

**Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

I am happy to present you with this year's Parish Annual Report titled "*thanks*GIVING for God's Blessings." Although I am new to the parish, I am so thankful for the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon this faith community, and you will see many of those blessings in this publication.

With gratitude to our volunteers, be sure to take a look at the many ways our parishioners are dedicating their time and talents to strengthening our faith community. This report also includes a complete ministry listing that I pray will prompt you to become involved and join the others who are feeling the call to service.

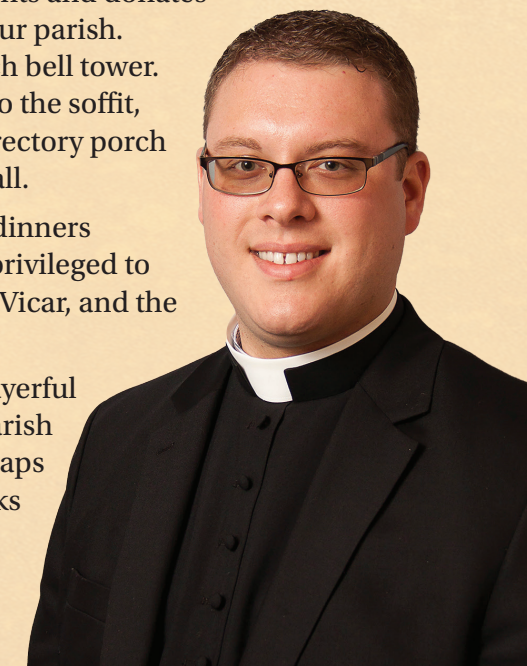
I am truly grateful to our parish staff for the many ways they inspire the hearts and minds of our parishioners through their dedicated efforts, and in particular the welcome and assistance they have given to me as the new Pastor. As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, our staff members are part of a grassroots effort to share the importance of promoting greater awareness and understanding of the gift of the Eucharist in the life of our Church.

With gratitude to each of you who attends Mass, offers prayers, participates in events and donates to the parish, take a look at the many ways you impact the culture and vitality of our parish. Within the past year, we were able to complete much-needed repairs to our church bell tower. The stained-glass window in the choir loft was reframed, and repairs were made to the soffit, fascia and vinyl siding of the tower. We were also able to complete repairs on the rectory porch structure and install a tankless water heater in Saint Mary/Saint Gabriel Parish Hall.

This past Lent, our parish was grateful to be able to resume the in-person fish fry dinners following a hiatus due to the pandemic. At the beginning of September, we were privileged to welcome back for Mass and a reception Bishop Medil Aseo, our former Parochial Vicar, and the current Bishop of the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines.

Living a life rooted in gratitude requires us to express our thanks. And so, with prayerful consideration to your current situation, I ask you to make a year-end gift to our parish to show your gratitude for the good work being done here. Or if you are able, perhaps you may also wish to increase your weekly or monthly offertory as a show of thanks for the blessings God has bestowed upon you.

*Yours in Christ,*  
**Father Dinga**



*thanks*  
**GIVING**  
For God's Blessings



Giving QR Code

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Annual Report 2023**



# Become an Intentional Disciple

Enter into a deeper relationship with Christ and your fellow parishioners by attending one of these upcoming events:

- **November – Angel Giving Tree in cooperation with Armstrong County Children and Youth**
- **December – Angel Memorial Tree, to benefit the needy through the Good Samaritan Ministry**
- **January 7 – Epiphany play presented by faith formation children after 11 AM Mass**



# Our Parish by the Numbers:



## Registered Households

2023: 308  
2022: 312  
2021: 329

## Current Single Member Households

81



## Baptisms

2023: 6  
2022: 5  
2021: 5

## Weddings

2023: 0  
2022: 2  
2021: 0



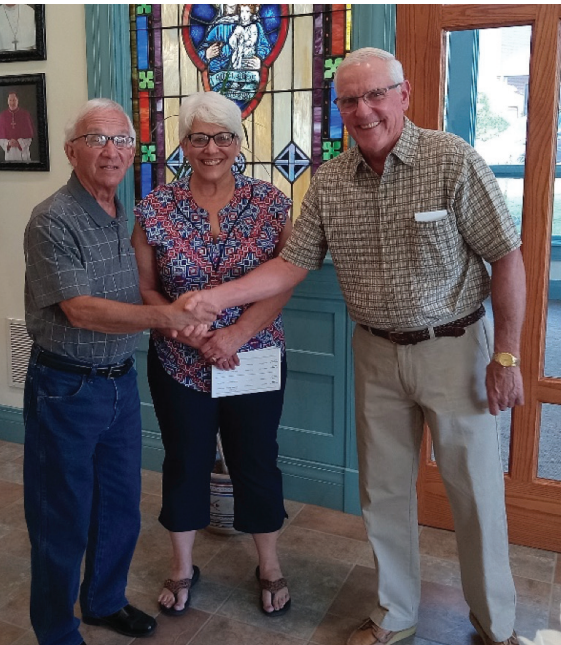
## Funerals

2023: 14  
2022: 16  
2021: 21

# New to Our Parish

New to our parish this year is Father Eric J. Dinga, V.F., who became Pastor of Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish and Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning, effective August 31. He will be installed by Bishop Larry J. Kulick here in Yatesboro on October 17. Father Dinga remains the Pastor of Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City, and St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan, as well as Vicar Forane of Deanery I.

We are also pleased to welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Father Juanito Lozano, who is one of our new international priests from the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines. Father Nito began his time with us on August 31 and resides at the rectory at Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.



## Giving With Gratitude

We are excited to showcase our new Giving QR Code. Please scan it to make a year-end gift or to increase your offertory.



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**IN PERSON:**  
Monday – Thursday – 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
and 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



**ONLINE:**  
[saintmaryyatesboro.org](http://saintmaryyatesboro.org)

## Parish Financials

	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 195,413	\$ 195,378	\$ 180,505
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,741	4,623	4,457
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	49,868	29,302	27,213
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	13,149	37,031	20,040
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	6,017	9,355	24,856
<b>Special Collections</b>	22,700	35,985	24,247
<b>Total Income</b>	\$ 290,888	\$ 311,674	\$ 281,318
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 61,393	\$ 60,949	\$ 57,838
Church	34,903	36,891	24,053
Rectory	2,936	2,490	3,418
Education and Ministry	14,888	13,718	12,720
General Expenses	84,120	77,005	77,053
Special Collections	22,363	35,950	23,583
Extraordinary Expenses	57,202	62,801	32,978
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	277,805	289,804	231,643
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	\$ 13,083	\$ 21,870	\$ 49,675

## Our Ministries:

- Catechists
- Altar Servers
- Adult Altar Servers
- Cantors
- Greeters
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers to Sick and Homebound
- Lectors
- Children and Youth Lectors
- Adult Choir
- Ushers
- Ministers of Hospitality
- Prayer Chain
- Bereavement Ministry
- Altar Rosary Society
- Associates of Mary
- Art and Environment Ministry
- Outdoor Garden Ministry
- Parish Hall Events Ministry
- Good Samaritan Ministry

*We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters and catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-783-7191 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.*

