

The Parish of St. Lawrence the Martyr

Financial Report 2024-2025

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Prayerful good wishes to you and those you love in these first several weeks of 2026! By rights, I should be wishing you a happy Thanksgiving, or perhaps a very merry and grace-filled Christmas, but since I failed to put the finishing touches on the following report in as timely a way as I would have liked, I'll ask you to settle for a heartfelt "Happy St. Valentine's Day" (pun intended!).

I do wish I were sharing these figures sometime around Thanksgiving, because it's *gratitude* that I feel first and foremost as I look at them myself, and think back over the year just past. I'm grateful to our parish staff and employees, who continue to be so thoughtful about the expenses we incur, always looking to use the monies *you* entrust to the parish in as prudent and responsible a way as possible. I'm grateful to our trustees and the members of our Finance Committee, who along with Emily McDonald from diocesan Parish Support bring such expertise to analyzing our financial picture and looking for best practices in safeguarding and growing our accounts. And most of all, *I'm grateful to you*, who continue to lend your financial support to St. Lawrence with such steadiness and generosity! Our stability derives almost entirely from your spirit of stewardship—your readiness to make a meaningful return to the Lord, even when giving means sacrifice. Thank you! As we move further into 2026, may God continue to bless us with an abundance of faith, hope, and love.

Father Brian

How much income we received and where it came from:

>> Weekend Masses, holy days, and special monthly collections.....\$692,664

>> Christmas, Easter, and other special collections.....\$119,713

Total Regular Collections:.....\$812,377

>> **Catholic Ministries Appeal Rebate** for 2024.....\$19,150

>> **Fundraising**—Taste of Sayville, Annual Parish Raffle, and other activities.....\$8,499

>> **Parish programs**—Faith Formation, Parish Outreach, and other programs.....\$209,506

>> **Auxiliary revenue**—funds donated for liturgical services (Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, etc.) poor boxes, candles, bulletin advertising, donations & bequests.....\$282,541

>> **Second collections** mandated by the Diocese for various beneficiaries.....\$72,019

>> **Interest and gains** on our investments.....\$64,995

Total Ordinary Revenue.....\$1,469,087

How much we spent and what we spent it on:

>> Salaries paid for clergy, Business Office, clerical, church maintenance and operations, Faith Formation, housekeeping and Music Ministry.....	\$312,036
>> Benefits in the salaries detailed above, including federal & state mandated employment taxes, along with medical/dental insurance and pension contributions.....	\$188,182
>> Social and fundraising programs run throughout the year:.....	\$544
>> Parish programs including Faith Formation, youth ministry, adult education, and other programs:.....	\$134,524
>> Maintaining office operations for the parish including postage, printing, bank fees, telephone, liturgical, and other office expenses.....	\$117,059
>> Annual subsidy to support Catholic Education in the Diocese.....	\$94,058
>> Diocesan assessment that helps support the Diocese of Rockville Centre programs, many of which benefit us without additional cost (legal services, personnel services, fiscal oversight, etc.).....	\$72,360
>> Support of the rectory for staff offices, and priests' residence with food, housekeeping & other household expenditures.....	\$16,494
>> Second collections mandated by the Diocese for various beneficiaries.....	\$72,019
>> Maintaining our church & other parish buildings including utilities (gas, electric, water), repairs, and insurance.....	\$236,875
Total Ordinary Expenses.....	\$1,244,151
Net Ordinary Surplus.....	\$224,936
Extraordinary Revenue & Expenses	
>> Restricted Donations.....	\$32,956
>> Extraordinary Expenses.....	\$80,277
Net Surplus at year end.....	\$177,615

