

Devoting Support <sup>to our</sup>

# FAITH

Community

## STAYING CONNECTED

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

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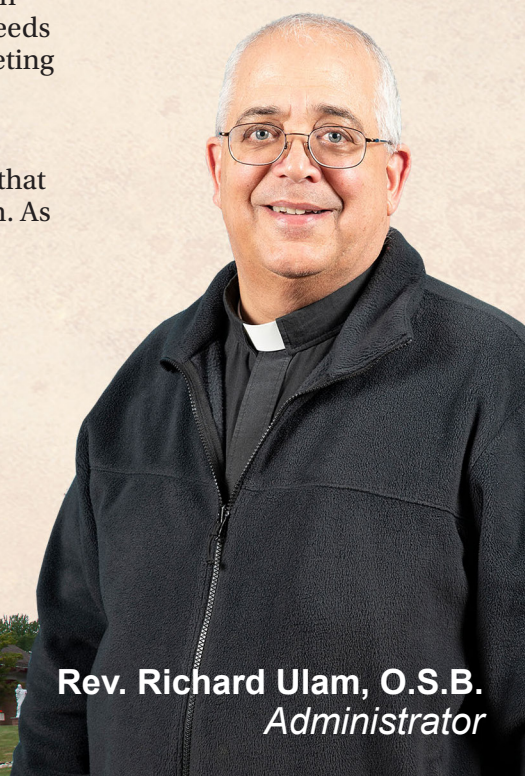
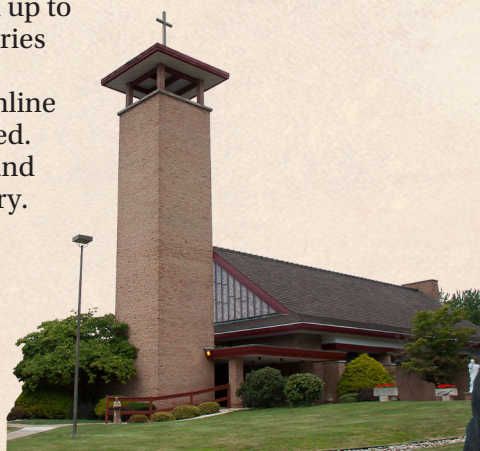
# Staying Connected During COVID-19

During the month of March, it became apparent that the Pandemic was going to have a serious impact on our lives. I shared with you that my relatives in Italy had been telling me about all the restrictions they were getting - including the closing of churches.

So, on the last weekend we had Masses, I asked people to come out for a meeting on Tuesday, March 16 so we could discuss in person how we could best address the needs of our parishioners and neighbors in this impending crisis. The turnout for the meeting was fantastic - you yourself may have been there. There were young and old from Herminie and Yukon.

The enthusiasm for the helping, participating and showing God's love was evident that evening and has not diminished. People watched the Bishop's Masses on television. As soon as the church reopened, people began to return - cautiously - to Mass.

People have reached out to fellow parishioners by phone and internet. Many parishioners have stepped up to help with cleaning the church, with the ministries of lector and Eucharistic minister. During this entire time, the bulletin was made available online with information to keep parishioners informed. Also during this time we have prayed for you and your intentions - at Mass and during the Rosary.



**Rev. Richard Ulam, O.S.B.**  
*Administrator*

## Ways You Can Give



St Edward Parish  
120 St. Edwards Lane  
Herminie, PA 15637



8:30am - 4:30pm  
Monday-Friday



[saint-edward.org](http://saint-edward.org)  
[osvhub.com/saint-edward/funds](http://osvhub.com/saint-edward/funds)

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

First of all, this is from the heart - I have been touched deeply by the generosity of our parishioners. In spite of the pandemic, you have been faithful in your financial support of the parish.

I think the main change to our finances has come from not being able to have fundraising activities. These activities help build up the community spirit in the parish - and they provide a great deal of income too. Many events had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, such as the 100th Anniversary Festivities - and this was big - because several different activities were included, activities that would have generated funds from people outside the parish too.



These also were cancelled: Murder Mystery Dinner, Golf Outing, Elvis Show, Spaghetti Dinner and Chili Mexicano Cook Off.

Using their planning and organizational skills, and a little imagination, an enthusiastic group of parishioners organized our first-ever Food Truck Rally in July in place of the Parish Festival. This was a big boost to our finances, but it certainly didn't offset the funds that we did not receive from the previously mentioned activities. The long and short of it is that our finances have taken a hit.



## Parish Statistics



### Registered Households



2018: 657  
2019: 635  
2020: 620

### Single Member Households



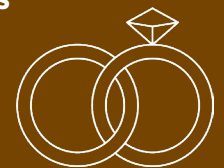
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### Baptisms



2018: 13  
2019: 9  
2020: 12

### Weddings



2018: 6  
2019: 1  
2020: 2

### Funerals



2018: 29  
2019: 25  
2020: 14

## Parish Financials

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 434,250	\$ 392,105	\$ 346,208
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,155	3,674	6,895
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	128,888	120,782	59,768
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	42,034	26,252	23,310
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements, and PPP Loan)</i>	57,231	51,718	84,565
<b>Special Collections</b>	53,502	36,248	23,788
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 717,060</b>	<b>\$ 630,778</b>	<b>\$ 544,533</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<i>Administration</i>	\$ 139,663	\$ 122,411	\$ 132,317
<i>Church</i>	58,590	62,655	52,636
<i>Rectory</i>	30,468	23,523	16,788
<i>Education and Ministry</i>	88,788	77,547	67,883
<i>General Expenses</i>	239,147	200,559	208,040
<i>Special Collections</i>	52,552	36,982	23,469
<i>Extraordinary Expenses</i>	128,967	114,626	48,463
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>738,175</b>	<b>638,303</b>	<b>549,595</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (21,114)</b>	<b>\$ (7,525)</b>	<b>\$ (5,062)</b>

# Capital Improvements

Your contributions to our parish help to maintain the facility, making it the center of prayer in our community.

Capital improvements during the last three years have included the renovation of Edwardian Hall, which involved new flooring, new lighting, new doors and painting. The St. Edward School buildings received a complete renovation of the classrooms and restrooms, including new front doors and windows and painting. The parking lot was re-lined at the parish plant and 10 trees were removed. Currently, the outside buildings of the church and rectory are being restored.



## Ministries at St. Edward

St. Edward 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**

**Masters of Ceremony**

**Adult Altar Servers**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**Lectors**

**Ushers**

**Cantors**

**Parish Choir**

**Liturgical Instrumentalists**

**Resurrection Choir**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

**Liturgy of the Word Student Aide**

**Liturgy Decorating Volunteers**

**Offertory Money Counters**

**Pastoral Council**

**Finance Council**

**Pro-Life Committee**

**Facilities Committee**

**Altar Rosary Society**

**Parish Office Helpers**

**Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Sick (Home Ministers)**

**Baking or Preparing a Dish for Parish Functions**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**