

Saint Raymond of the Mountains 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.

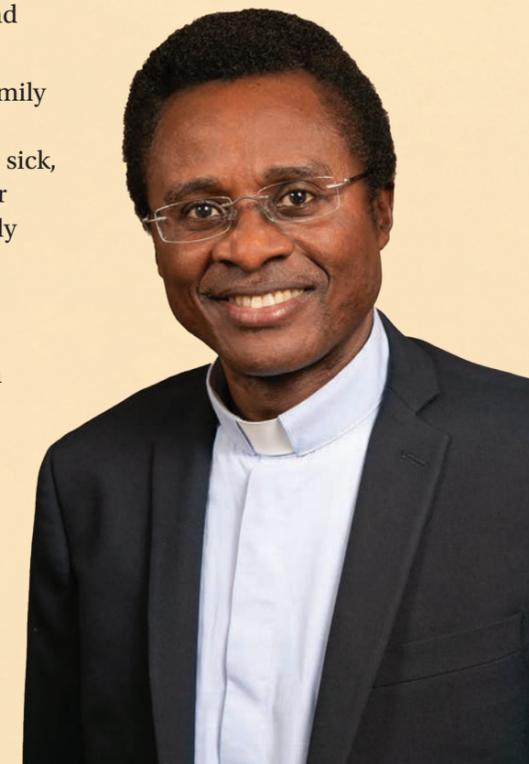
Bishop Larry J. Kulick has challenged us to build a strong and vibrant parish community that will flourish well into the future — rooted in faith, hope, and charity. Our parish has responded generously to this call by nurturing discipleship, deepening faith formation, and reaching out with Christ's love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

Looking ahead, we are grateful for your support as we undertake projects and programs, such as holding religious education classes for our young people and Bible study throughout the year and maintaining and updating the church buildings. 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 Matthew J. Udoh, Pastor



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**Saint Raymond of the Mountains 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 Matthew J. Udoh, Pastor

Father Matthew J. Udoh was ordained to the priesthood July 21, 2001, in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Ikot Ekpene, Nigeria. He served in various ministries in Nigeria until 2009, when he was sent to Rome to further his studies to a doctorate level in Dogmatic Theology at the Pontificia Regina Apostolorum. From 2016-24, he served as Parochial Vicar of San Giovanni Battista in Coriano, Italy. Feeling the call to expand his pastoral experience in America, he made the request to his home Bishop, the Most Reverend Camillus Umoh. His first assignment was as Parochial Vicar of Saint Paul, Saint Bruno, and Our Lady of Grace Parishes, Greensburg, and Saint Benedict Parish, Marguerite. "I am delighted with my new assignment as Pastor of Saint Raymond of the Mountains," he says. "This is a great opportunity to minister to the people of Donegal, and the many travelers vacationing in the area. Being the fourth child in a family of five children, with my dear parents Eno and James already in Heaven, my motto is 'Alas, what God's love has done by choosing me to be His priest.'"



Our Parish by the Numbers:

Registered Households
 2025: 294
 2024: 281
 2023: 271

Baptisms
 2025: 10
 2024: 11
 2023: 10

First Holy Communions
 4

Confirmations
 3

Weddings
 2025: 2
 2024: 3
 2023: 4

Funerals
 2025: 4
 2024: 10
 2023: 11

Households that Give
 67%

Households that Don't Give
 33%

A Call to Serve

We truly need your help to serve our parish family. Whether as servers, readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, 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

The Gardening Ministry Group meets weekly throughout the summer months to plant, clean, and restore the church gardens. Individuals do not have to make a full commitment to this ministry. They simply can show up each Thursday after the 8 a.m. Mass and pitch in. God's beautiful natural environment welcomes our parishioners, friends, and visitors to Saint Raymond of the Mountains Parish.

The Families in Need Campaign is 22 years strong. The campaign focuses on infants and the elderly within the church and extends outreach to the community. Parishioners contribute clothes, food, daily essentials, pharmacy gift cards, gas cards, baby items, and monetary contributions during Advent and Lent. Distribution is done by volunteers on a weekly basis. This campaign has fostered good will and a full spiritual commitment in serving our community.



Parish Financials

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Offerory	\$ 304,123	\$ 295,787	\$ 244,892
Other Ordinary Income <i>(monthly collections, votive candles)</i>	1,450	-	1,648
Extraordinary Income <i>(bequests, donations, fundraising, interest, rental income)</i>	78,225	67,408	17,256
Diocesan Lenten Appeal Refund	103,441	125,172	151,267
Other Non-Assessable Income <i>(The Catholic Accent, sale of property, insurance reimbursements and PPP Loan)</i>	9,565	3,917	1,585
Special Collections	30,370	18,807	24,881
Total Income	\$ 527,174	\$ 511,091	\$ 441,528
Expenses			
Administration *	\$ 106,224	\$ 92,786	\$ 109,358
Church *	132,229	80,906	57,894
Rectory	11,321	6,172	15,828
Education and Ministry *	50,478	38,522	50,600
General Expenses *	133,582	108,820	195,862
Special Collections	29,612	19,636	23,562
Extraordinary Expenses **	112,777	46,939	205
Total Expenditures	576,222	393,781	453,309
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (49,048)	\$ 117,310	\$ (11,781)

* Includes additional past expenses due to paying off debt in FY23.
 ** Includes \$50,000 added to the Catholic Institute Reserve account, \$10,000 added to the Foundation Endowment, and \$35,000 in extraordinary repairs 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: StRaymondChurch.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 Raymond of the Mountains Parish, P.O. Box 330, Donegal, PA 15628.

