

**Church of the Good Shepherd**

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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. A strong parish reaches out to its members and beyond. Our parish has responded 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!

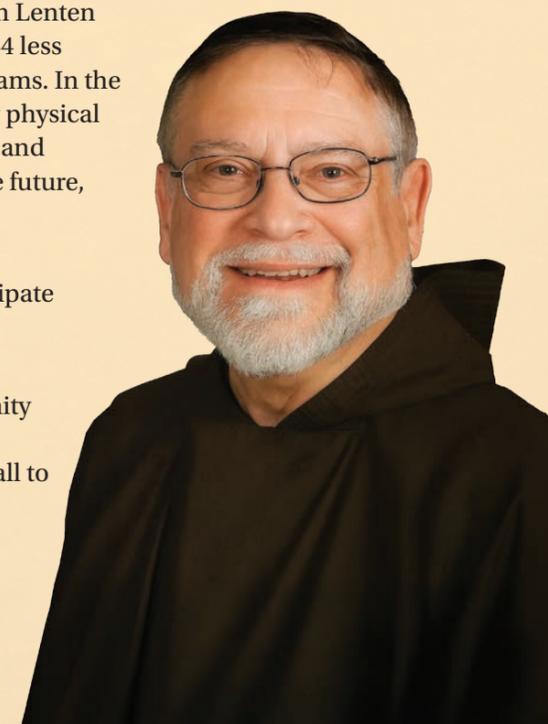
Looking ahead, we are grateful for your support as we undertake projects and continue programs. In a quick analysis, I see that first of all, we modestly increased our offertory this year from \$151,650 to \$160,876 and extraordinary income by \$2,000, while the Diocesan Lenten Appeal decreased from \$24,000 to \$12,000. This fiscal year shows us at \$40,044 less income than we contributed in 2024. Decreases in revenue impact our programs. In the short time I have served as your Administrator, I have heard of various minor physical plant issues that we will need to address, each having a real cost. Our church and facilities are no longer new. We want to be a stable Catholic presence into the future, and we need to become an ever 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. 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 John Pavlik, O.F.M. Cap., V.F., Administrator**



## A graphic for the annual report. It features the word "thanks" in a white cursive font, followed by "GIVING" in large, bold, white capital letters with a cross symbol for the letter 'I'. Below this, it says "for Our Parish" in a smaller white font. To the left of the text are three stylized leaves. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner of the graphic area. The background is a blue sky with a grid pattern, transitioning into a landscape of trees with vibrant autumn foliage (red, orange, yellow) reflected in a body of water.



GIVING QR Code

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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 John A. Pavlik, O.F.M. Cap., V.F., Administrator

A native of New Kensington (Saint Mary Parish), Capuchin Father John Pavlik was ordained to the priesthood in January 1978. Since ordination, Father John has served in various Capuchin and Diocesan ministries, helping parishes in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Baltimore, and Cleveland and the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., among others. He served as a Parochial Vicar in Beaver County and as a faculty member at Saint Fidelis High School and College in Herman and at Borromeo Seminary College of Ohio in Wickliffe, Ohio. He also served as a teacher and a formator for religious life and priesthood at Capuchin College in Washington, D.C., while being elected to leadership in the Capuchin Province of Saint Augustine, serving for 18 years, including two terms each as Vicar Provincial and Provincial. He accepted an appointment as Executive Director of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, where he served for seven years. In the Diocese of Greensburg, Father John provided pastoral supply to parishes in Everson, Scottsdale, and New Kensington before accepting an appointment to Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in 2020, where he is still Pastor. He is also Pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Coral/Lucernemines and Administrator of Church of the Good Shepherd Parish and Saints Simon and Jude Parish in Blairsville.



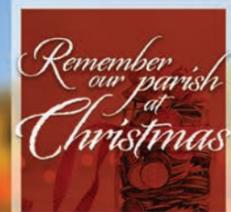
## Father Joseph Pham, O.F.M. Cap., Parochial Vicar

Father Joseph Pham was ordained December 7, 2024. He is an Australian-born Vietnamese and moved to the United States in 2019, where he continued his seminary formation, first in Washington, D.C., and continuing with a pastoral year in the Pittsburgh Diocese at the Capuchin Franciscans' evangelization center. He also serves as Parochial Vicar of Saints Simon and Jude Parish, Blairsville.



# 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: [GoodShepherdKent.org](http://GoodShepherdKent.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 Church of the Good Shepherd Parish, 100 Good Shepherd Drive, P.O. Box 99, Kent, PA 15752.

# Our Parish by the Numbers:



**Registered Households**  
2025: 332  
2024: 326  
2023: 323



**Baptisms**  
2025: 2  
2024: 0  
2023: 6

**First Holy Communions**  
2



**Confirmations**  
5

**Weddings**  
2025: 1  
2024: 1  
2023: 2



**Funerals**  
2025: 6  
2024: 8  
2023: 5

**Households that Give**  
157

**Households that Don't Give**  
175

# 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, choir members, 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

During the Advent season, Church of the Good Shepherd parishioners stage a live Nativity scene, which is observable by car or in person. Families may view the scene while roasting marshmallows, enjoying hot cocoa, coffee, and cookies, and interacting with animals. All donations go to the Catholic Children's Charity Fund.



# Parish Financials

|   | 2024-25           | 2023-24           | 2022-23            |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Offertory</b>  | \$ 160,876        | \$ 151,650        | \$ 158,274         |
| <b>Other Ordinary Income</b><br><i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>  | 2,029             | 1,941             | 2,074              |
| <b>Extraordinary Income</b><br><i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>                           | 65,247            | 60,341            | 64,631             |
| <b>Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund</b>  | 11,990            | 24,086            | 22,618             |
| <b>Other Non-Assessable Income</b><br><i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i> | 42,462            | 79,703            | 6,653              |
| <b>Special Collections</b>  | 13,464            | 16,763            | 17,987             |
| <b>Total Income</b>   | <b>\$ 296,068</b> | <b>\$ 334,485</b> | <b>\$ 272,237</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>   |                   |                   |                    |
| Administration  | \$ 80,484         | \$ 80,960         | \$ 93,622          |
| Church  | 18,529            | 73,951            | 20,583             |
| Rector's Office   | 3,450             | 2,837             | 2,411              |
| Education and Ministry  | 21,309            | 25,902            | 22,772             |
| General Expenses  | 94,983            | 100,612           | 117,745            |
| Special Collections   | 9,245             | 16,078            | 20,396             |
| Extraordinary Expenses  | 7,285             | 7,456             | 9,362              |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>   | <b>235,648</b>    | <b>307,795</b>    | <b>286,891</b>     |
| <b>Net Operating Income (Loss)</b>  | <b>\$ 60,420</b>  | <b>\$ 26,690</b>  | <b>\$ (14,654)</b> |