

**Holy Family Parish**  
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**Dear Parishioners,**

Peace and blessings to you all!

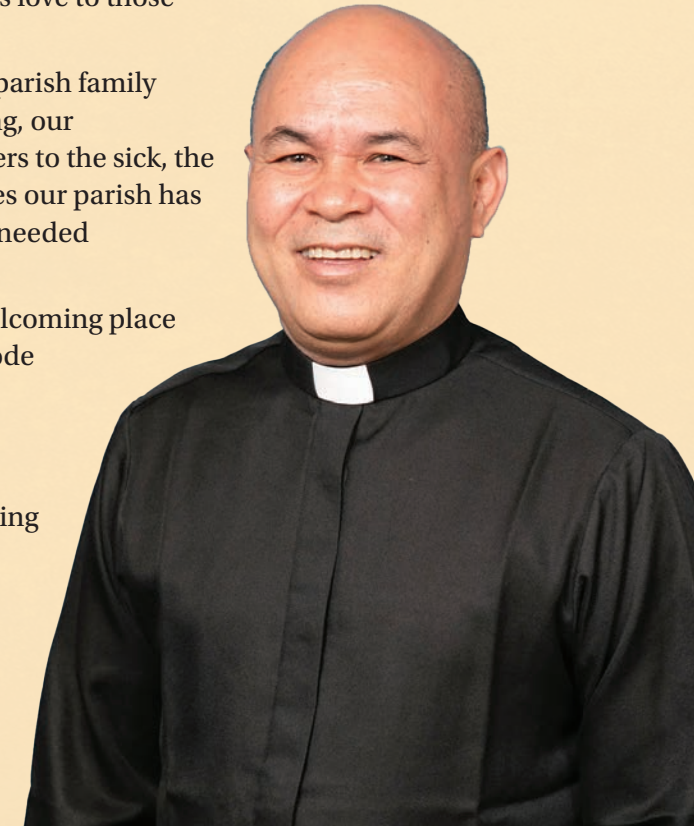
It is with a grateful heart that I offer this year's annual report, *ThanksGIVING for Our Parish*. As we reflect on the blessings and growth of our faith community, we are reminded of Pope Leo XIV's inspiring call for every parish to recognize its vital role within the Universal Church. Our parish is 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!

We are grateful for your continued support in making our church a 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. 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 Joel A. Sayson, Pastor**



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for Our Parish



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**Holy Family 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 Joel A. Sayson, Pastor

Father Joel A. Sayson, a native of the Diocese of Mati in the Philippines, was ordained on July 29, 1997, by Bishop Patricio H. Alo. He has served as Parochial Vicar and Pastor in numerous parishes throughout his home diocese. He has also served as Parochial Vicar of Saint Margaret Mary Parish, Lower Burrell, and Saint Mary of Czestochowa, Saint Joseph, and Mount Saint Peter Parishes in New Kensington. He was installed as Pastor of Saint Anne Parish, Rostraver, and Holy Family Parish in August 2025. He is deeply immersed to fostering and enriching the spiritual and sacramental life of the parish community by guiding the faithful toward a closer relationship with God through prayer and devotion.



# Our Parish by the Numbers:

**Registered Households**  
 2025: 258  
 2024: 260  
 2023: 272

**Baptisms**  
 2025: 2  
 2024: 2  
 2023: 4

**First Holy Communions**  
 1

**Confirmations**  
 1

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

**Funerals**  
 2025: 11  
 2024: 12  
 2023: 14

# A Call to Serve

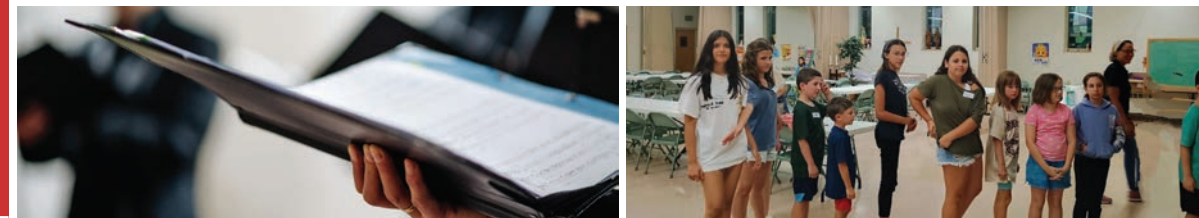
We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Whether as servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, or catechists, your ministry brings Christ's light to our community. Please prayerfully consider answering this call, and don't hesitate to reach out to the parish 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

Holy Family Parish Music Ministry provides opportunities for parishioners to serve the Church using their musical talents and abilities.

The parish cantor program is open to parishioners age 14 and above. The major role of the cantor is to prayerfully proclaim the Responsorial Psalm at Mass. In addition, the cantor leads and supports the sung prayer of the congregation through the responses, hymns, and songs. The cantor does not perform, and is not expected to sing solo. The ability to read music is very beneficial in this ministry, but not required. A pleasant singing voice and a comfort level in a public setting are necessary. Rehearsals are scheduled by mutual agreement with the Director of Music Ministry, as needed, generally before or after weekend Masses.



# Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 185,606	\$ 174,535	\$ 178,908
<b>Other Ordinary Income</b> <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	4,880	(8)	647
<b>Extraordinary Income</b> <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	8,804	4,370	6,807
<b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>	817	10,506	19,367
<b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b> <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	1,323	1,204	1,059
<b>Special Collections</b>	<u>6,305</u>	<u>9,241</u>	<u>10,691</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 207,735</b>	<b>\$ 199,849</b>	<b>\$ 217,479</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration	\$ 49,497	\$ 55,191	\$ 56,996
Church	49,064	44,401	30,688
Rectory	5,449	7,740	3,527
Education and Ministry	19,428	24,820	24,389
General Expenses	78,053	77,792	74,114
Special Collections	6,305	9,916	9,489
Extraordinary Expenses	14,235	-	1,614
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>222,031</b>	<b>219,859</b>	<b>200,817</b>
<b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (14,296)</b>	<b>\$ (20,010)</b>	<b>\$ 16,662</b>

# 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: [HolyFamilyWestNewton.org](http://HolyFamilyWestNewton.org) and click Donate at the top of the page. Of course, traditional check or cash donations are always deeply appreciated too. Mail your gift to 225 North Second Street, West Newton, PA 15089.

