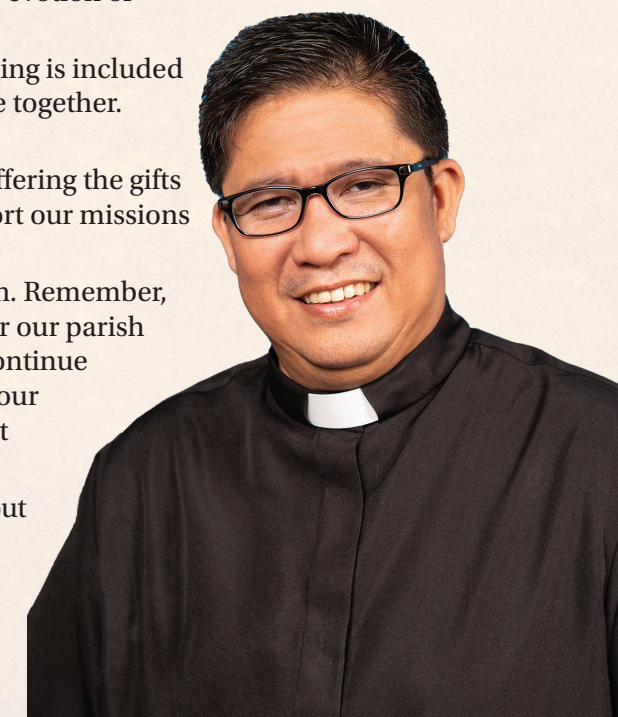
Also, consider taking an active role in our parish community. A ministry listing is included in this report. It would be wonderful to see families joining together to serve together. We truly are in need of ministers in every aspect of parish life.

Finally, I invite you to attend Mass weekly and become a good steward by offering the gifts God has given you through your time, talent and treasure. 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 continue to be present and a welcoming home to those who so desperately need it. Your gifts make possible our mission of sharing the Good News and the Eucharist with those who 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. But I invite you to come see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Rody**



## Uplift Our **FAITH** Community

## Saint John the Baptist Parish Annual Report 2022



## 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, and the sick and homebound across the Diocese. The funds returned to the parish were used for some much-needed repairs and upgrades, especially to our social hall and school rooms, in addition to helping to keep the parish operating.

I am truly excited for the changes to our parish leadership, Pastoral Council, Finance Council and staff. We are beginning a format that I am sharing from my experience: WESTYVFLA. We have broken out areas, with leaders who will focus on specific areas and needs: Worship, Evangelization, Social Services, Temporalities, Youth, Vocations, Family Life. These leaders have committed to focus their time and talent on helping our parish grow in these areas. I am also looking at ways to better streamline the workload of our staff to more effectively and efficiently support our parish.

Thankfully, our parish is once again able to hold community events to help us raise necessary funds. This past year, we held our Lenten Fish Fry, annual Purse Bash, Summer Raffle, our Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner and Vendor Show, and are looking forward to our 2023 event calendar!

More importantly, we have an active calendar for deepening our personal relationship with God. In June, we had our Feast Day Novena, where previous priests came and celebrated evening Mass and concluded with our outdoor Mass and Feast Day Celebration. We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School, have started a new bilingual program for our littlest family members and are getting ready to take members of our High School Youth Ministry to Long Beach, Calif., for the National Catholic Youth Conference. We are also entering into a three-year Eucharistic Revival initiative.

On the next page are some of the scheduled events on our calendar; please consider participating.

As you can see, we are alive and active. We need your commitment to maintaining this momentum of growth, revival and stewardship.

## Our Parish by the Numbers:



### Registered Households

2022: 710  
2021: 700  
2020: 718

### Current Single Member Households

295



### Baptisms

2022: 7  
2021: 7  
2020: 7

### Weddings

2022: 1  
2021: 3  
2020: 4



### Funerals

2022: 29  
2021: 27  
2020: 32



## Upcoming Events:

- First Saturday Devotions – 9 a.m. Mass, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 3 p.m., the time of Benediction; 11 a.m.-noon is set aside as a time for youth and families with younger children to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. The sacrament of reconciliation is offered at 4 p.m.

- Community Rosary – Participants will welcome to their home a statue of Our Lady of Fatima, where she will stay for one week and where family and friends can gather in praying the rosary asking for Mama Mary's intercession. Then the image of Mama Mary will move to another's home.

- Opportunities for Adoration – Nov. 20, Dec. 8 and Jan. 15. We plan to add more times for those who would like to spend time in the True Presence to help get through daily life.

- We will sell our homemade frozen pierogi for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

- We will host a Perryopolis Community Advent Song Fest in December.

- In 2023: Homemade Halupki Dinner; Lenten Fish Fry with a return to eat-in dining; our annual Purse Bash in March; and our Parish Festival July 16. Also, our Evangelization Team will be working on an updated parish directory.

## Our Ministries:

- Youth Altar Servers
- Adult Altar Servers
- Lectors
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers to the Sick and Homebound
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Adult Choir
- Cantors
- Youth Music Ministry, Choir and Cantors

*We really do need volunteers to support our parish both during the celebraton of the liturgy and at our upcoming events. Please call the parish office today at 724-736-4442 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.*

## Capital Improvements:

Four buildings make up our parish, in addition to the three cemeteries we maintain. They take a lot of work, and not all can be done by volunteers. Your contributions to the Building Fund, Cemetery Care, DLA and offertory help to maintain all of these areas.

Over the last three years, we have completed the following improvements: replaced the doors at the school building; added security cameras to the church and office buildings and a security system to the social hall and school building; and replaced the air conditioning unit at the

social hall. Most recently we removed the old stage in the social hall and replaced it with a functional, much-needed storage area, painted the social hall area and replaced ceiling tile in the classrooms

Finance Council works diligently to look ahead and plan for the future. In doing so, they have included these projects in our three-year plan: repadding our pews, tearing down the former convent building and replacing it with a pavilion, painting the interior of the church, and, eventually, replacing the 46-year-old church air conditioning unit.



## Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 309,718	\$ 302,309	\$ 298,221
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	-	3,467	1,067
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	50,386	45,156	30,070
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	87,392	173,390	98,022
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	54,330	63,452	44,502
<b>Special Collections</b>	6,848	7,251	11,895
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 508,674	\$ 595,025	\$ 483,777
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 147,107	\$ 153,398	\$ 129,301
Church	32,147	26,875	38,757
Rectory	10,776	12,549	11,133
Education and Ministry	93,159	89,982	72,396
General Expenses	187,446	195,051	152,841
Special Collections	6,848	7,734	11,895
Extraordinary Expenses	46,239	87,209	66,614
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	523,722	572,798	482,937
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	\$ (15,048)	\$ 22,227	\$ 840

## Ways You Can Give



**BY MAIL:**  
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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Thursday  
9:30 AM – 3:30 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[osvhub.com/sjbperry/giving/funds](https://osvhub.com/sjbperry/giving/funds)

