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PASTORAL & STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2024-2025

Dear Parishioners,

God has blessed our Parish in so many ways. This year has gone so fast with many things happening within and around our community. Let me highlight some of these:

- ❖ We welcomed the image of Our Lady of Velankanni with a Novena from **February 8–16**, deepening our devotion to Our Lady of Good Health.
- ❖ Our parish came together on **March 7** for a Day of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration for Pope Francis during Lent.
- ❖ Over 30 parish ministries gathered once again in **March**, strengthening collaboration and community life.
- ❖ We celebrated a joyful Ministry Festival on **April 27**, showcasing the many gifts and service of our parish ministries.
- ❖ As a parish family, we united in prayer in **April** with our Pastor during the passing of his mother.
- ❖ We marked the 15th Anniversary of Deacon Hugo Simao's faithful ministry in **June**.
- ❖ New members joined the Parish Pastoral Council in **June**, continuing strong lay leadership in our parish.
- ❖ Families and children enjoyed time together at our Sunday FunDay on **July 20**, building parish fellowship.
- ❖ In **July**, our parish donated \$30,437 to the Rice Bowl Program, remaining the top contributor in the Diocese for eight consecutive years.
- ❖ We welcomed new leadership in our Music Ministry on **September 1**, enriching our worship experience.
- ❖ Thanks to parish generosity, our new church doors were successfully installed in **September**.
- ❖ A total of 56 parishioners took part in the Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage on **September 20**.
- ❖ We hosted the Eucharistic Rosary Congress on **October 7–8**, deepening our love for the Eucharist.
- ❖ We joined the Diocese on **November 1** in honoring Archbishop Checchio at his farewell Mass.
- ❖ The shrine of Our Lady of Velankanni was installed in **November**, enhancing our parish's spiritual life.
- ❖ Our parish received a special blessing in **November** during a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV.
- ❖ We celebrated the 10th Anniversary of Simbang Gabi on **December 20**, honoring this beautiful Filipino tradition.

Deo gratias!

Rev. Gerardo Paderon
Pastor

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

INCOME

EXPENSES

Weekly Collections	\$645,284	Payroll - Clergy and Staff	\$344,930
Holy Day Collections	\$16,464	Clergy/Staff Medical Insurance	\$43,857
Christmas Collection	\$42,730	Payroll Taxes	\$20,518
Easter Collections	\$22,596	Clergy/Staff Pension	\$24,915
Gifts/Donations	\$27,449	Clergy food and household	\$8,166
Fundraising Offerings	\$17,001	Office supplies	\$16,026
<i>Baptisms/Weddings/Funerals/ Votives/Flowers/Altar Bread and Wine/Sanctuary Candle</i>		Postage/shipping/printing/ Mass cards/paper supplies/telephone/Postage	
Dividends and Interests in Investments	\$10,292	Professional Services/Online Giving, Bank Charges/Other Contracted	\$36,026
Investment Gains/Unrealized Losses	\$91,124	Services/Maintenance/ Insurance/ Utilities	\$183,964
Religious Education Fees	\$7,329	Religious Education	\$7,070
Diocesan Collections	\$13,159	Liturgy and Worship	\$19,829
National & Missionary Appeals	\$52,219	Charities and Social Concerns	\$19,020
Bishop's Appeal Rebate	\$6,513	Other Ministerial Expenses	\$34,759
Bulletin Income	\$1,557	Diocesan Assessments	\$118,900
Bequests	\$20,000	Diocesan Collections	\$13,159
		National & Missionary Appeals	\$52,219
		Depreciation of Building/Furniture/Equipment	\$29,974
		Building Improvements and Office	\$37,530
TOTAL REVENUE	\$973,717	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,010,962

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025

Parish Goal:	\$120,000
No. of donors:	173
Amount Pledged and Received	\$123,408
Percent of Goal Received	\$102.84%
Rebate received:	\$6,513

TITHING OUR TITHE 2025

Guatemala	
Amistad y Fe/Scholarships	\$15,640
Local	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$6,000
Various	\$3,000
<i>(HomeFront/Life Choices, Caritas)</i>	

SACRAMENTAL STATISTICS IN 2025

RCIA (OCIA) Program	0
Baptisms	7
Adult Full Communion	0
First Holy Communion	9
Confirmations	0
Adult Confirmation	0
Marriages	5
Funerals	10
Anointing of the Sick	71

PASTORAL CARE OF THE ELDERLY

The parish is responsible for caring for the spiritual needs of:

- † Maplewood Senior Living
- † Carnegie Post Acute at Princeton
- † The Elms of Cranbury
- † Merwick Care & Rehabilitation Ctr.

The parish also provides pastoral care to the patients at Penn Medicine Princeton Medical Center.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Below is the comparison with the prior year. Figures are average attendance during November each year.

	2024	2025
5:00 PM	490	542
8:30 AM	417	515
10:30 AM	1,093	1,103
Livestream	476	553

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Total # of students enrolled in grades K-8:

2024: 57 2025: 59

Total # of students enrolled in grades 9-12:

2024: 0 2025: 0

PARISH CENSUS

As of December 2025

Registered Parishioner households:	750
Individual Catholics:	1999
Supporting households:	338
Non-Supporting Households:	412

Children 0 – 17 years old:

Boys	133
Girls	117

Household with Children:

Single:	77
Catholic Couples	234
Interfaith Couples	98

Households without Children:

Single	196
Catholic Couples	118
Interfaith Couples	27

MINISTERS ASSISTING LITURGY

Altar Servers	26
Adult Altar Servers	5
Eucharistic Ministers	42
Ministers of Hospitality	44
Lectors	30
Nursing Home Eucharistic Ministers	25
Music	57
Holy Hour Prayer Leaders	17
Funeral Ministry Team	10
Audio Visual Team	7

SHARING OURSELVES

- **Adopt-a-Family (Christmas):** 408 gift cards collected, assisting **110 families**.
- **Nursing Home Gifts:** **140 residents** received Christmas gifts.
- **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** 650 gift cards distributed to **161 families** through local schools and township.
- **Fall Coat Drive:** 286 coats and 265 winter items shared with local families and agencies.
- **School Supplies Drive:** 48 students received backpacks; additional supplies donated locally.
- **Shelter Drives:** Donations supported both men's and family shelters.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** A total of 120 prayer shawls and blankets were distributed to those in need of comfort and healing.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

- Assisted **28 families** with rent, utilities, food, and emergency needs
- Total aid distributed: **\$37,700**
- 16 active members serving those in crisis with both financial help and guidance
- Continued commitment to life-changing assistance and personal support

Eucharistic Ministry to Nursing Homes

- **23 ministers** serving local facilities
- Communion brought regularly to **75–100 residents** per visit
- Monthly and bi-monthly visits to 5 facilities, plus Ash Wednesday outreach
- Ministry extends Christ's presence to the homebound and vulnerable

Liturgy of the Word with Children

There were a total of 7 team members (5 adults, plus 2 youth team members) and had a total of 25 children participants over the course of the season.

Crossroads Youth Ministry

Teens serve weekly as lectors, altar servers, hospitality ministers, choir members, and catechists.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus continued their strong presence in parish life, organizing or participating in 20+ community events and engaging hundreds of parishioners. With 80+ active members, their efforts included:

- Hosting parish events: dinners, fish fries, and breakfasts, including a Pancake Breakfast for Living Faith
- Leading the Annual Rosary Rally
- Supporting charitable causes: Bishop's Annual Appeal, Alzheimer's and Intellectual Disabilities organizations, veteran groups, and a diocesan seminarian
- Completing the reconstruction of the Stations of the Cross and surrounding area

Faith Formation & Sacraments

- **Baptism Formation:** 11 families prepared (in-person and Zoom)
- Monthly formation sessions continue to support young families
- **Bible Study:** 56 adults participated in *The Chosen* faith series.

Maria Regina Ministry

- Supported major liturgical seasons (Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Advent, Christmas)
- Hosted and served parish celebrations (300+ attendees for Deacon Hugo's Anniversary)
- Participated in outreach (Operation Gratitude, Ministry Fair, parish events)

Communications & Parish Discipleship (CPD)

- Expanded from a council to an active ministry
- Introduced **Canva Hack-a-Thons** for parish-wide content creation
- Coordinates Narthex screen, bulletin visuals, and seasonal giveaways