



VISITATION PARISH

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July 9, 2023 - Fourteenth 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. | 7/10 | St. Pius X 7:00am Parish Families |
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| Tues. | 7/11 | St. Pius X |
| | | 7:00am Susan Kurimcak - Anastasia Clausner |
| | | John Halligan - wife, Betty |
| Wed. | 7/12 | St. Pius X 7:00am James M. Gyurke - JoAnn Lawrence & family |
| | | Rose Marie Pisula - John & Shirley Ritz |
| Thurs. | 7/13 | St. Pius X 7:00am Deceased members of the Ricotta family - sisters Charles Gelet - wife, Loretta |
| Friday | 7/14 | St. Pius X 7:00am Paul & Mary Hendricks - Jason & Jon Hendricks |
| Sat. | 7/15 | Patty Midden - Susi Siwula Visitation |
| | | 4:00pm Pauline Balcerek - Joe & Helen St. Pius X 6:00pm Joseph W. & Nellie K. Rudnik - Joe & Paula Klocek & family |
| Sun. | 7/16 | Visitation 8:30am Paula Torcaso - Jay & Toni Kromer |
| | | St. Pius X 10:30am Jake Czekaj, II - Ted Czekaj & family |
| R | | Welcome to the parish family, Alyson Rae Besterci, daughter of Jason Besterci & Alyssa DeFilippo, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on |

Sunday, July 2nd at St. Pius X Church. *May God bless her.*

Mark 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.

Ministry of the Altar

| r | Sat. 7/15 | Visitation 4:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: David Brooks Minister: Marlene Cibulas Servers: Colton Golobish, Clara Stewart, Caleb Stewart Cantor: Jaime Golobish |
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| у | | St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Joe Klocek Ministers: Hank Rose, Paul Klaus |
| z | | Servers: Sophia Coppula, Ava Coppula, Volunteer Cantor: Kristen Guynn |
| | Sun. 7/16 | Visitation 8:30am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Brian Hunter |
| S | | Minister: Patricia Thomas Servers: Amelia Thomas, Grant Zahrobsky, Langdon Thomas Cantor: Sharon Stewart |
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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.

Desk of Fr. Dan

I have a lot of education. I like **From the** to tell elementary school children that I finished 23rd grade - just to see their faces. After 12 years of primary and secondary school, I spent 4 years studying math,

computer science, and economics. Then I spent 2 years studying college courses in philosophy, 3 years studying theology, and 2 years studying marriage and family theology. Added up, that's 23rd grade.

It sounds particularly impressive. I know that I have a lot of knowledge in my brain and I do enjoy sharing that knowledge with others. But I've found that the more I know, the more I realize I don't know and the more I need to be willing to listen to others. You've probably heard the saying, "It's not about what you know. It's about who you know." Normally we apply this to getting a job or promotion, but it is also true in the Christian life. You can spend many, many years learning about God. You can know the Bible inside and out. You can study theology to your heart's content. But that is not what will save you. Relationship with God and faith in Jesus Christ is what does that.

In our Gospel this week, Jesus says to His Father: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones." I know more about the faith than my grandmother did when she died. But she was far more faithful than I will ever be. Just because I am learned does not mean that I have a stronger relationship with God. This means that my conversations with people are never onesided. I am not simply trying to tell you what I know and how much I know. I do share my knowledge because people tell me that they find it helpful and it helps to deepen their faith. But I cannot pretend that I do not learn from all of you about God as well. My interactions with you increase my faith and love of God. Jesus gives His Father praise in this because it means that we all must listen to and learn from each other. We need to be willing to hear His voice in the voices of our brothers and sisters, no matter how little they are.

God has shared things with you that perhaps he has hidden from me and from others. You may want to share them but feel that you can't. Perhaps you will never be able to put your finger on what exactly you think or feel. You may never be able to even put those things into words. Don't worry about that. By your presence at worship and by your prayerful witness, you do already share them with me and with our community.

Diocese Missionary Cooperation Plan, July 15-16

Next Sunday as part of the Diocese Missionary Cooperation Plan, Reverend Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp, will visit Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Pius X Parishes, to speak about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit). To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at www.spiritans.org. This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to invite parishioners to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world. Next weekend's missionary, Fr. Lazarus, is from Ghana. He is studying at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life. If you are able, please place your donation in the second collection basket and use the green envelope which is attached to this bulletin.



From the Desk of Fr. Paul

When I was young, I could never understand why the family car was not the top-of-the-line model.

When that car finally needed to be replaced, it was with a similar low-on-the-line model. Again, I couldn't understand. It wasn't until I was older that I finally came to the understanding my parents were saving money so that my sister and I could have special things, like a Catholic School education. That knowledge explained a lot of things that had been a mystery to me previously. That scenario is often repeated in our lives. We often have misconceptions about why people do what they do, or why they are the way they are. We forget a grouchy person may be ill; that a "loner" many never have known love in his or her life; that a frightened person may never have had the security and comfort of a loving family. We often see behavior in others that we cannot understand because we don't know the reasons behind it. Because of this, we should not judge. All we can do is offer our love, and if there is any need of change in our self or another, such love may be the needed catalyst for that change for the better.



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!!!! Our weekly offering is not available due to early bulletin deadlines.

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!



St. Pius X Parish Festival Entertainment "DJ - Big Basel Productions" 12 Noon - 4pm "Andy Davis Acoustic Show 5pm - 8pm

St. Pius X Parish Festival

Please consider becoming a Booth Sponsor - Donation - \$50.00

If interested, complete the coupon below and return it to the Parish Office along with your check made payable to: St. Pius X Church

Booth Sponsor

Name

(as it is to appear on the sign in the booth or tent)

Phone_

Reminder for all Ministers of the Altar



Please contact the parish office by July 15th with your availability to minister so that the August schedule can be prepared. Thank You!

Live Today Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgement before God.

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, Marv 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, Štephen Shallenberger, Drew Sheldon, Jim Dzurica and Jonathan Lang

Cemetery News

Cemetery envelopes are included in your envelope packets entitled 'Cemetery Care." This offering enables us to maintain our three parish cemeteries and to increase our permanent perpetual care fund. We are planning to do some work in our cemeteries this year along with the standard mowing and up keeping of the cemeteries. Please help us to continue to preserve the resting places of our deceased families and parishioners. Please share in these envelopes in memorial to those who have gone before us. May all who have died in Christ, rest in Him!



What is a votive candle?

The act of lighting a candle when offering a special prayer has long been a cherished tradition. And, as a way to help advance the works of the Church and to offer a

sacrifice to Christ, it has become customary to give an offering for the candle. Thus, the term votive candle. The word votive comes from the Latin verb voveo, meaning I desire. It signifies an offering in which a gift is lined with a prayer intention as a sacrificial dedication of oneself to God, submission to His will, and reliance on His mercy and providence. Essentially, a votive candle is a sentinel that we leave burning heavenward at a sacred place as a visual sight of our prayer of thanks or request. We are fortunate votive candles are available at each church. The donation is \$3 each.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary - In memory of Allan G. Ferens - family

Blessed Mother - In memory of Kendal Dusenbery - Steve & Dolores Solinski

St. Joseph - In memory of Sophia & Louis Kowalewski -Mary Ann

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Carolen - Rosemary

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of Paula Torcaso - Jo Truxel Blessed Mother - In memory of Daniel Citro - wife & daughter

St. Joseph - In memory of John Halligan - wife, Betty Madonna & Child - In memory of Amy Kiral Peifer - Joe &

Theresa Baluh

2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal Update as of June 27, 2023

St. Pius X Parish Pledges & gifts to date: \$54,050 114.3% of Diocesan goal

Visitation Parish Pledges & gifts to date: \$41,526 118% of Diocesan goal

Please Remember your DLA pledge!



This Friday, July 14 is the Feast Day of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

A Mohawk maiden walked in the forests and glens of America a century before there was a United States, and today she is known and revered throughout the world.

She was a true child of the continental wilderness that was forged into a mighty nation, and she was also chosen to experience union in prayer and contemplation with Christ. This Mohawk maiden demonstrates the Divine Presence in humans lives in a remarkable and historic manner, but she also serves as a bridge between the Catholic faith and the modern Native Americans of this continent. Her name at birth was Tekakwitha, and she received the name Kateri or Catherine when she was received into the Church. She is also called the Lily of the Mohawks, the Mohawk Maiden, the Pure and Tender Lily, and the Fairest Flower among True Men. Tekakwitha Circles, prayer groups, have been formed throughout the United States in her honor, and the Native Americans have rejoiced in her life because she embodies the best of Indian culture and traditions.

Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct <u>after</u> you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



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

Conn-Area Catholic School is now accepting applications for Pre-K - 6th grade. Financial aid is available for students in K-6 grade. They offer robotics, web design, STREAM, Financial Literacy, sports programs, performing arts, 1 to 1 technology, early morning drop-off /after school care - all in a welcoming Catholic environment! Call the school at 724-628-5090 to schedule a tour.





This Tuesday, July 11, is the Feast of Saint Benedict - Abbot, Religious Founder (c. 480-550) In some ways, the Sixth

Century was a lot like the 21st.

People were afraid of strangers. The rich didn't speak to the poor. People within the same social class competed with one another for status by showing off their wealth and possessions. Benedict taught people a way to use prayer and Christlike attitudes to get over their fear and mistrust of each other.

Benedict was born to a noble family of Northern Italy. The Roman Empire was breaking apart. Invading tribes from beyond its borders had been taking over the land and looting cities. Many people lived with no thought of the future.

In those years, people who wanted to be close to God often gave up on society altogether. They would find an isolated place and spend the rest of their lives there. So for several years, Benedict became a hermit. He lived in a cave on a high cliff that was almost impossible to get to. Over time people heard about Benedict and many came to join him. Around the year 530, Benedict founded a Monastery called Monte Cassino. Everyone in the community lived under one roof. To help him, Benedict wrote a common sense guide called the Rule of Life. It divided the day into times of prayer, study, work and rest. St. Scholastica (February 11), Benedict's sister, settled nearby and formed the first community of women, to use Benedict's rule. In these communities, everyone worked and no one kept personal possessions. This helped to prevent envy and pride. Benedict encouraged a spirit of generous forgiveness. This generosity was extended to strangers and the needy. Every visitor to the abbey was treated like Christ. No one was ever turned away. Hospitality is still a trademark of Benedictine communities around the world. Benedict spent his life leading his monks, counseling visitors to the abbey and caring for the sick who lived nearby. When he died he was buried with Scholastica at Monte Cassino. Benedictine monks and nuns would later be given credit for preserving European civilization during the Middle Ages. Benedict was named patron saint of Europe.

We congratulate the Benedictine community at St Vincent in Latrobe on the feast of their founder. We also thank them for the service to our diocese, parishes, and seminarians over the years.

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.

Attention: Parents of children entering Kindergarten... If your child will be entering Kindergarten this fall, please let us know by contacting the parish office either by calling or e-mailing Linda to update your parish census information. This information is needed to ensure your family receives Faith Formation mailings and sacramental letters. Thank you for your cooperation.

95th Annual St. Rita's Festival S. Second Street, Connellsville July 13, 14, 15 - 5:30pm - 10pm Homemade Italian Food - Games - Bingo 50/50 - Basket Raffle - Entertainment July 15 @ 7pm - Mangia Mania (Italian Food Eating Competition) Nightly Entertainment: Thursday, 7/13 - Abacus Jones Friday, 7/14 - 80's Enough

Saturday, 7/15 - Party Time Polka



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