

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes 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!

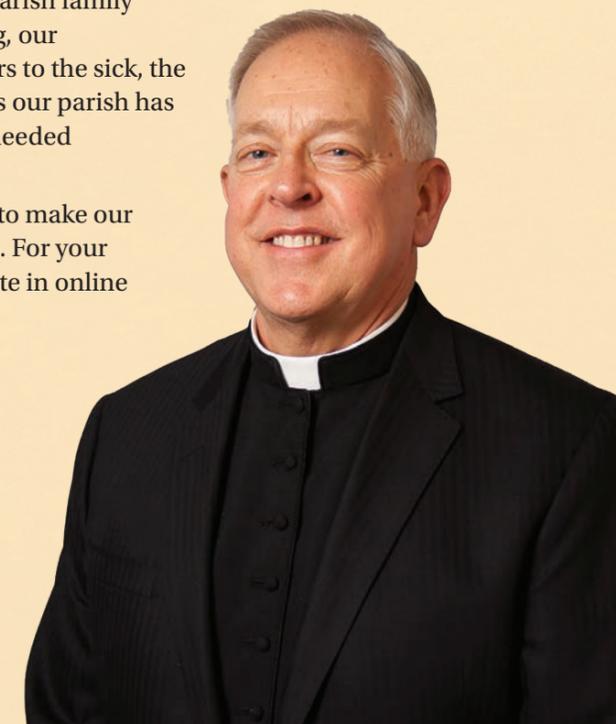
Looking ahead, we are grateful for your continued support as we work to make our church an even more welcoming place for all who seek God's presence. For your convenience, a Giving QR Code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings remain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



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.



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.



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 Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 5900 Kennedy Avenue, Export, PA 15632.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
2025: 338
2024: 341
2023: 341

Baptisms
2025: 4
2024: 7
2023: 7

First Holy Communions
2

Confirmations
2

Weddings
2025: 1
2024: 4
2023: 4

Funerals
2025: 11
2024: 21
2023: 21

Households that Give
231

Households that Don't Give
107

Ministries in Action

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.

Our Financial Picture

Our parish continues to be in sound financial shape. Last year, we had an 11.6 percent increase in the Sunday offertory, which enabled us to meet all our obligations and pay our bills in a timely fashion. Annually we need a 3-5 percent increase in the Sunday offertory, and your response last year was awesome! Thanks to all who see faithful stewardship as a way of life — living in a spirit of gratitude and showing that gratitude in generosity!

Our savings account balance at the end of June was \$228,232, which is designated for capital projects to maintain and improve the church and campus. Last year we spent \$5,100 to resurface the church ramp, \$5,000 to seal and coat the parking lot, and \$10,000 for snow removal.

In August, we received permission to spend \$91,608 from this fund for the renovation of the classrooms in the Parish Center. We also will be upgrading the security system in the church and parish center once the renovation is complete.

The Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Endowment Fund was established to provide a legacy of faith for future generations. Thanks to a generous bequest of \$250,000 from one of our parishioners, the current balance in this account is \$278,069. We hope to grow this fund by encouraging parishioners and friends of the parish to leave a bequest to Saint Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in their will or estate plan.

Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 303,879	\$ 268,548	\$ 286,325
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	2,866	2,112	4,448
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	16,243	21,977	22,647
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	68,938	40,439	39,680
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	301,287	25,059	4,130
Special Collections	11,159	15,188	15,071
Total Income	\$ 704,372	\$ 373,322	\$ 372,301
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 80,333	\$ 91,043	\$ 92,752
Church	71,863	52,910	60,262
Rectory	8,938	7,600	10,132
Education and Ministry	71,799	64,953	61,788
General Expenses	115,212	111,065	101,845
Special Collections	11,159	15,844	15,106
Extraordinary Expenses *	340,986	49,751	51,696
Total Expenditures	700,291	393,165	393,581
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 4,081	\$ (19,843)	\$ (21,280)

* Includes Reserve deposits of \$50,000 in FY25 and \$40,095 in FY23. Also includes a deposit to the endowment fund of \$300,000.