

Saint Vincent Basilica 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*, which is my first for our parish. I do this in Thanksgiving for Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, the many blessings we have received in our parish, and the continued growth of our faith community. Pope Leo XIV calls 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 our Bishop, 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. Each week we welcome new members to our parish, those who join the parish and those who are baptized into our parish. There is a lot of life and growth here.

Saint Vincent Parish has a past to remember and a future to mold. With your prayers, time, and generosity, we will 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 adult programs provide opportunities to discover Christ, learn about the Church, and be inspired by the lives of the saints. Our outreach ministers care for 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!

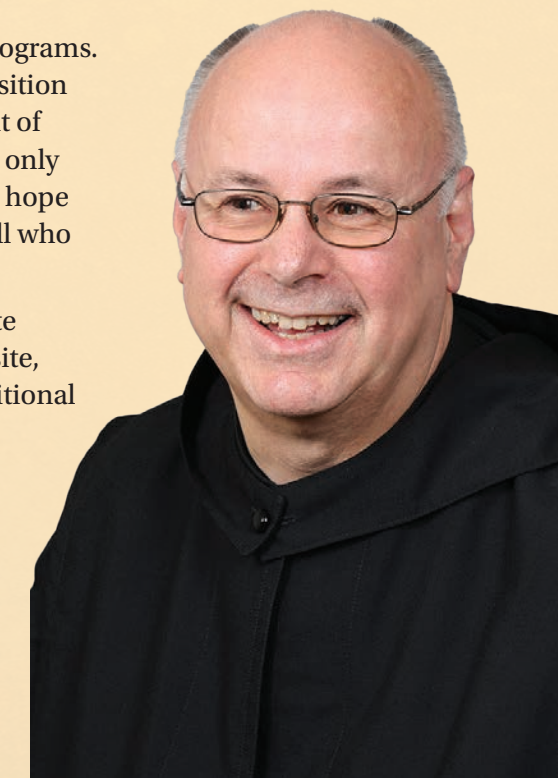
Looking ahead, we are grateful for your support as we undertake projects and programs. Some of these include the continued growth of our new parish library, the acquisition of updated material for adult formation, the installation of new sidewalks in front of the Basilica, and the formation of a welcome/hospitality committee that will not only welcome members but organize socials for them to meet other parishioners. My hope is that these programs will make our parish 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. To donate online, you can visit our website, stvincentbasilica.org, and click the Online Giving button on the front page. Traditional offerings remain deeply appreciated as well. You can also mail your gift to Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650.

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 Killian Loch, O.S.B., Pastor



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**Saint Vincent Basilica 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 Killian Loch, O.S.B., Pastor

Father Killian Loch, a native of Wilkes-Barre, was ordained in September 1979 for the Diocese of Scranton by Bishop J. Carroll McCormick. He has served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor in numerous parishes throughout the Diocese of Scranton, as well as Vicar Forane (Dean) of several deaneries. He also served as a catechist and administrator of Catholic high schools, a Regional Vicar, and Vicar for Priests. In 2010, he joined Saint Vincent Archabbey and made his Solemn Profession of Vows in July 2014. At Saint Vincent, he served as Director of Campus Ministry for the college and then Prior of the Archabbey until he was assigned as Pastor of Saint Vincent Basilica Parish. He is deeply committed to having the parish grow in the current Eucharistic Revival, to be open to the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit, and to foster a deeper sense of parish community.



Father Romanus Davitt, O.S.B., Parochial Vicar

Father Romanus Davitt, a monk of Saint Vincent Archabbey and a graduate of Saint Vincent Seminary, was ordained May 24, 2025. He is the Parochial Vicar of Saint Vincent Basilica Parish and chaplain for the State Correctional Institution at Fayette, which houses approximately 2,000 inmates. He is a native of the Birmingham Diocese in Alabama, where he joined the Benedictines in 2016.



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: StVincentBasilica.org and click on Online Giving at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
 2025: 1,920
 2024: 1,857
 2023: 1,770

Baptisms
 2025: 54
 2024: 44
 2023: 37

First Holy Communions
 62

Confirmations
 37

Weddings
 2025: 34
 2024: 30
 2023: 30

Funerals
 2025: 56
 2024: 56
 2023: 59

Households that Give
 940

Households that Don't Give
 980

A Call to Serve

We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Our most important time each week is when we gather for Mass. Consider being an altar server (grades 3-12), lector, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, usher, greeter, or catechist. Whatever ministry you feel called to, answer the call. Your presence brings Christ's light to our community. Don't hesitate to reach out to the parish office. We're here to help guide you through every step, including the clearance process, so you can share your gifts confidently and joyfully.



Ministries in Action

On the first Friday of each month, a group of Communion ministers and Father Davitt distribute Communion to homebound parishioners. These visits are often the highlight of their month. Many of our homebound parishioners are lonely and in need of someone to talk to, but all are happy to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish has been forming disciples through the ChristLife program for 10 years. The ChristLife process has changed the lives and deepened the faith of many people in our parish. The program consists of three courses: Discovering Christ, which helps people develop a personal relationship with Jesus; Following Christ, which helps people who have a relationship with Jesus develop the habits of a missionary disciple; and Sharing Christ, which helps people who are missionary disciples share their faith with family and friends. More than 400 people have completed the courses, some of them several times. Many have gone on to be Communion ministers, lectors, and catechists. The next Discovering Christ course will be offered on Tuesdays beginning January 20, 2026. Contact Teri Pomerleau in the parish office for more information or to register.

Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 1,157,301	\$ 1,043,224	\$ 975,978
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	7,238	5,790	14,763
Extraordinary Income * <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	324,463	116,926	157,770
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	19,674	18,060	29,171
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	32,002	17,833	24,906
Special Collections	44,901	51,500	46,652
Total Income	\$ 1,585,579	\$ 1,253,333	\$ 1,249,240
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 396,245	\$ 381,702	\$ 394,584
Church Rectory	379,619	124,398	100,616
Education and Ministry	283,105	250,208	270,946
General Expenses	315,819	294,759	305,523
Special Collections	42,795	51,147	40,612
Extraordinary Expenses **	652,311	38,205	24,523
Total Expenditures	2,069,894	1,140,419	1,136,804
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (484,315)	\$ 112,914	\$ 112,436

* Includes extraordinary bequest of \$192,000 in 2025.
 ** The parish received a multi-year bequest from one benefactor between 2020 and 2025. The \$484 thousand operating loss in 2025 is the result of the transfer of this cash into savings.