



## VISITATION PARISH

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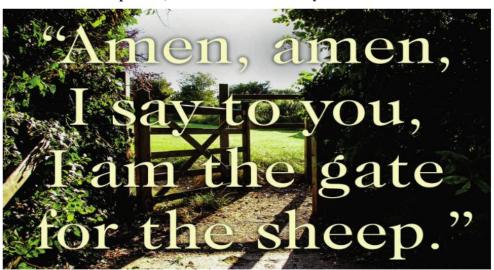
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#### April 30, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Easter



## **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**

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Mon.	5/1	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Parish Families
Tues.	5/2	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Patty & Jimmy DiMichele - sister, Kathy Tylka
Wed.	5/3	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Paul Kostyo - family
Thurs.	5/4	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Jean Bindas - Marie Sofranko
Friday	5/5	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Pete & Mary Ricotta - daughters
		Helen & Nicholas Manjerovic - Robert & Debra
Sat.	5/6	<b>Visitation</b> 4:30pm Visitation Christian Mothers Membership Mass
		<b>St. Pius X</b> 6:00pm Angeline DeMonte & Sara Jane DeMonte - family
Sun.	5/7	<b>St. Pius X</b> 8:00am John G. Tlumack, Jr Kathy
		<b>Visitation</b> 9:15am Mary Martha Toczek - children & grandchildren
		<b>St. Pius X</b> 10:30am Laurie Kraisinger Lipniskis - family

#### Ministry of the Altar

5	Sat. 5/6	<b>Visitation 4:30pm</b> Greeters: Volunteers Lector: John Zemba Minister: Barb Sandzimier Servers: Colton Golobish, Lily Spires, Owen Spires Cantor: Jaime Golobish
		<b>St. Pius X 6:00pm</b> Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Joe Klocek Ministers: Sandy Coppula, Hank Rose Servers: Ava Coppula, Sophia Coppula, Volunteer Cantor: Kristin Guynn
S	Sun. 5/7	<b>St. Pius X 8:00am</b> Greeters: Holy Name Society Lector: John DiPasquale Ministers: Dan Copeland, Sister Anna Maria Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Sharon Stewart
		Visitation 9:15am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Robert Manjerovic Minister: Patricia Thomas Servers: Amelia Thomas, Langdon Thomas, Volunteer Cantor: Phil Brown/Choir
		<b>St. Pius X 10:30am</b> Greeters: Knights of Columbus Lector: Eric Poole Ministers: Madonna Mullin, Sister Juliana Servers: Lucas Poole, Michael Hegyes, Volunteer Cantor: Ioanne Geckle





A VERY HAPPY, SPECIAL DAY IN THE LIFE OF ANY PARISH IS THE DAY OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE CHILDREN OF OUR PARISHES. Congratulations and God's blessings to our children who received the sacrament of First Eucharist at the 4:30pm Mass last weekend and the 10:30am Mass this weekend.

## Congratulations to:

Nico Anthony Bando, Connor Wesley Boots, Brooke Noelle Castelli, Matthew Robert Deal, Walden Cole DeFlitch, Gavin Joseph Johnston, Sophie Elizabeth Grenda, Jaxon William Farino, Aubrey Fuller, Luke Rian Hribal, Scarlett Marie Lynch, Mario Joseph Mussori, Braxton Robert Pastore, Maddie Jo Ratai, Colton Michael Shick, Anna Lynn Schrecengost, Emma Dawn Schrecengost, Genevieve Gwenlyn Snyder, Camden Allen Stouffer, Cam Joseph Wisniewski.

We congratulate these beautiful children and thank their families and teachers and all who helped them to come to this day. God keep you, dear children, always in His care as you receive Jesus for the first time, and then very often in your life, and may the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you and guide you in your life as you mature in the Catholic faith.

Thank you to the Visitation Rosary Altar Society who gifted the children with rosaries and to the Visitation Christian Mothers and St. Pius X Christian Mothers who gifted the children with bibles.

# Desk of Fr. Dan

Now that Lent and Triduum *From the* have come and gone, it's time to start looking ahead. We have a lot of things coming up that I would like to share, especially for our young people and young families.

In May, we are training new altar servers. I am hopeful that our Masses have been meaningful for our children and teens and that they will want to participate in them more. Being an altar server is a wonderful way to learn more about our liturgies and our faith and to serve the community. Physically being in the sanctuary during Mass is much more engaging than being in the pew. Our existing servers seem to enjoy it and I am always excited to let them do more and more as they grow into that role. Please see the bulletin announcement for details and contact the office if you or your child is interested in serving.

In the fall, we are planning to bring back the Children's Liturgy of the Word to the 10:30 AM Mass. It's a great service to children K-5 so they can hear God's word at their own level and a great service to parents so they can have a few minutes nourishing their own faith at Mass without needing to worry about their kids. We are looking for 8 volunteers – 4 teachers and 4 helpers – to help once a month. Please contact Linda at the office if you are interested in helping with this starting in September. Finally, we hope to start a youth group for high-schoolers in the fall as well. For it to be successful, it needs to give them what they truly want and need from Church. So first, we need to get to know them better and spend time with them. So, starting in May, we will be hosting some monthly social gatherings for our high schoolers until the school year starts in the fall. The first one will be on Sunday, May 7 from 1-3 PM. We'll play sports and games and just have a good time together. It's important that Church is not exclusively about learning and prayer. It can and should also be about being with each other and getting to know other faithful people better. I can commit to you that I will do my part to make Church more engaging, attractive, and inspiring for everyone, both young and old. Our faith is something we will carry with us for the rest of their lives and into eternity and it needs to be a priority for people of every age. I ask you to do your part in attending events and activities of our parishes. In a particular way, I ask parents of children to help them to be involved and connected with their faith. Many days it's hard to get them out the door, but one day they will thank you for giving them the gift of faith and Church.

## **2023** Diocesan Lenten Appeal Update as of April 15, 2023

#### St. Pius X Parish

\$47,269 Diocesan target \$15,000 Parish target \$62,269 Total goal Pledges & gifts to date: \$41,045 86.8% of Diocesan goal

#### Visitation Parish

Diocesan target \$35,192 Parish target \$15,000 Total goal \$50,192 Pledges & gifts to date: \$29,280 83.2% of Diocesan goal



A sincere thank you goes out to all who have responded to the DLA. You should have received a pledge card in the mail. If you do have not one please call the office and let us know. 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

Don't FORGET!

Weekday Morning Mass Our weekday morning Mass is now held at St. Pius X Church.



Youth Activity - Grades 9-12 On Sunday, May 7 from 1-3 PM, we will be having a Sunday afternoon gathering for grades 9-12. Meet up at the Visitation parking lot. Weather permitting, we will play some sort of team sport; otherwise, we'll have some indoor games to play. Trust me, it will be fun. All are invited to come. - Fr. Dan

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The Holy Name Society will host a Night of Reflection on Wednesday, May 10 at 6pm in St. Pius X Church. The topic for the evening is the Eucharist. The Rosary will be

recited a half hour before. The speaker for the evening will be announced soon.

The Lay Apostles Group will meet Monday, May 1st at 2:00pm in the meeting room in St. Pius X social hall.



#### <u>Walking with</u> Moms-In-Need

The next ministry meeting will be on Thursday, May 4th, at

**6:30pm in the Visitation community center.** This ministry is for anyone who wants to raise awareness and help make sure there is life-affirming support for pregnant women and moms in difficult circumstances. All are welcome. Call or text Andrea Pritts if you want more information at 724-858-5271. New members welcome.



#### Adoration: First Friday, May 5th St. Pius X Church

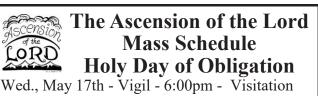
Adoration is on the first Friday of each month following morning Mass until noon.

<u>Confessions: First Saturday, May 6th</u> 12noon @ St. Pius X Church 3:30pm @ Visitation Church (Each Saturday, 3:30pm @ Visitation Church)



A reminder to all St. Pius X Holy Name members; our monthly Mass and meeting will be Sunday, May 7th at the 8:00am Mass at St.

**Pius X Church. Our meeting will follow Mass in the St. Pius X social hall.** The Holy Name Society is always looking for new members. If you are interested, please join us on May 7th.



Church Thur., May 18th-7:30am - St. Pius X Church 6:00pm - St. Pius X Church 
 Weekly Offering - April 23, 2023

 Visitation Parish

 Weekly......\$5,200.30

 Capital Improvements.....\$3.00

 Growing.....\$18.00

 Accent.....\$65.00

 Holy Thursday.....\$10.00

 Good Friday.....\$605.00

 Easter Flowers....\$605.00

 Easter Flowers....\$10.00

 Mother's Day.....\$20.00

 Total Envelopes: 175

#### St. Pius X Parish

Weekly	\$5,807.00
Capital Improvements	\$12.00
Accent	\$20.00
Easter	\$87.00
Good Friday	\$10.00
Mother's Day	\$25.00
Lenten Offering	
Total Envelopes: 197	



The Visitation Kitchen Crew will be making pierogies for

the festival. We would welcome any newcomers - ones who want to learn to make pierogies or ones who are pros at making them. Come join us in the kitchen on Tuesday, May 2nd at 9am for some commaraderie and fellowship.

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### The Visitation Christian Mothers Fundraiser with "The Pittsburgh Popcorn Co."

There are eight interesting/ delicious flavors to try, sealed in re-closable bags. The popcorn is grown in Lancaster County. All funds raised by our membership are used to support other parish projects, activities, and programming. If interested in trying some, please complete and return the order form, along with payment, by Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Your forms and payment can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection baskets marked Attn: Visitation Christian Mothers. The popcorn will be available for pickup on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center from 2:00-4:30PM. (Fathers' Day Weekend -Might make a nice gift!) Thanks, in advance, for your consideration and support, Jan.

Please pray for the wholeness & healing of Annette Phillips, Bob, 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

## **Hospital/Nursing Home Stays:**

A recently enacted federal law has affected the long-standing practice of hospitals and nursing facilities to provide information to churches about parishioners who are patients/residents. Because of that new law, the priests and the staff in the parish office may not promptly learn, or may not learn at all, that a member of the parish has been admitted to a hospital or nursing facility. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized to either a long-term care facility or assisted, independent living or residential facility, please personally contact the office promptly and identify the patient/resident, the hospital or nursing facility and the room number. Because all area hospitals or nursing facilities may not have the same policies allowing the priest of the parish to know when members are patients/residents, direct notice to the parish from you or your family is a better approach. If the parish office does not receive word, the priest will do his best to obtain information about parishioners, but hospitals and nursing facilities are limited in their opportunity to give out information.

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**Graduating Senior Mass** On Sunday, June 4th at the 10:30 am Mass we will be celebrating and congratulating our graduating seniors. If anyone who is graduat-

ing either high school or college wishes to attend, please contact Linda at the office to let her know.

Candles this Week



#### St. Pius X

Sanctuary - In memory of Helen M. Lee - John L. Lee, Jr. Blessed Mother - In memory of Kendal Dusenbery - Steve & Kelly Keno

St. Joseph - In memory of Allan G. Ferens - family

**Our Lady of Czestochowa** - In memory of all the faithful departed

#### Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of Maryann Polcha - Ed & Kim Miliczki & family

Blessed Mother - In memory of Elizabeth Wasil - daughter, Lorrie

St. Joseph - In memory of Robert J. McGivern - wife, Louise

Madonna & Child - In memory of John E. Rerko, Jr. -Tereasa Rerko & family



## Altar Server Training Workshops

Our parishes are training new altar servers in May. Anyone who has received

First Holy Communion is invited to serve. Each new server must attend each workshop once.

Workshop #1 will be offered on Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3 from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. Pius X Church

Workshop #2 will be offered on Monday, May 8 and Thurs. May 11 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Visitation Church. A big thanks to our young people who help make our Masses so beautiful and prayerful. Fr. Dan

> St. Pius X & Visitation Choir & Cantor Concert Sunday, May 21st 7:00pm St. Pius X Church Don't miss this evening of wonderful music!

The Visitation Christian Mothers will celebrate Mothers' Day at their next meeting, Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM in the Community Center.

The officers are chairing the event. Dinner will be catered by "Elegant Catering," from Youngwood. The fee for the dinner, \$10.00, which will be collected at the door. All members, and ladies of the Parish, are encouraged to attend. Of note: Members may submit their "Popcorn" orders at the meeting. Please remember to bring a prayer near and dear to your heart. Looking forward to sharing fellowship with you, Jan.



Memorial Day We as Catholics believe that offering Mass for the intention of all our

deceased, especially our veterans, is an excellent and noble way to remember them.

With this in mind, Mass will be offered on Monday, May 29 at 9am at Visitation Cemetery.

Please plan to begin your day by attending this mass and remembering all who have given their lives for the safety and freedom of our nation. There will be no other morning masses on this Memorial Day.

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday

Psalm 23 begins, "The Lord is my shepherd." This psalm is much loved, especially by people who are grieving or in trouble. Most people have never met a shepherd, and they rarely see sheep. And yet the image of God as our shepherd is strong and lasting. Springtime is the season lambs are born and grow strong. Perhaps that is why every Easter season brings us a renewed acquaintance with our Good Shepherd. The communion song for the Fourth Sunday of Easter gets right to the point: "The Good Shepherd is risen, alleluia!" The prophet Ezekiel said that bad shepherds let wolves catch the sheep. Jesus said that he is the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

## This Monday, May 1, is the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker

The liturgical celebration in honor of St. Joseph the Worker dates back to 1955 when it was established by Pope Pius XII, and first was celebrated the following year. Workers have long celebrated May 1st as May Day in honor of labor and as a symbol of their rights. It was the intention of Pius XII to give a Christian dimension to this day, and to teach the dignity of human labor, with St. Joseph as a model for the laborer. Appropriately, in the Opening Prayer we note that God call all of us "to develop and use (our) gifts for the good of others" and with St. Joseph as our example and guide, we ask that God help us to do what is His will for us. Joseph's role was that of protector and provider. God's "wise and loyal servant," for Mary and Jesus. Joseph was selfishly obedient to God, humble and quiet and perseveringly faithful. We will be blessed if we use our particular talents and energies and opportunities for God. We will enjoy what we accomplish and grow in our love of God and our gratitude to Him.



## 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 and remain there the entire month of May for your donations.

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



**Basket Pic-A-Ticket: To date: 21.** 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: To date: 4 - (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.



## **Visitation Parish June Tickets**

The \$1900 June ticket is now available. Buyers & sellers are needed. If interested call Barb at 724-547-3903. Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend in Visitation Church.

Purchasing Colebrook candy can help the Ivrea Sisters of Charity and Verna Montessori School. **Colebrook Chocolate Company of Connellsville** has generously agreed to donate a portion of the proceeds from in-store sales received on Friday, May 5th, 2023 to the Mount Pleasant chapter of the Vernian Lay Association. The Vernian Lay Assoc.is a lay auxiliary to the Ivrea Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, who own and operate the Verna Montessori School in Bullskin Township. All proceeds will be used to assist the sisters in their mission and to help defray the cost of tuition for needy students. No coupons or special action on your part is required; just go into the store on that day and buy what you need. There will be a sign posted outside of the store with the name of our organization. Remember that Mother's Day is right around the corner! The store will be open from 10:00AM to 6:00PM, and they are located in Martin's Plaza at the following address: Colebrook Chocolate Company, 830 Vanderbilt Rd, Connellsville, PA 15425 Vernian Lay Association members seek to live out the mystery of the Immaculate Conception spirituality following Blessed Mother Antonia's model and assist the Sisters in their commitment to charity, service, and evangelization. The Vernian Lay Assoc. is always open to new members. For information about joining us, please contact Tom Rohosky at



Dominic Giallonardo Memorial Golf Outing Benefiting the Dominic Giallonardo Scholarship Fund

Norvelt Golf Course, Saturday, June 3rd



1pm Shotgun Start - 18 Holes of golf with a cart, boxed lunch at registration, hot dogs at the turn, dinner with dessert, 50/50, chances to win cash skill prizes, basket raffle and refreshments.

Non-Norvelt members \$100, Norvelt members \$90. www.domswarriors.com domswarriors@gmail.com

Sock - Hop Oldies Dance 50's & 60's Music D.J. Little Larry Joe Friday, June 16 at St. Pius X social hall 6pm - 10pm - \$10/Couple Beer & Snacks included - BYOB Sponsored by the St. Pius X Holy Name Society



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