

Saint John the Evangelist Parish

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Dear Parishioners,

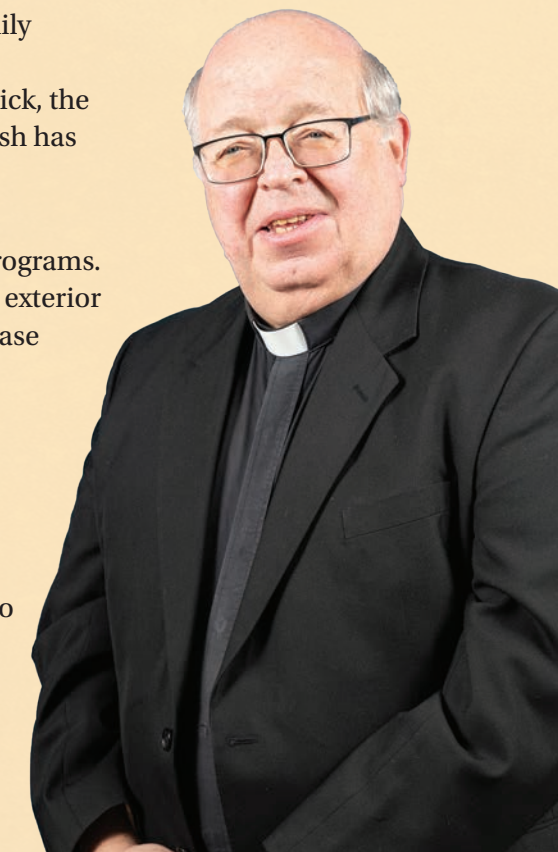
It is with a grateful heart that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the universal Church. Our parish is 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. We would like to perform maintenance on our church air conditioning units, do exterior painting, and complete interior plaster work and painting. We also have to increase our weekly collections to allow us to meet our financial obligations in a timely manner. 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.



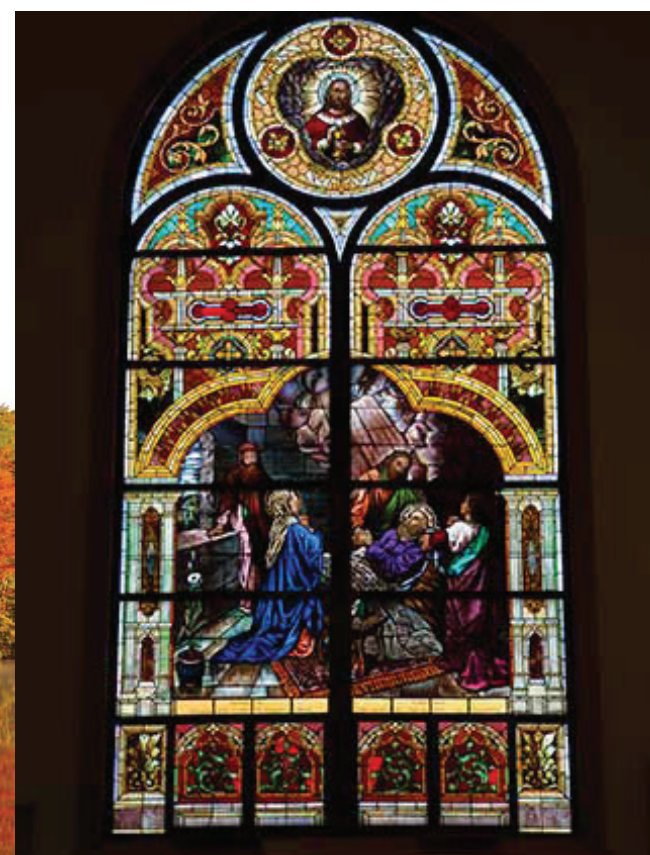
With gratitude and prayers,
Father Paul A. Lisik, V.F., Pastor

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for Our Parish

The graphic features the word "thanks" in a white, cursive font with a leafy branch to its left. Below it, the word "GIVING" is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Underneath "GIVING", the words "for Our Parish" are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The background is a blue sky with a white grid pattern.

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 Paul A. Lisik, V.F., Pastor

Father Paul A. Lisik, a native of Youngwood, was ordained in 1981. He has served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor in numerous parishes throughout the Diocese. Currently he serves as Vicar Forane (Dean) of Deanery VI and Pastor of Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Rita and Immaculate Conception Parishes in Connellsville; Saint John the Baptist Parish in Scottsdale; Saint Joseph Parish in Everson; Saint Aloysius Parish in Dunbar; and Saint Pius X and Visitation Parishes in Mount Pleasant. With more than 40 years of ministry, Father Lisik continues to serve the Diocese and his communities with care and dedication, supporting the spiritual growth of his parishioners and guiding them on their faith journey.



Father Peter Guardiano, Parochial Vicar

Father Peter Guardiano is from the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines, Ordained to the priesthood April 26, 2011, he served there as a Parochial Vicar, Spiritual Director, and parish Priest. He currently is Parochial Vicar to Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Rita and Immaculate Conception Parishes in Connellsville; Saint John the Baptist Parish in Scottsdale; Saint Joseph Parish in Everson; Saint Aloysius Parish in Dunbar; and Saint Pius X and Visitation Parishes in Mount Pleasant. With a heart devoted to Christ and His people, he strives each day to be a faithful witness to the Gospel and a servant of God's love.



Father Edwin Rubido, Parochial Vicar

Father Edwin Rubido was ordained to the priesthood April 6, 2005. He is from the Diocese of San Jose de Antique in the Philippines, where he faithfully served as a Parochial Vicar, Spiritual Director, and parish Priest. In 2024, he was assigned as Parochial Vicar to Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Rita and Immaculate Conception Parishes in Connellsville; Saint John the Baptist Parish in Scottsdale; Saint Joseph Parish in Everson; Saint Aloysius Parish in Dunbar; and Saint Pius X and Visitation Parishes in Mount Pleasant. Rooted in prayer and committed to his vocation, he strives to bring Christ's love to all he serves, walking with his parish communities in faith, hope, and joy.



Father Julius Capongpongan, Parochial Vicar

Father Julius Capongpongan is from the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines, Ordained to the priesthood April 24, 2006, he served there as a Parochial Vicar, Spiritual Director, and parish Priest. He currently is Parochial Vicar to Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Rita and Immaculate Conception Parishes in Connellsville; Saint John the Baptist Parish in Scottsdale; Saint Joseph Parish in Everson; Saint Aloysius Parish in Dunbar; and Saint Pius X and Visitation Parishes in Mount Pleasant. With a heart devoted to Christ and His people, he strives each day to be a faithful witness to the Gospel and a servant of God's love.



Father Tomas Avila, Parochial Vicar

Father Tomas Avila was ordained to the priesthood April 27, 2007. He is from the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines, where he served as a Spiritual Director, ministering to elementary, high school, and post-secondary students. He now faithfully serves the parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist, Saint Rita and Immaculate Conception Parishes in Connellsville; Saint John the Baptist Parish in Scottsdale; Saint Joseph Parish in Everson; Saint Aloysius Parish in Dunbar; and Saint Pius X and Visitation Parishes in Mount Pleasant. In addition to celebrating Mass, he works closely with parish staff on sacramental preparation, spiritual formation, and outreach initiatives.



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: YoughCatholic.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, 116 South Second Street, Connellsville PA 15425.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
2025: 340
2024: 324
2023: 333

Baptisms
2025: 4
2024: 3
2023: 5

First Holy Communions
1

Confirmations
3

Weddings
2025: 1
2024: 1
2023: 0

Funerals
2025: 10
2024: 10
2023: 11

Households that Give
207

Households that Don't Give
133

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

The Fundraising Committee works hard to prepare ethnic foods to sell during the Christmas and Easter seasons. Not only do they raise funds for our parish, but they also provide for fellowship with one another, which can be a ministry in and of itself. All are welcome to join in.



Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 176,967	\$ 179,502	\$ 175,497
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,839	4,272	3,031
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	17,132	39,604	27,514
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	1,408	163	389
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	1,620	1,405	6,941
Special Collections	<u>8,546</u>	<u>7,713</u>	<u>12,963</u>
Total Income	\$ 210,512	\$ 232,659	\$ 226,335
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 52,023	\$ 61,251	\$ 59,680
Church	21,017	20,738	21,766
Rectory	4,860	6,645	6,893
Education and Ministry	19,528	33,049	28,715
General Expenses	91,665	107,631	109,480
Special Collections	8,546	8,019	12,517
Extraordinary Expenses	1,450	774	1,645
Total Expenditures	199,089	238,107	240,696
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 11,423	\$ (5,448)	\$ (14,361)