



VISITATION PARISH

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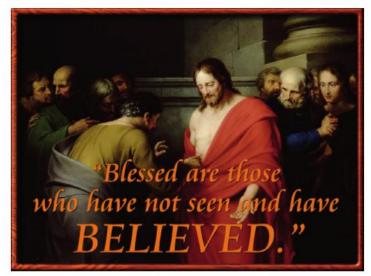
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April 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)



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 - Visitation Church Confessions - Saturday - 3:30pm - Visitation Church

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Mass Intentions

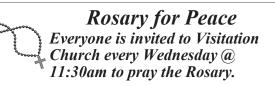
Mon.	4/17	Visitation 7:00am Parish Families
Tues.	4/18	Visitation 7:00am Bill Vise - Bo & Beverly Schroll
Wed.	4/19	Visitation 7:00am Michelle Jurkovic - Paul & Peggy Tepper
		Phyllis (Chain) Frock - Suan, Linda, Chris, Melissa & Frank
Thurs.	4/20	Visitation 7:00am Albert & Ruth Gillott - daughter, Debbie Stanziana
Friday	4/21	Visitation 7:00am Ronald Balcerek - Joe & Helen Ann Brezinski - Barb Love
Sat.	4/22	Visitation 4:30pm Robert & Vera Jezowski - Mark & Debbie Potosky
		St. Pius X 6:00pm Peggy Pence-Dropik - children
Sun.	4/23	St. Pius X 8:00am Linda Kujawa - family
		Visitation 9:15am Joseph Baluh, Sr Dennis & Connie Baluh
		St. Pius X 10:30am Neal Genemore - friends

Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 4/22	Visitation 4:30pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Kate Bannon Minister: Vincent Mascia Servers: Caleb Stewart, Clara Stewart, Colton Golobish Cantor: Phil Brown/Choir
	St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Kim Sirianna Ministers: Mary Ann Arriso, Hank Rose Servers: Ava Coppula, Sophia Coppula, Volunteer Cantor: Jaime Golobish
Sun. 4/23	St. Pius X 8:00am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Stanley Kapella Ministers: Sister Anna Maria, Chris DeFlitch Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Peggy Tepper
	Visitation 9:15am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: John Zemba Minister: Joyce Guthrie Servers: Ty Whoric, Sophia Smithnosky, Volunteer Cantor: Pat Martinoski
	St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: Knights of Columbus Lector: Acacia Houck Ministers: Ted Czekaj, Andrea Poole Servers: Lucas Poole, Volunteer, Volunteer

St. Pius X Christian Mothers Meeting

The Christian Mothers will meet on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:30pm in St. Pius social hall.



Cantor: Kristen Felentzer/Choir

From the Desk of Fr. Paul I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you a very grateful and sincere word of thanks for all that you did to make the Lenten Season, Holy Week and Easter such a spiritually and prayerfully rewarding time. The Liturgies of Holy Week, the Easter Sunday Masses, the wonderful participation

in the stations, the attendance for confessions and Masses, and the participation at the blessing of food baskets made this past Liturgical Season a holy experience for all of us here at our parishes. I wish to thank all the ushers, cantors, choir, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, sacristans and altar servers for your dedicated help. Thanks to Sheryl for directing the choir. To the volunteers and staff who helped to decorate the Churches for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, I say *Thank You!* Your gift of time was a pleasing and prayerful gift to God. I also thank you for your generosity you showed to Fr. Dan and myself and the parishes. The cards, gifts of food and candy, and other surprises, showed me how truly blessed I am to be your Administrator and I remember each of you at my Masses. I thank you for your gifts to our parishes in the collections of Holy Week. May God bless you always and in all ways and may our Parishes continue to grow in the way of the Lord.

Desk of Fr. Dan

In this you rejoice, although **From the** now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by

fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. -1 Pt 1:6-7

There is a reason that we are supposed to learn and study Scripture as Christians. There is a reason that, nearly 2,000 years after the final word was penned, the Church still reads and proclaims its message. As the Word of God, it continues to be for all times and all peoples, a source of wisdom and understanding about the important things of life.

In this very brief passage, St. Peter gives a beautiful explanation about why we must suffer here on this earth. He offers two reasons. First, it is to prove our faith to be genuine. It's easy to say "I am strong" if you never need to lift a heavy box or unscrew a tight jar. We can say, "My faith is strong", but until that faith is tested, we do not know how strong it is. Going through something difficult that tests our faith can help us realize if our faith is not as genuine or strong as we thought.

The second, and perhaps more important reason, is so our faith may "prove to be for praise, glory, and honor" of God. After I broke my arm in Rome and needed surgery, our seminary rector shared with me how edified he was that no one ever heard me complain. It meant something to him and to others that I bore that suffering well. (I only wish I carried all of my sufferings as well as I carried that one.)

We live in a time when suffering is greatly misunderstood. We often see it as useless and to be avoided at all costs. This is because we cannot see the link between faith and suffering. Suffering reveals when our faith is not strong or genuine enough. And when it is strong, it brings glory to God by allowing others to share in our faith's endurance.

Our world may be lacking in faith, but it is not lacking in suffering. May we be inspired by St. Peter to bear our sufferings well so our faith and the faith of others may be strengthened.





First Holy Communion will be celebrated at Visitation Church at the 4:30pm Mass on COMMUNION Saturday, April 22nd and at St. Pius X Church at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, April 30th, 2023. As welcome family and

friends during these celebrations of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, some seating and pews will be reserved for the First Communicants. I ask your consideration as you plan your attendance at these special Masses.



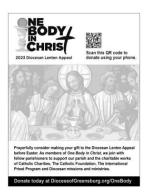
2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal Update as of April 8, 2023

St. Pius X Parish

\$47,269 Diocesan target Parish target \$15,000 Total goal \$62,269 Pledges & gifts to date: \$36,820 77.9% of Diocesan goal

Visitation Parish

Diocesan target \$35,192 \$15,000 Parish target \$50,192 Total goal Pledges & gifts to date: \$25,190 71.6% of Diocesan goal



Our Diocesan Lenten Appeal is under way. You should have received a pledge card in the mail. If you have not received a pledge card please call the office and let us know. A sincere thank you goes out to all who have responded to the DLA. Please remember dear parishioners, return your

pledge card at Mass next weekend or return it to the parish office this week. Please mark the outside of your envelope with your home church. In addition, you can pledge online at DioceseofGreensburg.org/OneBody. Our goal is to complete this appeal within the Lenten season, but we need your help and support to do so. Thank you. Fr. Paul

Unfortunately, the Visitation Christian Mothers have cancelled their scheduled May 18th bus trip to see 'Moses" at the "Sight and Sound Theater." There just wasn't enough interest. We apologize for any inconveniences this may have caused those who planned for the outing. (Perhaps another time and/or another event.) Angela Overly will be contacting those "nonmembers" who signed up, and will be making arrangements for any refunds owed.

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The "Spring Return" meeting for the Visitation Christian Mothers is scheduled for April 20th. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm in the community center. The chairperson for the meeting is Mrs. Veronica Kubasky and the co-chair is Mrs. Mary Griffitt. Updates of where we left off in December and what we plan to do for 2023 will be discussed. The Library Director of the Mount Pleasant Free Public Library, Inc. will present a "Show and Tell" of all that our local library has to offer. All Ladies of our parish are welcome. Thanks, Jan.



All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast Sunday, April 23rd Sponsored by St. Pius X Holy Name Society

8am - 12noon @ St. Pius X social hall Adults/\$10.00, children(3 - 12)/\$3.00, under 3/Free Tickets will be sold at the door.

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Tell Us Please! If you don't tell us, we won't know. Help us keep our census up-to-date and our postage down. A crucial part of the continued success of our communication system at our parishes is the constant updating of information about you, our parish family. All mailings, etc...sent out by the parish will be kept accurate if changes of any kind are reported to the office. Our parish secretary is doing the best to be aware of changes in parishioner information; but if no one tells her, then the information in the computer doesn't give a true picture of our parishes Please help us keep our parish census accurate by calling the parish office at 724-547 -1911 with any changes. All information is kept confidential.

Fr. Paul

Weekly Offering - April 2, 2023	
Visitation Parish	
Weekly\$6,775.00	
Capital Improvements\$162.00	
Accent\$23.00	
Growing\$35.00	
Ash Wednesday\$5.00	
Ash Wednesday\$5.00 Holy Thursday\$128.00	
Good Friday\$103.00	
Easter\$260.00	
Easter Flowers\$75.00	
Lenten Offering\$615.00	
Fotal Envelopes: 275	
St. Pius X Parish	
Weekly\$9,680.00	
Capital Improvements\$165.00	
Accent\$35.00	
Easter\$295.00	
Ash Wednesday\$10.00	
Holy Thursday (\$20.00)	
Holy Thursday\$80.00	
Good Friday\$77.00	
Easter Flowers\$112.00	
Lenten Offering	
Fotal Envelopes: 308	
Weekly Offering - April 9, 2023	
Visitation Parish	
Weekly\$5,157.25	
Capital Improvements\$55.00	
Accent\$35.00	
Growing\$200.00	
Ash Wednesday\$50.00	
Holy Thursday\$674.00	
Good Friday\$673.00	
Easter\$9,277.00	
Easter Flowers\$35.00	
Lenten Offering\$570.00	
Grotto\$378.00	
Basket Blessing\$222.00	
Rice Bowl\$12.00	
Online Feb. 26-March 19\$349.82	
Fotal Envelopes: 517	
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St. Pius X Parish	
Weekly\$7,657.00	
Capital Improvements\$65.00	
Accent\$20.00	
Easter\$8,129.00	
Ash Wednesday\$10.00	
Holy Thursday\$1,270.00	
Good Friday\$933.00	
Easter Flowers\$60.00	
Lenten Offering\$480.00 Online Feb.26-March19\$1,375.00	
Online Feb.26-March19\$1,375.00	
Fotal Envelopes: 559	
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Please pray for the wholeness & healing of Flo M., Lisa, Lucius, Stanley P., Patty Midden, Steven Kitko, Mary Jane Pawlikowski, Louann Y., Peggy, Sharon & Russ Gonda, Mike, Patty & Dan Gonos, Pat, Bill, Connie Zemba, Ray B., Andrew, Bob Sandzimier, Fetti Kramarski, Joann L., Candi T., Dave Nauman, Faye Hitlan, Knox, Phillip, Evelyn D., Baby Parker, Beverly Rogacki, Greg Pfeifer, Ken Keslar, Jen, Dwayne Thomas, Regis Melego, Mary Rose, Jeff Landy, David Gillott, Patricia Burke, Carol K., Frank Chain, David, Jimmy Z., Gene, Edward P., Janet Pfeifer, Elizabeth E., Don Seder, Colleen, Jeff, William Pakulski, Kathi Kappel, Danny & Elaine Kurpiel, Brenda, Dorinda O., Patty, Gary French & family, Paul, Mike Ruszkowski, Liz, Andy, Brenda, Paul, Bertie Zaucha, Barry Stanziana, David & Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, Margie, Sue Ruszkowski, Jeff Kiral, Isaac Donaldson, Amber, Susan Shafley, Ken E., Jennie Ann Hurt, Julia, Beth, 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, 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, Michael Tarasky, Sr., Logan, Anna Marie Petras, Bill Rodgers, Special Intention, Angela Hurt, LeeEtta, Chuck, Christie, Malachi, Frank & Deb Plazza, Rob & family, Mary, Artie, Loretta & Alan Ambrosa.



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, Jim Dzurica and Jonathan Lang

Recent Deaths

Please pray for Dr. Joseph Slezak and Veronica Echard who have been laid to rest recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest forever in the peace of the Lord.



A Prayer for Divine Mercy

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy - to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out; Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming - that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ward Rush -Rosemary

Blessed Mother - In memory of brothers & sisters - Marie Sofranko

St. Joseph - In memory of Donald Welc - daughter, Kim Sirianna

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of Catherine Francken & Gary Francken - Irene & family

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of Dr. Joseph Slezak - Love, Sandy Shutty & Steve

Blessed Mother - In memory of James & Letty Vella - family

St. Joseph - For the good health of Greg Pfeifer - mom, Pauline

Madonna & Child - In memory of Mary Martha Toczek -Rose Pacilla



Today, April 16, is **Divine Mercy Sunday**

On this day, people all over the world DIVINE MERCY will gather to celebrate the Feast of SUNDAY Divine Mercy. From Sister Faustina's Diary, it is clear that this Octave Day

of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces, a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. Please Note: There are pamphlets available in church that explain the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet. These pamphlets are made available free of charge. Please share them with family and friends.

Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you...Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death... When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior... Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy... Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.



The Knights of Columbus Mt. Pleasant Council 3334 will continue to pray the **Divine Mercy** Novena each night at 6pm

at Visitation Church and concluding on Saturday, April 15.



On Divine Mercy Sunday, please join our brothers and sisters from around the diocese for a celebration of Divine Mercy at 2:00pm at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Route 30 East in Greensburg, PA. This liturgy will include the Divine Mercy Litany, Procession, Eucharistic Adoration and Benedictine. This event is of course, free and open to the entire diocese and beyond. This is a great and blest opportunity for a family outing to pray and worship together. Please prayerfully consider attending as an individual, couple, friends and especially as a family.

Parish Cemeteries

Just a reminder about our parish cemeteries: St. Pius X, Visitation and Transfiguration. Although you are free to purchase family graves at any cemetery, we of course ask you to consider our own parish cemeteries. Please note that our parish cemeteries policy allows only the use of concrete vaults which may be an option in other cemeteries. Our parish and cemeteries do not receive any proceeds from the sale of any funeral or burial merchandise, our interest is that the remains of our deceased loved ones are reverently respected. I would strongly suggest that if you have any questions concerning burial practices to please contact one of our local funeral directors. They are professionals who will be able to assist you and answer any questions. Of course, you are free to contact the office at any time. I wish to take this time to thank once again all of our local funeral directors for their dignity and prayerfulness during our parish funerals and their continued support of our parishes. If you are interested in purchasing lots at any of our cemeteries, please call the parish office.

Just a reminder

No shrubs or small trees are permitted to be planted in the cemeteries. What may seem "small and cute" eventually turns into "overgrown and hard work" when a family no longer cares for the scrub or tree. Flowers are so much more colorful.



ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

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 Tuesday, April 18th.

MIDDLE YOUTH MINISTRY

Kids in grades 6-8 who do not attend Catholic School are encouraged to join us for Tuesday night Middle Youth Group sessions. We meet from 6-7:30 in the St. Pius Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 25th.

> Weekday Morning Mass is Moving Beginning Monday, May 1st weekday morning Mass will be held at St. Pius X Church.

Visitation Parish Festival! Sunday, June 11 11am - 9pm



Basket Pic-A-Ticket: We need at least 100 to 120 to last the day.

Please let us know if you will make up one or two baskets or give us the money to make one for you. (minimum \$30.00)

Let's Please Keep Them Coming!!!!

Gift Raffle: (previously known as Chinese Auction): We need great items for the area. In the past, you always came thru with wonderful and different items. We are counting on you and your creative minds, please let us know what you can donate.

Bottles of Cheer Please drop off any alcoholic beverages at the parish office.

Gift Certificates: From any merchant or restaurant is always appreciated.

Booth Sponsors will follow and will be \$50 each. We will once again need large tents

- 1 20x20 for the Band \$350
- 1 20x20 for the Main Ticket area \$350
- 1 20x40 for the seating area \$708

For these larger items, friends and family could combine and sponsor names are on these areas.

Entertainment scheduled:

11am - 3pm - Frank Powaski's Polkas **Noon - 3pm** on 620 KHB-94.1 FM Radio-(cost \$500)

4:30pm - 9pm - Lil John w/Kozmiks Band - (cost \$600).

Sponsors for these would be greatly appreciated.

Last year at Fr. Paul's suggestion, we asked for soda. Once again we would welcome soda or water. Please leave in the rear of church. This was a big help and of course keeps our expenses down.

50/50 Tickets and the \$250 Drawing Tickets will be mailed out soon. When returning, please take a moment and cut the tickets individually. Your time and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please call Barb - 724-547-3903, Kathy - 724-547-2432 or Isabel - 724-547-9964.



The Holy Name Society will host a Night of Reflection on Wednesday, May 10 at 6pm at St. Pius X Church. The Rosary will be recited a half hour before. The

speaker for the evening will be announced soon.



Our Knights of Columbus Council will hold their annual Diaper Drive to benefit local mothers in need. Donations will be distributed to

Alternatives Yes a local pro-life pregnancy support center that helps families through pregnancy and infancy. Help our Knights celebrate motherhood and the gift of life by bringing a pack of diapers to church in May. Any size diapers are welcome. We also welcome any packaged item for infants, such as socks, onesies, bottles, and wipes. Thank you for helping to support God's most precious gift, the Gift of Life. **Baskets will be in the entrance of both churches beginning the weekend of April 29 - 30 and** remain there the entire month of May for your donations.



The Mass: A Family Reunion

When families hold a reunion, they usually have a reception and a meal. During the reception, members learn who's at the reunion, what's been happening in their lives and what's in store in their future. And, during the meal, the family shares their food and themselves further - and they sense their family-ness with greater intensity and love. At departure, each member leaves more a tone with the family than was felt on arrival. So it is with the Mass. The welcome, the readings and the homily form the reception, a time to discover who we are, why we're together, where we've come from and where we're going. And the offertory, Eucharistic canon, and Communion form the meal, a time to intensify our family heritage in God and each other in the binding love of family. And at the blessing, we go our ways, not separately, but more at one in the family to continue to enjoy and form family in our homes, at work, wherever. From week to week, we are called to unite and reunite in the oneness of the family we now are, the family we shall be forever. This is why we are called to come together so regularly, not for the sermon or the ceremony, but for the presence of one another in the Father and His People.



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