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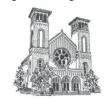
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May 28, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday



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

5/29 **Visitation Cemetery** Mon. 9:00am Paul (Pistol) Vanella - Paul & Sue Vanella Amelia Forys - Greg, Joe & Katie Conner St. Pius X Tues. 5/30 7:00am Dominic Giallonardo -Giallonardo & Evon family Andrew "Andy" Harenchar -Vanella family 5/31 No morning Mass Wed. **Visitation** 6:00pm Michael Kaczmarek The VISITATION of the BLESSED IRGIN MARY - family Dolores Sann - daughter, Susan Thomas & family & daughter, Diane Otolski & family Thurs. 6/1 St. Pius X 7:00am Ann Brado - Frances Miller & Paul Miller Parish Families Friday St. Pius X 6/2 7:00am Edward A. Kapelewski, Sr. -Sat. 6/3 **Visitation** 4:30pm Clarence "Sonny" & Margaret (Rudnik) Knizner - Mary Lou Kurimcak St. Pius X 6:00pm Carmella Dublinsky - daughter, Diana Lucia & family Sun. 6/4 St. Pius X 8:00am Shirley & Richard Chaussinand -Rick & Lori Ann Chaussinand **V**isitation 9:15am Eugene J. Melego - wife, Shirley St. Pius X 10:30am Patty Midden - Theresa & John

Parish Clearance Event

No we aren't selling anything, but we are continuing to ask our volunteers to update their clearances. The diocese and the state require us to have child abuse clearances on file for anyone ministering in any way. This includes our festival volunteers. These clearances can be completed online, but you can also come on Friday, June 2 to Visitation Community Center from 7:30-9:30AM where we will help walk you through the process. Thank you for helping us fulfill our requirements.

Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 6/3	Visitation 4:30pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: David Brooks Minister: Vincent Mascia Servers: Colton Golobish, Clara Stewart, Colton Stewart Cantor: Kristen Felentzer
	St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Michael Hricik Ministers: Sandy Coppula, Mary Ann Arrigo Servers: Sophia Coppula, Ava Coppula, Emma Ersick Cantor: Jaime Golobish
Sun. 6/4	St. Pius X 8:00am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Lori Ann Chaussinand Ministers: Chris DeFlitch, Patty Gaal Servers: Addison Grenda, Sophie Grenda, Volunteer Cantor: Phil Brown
	Visitation 9:15am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: John Zemba Minister: Joyce Guthrie Servers: Grant Zahrobsky, Ty Whoric, Volunteer Cantor: Sharon Stewart
	St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: Knights of Columbus Lector: Eric Harris Ministers: Andrea Poole, Ted Czekaj Servers: Lucas Poole, Braxton Pastore, Camden Stouffer Cantor: Peggy Tepper



<u>Adoration: First Friday, June 2nd</u> <u>St. Pius X Church</u>

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

12 Noon Confessions on June 3rd, (First Saturday) have been moved to Saturday, June 10th, due to a funeral.



3:30pm Confessions will take place on Saturday, June 3rd at Visitation Church.



Prayer of Mary

Almighty Father, through the obedience of your servant Mary, our Blessed Mother, the word became flesh. As you raised the sinless Virgin Mary to share in the splendor of your kingdom, may we, your humble children, be given your grace so that we may

always live in your presence without sin. Amen.

Massaro

Desk of Fr. Dan

When my partner and I were From the deciding to close our business in 2010, we called our customers to let them know. I remember one particular phone conversation with a customer who wasn't sure if he

could trust a couple of 20-year-olds to support his business. Who could blame him? But eventually we earned his trust and did work for him for a long time. When we called to let him know that we were closing, he said something that really meant a lot. "Why are you closing? If it's money, I would invest in you. You have a really good thing going. Don't give up on it." Even though we didn't take him up on the offer, it meant a lot that he believed enough in us to offer to be our patron.

I'm not sure why Our Lady was chosen as patroness of Visitation parish when it was established in 1893. I'm not sure why this particular feast of Our Lady was chosen at that time. If you do, please share that with me. I do know that doing so had long-term consequences. Although all saints and angels care about all of humanity, they must have a special eye on those who have chosen to honor them by choosing them as patrons or patronesses. All those years ago, the Holy Spirit guided this community to seek a special connection with Our Lady of the Visitation. While this special connection is particularly true for parishioners of Visitation parish, it is also true of all Catholics in Mount Pleasant...and, in fact, all people in Mount Pleasant. She watches over not just our Church but our town.

On Wednesday, May 31, the Church celebrates the liturgical feast of the Visitation of our Lord. This is our patronal feast day for Visitation Parish. It is an important day to gather and to celebrate as a church community. It is a day to thank Our Lady for interceding to Her Son on our behalf and for her guidance and protection over the last 130 years. We will be having Mass at 6:00 PM that day with a reception to follow in the Community Center. I hope and pray that our Church will be filled on that day so we can give due honor to Our Lady and to her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.



According to Church Law, Trinity Sunday, June 4, is the last Sunday that you can make your

Easter duty. The confession of sin cleanses us. Christ in communion is our strength. Please do not deprive yourself of such gifts of healing, strength and love.

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal Update as of May 20, 2023



St. Pius X Parish

Diocesan target \$47,269 Parish target \$15,000 Total goal \$62,269 Pledges & gifts to date: \$52,900

111.9% of Diocesan goal

Visitation Parish

Diocesan target \$35,192 Parish target \$15,000 Total goal \$50,192

Pledges & gifts to date: \$40,636 115.5% of Diocesan goal

Please Note:

I am pleased to announce that we have reached the Diocesan goal for our 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal in both of our parishes. At this point, all monies and pledges that come in will be for our parishes directly and exclusively!

I hope you have noticed some of the projects that have been completed over the past couple of years. These were made possible in part to your generosity to the previous Diocesan Lenten Appeals. This year, the main goal of the appeal is to continue to work on parish projects I thank all those who have participated to this point. We do need your help in making this a success. I would ask you to please make your gift by Sunday, June 18th. Thank you once again and may God bless you and your family. If you need a pledge card, please call the parish office. Please make your gift early and we truly appreciate your generosity. You can pledge online at

DioceseofGreensburg.org/OneBody. Thank you!

Fr. Paul

The Parish Office will be closed Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.



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 - Admission-\$5.00/person Tickets will be sold at the door. Beer & Snacks included - BYOB Sponsored by the St. Pius X Holy Name Society

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

Basket Pic-A-Ticket: To date: 60. 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: 21 - (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.



Volunteers are needed!!! Signup sheets are available in the entrance of church. Please signup for a few hours. Whatever you can do to help is greatly appreciated!!

Weekly Offering - May 21, 2023		
Visitation Parish		
Weekly\$4,760.00		
Capital Improvements\$81.00		
Growing\$56.00		
Mother's Day\$90.00		
Ascension\$891.00		
Communications Media\$276.00		
Total Envelopes: 260		
St. Pius X Parish		
Weekly\$6,419.00		
Capital Improvements\$10.00		
Accent\$5.00		
Mother's Day\$75.00		
Ascension\$972.00		
Communications Media\$527.00		
Total Envelopes: 311		



Dinner for 8 (Cooked by Mama Carr) (Fr. Dan's mother) will be served at the rectory, to be prepared

especially for you and seven others you select (total 8), on Friday, August 24.

Menu: Aperol spritz with snacks, Antipasto and Focasia, Lasagna, Wine, Chicken Piccata with, Artichokes & Mushrooms, Caprese Salad, Cheese and Fruit, Special Dessert and Espresso

Donation - \$10. Proceeds from this priceless evening will be divided between Visitation and St. Pius X Parishes. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the St. Pius X Festival on Sunday, July 23. Tickets will be available in the rear of Visitation Church before and after weekend Masses, at St. Pius X Church at weekend Masses and at the parish office. Buy one or two tickets now and another later to increase your chance to win this very generous gift from Fr. Dan and his mother, Linda Carr.





Our Knights of Columbus Council annual Diaper Drive, to benefit local mothers in need, is coming to an end.

Donations will be distributed to Alternatives Yes a local pro-life pregnancy support center that helps families through pregnancy and infancy. Diapers and other items may be dropped off at the parish office this week. Thank you for helping to support God's most precious gift, the Gift of Life.



Monday, May 29, is the National **Holiday of Memorial Day**

In 1868, a national day was held to

remember the dead of the Civil War and to pray for reconciliation. The idea had come from a Southern woman who visited battlefields in late spring to decorate the graves. Some people still call Memorial Day by its original name "Decoration Day." Memorial Day now honors all United States citizens who died in war. Every city and town has its war dead. Often they are remembered with a parade to a cemetery or war memorial. With bouquets strewn over the waters, coastal cities honor those who died at sea. Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, is the site of a Civil War battle where many thousand died. Today, school children in that town will decorate the tombs of soldiers who could not be identified after their deaths. A service will be held at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. We as Catholics, also believe that offering Mass for their intention is an excellent and noble way to remember them. With this in mind, a Mass will be offered at 9am at Visitation Cemetery on Monday, May 29. You are reminded to bring lawn chairs if you wish to have a seat. Please plan to begin your day by attending Mas and remembering all of our deceased loved ones, especially those who have given their lives for the safety of our nation. This Mass will be offered for all the deceased parishioners of the Churches of St. Pius X and Visitation, especially those who served

in the Armed Forces. We commend to your prayers in a special way those who have been laid to rest in our three parish cemeteries since Memorial Day 2022: Mary Ann Leshko, Mary Lou Grosser, Baby Stairs, Albert Dawson, Sr., Michelle Jurkovic, Lena Hovanec, Margaret "Peg" Detling, Mary Lou Sebek, Edward Gorecki, Sr., Martha Yourish, Joan Schick, John Kaputa, Frank Idzik, Dolores Funk, Donald Funk, Charles Quashnock, Annette Ross, Mary Martha Toczek, Gregory Klosky, Lois Landy, Michael McBeth, Carol Dawson, Rose Marie Pisula, Philip Black, Landon Perks, Dolores Sann, Kendal Dusenbery, Joseph Murdock, Jr., Jeanne Meagher, Mary Ann Polcha, Bettejane "BJ" Cesario, John Halligan, Elizabeth Giannetti, Frances Yesho, Rose Barrick, David Zipnock, Paula Torcaso, Anastasia Clausner, Mark Kraisinger, Sonia Kaputa, Joseph Ovitsky, Amy Peifer, Daniel Koval, Patricia "Patty" Midden, Frank Lackner, Jeffrey Landy, Mary "Peggy" Rose, John Vrable, Susan Halvonik, James "Jimmy" Paul, Sr.

Recent Deaths

Please pray for Mary "Peggy" Rose, John Vrable, Susan Halvonik and James "Jimmy" Paul, Sr. who have died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest forever in the peace of the Lord.

★★★★ As we celebrate Memorial Day MEMORIAL DAY weekend, I would like to take this time to thank certain groups

of people who contribute greatly to the ministry of our parishes. I thank all the parishioners, especially those who are funeral cantors, servers and ministers, who make it a priority to be present for the funeral of a parishioner. These parishioners attend the funerals and participate in the liturgy. Their presence in singing and responding give great comfort to our families who are dealing with the death of a loved one. All these men and women perform the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in praying for the dead and burying the dead. On behalf of our entire parish families, I thank them and ask God's blessing on them and their families. Thank you again.

Fr. Paul





Rosary for Peace

Everyone is invited to St. Pius X Church every Wednesday @ 11:30am to pray the Rosary.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary - In memory of Barbara Kaper - Don Kaper, Jr. Blessed Mother - In memory of Bernard J. Paglio - wife,

St. Joseph - In memory of Martin & Helen Pocratsky - John & Janelle Deal

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of Joseph Brezinski - Tom Brezinski & Barb Love

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of Mary Martha Toczek - Maryann

Blessed Mother - In memory of Dolores Sann - daughter, Susan Thomas & family

St. Joseph - In memory of Leo Balcerek - grandchildren Madonna & Child - In memory of Katherine DeBarber Kelly - granddaughter, Kate



Today we celebrate Pentecost Sunday.

One of the biblical names for Pentecost is "the festival of

first fruits." A "first fruit" is the first of a crop to ripen. These were offered to God in thanksgiving for the harvest. We usually don't think of this time of year as a harvest season. But in mild climates, such as the lands around the Mediterranean, the apricots, cherries and strawberries are ripe now. So are wheat and other grains. The grain harvest is the principle harvest of the year, the crop that can feed people all year long if it is abundant enough. Even in the north, gardens yield asparagus, rhubarb, the first peas and spinach and other salad greens. Winter's fast has become springtime's feast. In the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul uses the imagery of Pentecost to speak of the resurrection of Jesus: "Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. All will be made alive in Christ, but each in proper order: First Christ, then all those who belong to Christ." Christians celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost is a Greek word that means either "50 days" or "50th day." Pentecost sets a seal on the 50 days of Eastertime. It is a grand finale. On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gospels speak often of the coming of the Spirit. John's gospel tells us that, when Jesus died, "He bowed his Head and gave up His spirit." John tells us that the risen Christ breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." In the Acts of the Apostles we hear today of a great outpouring of the Spirit, who descended in fire and wind on the disciples, just as God appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove that descended on Jesus. In Luke's gospel, we hear over and over that Jesus was filled with the power of the Spirit. In the Acts of Apostles, the descent of the Spirit happens over and over to the disciples. Pentecost is made new again at every baptism, every Eucharist, every time two or more gather in Jesus' name.

JUNE

The sixth month is named after Juno, the Roman goddess of hearth and home. Juno's month was lucky

for weddings. In years past among Christians, weddings were rarely held during the paschal seasons of Lent, the Triduum and Eastertime, which ends on Pentecost. After Pentecost the time of summer weddings began. In the Northern Hemisphere, June is the month of the summer solstice. The church keeps many solemnities this month. Perhaps the reason is the good weather, because June is often the best month of the year for outdoor processions, street fairs and other festivities.



This Wednesday is the Feast Day of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Our mission on earth is to bear Christ to others. The first chapter of the gospel of Luke describes a missionary journey. Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is pregnant with John the Baptist. Mary has just learned amazing news. Angel Gabriel has told her that she will bear a child by the power of the Holy Spirit. This child will be called the Son of God. The angel has said that Elizabeth also is pregnant. This is wonderful, because Elizabeth and her husband Zechariah are an elderly couple who have wanted a child all their lives. Luke says that, in response to this news, Mary sets out "with haste." Elizabeth and Zechariah live a distance away. Mary chooses to make this journey because she is concerned for her cousin. She also wants to share her joy with someone who will understand. Her own pregnancy is still a secret. Elizabeth greets her cousin with words that will be repeated by generations of Christians at prayer: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." In paintings of the Visit of Mary and Elizabeth, the two women are shown embracing. Elizabeth in her old age, and Mary in all her youthfulness, together hold fast to each other. Mary sings a song that begins with the words, "My soul magnifies the Lord..." This song weaves together the words of the prophets to proclaim God's goodness and care for the poor. Magnificat is the first word of this song in Latin. The visit of the cousins is also the first meeting of their unborn children. Elizabeth tells Mary that, at the sound of her voice, "the child within my womb leaped for joy." Luke reminds us of the words of the Bible's Song of Songs, "The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills." We celebrated the Annunciation in March. Now it is the end of May. In the Song of Songs we read, "The winter is past. The rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come." Soon John will be born, and spring will have passed over into summer.

We wish all of our parishioners of Visitation parish a blessed and wonderous day on their parish feast day. Z'BOHOM

We will gather for Mass on Wednesday, May 31 at 6:00pm in Visitation Church, there will be no morning Mass. The rosary will be recited at 5pm at the Fatima Shrine located next to Visitation Church. In case of inclement weather the rosary will be held in Visitation Church. A reception, hosted by the St. Pius X Christian Mothers, will be held in Visitation community center following Mass.

Return to the source of our faith: Jesus Christ & the Gift of the Eucharist.



In partnership with the National Eucharistic Revival and the Greensburg Diocese, the Catholic parishes of Connellsville & Dunbar invite you to this experiential event, free of charge!

Wednesday, June 14 & Thursday, June 15 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

St. Rita social hall, Second St, Connellsville, PA

- Sample ethnic breads & hear about the importance of gathering together and sharing a meal at table.
- View a video presentation about Italian Renaissance artist Leonardo da Vinci's mural of The Last Supper from Dr. Liz Lev, noted art historian.
- Come to a deeper understanding of the washing of feet.

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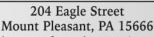


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