



VISITATION PARISH

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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:30am - 11:30am & 12:30 pm - 3:00pm





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July 2, 2023 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm - Visitation Church; 6:00pm - St. Pius X Church Sunday: 8:30am - Visitation 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 - 3:15pm - Visitation Church

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	7/3	St. Pius X 7:00am Raymond Douglas Janesko - wife, Loraine Father Robert Washko - Lee,
		Dorothy & Irene
Tues.	7/4	St. Pius X
НАРРУ		9:00am Frank Lubovinsky - Jim & Janice Scekeres
4th	uly *	Patsy DePalma - family
Wed.	7/5	St. Pius X 7:00am Parish Families
Thurs.	7/6	St. Pius X 7:00am Connie L. Paglio - Jim, Adeline & Robbie Palanko
		Daniel Citro - wife & daughter
Friday	7/7	St. Pius X 7:00am Remo R. Caschera, Jr David Caschera
Sat.	7/8	Visitation 4:00pm Teresita Pulido - family
		St. Pius X 6:00pm Daniel Koval - Kim & Keith Barnes
Sun.	7/9	Visitation 8:30am Linda Leonard - Ray & Kathy
		St. Pius X

0:30am Patty Midden - Cathy & George Bando



Mass for the whole family at 4pm.



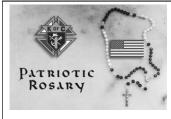
Rosary for Peace Everyone is invited to St. Pius X Church every Wednesday @ 11:30am to pray the Rosary.

Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 7/8	Visitation 4:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Robert Manjerovic Minister: Vincent Mascia Servers: Volunteer, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Joanne Geckle
	St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Lisa Sestak Ministers: Paul Klaus, Hank Rose Servers: Emma Ersick, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Kathy Demagall
Sun. 7/9	Visitation 8:30am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Tereasa Rerko Minister: Stanley Kapella Servers: Ty Whoric, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Peggy Tepper
	St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: Knights of Columbus & Holy Name Society Lector: John DiPasquale Ministers: Madonna Mullin, Dan Copeland Servers: Lucas Poole, Michael Hegyes, Braxton Pastore Cantor: Phil Brown
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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th. Fr. Paul, Fr. Dan and the staff wish you and your family a safe, happy and blessed Fourth of July weekend.



We will pray a Patriotic Rosary immediately following the 9am Mass at St. Pius X Church on July 4.

Join the Mt. Pleasant Knights of Columbus as we hear the words of our founding fathers, pray a Hail Mary for every state, and sing a Patriotic Hymn after each decade of the Rosary. **Come Pray for our Nation!!**



Visitation Christian Mothers Clothing Sale @ Visitation community center August 10, 11 & 12

Desk of Fr. Dan

From the were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Water is a symbol of life. This is true not just in Christianity but in

Are you unaware that we who

many religions and even secular things. Life as we know it cannot exist without water. Think about the image of an oasis, the watering hole, or the well. These imply life, community, and security.

But it is also true that water can be a symbol of death. Sadly, nearly 4,000 people die from drowning each year in the United States. And too much water can cause devastation. This has a biblical basis too in the story of Noah and the ark. The flood waters became the bringer of death so that new life could follow.

Both of these motifs are present in a Christian baptism. I think this can be lost in the way that modern baptisms are done. We simply pour water over someone's head. But the most ancient and traditional form of baptism is full submersion where the person is effectively "dunked" in water three times. (Side note, There was a movement 50 years ago to return to this form of baptism, but it was not practical. This practice does not fit in our culture. Back then people were baptized without clothing and nudity at public baths was normal. How many people do you think would want to be baptized today if we had them submerged naked or wearing a white garment?)

This traditional form of submersion clearly communicates what Saint Paul is saying. When we are submerged in the water, for a brief moment we cannot breathe. We experience a kind of death by drowning. Then we are lifted up out of the water to be able to breathe again. This happens three times to remind us of the rising of Christ from the dead after three days.

The Christian life involves a movement from death to life. We die to self to find life in God. We put to death our old sinful way of life and put on the white garment of Christ in all its purity. And water is the symbol of both.

Never forget that you have been baptized into Christ's death, not just his new life. This means that parts of us are supposed to die - the sinful parts of us, the parts that do not belong in God's presence. We are always called to leave these behind so we can rise up out of the waters of death into the new life that Christ won for us.





We Americans, have been a fortunate people. From our beginnings, we have never been oppressed by dictatorship; we are a democracy. While we have experienced the horror of war, we have never been invaded. While, we have not always achieved the goal of liberty and justice for all, we have not given

up striving toward it. We are, indeed, most fortunate.

But such good fortune is not a matter of luck, much less a matter of unmerited blessing. The freedom we have is a freedom we must responsibly maintain. Such freedom must be worked at. Given as a gift, it must be used with care and gratitude. Each of us is called upon to value the gift. We are called as Christians as well as Americans to pass along the freedom of life and its happiness to one another without conditions or restraint. Equally so, the gift must be passed on to other people. Iraq and Afghanistan, North Korea and some of the African countries - these are just a few countries whose people struggle for the freedom we have. Some people submit, others rise up; but all know that where we are they have not yet arrived.

The wars and conflicts highlight the distance of understanding and compassion between the people of the world. Not all yet look upon each other as family. The feud of the old Hatfield's and McCoy's has magnified to the preposterous dimension of nuclear war and extinction. Anything can trigger the end of everyone! What horror!

We pray in our good fortune for all God's family whoever they are and however they think. We pray that our generation might provide for its family a greater sense of liberty and justice, equality and love. We cannot rest in our good fortune without increasing the heritage of freedom for the children of the world, all God's people and ours. May our prayers reflect these dreams of liberty and thank God for His gift to each of us.

Mass for this holiday will be 9:00am Tuesday, July 4 at St. Pius X Church.



A reminder to all St. Pius X Holy Name members; our monthly meeting will be Sunday, July 9th at 8:45am and our Mass will be at 10:30am at St. Pius X Church. The Holy Name Society

is always looking for new members. If you are interested, please join us on July 9th.



St. Pius X Parish Festival Sunday, July 23 11am - 9pm

Basket Pic-A-Ticket: To date we have 9!!! Let's fill up our booth!!!



Please let us know if you will make one (minimum \$30.00 value) or give us the money to make one in your name. Our goal this year is 120 baskets!

We can do it with your help!

Please, Let's Keep Them Coming! When you are finished with your basket you can drop it off at the parish office.

The Giving Tree



The tree is located in the entrance of St. Pius X Church. Please consider supporting this project to help offset a portion of the cost of the festival making our profit larger. Take a tag off the tree and donate that item.

Cheer Needed!



The Holy Name Society needs bottles of cheer (wine, whiskey, vodka etc.) to fill the Wheel Barrow of Cheer. If you can donate a bottle please drop it off at the parish office.



Cakes & Goodies will be needed for the cake stand.

Chance Auction

Calling all donors!! We are in need of prizes or monetary donations for the Chance Auction. Your great ideas have made the Auction a success every year, Together we can do this again.

You may drop off your donations at the parish office. Thank You!!

50/50 Tickets

When returning your 50/50 tickets, please take a moment and cut the tickets individually. Your time and thoughtfulness is appreciated!



Volunteers - Volunteers - Volunteers We really need your help to make our festival a huge success!! Thank You so Much! Your help is greatly appreciated!!!!

Weekly Offering - June 25, 2023				
Visitation Parish				
Weekly\$5,550.00				
Capital Improvements\$25.00				
Growing\$15.00				
Father's Day \$65.00				
Peter's Pence \$282.00				
Total Envelopes: 172				
St. Pius X Parish				
Weekly\$5,986.00				
Assumption\$5.00				
Peter's Pence\$593.00				
Total Envelopes: 181				



St. Pius X Festival News

The Children's area for the St. Pius X Church festival has been very successful over the years. We have found that the favorite prizes are the stuffed animals. This year our committee would like to ask the St. Pius X parishioners to donate **NEW** stuffed animals for our "Stuffed Animal Fund Drive."

A box is in the back of St. Pius X Church for your donations. Any size stuffed animal will be appreciated, and please leave the tags on them. We REALLY appreciate your help and want to Thank each of you for your generosity!





BLESSINGS

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Luke 4: 18-19

Please pray for the wholeness & healing of Blue, Tony P., Helen Miller, Faye C., Bryce, Lisa C., Terry Griffith, Mike Hauser, Pete Rerko, Bart Z., Sharon Golobish, Ronald Burke, Janet, John, Annette Phillips, Flo M., Lisa, Lucius, Stanley P., 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, Greg Pfeifer, Ken Keslar, Jen, Dwayne Thomas, Regis Melego, Mary Rose, 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 Stanley Borek, brother of Dolores Solinski, who has died recently. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest forever in the peace of the Lord.



On Independence Day God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with memory of those who

Independence Day

declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being.

Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vison clear and our will strong. That only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth.

Turn our hearts to the family of nations to understand the ways of others to offer friendship and to find safety, only in the common good of all. Amen.



The seventh month is named after Julius Caesar. He was a Roman general and politician who was assassinated in the

year 44 BCE, on the Ides of March, March 15. Julius Caesar had ordered that the calendar be reformed. The Roman mathematicians came up with a calendar that is almost identical to the one we use today. It is called the Julian calendar (see January 7) in honor of Julius Caesar.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X Sanctuary - In memory of Rose Marne - family

Blessed Mother - In memory of Judy Zelmore - Denny & Patty

St. Joseph - In memory of Patty Midden - Theresa & John Massaro

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of Mary Sieniawski & Nellie Shenosky - Irene & family

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of John Kozar - Kozar family

Blessed Mother - For all living & deceased members of the Visitation Rosary Altar Society

St. Joseph - In memory of Edward Kurimcak - daughter, Karen

Madonna & Child - In memory of Ryan Michael Senko -Uncle Bob & Aunt Ginny

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal Update as of June 3, 2023

St. Pius X Parish Pledges & gifts to date: \$54,000 114.2% of Diocesan goal

Visitation Parish Pledges & gifts to date: \$41,026 116.6% of Diocesan goal

Please Remember your DLA pledge!

Parish Registration

If you have completed high school, or are over 18 years old, you must register at your home parish as an adult. When you are asked to be a sponsor or Godparent, you must present proof of membership in a parish. Your membership in the parish will not be verified if you are still listed as a child on your parent's registration. Call the parish office at 724-547-1911 for more information.

Monday, July 3rd is the Feast of St. Thomas Apostle (first century)

Thomas was probably born in Galilee. The gospels don't say what he did for a living or how Jesus invited him

to become a disciple. Glimpses of Thomas in the Gospel of John show a man who liked to believe the worst so that he would never be disappointed. One example of this occurred after Jesus' friend Lazarus died. Jesus decided to go into Judea, even though the authorities there were threatening to arrest him. This frightened the apostles. Possibly their lives would be in danger, too. But Thomas said to the others, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." The Gospel of John doesn't explain why Thomas was the only disciple not there when the risen Christ first appeared to the others. Later, when they told him what had happened, Thomas said he would never believe their story unless he saw and touched Jesus' wounds. A week later, Jesus graciously offered Thomas peace. He made it clear that he knew and understood Thomas' doubt. Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God!" There are various ideas about where Thomas preached after the descent of the Holy Spirit. One tradition says that he did his mission work in India. To this day a group of people living along the Malabar Coast call themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." Records show that this community is very old. They claim that their ancestors were baptized by St. Thomas himself.



Thursday, July 6 is the Feast of St. Maria Goretti Martyr (1890-1902)

Not too many people in history

declared a saint. But in 1950, a simple Italian woman named Assunta Goretti joined throngs of other people in the plaza outside St. Peter's as the pope canonized her daughter, Maria.

Maria Goretti died very young - she was not even 12 years old. The people of Italy were so moved when they learned the story of her life and death that they put out a loud call for her to be honored in this way.

Maria's mother and father were farm laborers, but they couldn't raise enough food in their home village to feed their four children. When Maria was about eight years old they were forced to move to a very unhealthy area - a marshland where the mosquitos carried malaria. There they became tenant farmers in partnership with a widower, Giovanni Serenelli, and his son, Alessandro. The two families shared living quarters that had once been an old dairy barn.

About a year after their move, Maria's father died and Maria's mother was exhausted, discouraged and worried. Maria encouraged her mother, tended her sisters and brothers, and was noted by all the neighbors for her cheerfulness.

Alessandro, who was about nine years older than Maria, was an angry youth who had grown up without a mother. He was usually very silent, but when Maria was 11 he made sexual advances to her. She refused him. He threatened to kill her if she told anyone. She remained silent and was careful not to be alone in the house with him.

One day Alessandro made an excuse to come back to the house when he knew Maria would be there alone. When she refused him again, he pulled out a knife and stabbed Maria repeatedly. She lived for 24 hours. During that time she forgave Alessandro and prayed for him.

Alessandro was tried and sentenced to 30 years in prison. Over time he changed completely as the result of Maria's forgiveness. When he was released, he went straight to Assunta and asked her forgiveness for taking the life of her daughter. He, too, attended the canonization of Maria Goretti.

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

Adoration is the first Friday of each month following morning Mass and closes at noon.



The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln A Speech on the Occasion of the Dedication of the National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania November 19, 1863

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought on July 1, 2, 3, 1863 during the Civil War.

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure We are met on a great battle–field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate-we can not consecrate-we can not hallow-this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us - that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion-that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom-and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.



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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 Focaccia, 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.





Paulist Press, a component of the work of the Paulist Fathers, is having a bargain sale on many of its books. The

sale ends July 31st. We wanted to provide an opportunity for parishioners to purchase books at reduced prices. Some of the categories that you will find are the Bible, Spirituality, Faith, Liturgy and Worship, and books for Children. In order for you to make a decision about a book, we have a small selection of books for review at both churches. You will have an opportunity to scan the book and if interested, indicate your interest in purchasing. We will collect all the orders and submit to Paulist Press for purchase. (Please be aware that there are a limited number of the books available) Once the book comes in, you may pay for the book (checks made out to the parish). Most of the books are around \$5.00. Original costs run from \$9-\$22. If you would like to view all the books that are on sale, please visit the Paulist Press site: https://www.paulistpress.com/ Pages/centerright/cat bargain 2023.aspx



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