Saint Regis Parish

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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 hope you have been comforted and enriched by our parish's enhanced outreach through streaming Masses, phone calls, special mailings, the monthly parish e-newsletter and other opportunities for prayer. There were also special collections to support mission work at home and around the world, food drives to help the hungry, 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, Saint Regis 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 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.

Yours in Christ,

Father George Saletrik

Flowers that Feed the Soul: Our Ministry Listing

Leadership Councils:

- Pastoral Council
- Finance Council

Liturgical Ministries:

- Lectors
- Altar Servers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Music
- Cantors
- Instrumentalists
- Handbell Choir
- Children Voice & Chime Ensemble
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Funeral
- Wake Service
- Rite of Committal

- Liturgical Environment Team
- Wedding Coordinators
- Lay Presiders

Faith Formation/Sacrament Preparation

- Catechists & Aides
- Marriage Sponsor Couple
- RCIA Catechist

Service/Outreach/Other:

- Greeting Card Ministry
- Baking
- Birthday Events
- Church Cleaning
- Clerical
- Evangelization Committee
- Food Bank
- Garden Club

- Giving Tree Project
- Good Samaritans
- Mary & Martha
- Meals for Moms
- Social Committee
- Sister Parish Committee
- Nursing Home Visitors/ Homebound Ministry
- Vocation Ministry Team

Groups:

- Knights of Columbus
- Life of Joy
- Men's Group
- Women's Faith Sharing Group
- Sleeping Bag Project



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 completed replacement of all of our seriously outdated electrical boxes throughout the building and replaced the lighting in the church with high-efficiency LED fixtures. Badly needed concrete replacement was completed on our front sidewalk and on

the steps leading into the parking lot. We have also been able to purchase needed new electronics for our faith formation office, and we installed a safety handrail in the parish office. Many parishioners and residents in our neighborhood have enjoyed our refurbished Fatima shrine, thanks to the leadership of one of our young parishioners who took it on as his Eagle Scout service project.

Parish Financials	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19
Offertory	\$ 417,707	\$ 439,503	\$ 460,744
Other Ordinary Income (monthly collections, votive candles)	7,663	4,460	7,630
Extraordinary Income (bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)	150,643	71,974	71,217
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	7,596	13,421	15,400
Other Non-Assessable Income (The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)	55,353	111,067	27,352
Special Collections	54,604	44,566	45,177
Total Income	\$ 693,566	\$ 684,991	\$ 627,520
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 165,252	\$ 175,631	\$ 170,638
Church	119,810	114,863	118,857
Rectory	11,036	9,658	3,780
Education and Ministry	104,585	100,441	106,053
General Expenses	165,901	162,114	169,754
Special Collections	49,218	40,774	45,008
Extraordinary Expenses	105,516	54,564	69,289
Total Expenditures	721,318	658,045	683,379
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (27,752)	\$ 26,946	\$ (55,859)

Our Garden











Weathering COVID-19

Single Member Households



Registered **Households** 2021: 1224 2020: 1195 2019: 1177



Baptisms

2021: 7 2020: 3 2019:12

Weddings

2020:0 2019:0





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 strong response to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

As I am sure you can imagine, our parish and our local Knights of Columbus suffered from the loss of fundraising monies. Our sister parish committee's usual fundraisers were significantly impacted, and the Knights lost their bingo income, which is used to fund many of their charitable programs and support of the parish.

As we continue to work toward getting the life of the parish back to normal, some of our usual fundraisers are coming back, and we are looking at reestablishing our parish festival next summer.

The shutdown at the beginning of the pandemic last year made it necessary for us to find new ways to reach out and communicate; our parish evangelization committee and other volunteers reached out by phone and created our electronic newsletter. We have been able to make available to all parishioners access to the rich spiritual and catechetical resources of FORMED.org. We are also overjoyed to have welcomed over 35 new families to the Saint Regis Parish family since the summer of 2020. Our parish Pastoral Council is spearheading work to build on all of the good that is happening to continue planting the seeds of faith in the next generation of our parish.

Ways You Can Give



BY MAIL: Saint Regis Parish 517 Homewood Avenue Trafford, PA 15085



IN PERSON:

Monday - Thursday 8:30AM - 4:00PM Friday - 8:30AM - Noon



ONLINE: stregistrafford.org



Funerals

2020: 32

2021: 36 2019: 25

