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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.

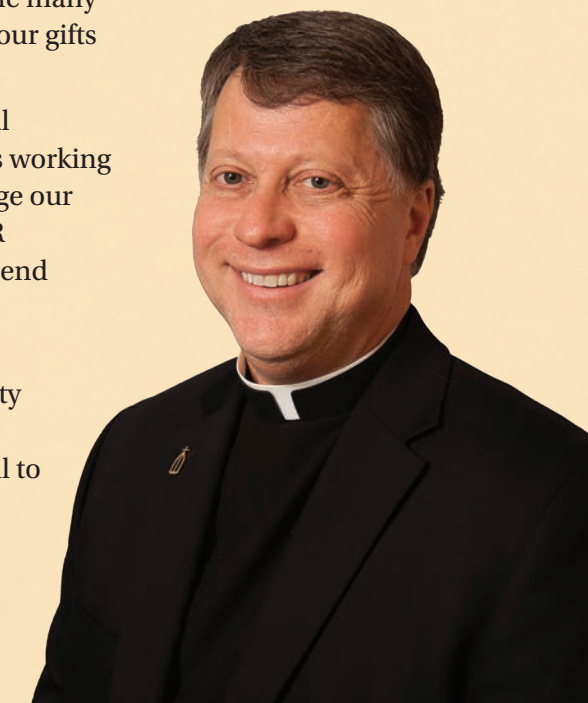
Bishop Larry J. Kulick has challenged us to build a strong and vibrant parish community that will flourish well into the future — rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Our parish has responded generously to this call by nurturing discipleship, deepening faith formation, and reaching out with Christ's love 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!

I am grateful for your continued support, which is crucial to meet our financial responsibility and maintain a balanced parish budget. Our financial council is working hard to provide advice and counsel on how to increase our income and manage our expenses to meet our financial obligations. For your convenience, a Giving QR code is included to help you easily participate in online giving or make a year-end gift. Traditional offering by means of cash or check 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.

Peace and Blessings,
Father Daniel L. Blout, Pastor



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**Saint Mary of Czestochowa 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 Daniel L. Blout, Pastor

Father Daniel L. Blout, a native of Masontown, was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Greensburg in 1996. He is a seasoned parish priest, having served as Pastor of Saint Mary of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning; Saint Mary Parish, Yatesboro; Saint Benedict Parish, Marguerite; and Our Lady of Grace Parish, Greensburg. He now serves as Pastor for the New Kensington Catholic Community, which comprises Saint Mary of Czestochowa Parish, Saint Joseph Parish and Mount Saint Peter Parish, all in New Kensington, and Saint Margaret Mary Parish in Lower Burrell. He is deeply dedicated to shepherding our parish, with its many vibrant and diverse liturgical, pastoral care, formation, service, and other ministries.



Father Elpidio Alcontin, Parochial Vicar

Father Elpidio Alcontin, more familiarly known as "Father Bimbot," is a native of the Diocese of Tagum in the Philippines. Father Bimbot faithfully celebrates Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and is dedicated to the weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He also collaborates with parish staff and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, making pastoral visits to the homebound and residents of local nursing homes.



Father Rodolfo P. Mejia Jr.

Father Rodolfo P. Mejia Jr., more familiarly known as "Father Rody," is a native of the Diocese of Antipolo in the Philippines. In addition to faithfully celebrating Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Father Rody is dedicated to the weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. He also collaborates with parish staff and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion making pastoral visits to the homebound and residents of local nursing homes.



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: NewKensingtonCatholic.org and click on GIVE at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to Saint Mary of Czestochowa Parish, c/o NKCC Parish Office, 100 Freeport Road, New Kensington, PA 15068.

Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
2025: 319
2024: 318
2023: 352

Baptisms
2025: 5
2024: 1
2023: 0

First Holy Communions
1

Confirmations
0

Weddings
2025: 4
2024: 0
2023: 0

Funerals
2025: 26
2024: 39
2023: 30

Households that Give
257

Households that Don't Give
62

A Call to Serve

Consider serving our parish family. We continue to invite and encourage parishioners to prayerfully consider serving as altar servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, and/or formation leaders. If you are interested in finding out more about serving in any of these ways, don't hesitate to reach out to one of our staff or call the parish office — we are here to guide and support you through each step of the way, including obtaining your clearances.



Ministries in Action

Our Children's Formation program utilizes three unique formation models: Traditional Classroom, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and Home Study. Each model aims to help our young people encounter Christ through experiential catechesis, inviting children and their families into a life of discipleship. Children are given the opportunity take a deep dive into the Scriptures, experience the sacramental life of the Church, participate in hands-on learning, and experience family prayer, helping them nurture their relationship with Jesus and His Church in a holistic way.

Our Middle School Youth Ministry for students in grades 6-8 meets every Wednesday from September through May. These gatherings are designed to help youth grow in their relationship with Christ through building community, learning about their Catholic faith, deepening their prayer life, engaging in lesson-related activities, serving others, and encountering Christ through the Church's sacramental life.

Our High School Youth Ministry for students in grades 9-12 meets once a month from September through May. These gatherings are a chance to connect with friends, enjoy games and social time, and dive into meaningful conversations about real-life issues and what it means to live out your faith in today's world.

Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offertory	\$ 285,549	\$ 279,707	\$ 260,349
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	3,543	3,266	3,093
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	64,819	59,723	58,053
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	17,069	19,212	6,950
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	67,813	21,496	28,599
Special Collections	10,579	12,368	11,235
Total Income	\$ 449,373	\$ 395,773	\$ 368,279
Expenses			
Administration	\$ 81,479	\$ 68,576	\$ 73,597
Church	31,887	35,605	24,588
Rector's Office	143	3,084	2,937
Education and Ministry	45,009	43,011	38,940
General Expenses	229,109	196,772	191,320
Special Collections	9,810	12,970	10,633
Extraordinary Expenses	44,954	30,426	34,419
Total Expenditures	442,391	390,444	376,434
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 6,982	\$ 5,329	\$ (8,155)
<i>Withdrawal from Reserves (Savings)</i>	\$ (35,702)	-	\$ (20,000)
<i>Added to Endowment Fund</i>	17,526	22,717	5,370
<i>Total Operating Income (Loss)</i>	(11,194)	28,046	(22,785)