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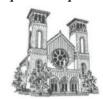
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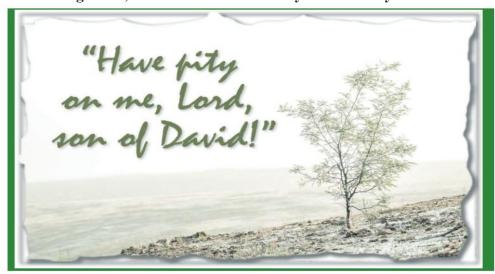
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August 20, 2023 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 - Every Saturday - 3:15pm - Visitation Church

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

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Mass Intentions



Mon. **No Morning Mass** 8/21

St. Pius X - Feast Day of St. Pius X

6:00am Larry Rega - wife, Leslie,

daughter, Kristen &

grandson

8/22 St. Pius X Tues.

7:00am Patty Midden - Veronica

Kubasky

Parish Families

Wed. 8/23 St. Pius X

7:00am Mike & Verna Janesko - Ray &

Betty Balcerek - Loretta Keefer

Thurs. 8/24 St. Pius X

7:00am Paul Kostyo, Jr. - sister, Carol

Doug Francken - daughter,

Connie & Bob

Friday 8/25 St. Pius X

7:00am Frances Secorie - Tim, Desiree

& Andy

Mary Martha Toczek - Visitation

Rummage Sale

Volunteers

Sat. 8/26 **Visitation**

4:00pm Charles Zelenak, Sr. - Dorothy

& family

St. Pius X

6:00pm Ann Lubovinsky - Jim & Janice

Scekeres

Sun. 8/27 Visitation

8:30am James Bielecki - Quinn family

Donald Welc - daughter, Kim

Sirianna

St. Pius X

10:30am Nikki Tamblyn - Joni Rozell



Backpack Blessing

We will be having a backpack blessing on August 26-27 at all Masses where we'll bless students, teachers and school staff. Students are encouraged to bring their backpacks with their school supplies with them to Mass for the blessing.



St. Pius X & Visitation **Parish Picnic** Sunday, September 10th 1pm - 4pm

Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 8/26

Visitation 4:00pm

Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Robert Manjerovic Minister: Marlene Cibulas

Servers: Colton Golobish, Lily Spires, Owen

Spires Cantor: Eric Harris

St. Pius X 6:00pm

Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Michael Hricik

Ministers: Paul Klaus, Hank Rose

Servers: Emma Ersick, Ava Coppula, Sophia

Coppula Cantor: Phil Brown

Sun. 8/27 Visitation 8:30am

> Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Colleen Pernelli Minister: Patricia Thomas

Servers: Ty Whoric, Amelia Thomas,

Langdon Thomas

Cantor: Peggy Tepper

St. Pius X 10:30am

Greeters: Knights of Columbus

Lector: Connie Barnhart

Ministers: Andrea Poole, Kristen Rega

Servers: Lucas Poole, Michael Hegyes,

Volunteer Cantor: Kristen Felentzer



In observance of the Feast Day of Saint Pius X, we will gather for Mass on **Monday August 21st at** 6:00pm in St. Pius X Church. There will be no morning Mass on August 21st. A reception, hosted by the Visitation Christian Mothers,

will be held in St. Pius social hall following Mass. All are invited!!!



New Office Hours

Beginning on Friday, September 1st, the parish office will be closed on Fridays. Normal office CHURCH hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 9:30am -

3:00pm. I ask you to please be mindful of this as the end of August approaches. Just a reminder that Linda's last day at work for us is Thursday, August 31st. Erin will start her new position as Administrative Assistant on Tuesday, September 5th. Thank you for your attention to

these items. Fr. Paul

Desk of Fr. Dan

We live in a very pluralistic From the world where many different systems of beliefs can coexist. There are good reasons for this. For the most part, we have avoided wars caused by religious disputes in

recent decades. We can have open discussions and public debates about what we believe and why. And we have been able to deepen our own beliefs by encountering a different way of thinking. However, there are some negative consequences to this shift in our culture. One of them is the privatization of religious beliefs. We are supposed to respect everyone's individual beliefs and individual consciences. But this can lead to a false sense that we are going this journey of faith alone. This is never how Christianity is meant to be. A Christian faith is rooted in a faith of community and of communion. Christ did not establish individual believers but a Church – a Church to help shape our individual beliefs and consciences and give us a healthy environment to inspire us to be more and better than we ever thought we could be. It is this communal sense of faith that we risk losing as religious becomes more personal. Coming to church should never be about "me and God". As important as that personal relationship with God is, it must be supplemented by a belonging to a community of faith. Every Sunday we profess our faith and say "I believe..." but we do so together, uniting our voices with many others. I believe that this loss of belonging to a community has helped produce the profound loneliness and depression that studies tell us is rampant in our world. We are more "connected" by technology than any other generation before us, but connectedness without belonging leads to a profound feeling of isolation. We need to be intentional about establishing community and belonging in our parishes.

This is just one reason we are reviving the annual parish picnic this year. It's very important for a parish community to come together and make memories and relationships that last. We cannot only break bread at the Eucharistic banquet and say our prayers and expect to care about any of the people with whom we worship. We need time together outside of Mass.

Our parish picnic will be on Sunday, September 10 from 1-4 PM at Frick Park.

Bring a covered dish, but not your wallet. This is not a fundraiser. It's a way to reconnect with old friends and make new friends. Please make it a priority to come. Bring your family or a friend or two. I promise you will not be disappointed.



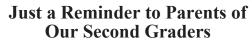
Welcome to the parish family, Chase Alan Mowry, son of Joseph & Moriah Kromer Mowry, who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 13th at St. Pius X Church. May God bless him.



Second Collection - August 26-27

Annually, a second collection is taken in the Diocese of Greensburg to support Catholic education, both locally and nationally. This year fifty percent of this collection will go to support the Catholic University of America and fifty percent will be used to aid the Catholic schools here in our own Diocese. The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. is unique among the Catholic institutions of higher education because it is the national university for the Catholic Church in the United States. It is the only higher education institution founded by the American bishops and chartered by the Vatican. Here in the Diocese of Greensburg, we have ten grade schools and two high schools that offer a wholistic education that combines Christ's teachings with academic excellence and service to others. The parents of students in our 12 schools sacrifice to send their children to a Catholic school because they recognize how important academics and Catholic values are to their child's lifelong success. Our Catholic schools are an asset to our communities and they prepare future leaders for the Church and the nation. The support of all the faithful in the Diocese of Greensburg is critical to the success of our Catholic schools. Please be as generous as you can be in the second collection at all Masses next weekend, August 26 and 27.

If you wish to be visited by a priest or Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket, return to the parish office or by mail.
Name
Address
Phone #
Best day/time



This coming school year will be the time your child will be preparing for

the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. The first step in the process is ensuring your child is receiving regular religious education. Your 2nd grader should be in a Catholic school or parish program. More information on our program will be coming soon.



This Thursday August 24, is the Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle (first century).

St. Bartholomew is an apostle about whom not much is known. The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke mention him in their lists of the Twelve. The first

chapter of the Acts of the Apostles mentions him waiting with the other disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Gospel of John doesn't actually mention Bartholomew, but includes the name of Nathanael with the other apostles. If these two are the same person, we have a touching story of how he was called by Jesus to discipleship. Chapter one of the Gospel of John describes the first meeting of Jesus and Philip. Afterward, Philip immediately went to tell his friend, Nathanael, the good news of this remarkable prophet. Nathanael joked that if Jesus was from Nazareth he couldn't be any good. (Nathanael was from Cana, and the two towns were neighbors and rivals.) When Nathanael came to see for himself, Jesus praised him as being "one in whom there is no deceit." Nathanael probably wondered how this teacher could possibly know such a thing. But as they talked, Nathanael realized that Jesus must be from God. Many countries claim to be the place where Bartholomew preached the good news after the descent of the Holy Spirit. The strongest traditions are found in India and Armenia.





Reminder for all Ministers of the Altar

Please contact Linda at the parish office with your availability to minister so that the September

schedules can be prepared. Beginning with the October schedule, please contact Erin @ eknizner@dioceseofgreensburg.org. Thank You!

Weekly Offering - August 13, 2023
Visitation Parish
Weekly\$4,627.00
Capital Improvements\$25.00
Growing\$135.00
Accent\$158.00
Assumption\$136.00
Catholic Univ/School\$20.00
Total Envelopes: 201
St. Pius X Parish
Weekly\$6,113.00
Capital Improvements\$60.00
Accent\$221.00
Assumption\$105.00
Catholic Univ./School\$40.00
Total Envelopes: 221
Thank you for your generosity!



End of Year Reports

We have recently concluded the fiscal year for our parishes on June 30. This means that our yearly expenses are all due to be paid. As we receive the year end financial reports from the Diocese and the Parish Finance Councils approve the year end report, I will share it with you. I thank you very much for your generosity to our parishes and ask that you continue and hopefully increase it, as we begin another fiscal year. Please continue to make our parishes your favorite charity.

A Word of Concern: The collections always seem to be lower during the summer at both parishes and we begin the new fiscal year on shaky ground. Six weeks into this new fiscal year, we are below what our collections were a year ago at this time at our parishes. Please be generous now and into the future. It is extremely necessary for the well-being of our parishes. I will share with you a full financial report for our parishes in September. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.

Fr. Paul





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

Tom OBrocto, Sr., Irene, Stephen H., Blue, 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 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 Roland Sikorski and John Mondock, Jr. who have passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest forever in the peace of the Lord.



Prayer for Eucharistic Revival

Lord Jesus, You are the living bread who satisfies the hunger of the human heart. In the Eucharist, the bread and wine become Your

Body and Blood, the gift of Yourself to the Church. Deepen our faith in Your Eucharistic presence and strengthen us as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. As we encounter and revere Your Eucharistic presence, open us to the needs of our brothers and sisters here and everywhere throughout the world. Help us to reveal Your love, Your promise, Your presence to them by our lives and in all we say and do. Amen.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary - In memory of Kendal Dusenbery - Bonnie Radzlwon

Blessed Mother - In memory of Ann Lubovinsky - Jim & Janice Scekeres

St. Joseph - In memory of Linda DiPasquale - Stacy
DiPasquale

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of Florence & Steve Secorie - Tim Secorie

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of the Stairs & Crouse families - Dennis & Connie Baluh

Blessed Mother - In memory of Mike & Verna Janesko - Ray & Kathy

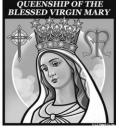
St. Joseph - In memory of Walter Symanski - Mike & Doris Marhefka

Madonna & Child - In memory of James Bielecki - Quinn family

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.





This Tuesday, August 22, is the Feast Day of the Queenship of the Virgin Mary

In times past, most of the important church eight days. This period is called an octave. Every week of the

year is a kind of octave because Sundays always fall eight days apart.

In Church tradition, an octave represents eternity. It may seem strange to us, but here's why: seven days make a normal, run-of-the-mill week. But add an eighth day and you've got something special. You've got a week that ends and begins on the same day. In the early Church, they thought that eight days was a symbol of perfection and of heaven.

Today is the eighth day after the Solemnity of the Assumption. We honor Mary as the *Regina Caeli*, the Queen of Heaven. Psalm 45 was sung on Assumption Day and it is sung again on this day as well. It speaks of a queen in a golden robe. Wherever she goes, she brings justice and splendor and great rejoicing. Jewish songs refer to the Sabbath that way. When it arrives, it is like a queen whose beauty chases away all sorrow.



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. You can pick up a registration form in the entrance of both churches.

The Sacraments-Signs of Divine Promise

The Good News of Jesus Christ is the news of life. The innermost fear of each of us is our own death. We dread the moment of apparent nothingness. No more me! Yet, we struggle to assure ourselves that "something" must be. We cannot just end. Jesus came to assure us that we shall not end; in fact, He proclaims that death has no dread, that death is the moment when we are really born to a life undreamed, a life fulfilled, a life that only God could imagine: this new life is God's own life with all that we can conceive as truly God-life, love, peace, joy, togetherness, with all those we love and desire to love. That is Good News! However, we still struggle with that News. And Jesus knows the struggle of each of us. To assure us that death has no sting. He has conferred upon us sacramental moments, moments of promise that we live forever. The Sacraments act as stepping stones through life to keep us from falling into despair or sinking into dread. The Sacraments announce again and again that we have life, that nothing in life need overcome us, that we are good and lovable in God's eyes and our own. The Sacraments are the directional signs to the heavenly promise. They lead us to become whom we've always really desired to be. They show us that true humanness is to be of God: we are His family, no less than that, and His children are made for His life forever. In the gift from Jesus of the Sacraments, and in our reception of them, we confidently seal the Promise: we are the Father's People, living a life that is forever. That is Good News!





If there are any parishioners who are shut-ins at home or in a personal care facility who would like to receive

Holy Communion on a regular basis and are not doing so at the present time, please contact the Parish Office, 724-547-1911. We do our best to try to make sure we do not miss anyone, but sometimes we do. Please know that we try our best to make sure everyone who requests the Holy Eucharist is attended to by a Priest or a Eucharistic Minister. We are not always aware unless someone from the family contacts us. Thank you for your help.



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.

Individuals may inquire about RCIA by calling the parish office (724-547-1911) to speak with Fr. Dan Carr or Cindy Copeland.



Labor Day Mass Schedule

Monday, September 4th 9am at St. Pius X Church. Following Mass a Patriotic Rosary will be led by the Knights of Columbus. All are welcome!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Feast Day of St. Pius X

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

St. Bartholomew Thursday:

Friday: St. Louis of France; St. Joseph

Calasanz



Adoration: First Friday, September 1st St. Pius X Church

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

Confessions: First Saturday, September 2nd 12noon at St. Pius X Church

3:15pm at Visitation Church

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

Position at Verna Montessori School

Verna Montessori School in Mt. Pleasant, a private Montessori education for children ages 3-14 in the Fayette and Westmoreland Counties is seeking an individual to fill the role of a part-time secretary. VMS is looking for an individual who would work 4 or 5 mornings a week from mid-August until mid-June. Additional summer hours would be as needed. The successful candidate will maintain a high level of confidentiality and discretion. The individual will undertake duties and have responsibilities pertaining to the role as decided by the principal and/or Sisters of Ivrea of the Immaculate Conception which include but are not limited to: – Acting as the first point of contact for visitors to

- the school;
- Managing school communications: phone, email, mailings;
- Updating, managing and storing school records/ database and
- General office management.

The successful applicant must provide the following background clearances: PA Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse History Clearance as well as a Federal Criminal History Record Check. Please contact Sr. Juliana Tengia, SCIS by phone (724-887-8810) or email

sr.juliana@vernamontessorischool.org, if you are interested in applying for this position..

Anointing of the Sick

If either you or a member of your family is scheduled to be hospitalized, please call the office to arrange with Fr. Dan to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This should be done prior to your admittance to the hospital. I ask that your family members do not wait until being admitted to the hospital. Of course, if it is an emergency admittance please let the hospital staff know that you would like to see the Chaplain to receive this Sacrament.

St. Rita Christian Mothers will host an Italian Day Sale on Friday, September 1, from 11am - 5:30pm in St. Rita's social hall in Connellsville.

Featured will be 3 Italian dinners: spaghetti and 2 meatballs, manicotti and 2 meatballs and eggplant parm with a side of spaghetti and 1 meatball. All dinners include salad, roll and cake. A box of 4 slices of pizza will also be sold. Eat-in or take-out orders will be available.

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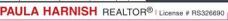
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