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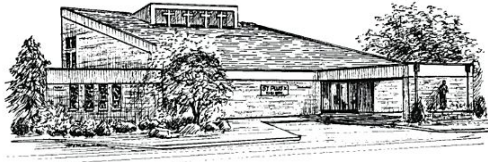
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July 23, 2023 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## St. Pius X Parish Festival



Sunday, July 23rd  
11:00am - 9:00pm

*Delicious Homemade Ethnic & American Foods,  
"Famous St. Pius X Pizza"  
Raffles, Games, Bingo, Live Entertainment - 50/50 Drawing,  
Baskets Galore, Chance Auction & Much More!*

### 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 - Every Saturday - 3:15pm - Visitation Church

- First Saturday - 12noon - St. Pius X Church

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## Mass Intentions

Mon.	7/24	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Louise Vimislicky - sister, Sally Joseph L. Conty - Conty family
Tues.	7/25	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Julia Rodgers - Bonnie & family
Wed.	7/26	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Joe Jaworski - Mary Ann Arrigo Parish Families
Thurs.	7/27	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Joseph Lesko - Irene Burkes Rose Mary Albright - John & Sandy DiPasquale
Friday	7/28	<b>St. Pius X</b> 7:00am Paula V. Torcaso - Peggy & Mary Jo Tate
Sat.	7/29	<b>Visitation</b> <b>4:00pm</b> Ester Kruckvich - Kim & Dave Lewandowski  <b>St. Pius X</b> <b>6:00pm</b> Kendal Dusenbery - Dave & Mary Margaret Dusenbery
Sun.	7/30	<b>Visitation</b> <b>8:30am</b> Amanda Polanovsky - Mom & Dad  Jerry Lucia - wife, Diana, children, Jerry & Nicole & families  <b>St. Pius X</b> <b>10:30am</b> Louise A. Bales - Marie Sofranko



### Vacation Bible Adventure

Calling all kids in grades  
PK - 5 to join in for a  
fun & faith filled day.

*The Adventures of Daniel in the  
Lions Den*

Saturday, July 29th from  
12noon - 5pm

at Visitation Community Center.

Games, Crafts, Lunch, Bible  
Stories and Mass for the whole  
family at 4pm.

Register online or with the  
registration form in the back of  
the Church.



## Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 7/29	<b>Visitation 4:00pm</b> Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Raymond Gamrat Minister: Barb Sandzimier Servers: Caleb Stewart, Clara Stewart, Colton Golobish Cantor: Linda Goodlin  <b>St. Pius X 6:00pm</b> Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Michael Hricik Ministers: Kim Sirianna, Mary Ann Arrigo Servers: Ava Coppula, Sophia Coppula, Volunteer Cantor: Eric Harris
Sun. 7/30	<b>Visitation 8:30am</b> Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Colleen Pernelli Minister: Joann Maholtz Servers: Addison, Grenda, Sophie Grenda, Volunteer Cantor: Peggy Tepper  <b>St. Pius X 10:30am</b> Greeters: Knights of Columbus Lector: Mike Polechko Ministers: Kristen Rega, Chris DeFlicht Servers: Camden Stouffer, Michael Hegyes, Volunteer Cantor: Pat Martinowski



Last chance to get a  
ticket for

**“Dinner for 8”**

**Cooked by Mama Carr  
(Fr. Dan’s mother)**

Dinner will be served at the rectory, to be  
prepared especially for you and seven others  
you select (total 8).

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!!



**Visitation Parish Follow-up  
Festival Meeting - Wednesday, July  
26th @ 6pm in Visitation community  
center.** All are welcome to express likes-  
dislikes or offer suggestions for consideration.

**From the Desk of Fr. Dan**

What is the purpose of church? For many, it is a place to pray. And yet, we can pray anywhere even if it's easier at times to pray in a church. In the end, a church is not about prayer. It is about worship.

I had this distinction pointed out to me in a podcast recently and it makes a lot of sense. Worship is about giving to God what is owed to him – our time, attention, and affection. And although we can worship Him on our own, the church gives us a sacred space to offer Him appropriate sacrifice – that sacrifice being the Eucharist, which He then gives back to us to receive.

If this is true, then the center of our church activity must be the celebration of Mass. And it is. And it always ought to be. Everything else that we do needs to revolve around this great activity that God has given to us as a gift and commanded that we offer – “Do this in memory of me.”

This weekend is the St. Pius X festival weekend. I pray that many people will come to have great food, enjoy great music and company, and to support the church – just as they did last month at Visitation’s festival. As fun as it is, it is worth asking the question: how is it connected to the celebration of Mass?

On the most basic level, the festival is a fundraiser. It allows us to have resources that enable us to continue our mission as a Catholic church. And a fundamental aspect of that mission is the celebration of the Eucharist. However, the second is just as important. It builds up community. When we break bread together at Mass, we come to God as a community of believers. There may be many people in the church building we don’t know. But my hope is that as time passes, our belonging to a church community means that we also know the people around us. The festival helps with this. Seeing people whom we only see for an hour on Sundays in a more social environment gives us an opportunity to grow in this belonging to this particular church community.

I hope that you will come out to support us. More importantly, I hope you will come to be with your fellow Catholics who worship with you so that we can belong more and more to the one body of Christ.

**Father Dan will be available at the ministries table at the parish festival from 2-3 and 7-8 for anyone who wants to talk with him one-on-one. He is always available at the parish office by appointment.**

**Weekly Offering - July 16, 2023**

**Visitation Parish**

Weekly.....\$5,084.50  
 Capital Improvements.....\$34.00  
 Growing.....\$41.00  
 Mission Co-Op.....\$1,253.00  
 Peter’s Pence.....\$106.00  
 Total Envelopes: 188

**St. Pius X Parish**

Weekly.....\$5,621.00  
 Capital Improvements.....\$10.00  
 Mission Co-Op.....\$1,381.50  
 Peter’s Pence.....\$10.00  
 Total Envelopes: 193

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The local St. Pius X St. Vincent de Paul Society exists to assist those experiencing financial hardship due to illness, job loss or other unforeseen circumstances. Assistance is provided based on need, with no regard to religious affiliation. Confidentiality is strictly maintained. If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, please call 724-547-0413.



**Reminders for the Visitation Christian Mothers**

We have requested early morning Masses for August 3rd (Thursday) and 4th (Friday). Our Mass intention for August 3rd is for Lena Hovanec. August 4th marks our anniversary of 74 years. Please try to attend, if at all possible.



**Visitation Christian Mothers Clothing Sale**

**@ Visitation community center**

**Thursday, August 10**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Friday, August 11**

**9am - 8pm**

**Saturday, August 12 - (Bag Sale)**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

**Drop off dates & times:**

**Saturday, August 5 - 1pm - 4pm**

**Monday, August 7 - Noon - 3pm**

**Tuesday, August 8 - Noon - 7pm**

**Wednesday, August 9 - Noon - 3pm**

**Only clothing, shoes & purses accepted!**



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

Once again the day has arrived. All our planning, preparation and set-up has ended and we are ready to enjoy ourselves at our Parish Festival!

Our parish grounds come alive with the sounds of excitement and the smell of tasty food as we celebrate together our parish family of St. Pius X. We welcome not only all of our parishioners, but also neighbors, alumni, and visitors to our parish festival. This day we celebrate our diversified Catholic heritage with food and music, and with the hospitality and congeniality that we are known for and has become the heritage of our parish. Together let us enjoy one another's presence and company as we strive to better the family of St. Pius X in our hearts because a family not only prays together but also relaxes and parties together.



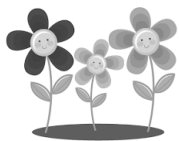
### Entertainment

**"DJ - Big Basel Productions"**

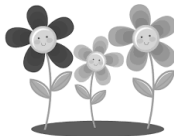
Noon - 4pm

**"Andy Davis Acoustic Show"**

5pm - 8pm



HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS  
DAY



### Summer Reading

Throughout the days of summer one trend definitely occurs. Book stores have their business increase because a lot of people spend time reading at the beach, under a tree, on the porch or deck and a variety of other places. This summer as we spend time reading anything from newspapers to comic books, to novels to deep philosophical dissertations, I would ask that we supplement our diet of books with some religious topics. Local bookstores and religious bookstores have a variety of Catholic and religious newspapers, periodicals, magazines and books that make good reading during the summer and all year round. Please make an effort to get some of them, digest them, then share them with your family and friends. I ask you to make sure that your reading diet is balanced with the words of the Catholic press. It's good for your head, your body, and especially your soul. Don't forget to read our Catholic Accent as well, which you receive monthly in the mail. It deals with news on a national level and also from around our diocese. If you do not currently receive the Accent and would like to, please call the parish office at 724-547-1911. The annual subscription is \$14 payable through the envelope in your packet.

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



**Adoration: First Friday, August 4th**  
**St. Pius X Church**

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

Adoration closes at noon.

**Confessions: First Saturday, August 5th**

**12noon at St. Pius X Church**

**3:15pm at Visitation Church**

(Each Saturday, 3:15pm @ Visitation Church)



### This Wednesday, July 26, is the Feast of Saints of Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary, and the grandparents of Jesus.

Early tradition and an apocryphal gospel (the Proto-gospel of James) provide the names of the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The apocryphal writings provide legendary information that attempts to fill in details that the canonical gospels do not give. The writings tell us little that is reliable, although they often are indispensable for understanding the piety of the early Christian communities. The Photo-gospel of James tells of the marriage of Joachim and Anne who became desolate because they were childless. While fasting and praying they came to understand that they were to have a child. Anne promised to dedicate the child to God, and they named her Mary. At age 3, Mary was presented in the temple in fulfillment of the vow of Joachim and Anne. We should honor on their feast day all our grandparents, whether they are with us or God has called them home to heaven. They have shared themselves and their faith with us and have given us memories that we will always treasure. May God bless our grandparents always and may we keep them in our prayers.

***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., 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, 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 Ruskowski, Liz, Andy, Brenda, Paul, Bertie Zaucha, Barry Stanziana, David & Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, Margie, Sue Ruskowski, 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 Piazza, Rob & family, Mary, Artie, Loretta & Alan Ambrosa.



Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2023. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends ***should contact their local parish***

***office to register couples for this recognition.***

The Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary. There will also be an opportunity for couples to have their photo taken with the Bishop. **Please call the parish office and submit your names by Tuesday, August 1st.**



**youth**  
activities

**Youth Activity  
Grades 9-12**

**On Sunday, July 30th 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

**Candles this Week**



**St. Pius X**

**Sanctuary** - In memory of Peter F. Marne - wife

**Blessed Mother** - In memory of Anne (Dolly) Vanella - Paul & Sue

**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 Dorothy (Rudnik) Staszal - William J. & Genevieve R. Schiffer

**Blessed Mother** - In memory of Mary Martha Toczec - Joe & Theresa Baluh

**St. Joseph** - In memory of Ron Yarkosky - Marsha Vorum

**Madonna & Child** - In memory of Amy Kiral Peifer - Michael & Amanda



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***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***

## Who is considered a parishioner?

We are often asked how we define who is a parishioner of either of our parishes.

A parishioner is:

- 1) Baptized Catholic
- 2) Registered member of one of our parishes and
- 3) Participates in the faith community of our parish by regular attendance at Mass here.

If you are currently registered with your parents, but are 18 or older, independent and employed (not a student), you should register individually as a parishioner. Those who are not registered and who do not actively participate in the parish faith community are not considered members. Baptism at our parish, or any other area parish, does not mean you are automatically considered a lifelong member.

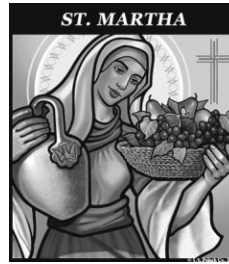


## Rosary for Peace

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

## What Not to Wear to Church This Summer

Please show proper reverence for Mass, the Blessed Sacrament and each other by remembering to dress respectfully. We should not dress for Mass like we dress for the gym or the beach! We continue to see a “creeping casualness” in the way people dress in public, including for Sunday worship. It is rare that one would be barred from a restaurant these days for wearing shorts, flip flops, skimpy shirts/tops, etc... “Skimpy” is, of course, in fashion, and since “everybody is doing it,” the norms and expectations of previous generations have changed drastically from “dress up” to “dress down.” Many today (younger and older) appear utterly clueless as to how their public appearance attracts, distracts, or upsets other people. The appearance of all Liturgical Ministers (altar servers, cantors, ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, etc.) should not detract from the role he/she has in the Liturgy. We are not here to draw attention to ourselves, but to Christ in our midst. As for the assembly - those in pews - please think twice before dressing for Liturgy. You should be properly dressed so that if you are asked to serve in any capacity (including bringing forth the gifts), you can do so. To say, “I am not dressed properly” suggests you didn’t consider your appearance before leaving home. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives - nothing should distract us from our prayer as we gather each week.



## Saturday, July 29, is the Feast of St. Martha

Martha, her sister, Mary, and her brother, Lazarus, lived in the town of Bethany, near Jerusalem. The Gospel of John records that Jesus loved all three of them. They were important to

Him. In that time and culture, women were treated as inferior to men. But Jesus treated women as equals. He called Martha, Mary and Lazarus, His friends. The Gospels tell us that He laughed and cried with them. Martha’s conversations with Jesus show that she was able to say just what she thought without any pious nonsense. When she gave a dinner in Jesus’ honor, Martha asked His support in getting her sister, Mary, to pitch in and help. In reply, Jesus gave both sisters permission to sit at His feet as disciples. Women weren’t permitted to study with a Rabbi, so Jesus was taking a bold stand in treating His two friends that way.

Even when her brother, Lazarus died, Martha did not give up her faith. She told Jesus, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One coming into the world.” Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus. And then Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

Martha developed a reputation over the centuries as the practical and active Christian, so she is often pictured with a cooking ladle or a set of household keys. She is a Patron Saint of cooks and of hospitality. Today, we celebrate that we, like Martha, Mary and Lazarus, can be ourselves with Jesus. We can say what we really think. We can welcome Christ into our homes through hospitality to family, friends and strangers alike.

### To help us, here is

#### “A Prayer to Show True Hospitality to Others”

*Help us grasp the true notion of hospitality and practice it towards others. Most people are very willing to welcome into their midst their parents and friends, as well as those with whom they have professional or social contacts. But the Christian notion of hospitality goes far beyond this, and is based on a supernatural attitude. The welcome extended may be of a material nature, called a corporal work of mercy; or it may be of a spiritual nature. Lord, never let me limit my welcome only to those who can do the same for me. Let me focus on the fact that it is you, yourself, that I welcome when I show true hospitality to others, especially those who are in need. And a visit from you is always a revelation of salvation.*



## Some Reflections on Marriage

This is the time of year when a large number of weddings are celebrated by the Church. It's also a good time for us as members of God's Family to review what we as Catholic Christians understand marriage to be. We believe that marriage is more than a contract between a man and a woman. It is a covenant relationship of love and life for the baptized: an intimate partnership rooted in the covenant of irrevocable personal consent. At the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus celebrated the gift of love in marriage and helped the couple celebrate their consent of selves to each other. He thus blessed their togetherness for life. Jesus Christ, Himself becomes the third partner in the Christian marriage. We, as Catholics, validly receive the Sacrament of Matrimony when we exchange our consent with our partner in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Once the covenant bond has been made the marriage cannot be broken. However, sometimes a Catholic marriage ends in divorce. If a Catholic couple gets a civil divorce they are not free to remarry. But that divorced couple can continue to receive the Sacraments for they are assumed to be solely separated for some reason. These divorced Catholics may continue to receive the sacraments as long as they don't attempt to remarry outside the Church and contradict the precious covenant. If the separated couple can give evidence to indicate that a covenant relationship doesn't exist, that for some reason there was not a free exchange of consent to the marriage, then an annulment procedure could begin. If you have any questions concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony, please feel free to contact Fr. Dan at the parish office.



### ***“Summertime and the living is easy.”***

That's what the favorite song says. The **living** may be easy but often the **giving** is not. Summer collections often drop significantly in our parishes because of vacation travel, sports schedules and other activities that cause parishioners to attend Mass in other parishes. If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent this summer, please fill your envelopes ahead of time and drop them in the offertory basket. Your financial help is needed during the summer months.

*Thank you, Fr. Paul*

## Do you know of someone who is interested in learning about the Catholic Church?

Are you drawn to the Catholic Church and would like to learn what Catholics believe? Are you someone who was baptized Catholic, but not fully initiated? (Did not receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.) Each of us is on a journey to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the setting for individuals to learn what it means to be a Catholic Christian. This is an opportunity for you to discover what Catholics believe and discern if you are called to this journey of faith. Individuals from the parish walk with you, sharing their faith and allowing you to question and explore what it means to live as a Catholic Christian. We gather to pray, to read Scripture, to explore topics of our faith tradition and to support one another in this journey. As a first step, there will be inquiry sessions through the summer months; we usually meet a couple of times a month. It is a time to ask questions or have discussions about introductory information concerning the Catholic faith. Then in early September, we normally meet on a weekly basis. At that time we begin a deeper and more intense exploration of the faith. If you would like to speak with someone about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), please call the parish office (724-547-1911) to speak with Fr. Dan Carr or Cindy Copeland.



### ***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Schedule (Holy Day of Obligation)***

***Monday, August 14 - Vigil Mass***

***6:00pm - Visitation Church***

***Tuesday, August 15***

***7:30am - St. Pius X Church***

***6:00pm - St. Pius X Church***

**The Visitation Rosary Altar Society will recite the rosary Monday, August 14 @ 5:30pm at the Fatima Shrine located next to Visitation Church. Please bring a chair with you if needed. In case of inclement weather the rosary will be held in Visitation Church.**

**All are invited to come and pray the Rosary!**

**The Parish Office will be closed August 15.**



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