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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

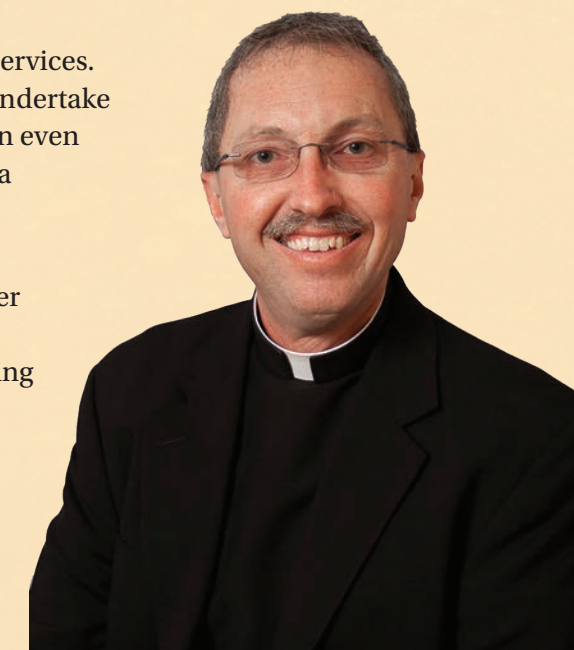
It is with a grateful heart that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the universal Church. Our parish is 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 faith formation experience serves to cultivate disciples, our sacramental preparation efforts strengthen hearts, and our outreach ministers to the sick, the poor, and the elderly, bringing comfort and consolation. 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!

We are grateful for your support in providing for our ministries, activities, and services. As we prepare for the 25th anniversary of our church dedication, we desire to undertake a number of projects and activities that will permit Saint Barbara Parish to be 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 to make a year-end gift. Traditional offerings remain deeply appreciated as well.

Our parish is a blessing, not only in the lives of parishioners but also to the wider community and Church. May we act 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,
Father Michael P. Sikon, Pastor

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**Saint Barbara 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 Michael P. Sikon, Pastor

Father Michael P. Sikon, a native of Everson, 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 well as Director of the Diocesan Office for Worship. He was installed as Pastor of Saint Barbara Parish in June 2014. He is deeply dedicated to the work of inviting others into a relationship with Jesus, forming disciples, and sharing with others the goodness of God.



Father Daniel Iletogbe, Parochial Vicar

Father Daniel Iletogbe is a priest of the Diocese of Ilorin in western Nigeria. He has served in the Diocese of Greensburg since his appointment as Parochial Vicar in January 2025. He faithfully ministers to our parish as well as Saint Regis Parish in Trafford. In addition to celebrating Masses, he collaborates with parish staff in sacramental preparation, spiritual formation, and outreach efforts throughout Penn Township.



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: StBarbara.org and click on Donate at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to Saint Barbara Parish, 111 Raymaley Road, Harrison City, PA 15636.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
 2025: 2,072
 2024: 2,401
 2023: 2,382

Baptisms
 2025: 57
 2024: 44
 2023: 40

First Holy Communions
 67

Confirmations
 75

Weddings
 2025: 16
 2024: 7
 2023: 6

Funerals
 2025: 43
 2024: 37
 2023: 55

Households that Give
 535

Households that Don't Give
 1,573

A Call to Serve

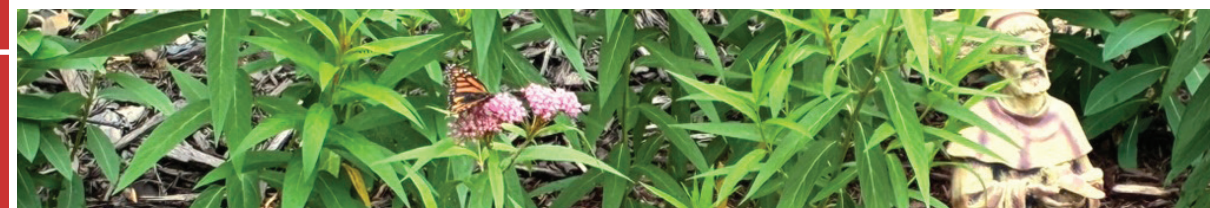
We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Whether as servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, hospitality team members, livestream ministry, or catechists, your ministry brings Christ's light to our community. Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate 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 Creation Care Team is an outreach program to care for God's creation for the benefit of all people. We are rooted in spirituality, following the guidance issued by Pope Francis in the encyclical *Laudato Si'*. There are hundreds of Creation Care teams in Catholic communities throughout the United States. The mission of the Saint Barbara Parish Creation Care Team is to:

- Inform and educate parishioners about how we can care for creation through prayer, learning, changing habits, and small projects.
- Create a sustainable parish facility by practicing energy saving efforts, nurturing sustainable landscaping, and using renewable resources.



Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 1,153,138	\$ 1,112,998	\$ 1,040,467
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	13,214	8,679	7,662
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	129,274	198,009	150,717
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	58,300	104,729	188,732
Other Non-Assessable Income * <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	192,649	310,571	426,839
Special Collections	<u>142,185</u>	<u>122,759</u>	<u>147,421</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,688,760	\$ 1,857,745	\$ 1,961,838
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 401,683	\$ 356,829	\$ 333,756
Church	142,171	235,244	341,604
Rectory	18,837	20,873	37,055
Education and Ministry	361,735	376,407	442,326
General Expenses	583,175	529,027	492,763
Special Collections	142,010	123,552	143,701
Extraordinary Expenses	40,468	176,926	254,847
Total Expenditures	<u>1,690,079</u>	<u>1,818,858</u>	<u>2,046,052</u>
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (1,319)	\$ 38,887	\$ (84,214)

* Includes w/d from CI of \$100,000, \$120,000, and \$203,310 in FY25, FY24, and FY23, respectively.