

Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

I am writing to share with you this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings 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. Our educational programs inspire the young, our sacramental preparation strengthens hearts, and our outreach ministers to the sick, the poor, and the elderly. We encourage you to explore the many ministries our parish has to offer and consider joining us in this joyful work. Your gifts are truly needed and welcomed!

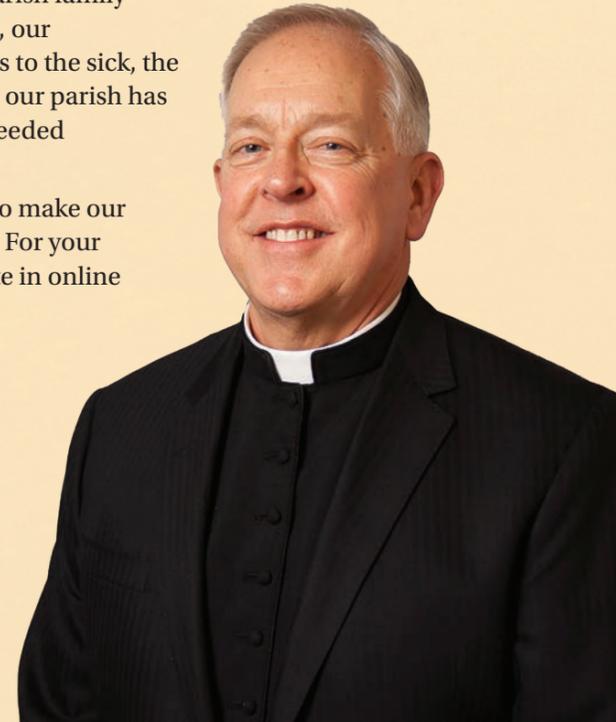
Looking ahead, we are grateful for your continued support as we work to make our church an even more welcoming place for all who seek God's presence. For your convenience, a Giving QR Code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings remain 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 every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Pastor



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Annual Report 2025**



A Call to Serve

We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Whether as servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, or catechists, your ministry brings Christ's light to our community. Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate to reach out to Joanne Giuffre in 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.



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.



Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, Pastor

Monsignor Michael J. Begolly, a native of Vandergrift, was ordained May 2, 1981, by Bishop William G. Connare. He has served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor in numerous parishes throughout the Diocese, as well as Director of the Office for Worship for the Diocese of Greensburg. In addition to his current role as Pastor of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Murrysville, Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Export, and Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish, he is a member of the Priests' Council and the College of Consultors for the Diocese of Greensburg. He is deeply dedicated to fostering the spiritual life of our parishioners through vibrant worship, lifelong faith formation, community outreach, and faithful stewardship.



Father David Slusarick, Parochial Vicar

Father David Slusarick, a native of Uniontown, has been serving the Diocese of Greensburg since his ordination in June 2024. He ministers as Parochial Vicar of our three parishes, and he is also Associate Director of the Office for Priestly Vocations in the Diocese of Greensburg. He brings a gentle spirit and a caring heart to his priestly ministry and a zeal for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in his daily ministry.



Father Jay Jacinto, Parochial Vicar

Father Jay Jacinto is one of our international priests, coming from the Diocese of Caceres in the Philippines. He recently returned from a visit to his family in the Philippines after celebrating his 20th anniversary of priestly ordination in June. He serves as Parochial Vicar in our three parishes, and he is also Campus Minister at Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School, where he seeks to foster a spirit of intentional discipleship in the students there.

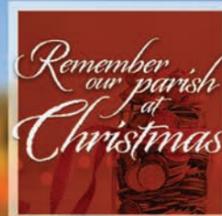


Ministries in Action

Saint Vincent de Paul Society: Since its inception in 2022, members of the Saint John-Saint Mary Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society work diligently to serve the needs of our parishes and the local community. They are dedicated to providing direct material assistance and spiritual support to individuals and families facing various challenges. Last year, they conducted 50 home visits and provided \$23,163 in material assistance. They partnered with the Lamplighter Restaurant to offer more than 60 Thanksgiving meals and gave \$2,500 in grocery cards to families in need. They collaborate with other community groups and provide referrals to local, state, and federal agencies in their effort to ensure comprehensive support to the people they serve. Their commitment, time, and empathy are invaluable, as they seek to provide not a handout, but a hand up, accompanied by prayer and spiritual solidarity in the name of Jesus and his Church.

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: StJohnStMary.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 John Parish Center, 5099 Kennedy Avenue, Export, PA 15632.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
 2025: 448
 2024: 458
 2023: 458

Baptisms
 2025: 5
 2024: 9
 2023: 9

First Holy Communions
 6

Confirmations
 4

Weddings
 2025: 3
 2024: 0
 2023: 0

Funerals
 2025: 17
 2024: 41
 2023: 41

Weekly Giving Statistics FY25

2 families	> \$ 200
5 families	\$ 100 - 199
26 families	\$ 50 - 99
16 families	\$ 40 - 49
59 families	\$ 20 - 39
58 families	\$ 10 - 19
44 families	\$ 5 - 9
87 families	< \$ 5
151 families	\$ 0

Our Financial Picture

The Saint John Baptist de La Salle Endowment Fund was established to provide a legacy of faith for future generations. Grateful for the gift of faith that we received from our parents and those who came before us, we have the obligation to pass on our faith in a vibrant and thriving parish to our children and those who come after us. We were blessed this past year to receive a generous gift of \$20,000 from one of our parish families, raising the value of our endowment to \$91,521. In order to meet the future needs of our parish, we need an endowment of several million dollars. We hope to grow this fund by encouraging parishioners and friends of the parish to leave a bequest to Saint John Baptist de La Salle Parish in their will or estate plan.

We ended the fiscal year with a deficit of \$15,244 in our operating budget. In last year's report, I noted that for the past several years, we had not seen an increase in the total Sunday offertory, even though our expenses continue to go up. We need to be trending an annual increase of at least 3-5 percent in order to meet our financial obligations. Last year we had an increase of 2.6 percent. I am grateful to those who made the sacrifice to increase their weekly or monthly gift. I pray that others might follow their example and see faithful stewardship as a way of life, of living in a spirit of gratitude and showing that gratitude for God's abundant blessings in generosity.

At the end of June, we had \$58,225 in our parish savings account, a fund that is used for capital projects around the campus and the maintenance of our physical plant. Specific donations from parishioners and the parish share of the annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal help to fund this account. Last year, we spent \$15,400 to coat and seal the parking lot, \$20,700 for a roof repair, \$17,523 for the lighting upgrade in the church, and \$10,000 for operations (snow removal). We hope to add \$15,000 to our savings from our DLA refund this year and to use these funds for some repointing work on the church and repair of the parking lot lights.

The bottom line is that we need the financial support of all our parishioners to be a vibrant, prayerful, and thriving parish. I am asking you to prayerfully consider your weekly commitment to our parish.

- Has your financial gift grown over the past several years, or is it still the same amount?
- As you reflect upon God's blessings in your life, are you able to show your gratitude by increasing your weekly contribution?
- Considering that we need a 3-5 percent increase in revenue each year, are you in a financial position to help us meet this goal? Consider that 5 percent of \$20 is only \$1!
- Do you use the Our Sunday Visitor (OSV) option for electronic giving to ensure that your support reaches the parish, even when you are away or not able to attend?
- Have you included our parish in your will or estate plan?

Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 357,746	\$ 342,835	\$ 342,449
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,554	3,553	4,489
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	21,525	32,555	29,075
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	23,149	34,296	16,221
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	88,346	24,752	61,354
Special Collections	15,068	17,312	17,877
Total Income	\$ 510,388	\$ 455,304	\$ 471,464
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 83,152	\$ 95,438	\$ 96,891
Church	106,752	59,871	67,464
Rector's Office	6,564	3,919	11,107
Education and Ministry	83,853	77,607	80,635
General Expenses	159,663	154,080	145,659
Special Collections	15,068	17,271	17,874
Extraordinary Expenses *	70,579	53,078	76,878
Total Expenditures	526,632	461,265	496,507
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (15,244)	\$ (5,961)	\$ (25,043)

* Includes Reserve withdrawal for door project of \$55,780 in FY23.