

Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for taking the time to read our Parish Annual Report. It is really incredible to look back on the last year and see how our parish has come back to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. Even though some may still feel hesitant to return to Church, our Mass attendance is rebounding, and our parish opportunities are revived!

If you, too, need 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 experience His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist once again.

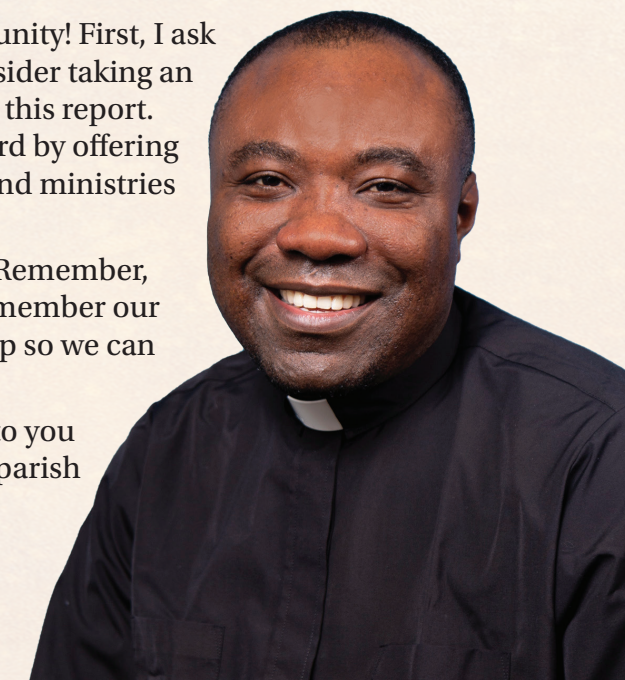
I know that many young and fallen-away Catholics are missing that covenant of love. Many do not feel connected, fulfilled and knowledgeable about their faith. Others struggle with understanding the mission of our Church.

You can help us change that! Together, we can uplift our faith community! First, I ask you to pray the rosary and invite others to pray it 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 our parish mission and ministries that will help others encounter Christ.

I want to 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 bring the Eucharist to those who so desperately 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 see for yourself. We have a seat waiting for you!

Yours in Christ,
Father Anthony



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FAITH
Community

**Saint Raymond
of the Mountains 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 various maintenance projects, sealing and striping the parking lot, and Diocesan debt reduction.

Thankfully, our parish was able to come alive once again! We had several joyous celebrations during this past fiscal year. We honored a former pastor, Father Thaddeus (Ted) Kaczmarek on his 50th anniversary of being a priest. Our parish Thanksgiving dinner was revived once again after COVID-19, and many came to visit and mingle with their fellow parishioners. As in the past, Santa visited with our children right before Christmas.

So many wonderful events motivated our parish community to get involved. During the spring of 2022, it was such a wonderful sight to see the many parishioners come to the Blessing of the Easter Baskets. We were also fortunate, through the generosity of a parish family, to honor our volunteers serving in various ministries at a luncheon. If you heard a roar in May, you would have noticed the Blessing of the Bikes at the American Legion Post 941, Donegal. We finished spring with a jubilant affair. We had a centenarian in our midst and reason to celebrate Margaret Krystyniak's 100th birthday on June 4, 2022. We had such a hectic spring that we ended June with a combo celebration — a church picnic and my one-year anniversary as the pastor at Saint Raymond of the Mountains, plus my birthday.

We cannot forget our continued outreach to our community. We supported the Knights of Columbus and their infant initiative. We still serve as the home for the monthly local food bank. And our confirmation students collect personal care items for these families during the winter. Numerous gifts were distributed from our Angel Tree to infants and our elderly. Our Christian Mothers visited the residents of St. Anne Home for a game day as well as offered gifts to our shut-ins at Christmas. We continued serving donuts and coffee after Sunday Masses from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This social event brought together many Laurel Highlands visitors with our parish community.

With all the community outreach and these celebratory events, we were thankful once again to be able to fundraise. A new scratch-off ticket was introduced for Labor Day, St. Patrick's Day and Father's Day. Our January Calendar Ticket and Side-of-Beef/Pork Ticket were still offered. Saint Raymond Christian Mothers reestablished the Trash 'n' Treasure Sale during the summer. With the change of the seasons, the horses were saddled for the Night at the Races for fall and spring.

Our Parish by the Numbers:



Registered Households

2022: 350
2021: 348
2020: 343

Current Single Member Households

86



Baptisms

2022: 2
2021: 2
2020: 2

Weddings

2022: 4
2021: 1
2020: 3



Funerals

2022: 4
2021: 5
2020: 8



A new fundraiser entered the scene for Christmas – an evergreen wreath sale which was offered to our parish and the general community. And a good old stand-by Turkey Soup Sale ended the year. The Easter season brought back the favorite Pierogi Sale. The generosity and support of our parishioners did lift up our parish this year!

We do have some future events on the calendar, so please consider participating:

- January Calendar Ticket Sale
- Christmas Wreath Sale
- Breakfast with Santa
- Beach Get-away Ticket Sale, one-week stay at Barefoot Resort, North Myrtle Beach



I want to call your attention to the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative to show as many people as possible what wonders the True Presence of Jesus can do to heal the heart and soul. Adoration and benediction are held from 8:30 a.m. to noon every Wednesday at Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish. Reconciliation is offered at 3:30 p.m. every Saturday prior to the evening Vigil Mass. If you would like confession, please call the parish office and I will gladly speak with you. You can also look for more information about adoration and reconciliation opportunities locally to help confront the hardships that we face in everyday life. The National Eucharistic Revival is a powerful, uplifting way to rise to these challenges.

Our Ministries:

Formation for Children & Youth

- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Jesse Tree
- Religious Education Program

Liturgical Ministries

- Altar Servers
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Music Ministry: Adult Choir and Cantors
- Readers
- Ushers

Organizations

- Knights of Columbus
- Christian Mothers
- St. Vincent de Paul Society

Supportive Ministries

- Angel Tree
- COVID-19 Team
- Decorating Committee
- Families in Need Program
- Friends of Saint Raymond
- Funeral Planner
- Harmon House Outreach
- Mass Prep Team

- Money Counters
- Parish Office Volunteers
- Finance Council
- Pastoral Council
- OCIA Team
- Stewardship Committee: Community Outreach, Event Planning and Fundraising
- Wedding Planner

Volunteers for Parish Events and Activities

- Side of Beef & Side of Pork Ticket
- Beach Get-away Ticket
- Blessing of the Bikes
- Card Party
- Celebratory Events
- Coffee and Doughnuts
- January Calendar Ticket
- Scratch-off Tickets
- Lenten Dinner
- Memorial Day Cemetery Mass
- Night at the Races
- Pierogi Sale
- Pot Luck Dinners
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Trash and Treasure Sale
- Turkey Soup Sale

We really do need volunteers to support our parish, specifically altar servers (child or adult), cantors, substitute organists and substitute catechists. Please call the parish office today at 724-593-7479 so we can walk you through the process of becoming a volunteer.

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 replaced the social hall double doors, purchased two HVACs, upgraded the parish house railing, purchased a new church entry door near the organ, completed sealing and

striping of the parking lot, replaced the social hall east furnace (burner and heat exchanger), replaced the rectory and office furnace, upgraded the wireless microphones, purchased a new AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and continued to reduce our Diocesan debt.

Parish Financials

	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
Offertory	\$ 233,154	\$ 204,235	\$ 163,916
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	277	2,347	782
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	50,689	25,457	35,685
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	85,021	27,332	3,552
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	700	1,212	28,248
Special Collections	53,844	18,828	8,061
Total Income	\$ 425,685	\$ 279,411	\$ 240,244
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 80,415	\$ 48,080	\$ 62,164
Church	56,400	26,791	30,199
Rectory	8,785	4,262	6,753
Education and Ministry	37,640	31,587	8,147
General Expenses	166,993	101,746	100,874
Special Collections	53,784	18,355	6,784
Extraordinary Expenses	97	60,658	-
Total Expenditures	404,114	291,479	214,921
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 21,571	\$ (12,068)	\$ 25,323

Ways You Can Give



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IN PERSON:
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM



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