

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

Peace and blessings to you all!

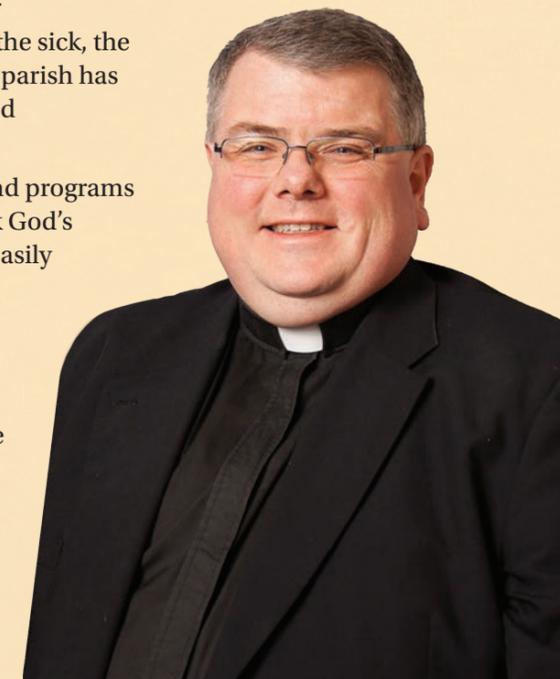
It is with a grateful heart that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the universal Church. Our parish is 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. 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 support as we undertake projects and programs in order 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 gratitude and prayers,
Father E. George Saletrik, Pastor

A graphic for the annual report. The word "thanks" is written in a white, cursive font with a leaf and acorn illustration. Below it, "GIVING" is in large, bold, white block letters with a cross symbol in the 'I'. Underneath, "for Our Parish" is in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A QR code is positioned to the left of the text. The background is a blue sky with a grid pattern and a landscape of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow, reflected in a body of water.



GIVING QR Code

**Saint John the Evangelist 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.

Father E. George Saletrik, Pastor

Father E. George Saletrik, a native of Uniontown, was ordained in May 1996 by Bishop Anthony G. Bosco. He has served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor in numerous parishes throughout the Diocese, as Diocesan Scout Chaplain for many years, and in numerous other Diocesan positions, including the Boards of Trustees of Catholic Charities and the Catholic Institute. He was installed as Pastor of Holy Family and Saint John the Evangelist Parishes in September 2023. He is deeply dedicated to fostering and enriching the spiritual and prayer life of the parish community by guiding the faithful toward a closer union with Christ through prayer and devotion.



Father John M. Foriska, Senior Priest Active

Father John M. Foriska, a native of Shoaf, Fayette County, was ordained in May 1970 by Bishop William G. Connare. He served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor in numerous parishes throughout the Diocese and in various Diocesan capacities until he was assigned as Senior Priest Active to Holy Family and Saint John the Evangelist Parishes in 2022.

Deacon Michael Orange

Deacon Michael Orange, a native of Jeannette, was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June 2015 by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt. He has served at Holy Family Parish since his ordination and at Saint John the Evangelist Parish since the parishes were partnered in 2023. He brings a wealth of life experience to his ministry, especially working with the OCIA team and sacramental preparation program.



Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
 2025: 258
 2024: 270
 2023: 289

Baptisms
 2025: 1
 2024: 0
 2023: 1

First Holy Communions
 0

Confirmations
 0

Weddings
 2025: 0
 2024: 0
 2023: 0

Funerals
 2025: 15
 2024: 18
 2023: 13

Households that Give
190

Households that Don't Give
68

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 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

Camp Virtue is a weeklong day camp that allows sixth- to eighth-graders from our parish the opportunity to explore their Catholic faith and the natural world around them. Camp Virtue helps participants understand that they can enjoy each day to the fullest while being filled with faith and a love for God.



Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 216,841	\$ 224,842	\$ 225,447
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,970	4,640	4,538
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	48,646	45,053	42,005
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	7,798	5,950	14,819
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	7,267	38,706	6,280
Special Collections	<u>7,634</u>	<u>8,394</u>	<u>8,069</u>
Total Income	\$ 292,156	\$ 327,585	\$ 301,158
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 60,767	\$ 63,513	\$ 70,276
Church Rectory	50,802	60,775	57,301
Education and Ministry	10,699	1,136	1,299
General Expenses	35,433	44,762	37,007
Special Collections	121,181	117,419	103,024
Extraordinary Expenses	6,729	5,859	7,815
	8,967	28,374	17,901
Total Expenditures	294,578	321,838	294,623
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (2,422)	\$ 5,747	\$ 6,535

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: StJohnLatrobe.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 the Evangelist Parish, 306 Saint John Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650.