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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. We are a family in faith.

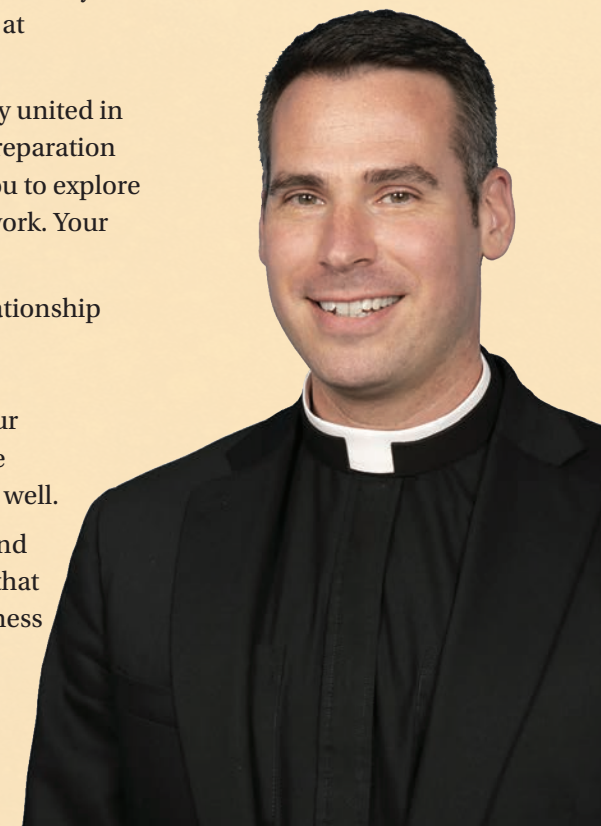
Bishop Larry J. Kulick has challenged us to build a strong and vibrant parish community that will flourish well into the future — rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Our parish has responded generously to this call by nurturing discipleship, deepening faith formation opportunities, and reaching out with Christ's love to others. I am excited to share that our parish has registered 24 households in the past two years! This truly is a sign of our vitality and the generous offering of Christ's love and joy that we share as a parish family here at Saint James Parish.

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 those in need. 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 continue to grow in our relationship with Christ our Savior, as one family united in faith. As we continue to strengthen our liturgical life, our catechetical opportunities for growing in the faith, and our ongoing care of our campus, I ask for your continued prayers and support. 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 Tyler J. Bandura, V.F., Pastor**



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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 Tyler J. Bandura, V.F., Pastor

Father Tyler J. Bandura, a native of Ford City, was ordained in June 2013 by Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt. He has served in numerous pastoral assignments and Diocesan appointments, and currently serves as Vicar Forane (Dean) of Deanery V. He was installed as Pastor of Saint James Parish in August 2021. He has a great passion for fostering the spiritual and prayer life of the parish community by guiding the faithful toward a deeper relationship with Christ through personal formation and the sacramental life of the Church.



# Our Parish by the Numbers:

**Registered Households**  
 2025: 267  
 2024: 261  
 2023: 246

**Baptisms**  
 2025: 6  
 2024: 4  
 2023: 1

**First Holy Communions**  
 0

**Confirmations**  
 1

**Weddings**  
 2025: 0  
 2024: 1  
 2023: 0

**Funerals**  
 2025: 4  
 2024: 2  
 2023: 10

# A Call to Serve

To continue our Diocesan-wide reputation as a growing and exhilarating parish, we need everyone to hear the call to serve by considering one of our many liturgical, catechetical, pastoral care, and volunteer opportunities.

For more information on pursuing your individual call to service, please speak with any of the parish leadership or call the office at 724-668-2829.



# Ministries in Action

The Rosary Altar Society annually supports Catholic Charities' Baby Closet through its Community Baby Shower. At this event, moms in need benefit from the "admission price" paid by the attendees — a gift of diapers or other essentials for newborns. The society also takes part in the annual Baby Bottle Drive, collecting money to benefit the Lifeways Pregnancy Center.

Our newly formed Grounds Committee completes semi-annual walk-throughs of all buildings and properties. This has enhanced our strategic plan to ensure the Saint James Parish campus remains a welcoming, vibrant, and pleasant environment where we can worship and serve our community.



# Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
<b>Offerory</b>	\$ 263,193	\$ 256,456	\$ 228,219
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	8,904	5,804	7,257
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	24,187	19,837	45,069
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	119,943	107,220	92,150
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	73,344	244,081	67,868
<b>Special Collections</b>	<u>9,807</u>	<u>8,470</u>	<u>9,778</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 499,378</b>	<b>\$ 641,868</b>	<b>\$ 450,341</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 87,383	\$ 83,996	\$ 86,696
Church	45,559	38,099	34,272
Rectory	24,267	13,999	13,093
Education and Ministry	45,965	46,662	42,188
General Expenses	98,524	96,499	95,355
Special Collections	9,807	8,470	9,778
Extraordinary Expenses *	228,635	304,118	164,406
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>540,140</b>	<b>591,833</b>	<b>445,788</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (40,762)</b>	<b>\$ 50,035</b>	<b>\$ 4,553</b>

\* Deposited \$181,578 to the reserve in FY25.

# 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: [StJamesNewAlexandria.org](http://StJamesNewAlexandria.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 James Parish, 306 Saint James Lane, New Alexandria, PA 15670.