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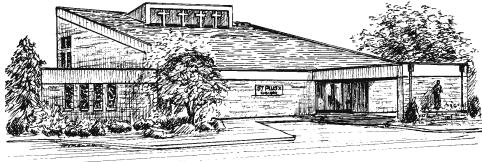
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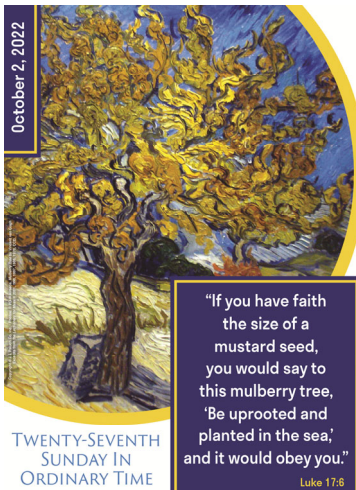


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October 2, 2022 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE GIFT OF FAITH

Faith is a gift. When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, they were going to the source of that faith with their request. God is the giver of all good gifts, including faith. When we put our faith in Christ, we believe that God is with us, even though we cannot physically see God. Or can we? If we are attentive, we see the evidence of God's presence in the love of family and friends, care poured out in service of our neighbors, the living beauty of creation. This is not blind faith, but rather is the result of seeing with the eyes of faith. Followers of Jesus look beyond what is apparent to see what is possible with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within and among us. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30pm - Visitation Church; 6:00pm - St. Pius X Church

Sunday: 9:15am - Visitation Church; 8:00am - St. Pius X Church; 10:30am - St. Pius X Church

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the parish office to begin preparation for this sacrament.

Weekday Mass - 7:00am - St. Pius X Church

Confessions - Saturday - 3:30pm - Visitation Church

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	10/3	St. Pius X 7:00am Joe & Mildred Martin - family Teresita Pulido - family
Tues.	10/4	St. Pius X 7:00am James Rodgers - Bonnie & family
Wed.	10/5	St. Pius X 7:00am Alyssa Askin - parents, Richard & Christa
Thurs.	10/6	St. Pius X 7:00am Thomas J. Henderson, Sr. - wife, Rosemary Sally Sandzimier - Tom & Kathy Demagall
Fri.	10/7	St. Pius X 7:00am All Living & deceased members of the Visitation Christian Mothers Parish Families
Sat.	10/8	Visitation 4:30pm Janice Barkley - brothers & sisters St. Pius X 6:00pm Mary Ellen Gerecter - Jean & Bob Krempasky & Dorothy Kozak
Sun.	10/9	St. Pius X 8:00am June & Tom Grabiak - family Visitation 9:15am All living & deceased members of the Visitation Rosary Altar Society St. Pius X 10:30am Vickie Hickle - family



I wish to share with you that Sandra Rusnak has resigned her position as the Facilities and Business Manager at our partner parishes of St. Pius X and Visitation parishes. Her last day with us was this past Friday, September 30th. **We appreciate her time with us these past months and may God continue to bless her and keep her.** Sandy, thank you very much for the service and help you gave our parishes.

Ministry of the Altar

Sat.	10/8	Visitation 4:30pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Robert Manjerovic Minister: Marlene Cibulas Servers: Lilly Spires, Owen Spires, Colton Golobish Cantor: Jaime Golobish St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Connie Barnhart Ministers: Mary Ann Arrigo, Paul Klaus Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Kristen Felentzer
Sun.	10/9	St. Pius X 8:00am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Mike Polechko Ministers: Audrey Soforic, Patty Gaal Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Pat Martinosi Visitation - 9:15am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Tereasa Rerko Minister: Patricia Thomas Servers: Amelia Thomas, Langdon Thomas, Sophia Smithnosky Cantor: Eric Harris/Choir St. Pius X - 10:30am Greeters: Knights of Columbus Lector: Joe Klocek Ministers: Ted Czekaj, Sister Juliana Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Kristin Guynn



*Welcome to the parish family, **Elias Kane Coppetti** son of Dylan & Samantha Trice Coppetti, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, September 25th at St. Pius X Church. **May God bless him.***



Adoration: First Friday, October 7th
St. Pius X Church

Adoration is on the first Friday of each month following morning Mass until noon.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION MEETING

Attention 8th graders and any student hoping to celebrate Confirmation in Spring 2023: Our FIRST preparation workshop will be Saturday, October 8th from 9 AM to 11 AM in the Youth Ministry Room (first classroom across from the stairwell). Please be sure to register your Confirmation Candidate at: <https://form.jotform.com/221354741265150> Any questions can be directed to Christy in the parish office or ccabaniss@dioceseofgreensburg.org

*From the
Desk of Fr.
Dan*

“How long, O Lord?”
Our first reading from the prophet Habakkuk begins with this powerful Old Testament phrase. It evokes a common human

struggle with God. If God is so good, if he loves us so much, then why are we so troubled and tormented here on this earth? How long must I put up with injustice, with evil seeming to conquer over good, with the world seeming so wrong?

As Christians we know the answer to this question. We know that evil is the result of sin and that God has destined us for better things in eternal life. When compared to eternity, our sufferings will seem very small and insignificant. However, when we are in pain or struggling, it is difficult to look past what is right before us and time seems to be endless.

I remember when I broke my arm on my bicycle in Rome and was sitting awaiting my X-ray. I must have waited for over 30 minutes in the waiting room (I had no timepiece but it was around a rosary and a half) but it felt like hours because I was in great pain the whole time. I look back now and it seems like a small blip of time. But while we are suffering – when we are crying out “How long, O Lord” – it seems unending and not much can console us.

This is why it is so important for Habakkuk to share the Lord’s response to “how long”:

The vision still has its time, pressed on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late.

Our cry of “how long must I wait” is met with “it will not be late”. We may not know exactly how long we must endure the pains of this life, but we know that God’s answer will not be too late. Suffering can seem both interminable and unbearable. But God does not abandon us before we run out of strength – he does not allow us to suffer without also giving us the grace to endure and overcome it. If God seems to be far off at times, if he seems to delay, our counsel is this: wait for the Lord and have faith.

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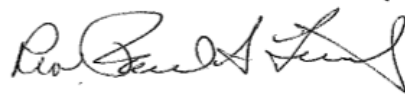
FIRST RECONCILIATION

Preparation for First Reconciliation will have it’s first workshop on Saturday, October 22 from 9 AM to 11 AM in the St. Pius X Hall. Contact Christy in the parish office with questions.



Once again the Mt. Pleasant Glass and Ethnic Festival seemed to be a success. Fr. Dan and myself want to thank all of the

volunteers who helped in any way to make the St. Pius X and Visitation food booths showcases of ethnic food during the weekend. People continuously commented on the deliciousness of the food that was on the both menus. The numbers are still being tabulated and we will share them with you as soon as all the bills are paid. To any of you who patronized our two booths “thank you.” To all who helped to make these two food booths both successful, may God continue to bless you for offering your time and talent to His Church. Please do not forget our upcoming parish fundraisers, our Omelet Breakfast and Rummage Sale. Further details for these fundraisers are in this bulletin.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Attention high school students!! Gathering will begin THIS Tuesday, October 4th at 6:30 PM in the Youth Ministry Room. Please sign up using the online form here: <https://form.jotform.com/222235042191040>

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you coming to Mass at Visitation or St. Pius, but aren’t Catholic? Are you wondering how to become Catholic? Great news! You can join us every Thursday as we gather **6:30 to 8 PM in St. Pius** Youth Ministry Room to unpack the wonders of the Catholic Faith. If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic contact Christy in the parish office, or via email at ccabaniss@dioceseofgreensburg.org We always welcome new faces!

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ELEMENTARY MEETS THIS WEEK

Kids in grades K-5 who do not attend Catholic School are encouraged to join us for Tuesday night Faith Formation sessions. We meet from 6-7:30 in the St. Pius School Building. Our next meeting is THIS Tuesday, October 4. Please be sure to register your child online at

<https://form.jotform.com/222234542456048>



Our Lady of the Rosary

All are invited to join with our Visitation Christian Mothers and the Visitation Rosary Altar Society on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, **Friday, October 7 at 6:00pm** at the Fatima Shrine located in the backyard of the Parish Office. In case of bad weather we will move into Visitation Church. Together we will pray the Glorious Mysteries. **All are invited to attend. (For those who may not be able to stand while reciting the Rosary, you may bring a lawn chair.)**

All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast



Sunday, October 9th
Sponsored by St. Pius X
Holy Name Society

8am - 12noon @ St. Pius X social hall
Adults/\$8.00, children(3 - 12)/\$3.00, under 3/Free
Tickets will be sold at the door.



The Visitation Christian Mothers are planning their annual "October Rummage sale." A new feature will be tried/added this year.

"Royce's Concessions" Food Truck
will be available the first
night of the sale:
Thursday, Oct. 13.

New hours for Thursday will
be 4:00-8:00pm. Friday and

Saturday sale hours will remain the same. Our membership appreciates your on-going support. Thank you in advance, Jan.



"October Rummage Sale"
in Visitation community center

Drop off dates and times:

Oct. 8, Saturday -1pm-4pm

Oct. 10, Monday -12pm-3pm

Oct. 11, Tuesday -12pm-7pm

Oct. 12, Wednesday -12pm-3pm

Large furniture items, TV's, computers and appliances cannot be accepted.

Sale Dates and times:

Oct. 13 - Thursday - 4pm-8pm - with Food Truck

Oct. 14, Friday - 9am-8pm

Oct. 15, Saturday - 9am-11am

Weekly Offering - September 25, 2022

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....\$3,210.00
Capital Improvements.....\$25.00
Growing.....\$25.00
Seminar/Clergy Formation..\$677.00
Ascension.....\$5.00
All Souls.....\$10.00
All Saints.....\$5.00
Total Envelopes: 155

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....\$5,618.00
Capital Improvements.....\$40.00
Seminar/Clergy Formation..\$1,202.00
Catholic Univ.....\$10.00
Mission Co-Op.....\$25.00
Total Envelopes: 191

Visitation Parish Pankusky Sale



Our pankusky (filled doughnuts)
will be for sale Saturday,
October 8 after the 4:30pm Mass
& Sunday, October 9 after the
9:15am Mass in the Visitation
community center.

Only raspberry will be available - \$2.00 each.

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Welcome

The Visitation Christian Mothers shared prayer, led by Fr. Dan, and fellowship with new members at their September 15th

induction meeting. **Congratulations** to the following women: Lois Bauer, Jillian Gearhart, Christy Cabaniss, Mary Pfeifer, Denise Vuchinich, Andrea Pritts, Eleanor McGrogan, Cathy Savage, Regina Snyder, Karen Kurimcak, Kelli Pastore, Janice Scekeres, Tracy Orlando, Susie Ruszkowski, Genevieve Snively, Margorie Harmening, Shelby Romanik, Mary Jane Kubasky and Lisa Perks. The membership extended a "heartfelt" welcome to their newest members!! May we continue to share in the "spiritual graces" the organization affords. (An amazing/delicious covered dish dinner was enjoyed by all; including Fr. Paul/Dan. A special thanks to all members for their creative "culinary delicacies." Sincerely, Jan



Please pray for the wholeness & healing of

Jeff Landy, David Gollott, Patricia Burke, Gina M., Carol K., Frank Chain, David, Amil Z., Jimmy Z., Gene, Edward P., Janet Pfeifer, Elizabeth E., Philomena Grohal, Don Seder, John "Jack" Kaputa, Joan K., Colleen, Jeff, William Pakulski, Kathi Kappel, Karen Pytlak, Danny & Elaine Kurpiel, Brenda, Dorinda O., Patty, Gary French & family, Paul, Mike Ruskowski, Liz, Andy, Brenda, Paul, Bertie Zaucha, Barry Stanziana, David & Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, John Ristway, Dolores Sann, Margie, Sue Ruskowski, Jeff Kiral, Isaac Donaldson, Amber, Susan Shafley, Ken E., Kim R., Jennie Ann Hurt, Julia, Martin, Beth, Gerry, Desiree, Margaret Fox, Corinne M., Laurie Deery, Susie Wiltrout, C. R., Nancy P., Brian McLaughlin, Arnold Donaldson, Mike H., Terri Ferko, Ron D., Eileen S., Bill Vance, Laurie, Jenny Batchko, Fr. Greg Premoshis, Fr. John Moineau, Janey, Linda G., Mary Keto, Susan, Jim G., Pam, Karen, Amanda Dennis, Jadon Michael Kalp, Denise Mastro, Rita, Kim, Mike Kristoff family, Natalie & family, James, Natalie W. & her father, Richard P. & family, Ray, Donald B., George Ozegovich, Lou Zaucha, Mark Sosko, Loretta Stana, Amber Harbak, MaryAnn, Isabel B., Elsie & Ed, Nicholas, Louise A., L.G., Thomas J., Doug P., Dolores Solinski, Faith P., Logan S., Rita, Ruth, CJ, Kim, Rita, Charles C., Richard & Sally B., Elizabeth & Edward Kendi, Remington Bazzar, Alvin Jaworski, RoseMarie P., Beth, Mark S., Carmelita, Mercedes Isola, Georgia & Adrian, Debbie Poklembo, Leo R. Rudnik, Sr., Gary Dorman, Carmen Tarasky, Louise A., Pat, Diane R., Patricia Skero, Neal, Michael Tarasky, Sr., Logan, Anna Marie Petras, Bill Rodgers, Special Intention, Angela Hurt, LeeEtta, Chuck, Christie, Malachi, Frank & Deb Piazza, Rob & family, Mary, Artie, Loretta & Alan Ambrosa. **We pray for all our homebound and hospitalized parishioners and all who need physical, spiritual and mental healing.**

Recent Deaths

Please pray for Erwin Pawlikowski and John Kaputa who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest forever in the peace of the Lord.

Cemetery Flower/Decoration Clean-up

Our grass cutting company will be performing our fall cemetery clean-up. **If you wish to save any flowers/decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove them no later than Sunday, October 16th. Any summer flowers/decorations left in the cemeteries past this date will be discarded by the mowing company as part of the semi-annual clean-up. Fall flowers will not be removed.** Thank you for your cooperation. Any questions or concerns about the cemeteries should be directed to the parish office.

ALL SOULS



In commemoration of

All Souls Day,

all are invited to join a group of friends and parishioners

Sunday, October 30th at 12noon at Transfiguration Cemetery Chapel to recite the Rosary to remember our deceased loved ones.



We will also gather at Visitation Cemetery on Sunday, October 30th at 1:00pm to recite the Rosary. You may wish to bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, we will recite the Rosary at 1:00pm in Visitation Church.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary - In memory of Richard Pazer - wife, children & grandchildren

Blessed Mother - In memory of a precious little one

St. Joseph - In memory of Grandma Spisak - Karen

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of all deceased members of the Parisi & Zodda family - family

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of Joe & Mildred Martin - family

Blessed Mother - In memory of John Kaputa - Visitation Rosary Altar Society

St. Joseph - In memory of Sally Sandzimier - Denny & Patty Gaal

Madonna & Child - In memory of Alyssa Askin - Parents



Please keep in your prayers these active military personnel who continue to give so much to our country:

***Jacob Ruben Johnson,
Jacob Shafley, Alex Shafley,
Jared Yester,
Stephen Shallenberger,
Drew Sheldon and Jim Dzurica***



Respect Life Sunday

Today is Respect Life Sunday and the beginning of the month of October which is dedicated to focusing our thoughts on the sanctity of life, which should be a priority for each and every one of us.

Today, popular culture promotes a dangerous myth - exalting the freedom and glamour of the rich and famous, the powerful or "beautiful" people, whose public lives seem superficial and whose private lives feature a succession of brief and broken relationships. All too often they end up in

treatment for drug or alcohol addiction, usually after injuring others or humiliating themselves publicly. But until then, in the eyes of the world, they have it all! And don't we often feel like we want it all? And we want it now! According to this myth, money equals freedom. It makes us free to sample from the whole rich smorgasbord of summer delights - the latest electronics and trendy fashions. We are invited to be constantly entertained by new places and new experiences, the latest music or latest video games. For some people, acquaintances pass in and out of their lives, but they rarely have the time to know and love them deeply, to know the longings of their hearts, the goodness of their souls. When other people make demands on our freedom, we can choose to ignore or even eliminate from our self-centered lives. Our culture gives us "permission" to turn our back on an ill-timed baby, a neglected spouse or a mother in a nursing home who pleads for a visit. But money can't buy us love. And neither power nor freedom can bring us the one thing humans need to thrive. We were created to love and be loved. We cannot be satisfied by earthly things alone. By creating us in his own image, God has given us a nature that is partly spiritual - an intellect, the capacity to know right from wrong, the free will to choose how to act, and the capacity to know and love him. Jesus' incarnation, life and death revealed to us that God is Love. To love God and others fulfills our deepest needs, allowing us to have life "to the fullest." Every person bears God's image and has an immortal soul. Yet many are viewed as being outside the circle of love - unborn children whose parents are tempted to eliminate them, vulnerable people with illnesses and disabilities who risk being abandoned or even killed through misguided "mercy," prisoners on death row, forgotten or despised long after they have repented of their wrongdoing. Although it seems a paradox, the greater the sacrifices made out of love, the greater is our joy and peace. Whether it is the brave decision of a pregnant woman to reject abortion and allow a loving family to parent her child when she cannot, or the daily sacrifices of parents in raising young children, or the hard work of caring for an elderly relative with dementia, when we step up to these challenges, God can stretch our hearts and fill them to overflowing with his love, joy, and peace. With hearts so transformed, we can become living witnesses to the meaning of Jesus' mission: *I came that all might have life, and have it to the full!*

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This Tuesday, October 4, is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

The church of Francis' day was wealthy and powerful, and most people did not have the courage to take the words of the gospels literally. But Francis followed Christ's example. He became the "Poverello" -the "little poor one." He owned only one tunic, a plain brown robe with a rope for a belt, which was the garment worn by peasants when they labored in the fields. He worked with lepers, the most despised people of society. He acted as a peacemaker between warring towns. Soon others began to join Francis, earning their bread by working in the field or by doing odd jobs. Francis had an

understanding of the unity of all creation that was way ahead of its time. He addressed every created thing as a Brother or Sister and treated everything with reverence. He allowed the beauty of creation to fill him with joy. Francis became ill and died when he was only 45 years old. On his deathbed he composed the Canticle of the Sun, a hymn of praise still sung to this day. Then, he asked to be laid on Brother Earth naked so that he could welcome Sister Death as simply as possible. The pope who canonized him two years later described him as "the most perfect image of Christ." His body rests in the basilica that was built as Assisi after his death. Francis of Assisi is a patron saint of Italy. In 1979, he was also named patron saint of ecologists and all people who work to protect the environment. **In keeping with the tradition of the Feast Day we will have a blessing of animals, Tuesday, October 4th at 6:15pm at St. Pius X parking lot.** All parishioners and friends are invited to bring their pets and other animals to this blessing service.

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Congratulations to Mary Ann Welc, the winner of the Mamma Carr Dinner.

An amazing, delicious dinner was enjoyed by Mary Ann as well as the seven others that she invited! The Mamma Carr ticket generated a total of \$3,390.00. Therefore, the split between St. Pius X and Visitation Parishes is \$1,695.00. A huge thank you to Mamma Carr and to all those who purchased tickets!!



Bingo **Sponsored by:** **St. Pius X Christian Mothers** **Sunday, November 6th** **@ St. Pius social hall** **Doors Open at Noon**

20 Games @ \$75, 4 Specials @ \$125
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Admission ticket includes 1st package, additional package is \$5.00, 50/50 & Basket Auction
\$30 Donation includes Lunch, Only 250 tickets sold
Tickets are available at the parish office or by



Rosary Rally

A public rosary rally hosted by the Partner Parishes of Connellsville and Dunbar is scheduled for Saturday, October 15 at noon in the Marian Grotto

behind the St. Rita Rectory. Come join us in giving witness to our faith in a world that has become lost and is searching for direction. You may wish to bring a chair. This will be held rain or shine. Mark your calendars now.



Mt. Pleasant **Knights of Columbus** **Shoes to Save Babies Fundraiser** **An Ultrasound Initiative!** **Donate your gently worn,** **used or new shoes**

Collection boxes are in both Visitation and St. Pius X Churches and will remain thru October.

Help the Knights of Columbus to raise money to purchase an ultra sound machine for a local pregnancy support center. Shoes benefit Third World Countries & support Micro Enterprises in those countries.



Pray for the unborn!



Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



October

October means "eighth month" in Latin. Why is that? In the old Roman calendar, the year began in spring, not in winter.

September was rich with feast days. November also will have several important days. But October was cut from rather plain cloth. There are valleys between mountains and ordinary days between extraordinary ones.

St. Joseph Church, Everson, is celebrating their 135th Anniversary, Sunday, October 16th, 11am Mass w/Bishop Kulick. Dinner/Polka Dance to follow at Fountain Mills Event Center. Tickets \$35. Call Stan Komenda at 724-550-3966. Polka Dance - 3pm-7pm, \$10 at the door.

The Usher's Ministry of Holy Family Church, Latrobe, along with Fr. Rick Kosisko, would like to extend an invitation to attend a fun afternoon of fellowship and golf at Holy Family's First Annual Golf Outing at the Latrobe Elks. For more information or to register please call usher, Tony Bova at 724-757-4022.

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