

Devoting Support <sup>to our</sup>

# FAITH

Community

## STAYING CONNECTED

God's work continues during  
the COVID-19 pandemic.

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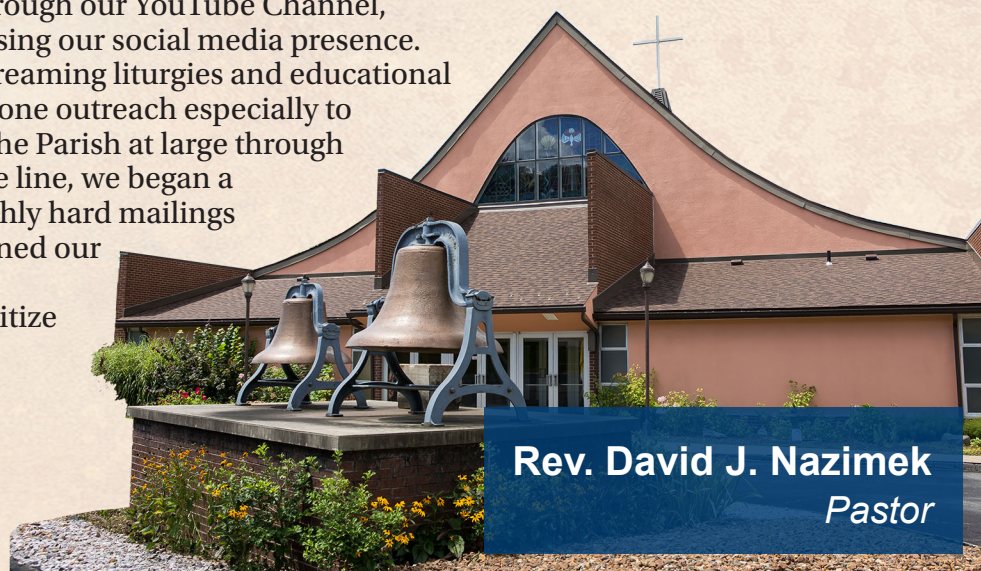


Help us stay connected to you! PLEASE take a moment to fill out our parish survey online:  
[DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJohnPerry](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/StJohnPerry)

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

We have been keeping the parishioners of St John the Baptist Parish in our prayers during this pandemic. I can't even imagine the difficulties you must be facing; balancing family, job, school and everything else that has been made more complicated by COVID-19. During this stress-filled time, I want you to know that our Parish continues to care for the spiritual and material needs of our Faith Community.

Once our church building was closed in March with the "lock-down," we began to stream Masses, devotions and informational updates to our parishioners via our website and send through our YouTube Channel, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, increasing our social media presence. This also offered another outlet for our streaming liturgies and educational opportunities. We conducted a Parish phone outreach especially to the elderly and homebound, but also to the Parish at large through "neighborhood" contacts. Along the same line, we began a Ministry of Hospitality and also did monthly hard mailings to our households. And - when we reopened our church for public services, we solicited volunteers to act as cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use.



**Rev. David J. Nazimek**  
*Pastor*

## Ways You Can Give



**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
3332 Pittsburgh Road  
Perryopolis, PA 15473



**8 AM to 3 PM**  
**Monday-Thursday**

**7 AM to Noon**  
**Sunday**



[sjbperry.org](https://sjbperry.org)

Sadly, as you can imagine, the virus has greatly impacted every form of stewardship. If you are willing to give of your time and talent to help those in need, please look for our ministry listings and contact us to volunteer. Even though we cannot gather as we normally would, this may be an especially good time to consider a ministry in our parish so that when we do begin to gather, you will have an idea of how you want to serve our community of faith.

Additionally, as you might imagine, your continued financial support during this difficult time will help our parish to maintain and to continue God's work. And so, with great sensitivity to whatever your circumstances might be, I humbly ask, if you are able, that you consider an increase in your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online or by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail or by visiting our website for online offertory.



# COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community



Our Parish offertory remained strong primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners – but was greatly assisted by online giving and your generosity with the Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Our Parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. The Lenten Fish Fry was cut short (first week was the usual sit-down dining, the next two weeks were “take-out” only, and then we shut down), our Summer Festival along with the Flea Market were cancelled, and the annual autumn events have also been canceled.



Fr. Rodolfo P. Mejia, Jr.  
Priest in Residence

## Parish Statistics



### Registered Households



2018: 766  
2019: 815  
2020: 718

### Single Member Households



317

### Baptisms



2018: 6  
2019: 13  
2020: 7

### Weddings



2018: 1  
2019: 0  
2020: 4

### Funerals



2018: 32  
2019: 35  
2020: 32

## Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 325,091	\$ 318,803	\$ 298,221
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,971	3,247	1,067
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	70,554	52,824	30,070
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	21,959	111,656	98,022
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	88,167	37,219	44,502
<b>Special Collections</b>	33,382	20,063	11,895
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 542,126	\$ 543,811	\$ 483,776
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 104,874	\$ 118,012	\$ 129,301
Church	33,470	35,938	38,757
Rectory	14,104	12,740	11,133
Education and Ministry	77,694	70,775	72,396
General Expenses	127,328	122,869	152,841
Special Collections	33,382	20,063	11,895
Extraordinary Expenses	133,107	162,861	66,614
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	523,960	543,258	482,936
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 18,166	\$ 553	\$ 840

# Capital Improvements

Your contributions to St John the Baptist Parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we completed many projects: new roofs on the school building, the church, and the rectory; Retrofitted the lighting in the church and the offices with LED lighting; currently in the process of replacing the doors on the church and the school building; and re-routing the drainage water that was causing parking lot damage.



## Ministries at St John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist encourages its parishioners to participate in one of our liturgical, social or music ministries. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

### Youth Altar Server

Altar servers assist the priest at mass. They light and extinguish the altar candles, carry the crucifix in procession, set the altar, assist with offertory and minister the water and wine. The ministry is open to anyone that has made their First Communion.

### Adult Altar Server

Adult altar servers assist the priest at Mass. Adult servers are needed to serve at daily Mass, specifically during funeral liturgies.

### Lector

This ministry comes from the call to proclaim the Word of God in liturgical assembly. Lectors are men and women of the parish, who are a part of the team that leads the congregation in worship. They study and pray over the scripture of Sunday and read the first and second readings from the ambo, in addition to leading the Prayers of the Faithful.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

These ministers assist the priest in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Ministries are commissioned after training.

### Usher

Ushers help with the smooth operation of some of the mechanics of the liturgy.

### Greeters

Greeters are the first smiling face you see when entering the church.

### Ministers to the Sick and Homebound

Ministers to the sick and homebound take communion to those unable to attend Mass due to physical and/or mental limitations. These ministers are called upon to visit hospitals and nursing/personal care homes.

### Adult Choir

The parish choir is organized to provide accompanying music for the major liturgy of Sunday Masses, as well as special holy days throughout the year. The choir leads the congregation in praising God through liturgical music from September to early June. They practice once a week and whatever is necessary before Christmas and Easter.

### Cantor

This group works with the adult choir. Members are trained and assigned to lead singing at all Masses.

### Youth Music Ministry, Choir and Cantors

The youth music ministry leads the monthly youth Mass through playing instruments and singing. Youth Masses are held on the third Sunday of each month at the 11 a.m. Mass. They also lead at the Christmas Eve Vigil and First Communion Masses.