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### Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ!

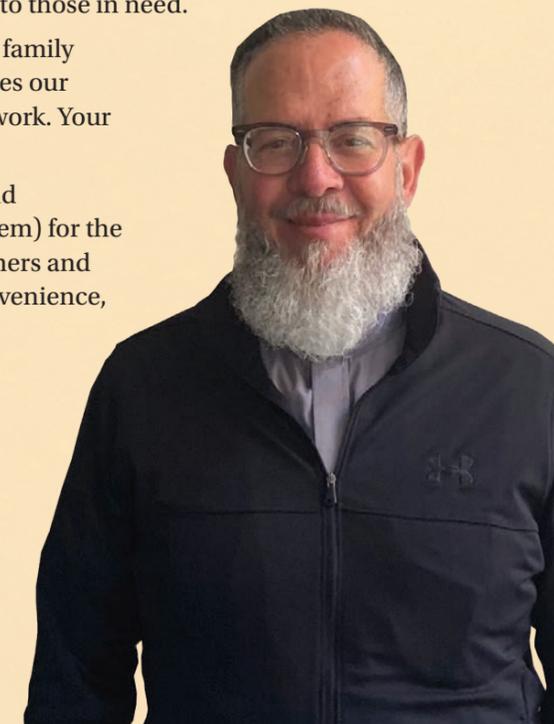
It is with a grateful heart that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the universal Church. Our parish is not simply a local gathering spot; it is a living part of the Body of Christ, united with the Holy Father and Catholics worldwide in mission, prayer, and service.

Bishop Larry J. Kulick has challenged us to build a strong and vibrant parish community that will flourish well into the future — rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Our parish has responded generously to this call by nurturing discipleship, deepening faith formation, and reaching out with Christ's love to those in need.

Through your prayers, time, and generosity, we continue to grow as a parish family united in Christ's mission. We encourage you to explore the various ministries our parish has to offer and consider joining us in this challenging and fulfilling work. Your gifts are truly needed and welcomed!

Looking ahead, we are grateful for your support as we undertake projects and programs, such as installing a video intercom system (or "buzz in" door system) for the parish office that allows office staff to remotely unlock the door for parishioners and visitors, enhancing the security and safety of our environment. For your convenience, a Giving QR Code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings remain deeply appreciated as well.

Our parish is a blessing, not only to each other but also to the wider community and Church. Let us move forward together with thanksgiving in our hearts, confident that by strengthening our parish, we are answering the universal call to be a living witness of Christ's love in the world.



*With humble gratitude,*

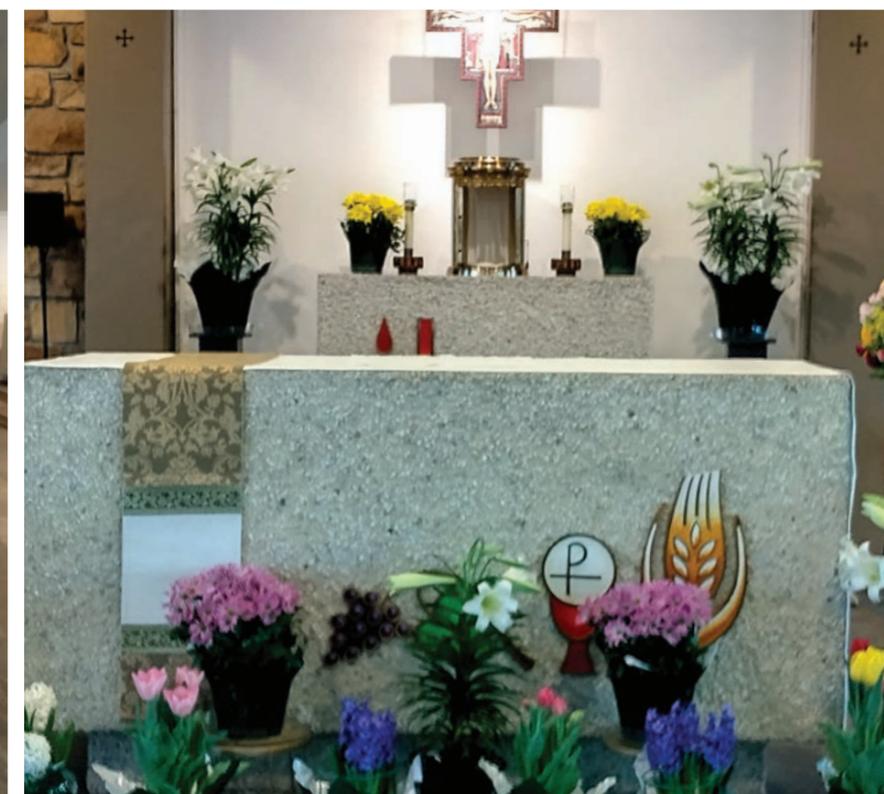
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Annual Report 2025**



# Our Shepherds

## His Holiness Pope Leo XIV, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church

Pope Leo XIV, elected in 2025 as the first American Pope, hails from Chicago. Before his election, he was Cardinal Robert Prevost. Known for his pastoral heart, theological clarity, and commitment to evangelization, Pope Leo brings a renewed focus to the vital role of the parish in the life of the universal Church. Pope Leo spent more than two decades in Peru, where he became a naturalized citizen and served as a missionary and Bishop. He is fluent in English, Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, and also reads Latin and German.



## The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., Bishop of Greensburg

Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L., is the sixth Bishop of Greensburg, having been appointed by Pope Francis on December 18, 2020, and consecrated on February 11, 2021. He is the first native Bishop of the Diocese, hailing from Leechburg. His episcopal motto is *Christus est veritas* ("Christ is the truth"), reflecting his deep devotion to truth rooted in the Gospel. He is steadfastly committed to strengthening and nurturing our parishes, ensuring they remain vibrant centers of faith and service for generations to come.

## Father Salvatore (Sam) R. Lamendola, Pastor

Father Salvatore (Sam) R. Lamendola is Pastor of Saint Joseph and Saint Martin Parishes in the Derry area. He leads a community focused on evangelization and mission work, offering programs for youth, women, and men that contribute to the Diocese's mission of fostering a strong Catholic community in Armstrong, Fayette, Indiana, and Westmoreland Counties.



Over the past year, we happily welcomed to the partner parish staff Secretary Samantha Schall, Music Director Luke Vanden Berk, and weekend substitute organists Deb Morley and Martin Meyer.

# Our Parish by the Numbers:



**Registered Households**  
2025: 269  
2024: 272  
2023: 272



**Baptisms**  
2025: 4  
2024: 5  
2023: 5

**First Holy Communions**  
2



**Confirmations**  
7

**Weddings**  
2025: 3  
2024: 0  
2023: 0



**Funerals**  
2025: 9  
2024: 10  
2023: 10

**Households that Give**  
163

**Households that Don't Give**  
106

# A Call to Serve

We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Whether as servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, choir, or catechists, or members of the Pastoral and Finance Council, your ministry brings Christ's light to our community. Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office — we're here to guide you through every step, including the clearance process, so you can share your gifts confidently and joyfully.



# Ministries in Action

## Our Ministries:

- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Communion Ministers to the Homebound
- Knights of Columbus #2648
- Altar Rosary Society
- Saint Vincent de Paul Conference
- Money Counters
- Ushers
- Gardening Ministry



# Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 121,665	\$ 177,154	\$ 184,776
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	61,370	1,908	1,908
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	41,764	28,519	28,067
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	9,699	9,522	6,723
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income *</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	4,044	11,606	1,356
<b>Special Collections</b>	<u>4,079</u>	<u>4,330</u>	<u>4,613</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 242,621</b>	<b>\$ 233,039</b>	<b>\$ 228,228</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 56,597	\$ 63,826	\$ 54,500
Church	36,935	38,762	45,839
Rectory *	4,773	11,149	3,330
Education and Ministry	29,119	31,159	29,637
General Expenses	106,950	98,035	94,964
Special Collections	3,379	4,140	4,220
Extraordinary Expenses	512	497	332
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>238,266</b>	<b>247,568</b>	<b>232,822</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 4,355</b>	<b>\$ (14,529)</b>	<b>\$ (4,594)</b>

\* \$10,000 was withdrawn from the Catholic Institute in 2024 to offset cash shortfall due to additional hours incurred by parish staff. As of May 2024, we have wonderful new tenants in our investment property, the Saint Joseph Rectory. This covered most of the lost income during a change of tenants, and additional costs for repairs/updates to the property.

# Giving With Gratitude

This is our Giving QR Code. By scanning it, you can easily enroll in online giving, make your first gift, increase your weekly offertory, make a year-end gift, or donate in honor of or in memory of someone you love.



Or, visit our website to make a donation: [StMartinStJoseph.org](http://StMartinStJoseph.org) and click on GIVING at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to Saint Joseph Parish, 125 South Ligonier Street, Derry, PA 15627.