

Devoting Support <sup>to our</sup>

# FAITH

Community

## STAYING CONNECTED

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

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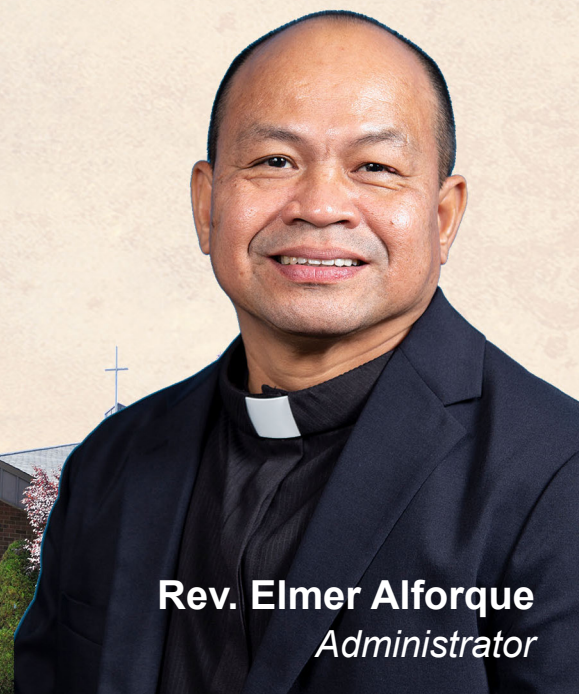
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## Staying Connected During COVID-19

I have been keeping the parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in my 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, St. John the Baptist began to stream devotions and informational updates to our parishioners via our Facebook page. We created and conducted a parish phone outreach especially to the elderly and homebound, called Operation Hope. This also included the youth of our parish writing cards to many of our parishioners during the toughest time of this pandemic. We created a Ministry of Hospitality and also did weekly mailings of our parish bulletin so that those who were not able to see it on Facebook still felt a connection to our parish. Our group of weekly bulletin stuffers have been so helpful to make sure we get those out to you.

We also started doing virtual blessings. This consisted of collecting your pictures for Mother's Day, Father's Day and Grandparent's Day. I then recorded a special blessing and we created a video for everyone to still get to see each other and see each other's families. We also, once our church building opened, created volunteer cleaning crews to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use.



**Rev. Elmer Alforque**  
*Administrator*

## Ways You Can Give



**St. John the Baptist**  
**416 S. Broadway Ave.**  
**Scottdale, PA 15683**



**9 AM-3 PM**  
**Monday-Wednesday & Friday**



**[www.stjohnsandstjosephs.org](http://www.stjohnsandstjosephs.org)**  
**Click on "Donate" in the upper right corner**

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

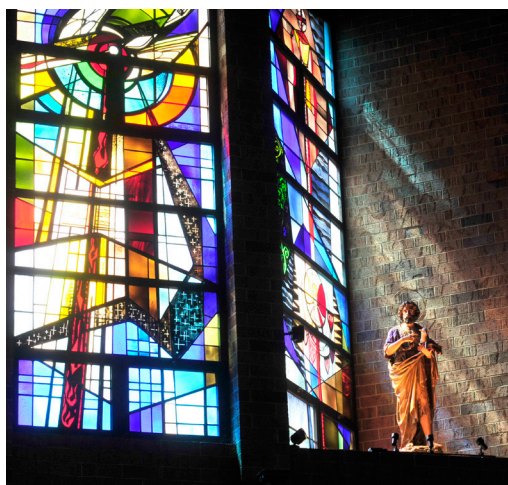
Our parish offertory remained strong primarily due to the generosity of our parishioners, but was greatly assisted by online giving and a record-breaking Diocesan Lenten Appeal.

Our parish, and particularly our societies, suffered from the loss of fundraising. Our fish fry was canceled, our summer fundraiser was postponed, and then transformed into a virtual event, and our winter cash bash is being reconsidered.



## Charity Outreach

I do want to call your attention to our charity outreach, which has taken on new ways to help our community cope during these unprecedented times. They have continued to provide drive-up food bank pick up, emergency food boxes, as well as with your help and generosity, collected a generous amount of food, blankets, and coats to help those who will be most in need this winter. I have also decided to start holding monthly birthday blessings, as well as reintroducing a monthly holy hour.



## Parish Statistics



### Registered Households



2018: 498  
2019: 433  
2020: 420

### Single Member Households



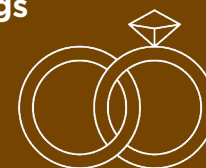
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### Baptisms



2018: 4  
2019: 3  
2020: 3

### Weddings



2018: 3  
2019: 1  
2020: 4

### Funerals



2018: 29  
2019: 18  
2020: 16

## Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 232,095	\$ 214,194	\$ 218,648
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	25,370	23,691	20,031
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	44,819	57,118	59,027
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	15,135	12,996	13,795
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	2,500	2,977	33,623
<b>Special Collections</b>	26,620	14,273	7,720
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 346,539</b>	<b>\$ 325,248</b>	<b>\$ 352,845</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 57,458	\$ 70,323	\$ 69,457
Church	45,697	48,324	41,299
Rectory	3,388	5,367	971
Education and Ministry	52,239	46,177	37,446
General Expenses	149,209	138,125	133,192
Special Collections	26,620	14,273	7,720
Extraordinary Expenses	22,408	3,609	8,901
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>357,019</b>	<b>326,198</b>	<b>298,986</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (10,480)</b>	<b>\$ (950)</b>	<b>\$ 53,859</b>

# Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community. Over the last three years, we completed sealing of the parking lots, put a new sign on the church, removed the gas meter in our side parking lot, installed new lighting in the church, remodeled our social hall kitchen and repaired the retaining wall at the parish office.



## Ministries at St. John the Baptist

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

### **Altar Server**

Altar servers assist the priest in preparing for Mass.

### **Music Ministry**

Choirs and cantors provide musical support of full and active participation in the liturgy.

### **Art & Environment Committee**

Any parishioner interested in helping to enhance the worship space (especially for the liturgical seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter) will be invited to help with setting up and putting away of the various liturgical decorations.

### **Religious Formation Leaders and Youth Ministry Leaders**

These individuals assist in forming the next generation of Christ's Disciples.

### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Parishioners assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist at Mass.

### **Festival Committee**

### **Worship Committee**

### **Holy Name Society**

### **Ministry of Hospitality**

### **Evangelization**

### **Money Counters**

These individuals assist in counting collections.

### **Lectors**

Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass or other liturgical functions. Lectors devote time to preparation and understanding of sacred Scripture.

### **Ushers**

The ushers take up the offertory and distribute bulletins after Mass. They also assist as needed with emergencies or other necessary concerns.

### **Ministry of Care**

These volunteers provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound of the parish. The ministers take the Eucharist to the sick where they are at home, a personal care home or a nursing home.

### **Greeters**

Greeters welcome Parishioners to our faith community.

### **Ministry of Consolation**

### **Rosary Altar Society**

### **Catholic Daughters of America Court Lambing #314**

### **"Mary Undoer of Knots" Knitting**