

Devoting Support <sup>to our</sup>

# FAITH

Community

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

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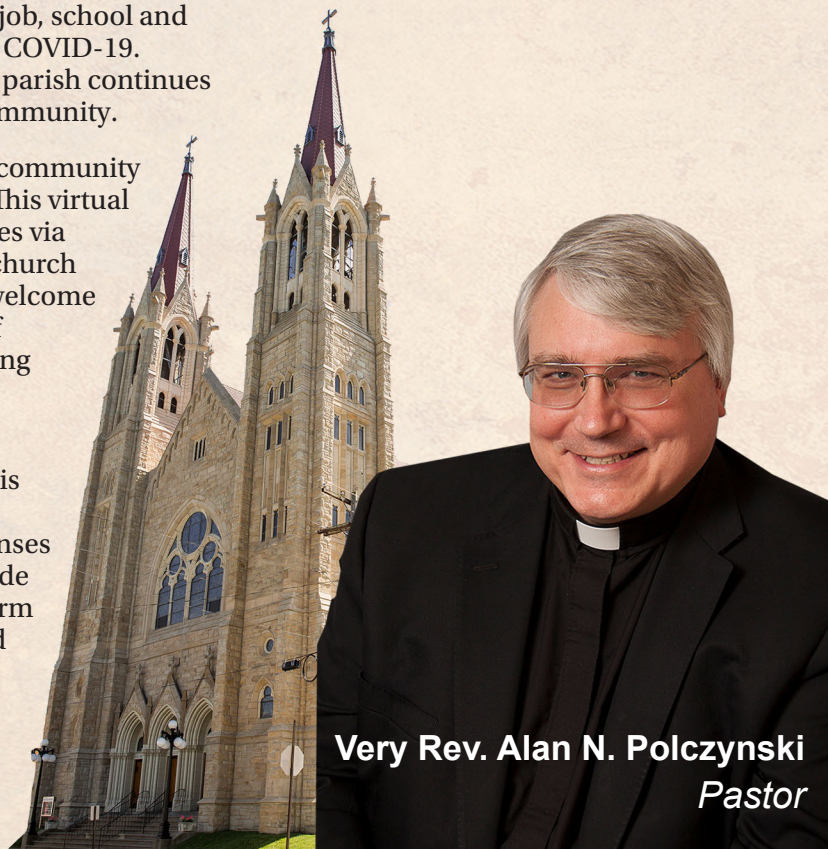
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[DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrinceofPeace](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrinceofPeace)

## Staying Connected During COVID-19

Please know that I have been keeping the parishioners of Christ Prince of Peace Parish in my prayers during this pandemic. I can't even imagine the difficulties that 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, our faith community began to stream a weekend Mass at 5 p.m. on Saturdays. This virtual Mass continues even today. We have also provided updates via our website and Facebook page. As we came back to the church for worship, we created a Ministry of Hospitality to help welcome people back and assist them with the new expectations of in-person worship. We have also created volunteer cleaning crews to assist our custodial staff to sanitize the church and restrooms after each use.

Please know that as we all continue to journey through this pandemic, we will find ways to communicate and stay connected to each other. There were many positive responses to the in home mailing that went out at Easter and gratitude for the parish signing up with the FORMED on line platform so early in the shutdown. This latter development allowed parishioners who were staying at home to stay connected to and learn more about their faith. All are welcome to join at any time. Please visit our website for instructions on signing up.



**Very Rev. Alan N. Polczynski**  
*Pastor*

## Ways You Can Give



**Christ, Prince of Peace Parish**  
 718 Fourth Avenue  
 Ford City, PA 16226



**9 AM-3 PM**  
**Monday-Thursday**



**Fccatholic.org**  
 To make a gift:  
[DioceseofGreensburg.org](https://DioceseofGreensburg.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 of your weekly or monthly offertory. You can make that commitment online, by sending those donations directly to the parish via U.S. Mail, by placing it in the collection basket at Mass or by visiting [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org) and clicking on the Giving tab.

# COVID-19 and its Impact on our Faith Community

Because our parish was shut down just prior to Easter, typically one of the strongest times of the year for financial contributions, our parish offertory has indeed taken a hit. However, through the generosity of many parishioners who have assisted, we are still keeping our financial head above water.

Additionally, as of today, we have not yet met our goal for the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. I would ask that if you have not offered a gift as of yet to please consider doing so at this time.

I would like to remind everyone that even during the stay-at-home order, ministry still continued in the parish: funerals were conducted, babies were baptized, and the sick were tend to as best as possible with the coronavirus restrictions.



## Parish Statistics



### Registered Households



2018: 633  
2019: 544  
2020: 470

### Single Member Households



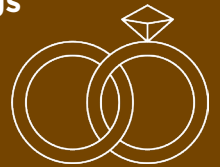
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### Baptisms



2018: 14  
2019: 17  
2020: 4

### Weddings



2018: 11  
2019: 5  
2020: 1

### Funerals



2018: 50  
2019: 47  
2020: 19

## Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 350,247	\$ 320,615	\$ 296,984
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	8,387	7,320	2,306
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	29,585	32,542	50,621
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	11,427	7,314	1,270
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	36,216	60,213	89,791
<b>Special Collections</b>	25,946	21,037	22,909
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 461,808</b>	<b>\$ 449,041</b>	<b>\$ 463,880</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 125,490	\$ 115,414	\$ 96,772
Church	97,307	68,928	88,729
Rectory	7,701	9,929	12,203
Education and Ministry	54,943	48,801	32,259
General Expenses	144,497	141,671	136,394
Special Collections	25,946	21,052	22,909
Extraordinary Expenses	6,951	56,618	4,577
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>462,836</b>	<b>462,413</b>	<b>393,843</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (1,028)</b>	<b>\$ (13,372)</b>	<b>\$ 70,037</b>

# Capital Improvements

Over the past three years, there have been a number of significant capital improvements at Christ Prince of Peace Parish including the removal, repair and cleaning of the Saint Cecelia window, the ongoing work and repair of the walls surrounding that window, and the acquisition and demolition of the house across the street from the church for a proposed parking lot. In addition, there have been upgrades to the cameras of the security system as well as upgrades to the fence gates between the church and the school. I am grateful to all who have graciously donated their time, their talent and/or their treasure to make these improvements a reality. All of the aforementioned items are a wonderful demonstration of committed Stewardship to our parish. Thank you and may God continue to bless you.



## Ministries at Christ, Prince of Peace

For information about the many ministries at Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, go to [fccatholic.org](http://fccatholic.org).

**Altar Server**

**Lectors**

**Ushers**

**Minister of Hospitality**

**Partner Parish Youth Group**

**Prayer Chain**

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

**Legion of Mary**

**Collection Counters**

**Catechist**

**Choir**

**Pastoral Council**

**Finance Council**

**Bereavement Committee**

**Homebound Committee**

**Maintenance Committee**

**Decorating Committee**

**Knights of Columbus**

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Communion Ministers to the Homebound**

**Loyal Christian Benefit Association (LCBA)**