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August 6, 2023 - The Transfiguration of the Lord



Mass Schedule

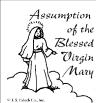
Saturday: 4:00pm - Visitation Church; 6:00pm - St. Pius X Church Sunday: 8:30am - Visitation Church; 10:30am - St. Pius X Church Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the parish office to begin preparation for this sacrament. Weekday Mass - 7:00am - St. Pius X Church Confessions - Every Saturday - 3:15pm - Visitation Church - First Saturday - 12noon - St. Pius X Church

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Mass Intentions

Mon.	8/7	St. Pius X 7:00am Clarence "Sonny" & Margaret (Rudnik) Knizner - Betty Schultz
Tues.	8/8	St. Pius X 7:00am Bernard Atz - Pat Mershimer Paula Keefer Torcaso - Ed & Charlotte Hendricks
Wed.	8/9	St. Pius X 7:00am John & Jenny Rozell - daughter, Joni Rozell
Thurs.	8/10	St. Pius X 7:00am John L. Lee, Sr John L. Lee, Jr. Parish Families
Friday	8/11	St. Pius X 7:00am Joan Evon - Evon & Giallonardo family
		lan Rose - Aunt, Kathy Tylka
Sat.	8/12	Visitation 4:00pm John Keto - family
		St. Pius X 6:00pm Raymond Grosser - Connie, Susanne & families
Sun.	8/13	Visitation 8:30am Stephen Kubasky - Veronica & family
		St. Pius X 10:30am Vickie Hickle - family





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

<u>Monday, August 14 - Vigil Mass</u> 6:00pm - Visitation Church <u>Tuesday, August 15</u> 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.

Ministry of the Altar

Sa	at. 8/12	Visitation 4:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: David Brooks Minister: Barb Sandzimier Servers: Braxton Pastore, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Chris DeFlitch
		St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Lisa Sestak Ministers: Hank Rose, Kim Sirianna Servers: Sophia Coppula, Ava Coppula, Volunteer Cantor: Kristen Felentzer
Su	ın. 8/13	Visitation 8:30am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Tereasa Rerko Minister: Joann Maholtz Servers: Grant Zahrobsky, Addison Grenda, Sophie Grenda Cantor: Linda Goodlin
		St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: Holy Name Society & Knights of Columbus Lector: John DiPasquale Ministers: Ted Czekaj, Andrea Poole Servers: Jaxon Farino, Lucas Poole, Michael Hegyes Cantor: Phil Brown



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!!!



The eighth month is named after Augustus Caesar, who was emperor at the time of the birth of Jesus. Augustus was the

first Roman emperor. In the Northern Hemisphere, this month marks the fullness of summer. The worship of the church during August reflects summer's abundance in celebrating the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and the solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven.

From the Desk of Fr. Dan

From the We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.

The world is full of shysters and charlatans. Many people make up a story to get something from people. Whether it's money, fame, attention, or whatever else, we always need to be on the lookout for someone who is fake.

It was no different in Jesus' day. Wandering prophets and itinerant preachers were common in those days. Many rolled into town bringing some sort of message about a miraculous event that had occurred and preaching a new way of life. These men would then stay and receive the hospitality of the town – food, drink, living quarters – while sharing their message. Then, when people got tired of them, they would move onto the next town.

Many people thought that St. Paul, St. Peter, and the early Christians were much the same. They came in proclaiming something difficult to believe – a man had risen from the dead and the people should repent and be baptized. Just another charlatan, right?

The apostles take offense to this in their letters. They did not act like charlatans. First, St. Paul writes that he did not impose himself on the people to take their money or food. In his letters to the Thessalonians, he reminded them that he worked for a living while he was with them. *Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.* (1 Thess 2:9) *For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked.* (2 Thess 3:7-8) This testifies to his authenticity.

Second, they defend their story against falsehood. In our passage from our second reading this week from the second letter of Peter, Christians did not create "cleverly devised myths" but shared eyewitness testimony – what he himself saw and heard. St. Peter is relying on their memories of his message – something we don't have. However, modern literary techniques can help us verify the authenticity of the Christian message, especially in the eyewitness accounts in the book of Acts. By all accounts, the Christian eyewitness seems to be truthful and not a fictional account.

Perhaps the best witness to their sincerity is how their lives ended. When a charlatan senses that people don't believe him, he changes his story or flees town. That's not what St. Peter, St. Paul, and the early Christians did. When things got dicey, they stood their ground and refused to change their story. They lost their lives for their message. That's why we can believe their testimony to this day. As hard as it is to believe that the Son of God died on a cross and rose from the dead, we can trust the eyewitnesses who lost their own lives to share the Good News of salvation with the world

Communion Calls

If you are not able to attend Mass regularly because of illness or other health reasons, please call the parish office. Also, if you know of anyone in any of the area nursing homes or personal care homes in need of the sacraments, please let us know. We need to update this list periodically and this only can be done with your help or the family's help.

Weekly Offering - July 30, 2023				
Visitation Parish				
Weekly\$4,694.00				
Capital Improvements\$11.00				
Growing\$55.00				
Assumption\$10.00				
Peter's Pence\$31.00				
Total Envelopes: 152				
St. Pius X Parish				
Weekly\$6,363.00				
Capital Improvements\$20.00				
Mission Co-Op\$20.00				
Total Envelopes: 167				
Thank you for your generosity!				



Just a Reminder to Parents of Our Second Graders 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.



Hello, I'm Your Envelope Reminder Angel...

I've been assigned to watch over you for the summer and for vacations. While you are enjoying vacation, alone or with family and friends, don't forget your Church here at home. Your

help will still be needed to meet current expenses. May I suggest you keep your unused envelopes and bring your contributions up to date when you return. God bless you and your family all year long.

DLA UPDATE

It's not to late to make your DLA pledge if you have not done so. Just drop your card and gift in the offertory basket with the Church name on the front.

ATTENTION: This notice is for all Catholics who are admitted to the hospital. Please tell the admissions person that you are Catholic and the name of your parish. This is for all admissions, especially if you come through the emergency room. If you do not tell them, your name will not appear on the patient list that the Catholic Chaplain receives.

A Prayer for Travelers and Vacationers



God of Tobiah and his faithful dog, God of all travelers, send us an angel to keep us safe wherever we go. Grant us summertime refreshment, as you once sent ravens to refresh your holy prophet Elijah. Like Ruth and

Naomi, keep us devoted to one another. Like Abraham and Sarah, may we be gracious to guests and hospitable to strangers. Bless us on our journeys, bless the people we meet, and bless our returning home, through Christ our Lord. Amen



Today, August 6, is The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

At just this time of year when the harvest is abundant, we celebrate a feast of God's glory. The marvelous events of this

day are told in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Peter, James and John were led up to a high mountain by Jesus. Suddenly his face shone as bright as the sun. Moses the Lawgiver and the great prophet Elijah appeared. They talked about Jesus' coming death and resurrection. In awe, Peter blurted out a strange suggestion. He wanted to set up booths for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. A cloud surrounded them. Then, the voice of God proclaimed that Jesus is God's son, the Beloved. The three apostles were terrified. They fell down in fear. Then, they looked up, but the amazing scene was gone. Jesus was there alone. What did Peter mean when he asked if he should set up booths? The answer is found in a custom of the Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. During Sukkot, booths are set up. They're constructed of green branches and decorated with fruits and flowers. They symbolize creation. Moses and Elijah and all the ancestors are invited to enter in spirit. If Peter wanted to set up harvest booths, perhaps he wanted all of creation to share in the Transfiguration of Jesus. In the time of Moses, when the Israelites traveled through the desert on their way to the Promised Land, God traveled with them. God appeared as a cloud within a tent. In the Gospel story of the Transfiguration, God again appeared as a shining cloud. But instead of filling a tent or a harvest booth, the cloud surrounds Jesus and His disciples. Perhaps the human body is like the tent of God's presence. The Feast of the Transfiguration is a day of rejoicing. In Rome, the grape harvest is blessed. New wine from these grapes is used at Mass. Eastern Christians hold a harvest procession in celebration of the springtime flowers and seed that have been "transfigured" into summertime fruit and grain. Altars are decorated with fruit and sheaves of wheat.



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 Stephen H., 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 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.



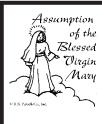


Please keep in your prayers these active military personnel who continue to give so much to our country: Jacob Ruben Johnson, Jacob Shafley, Alex Shafley, Jared Yester, Štephen Shallenberger, Drew Sheldon, Jim Dzurica and Jonathan Lang

Recent Deaths

Please pray for Paul Cornock, Lori Hatfield, John Chasarik, Robert Keller and Margaret Maricondia who passed away recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest forever in the peace of the Lord.





Bishop to celebrate Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Oirgin Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for a special commemoration of the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuesday,

August 15, at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, beginning with Mass at 7pm in St. Joseph Chapel. An outdoor candlelight procession led by an image of Mary will follow. During the procession, the rosary will be prayed in a variety of languages, in the manner of the beautiful daily custom at Lourdes, France. Outdoor seating will be available for those unable to process. All parishes are invited to participate in the celebration of our Diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption.

Candles this Week



Sanctuary - In memory of Kendal Dusenbery - Steve & Kelly Keno

St. Pius X

Blessed Mother - In memory of Larry Rega - Leslie Rega & family

St. Joseph - In memory of John L. Lee, Sr. - John L. Lee, Jr.

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of Harold & Dolores Knopsnider - Mark & **Debbie Potosky**

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of Dolores Sann - daughter, Susan

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

St. Joseph - In memory of Edmund Wasil - daughter, Lorrie

Madonna & Child - In memory of Janosick family, Steve, Betty, Bobby & Jimmy - daughter, Mary Griffitt



Mission Appeal Thank You The Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit) send their thanks for the generous

response by the people of St. Pius X and also Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Churches to their mission-sharing visits on the weekend of July 15-16 and for the gracious welcome given to Father Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp, representing the Spiritans. Be assured of the prayers of the Spiritans worldwide for you, and for your intentions and we ask for your continued prayers for us and for our shared ministries to God's people everywhere. Do please continue to keep the missions of the Church in your hearts, the work of the Spiritans in mind, and the never-ending need to proclaim and witness to the Gospel in your own lives.



Patriotic Rosarv The Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (DCCW) will pray the patriotic rosary Saturday, August 12

at 10am at the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima on the grounds of St. Emma Monastery, Greensburg. Everyone is welcome (bring a chair). For more information, call Kathy Bryon at 724-787-2415.

Stewardship Prayer of St. Ignatius Lovola

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will - all that I have and call my own. You have given it all to me. To vou, Lord, I return it. Everything is vours: do with it what vou will. Give me only your love and grace. That is enough for me. Amen

200 just a reminder: *

A reminder to all St. Pius X Holy Name members; our monthly meeting will be Sunday, August 13th 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 August 13th.

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.

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Best day/time

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.

August Faithful Challenge: Attend an Outdoor Mass This Summer

Outdoor Masses provide a relaxing, prayerful respite. Bishop Kulick's August Faithful Challenge is to attend an outdoor Mass this summer. Receiving the Eucharist nourishes the soul. The popularity of outdoor Masses soared during the pandemic, but many parishes still celebrate Mass outdoors during the summer months. You can find a list of outdoor Masses happening this summer

at www.theaccentonline.org.

Attending an outdoor Mass or outdoor Eucharistic procession is an opportunity to get involved in the National Eucharistic Revival. So is attending KNOW HIM: Stunned Disciples, Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Imagine their shock of Jesus' closest friends when they experienced his miracles, witnessed his crucifixion, and saw him alive again, resurrected from the dead. You will be transported back to Jesus' time and become a stunned disciple: experience Jesus' miracles, see the tools of the crucifixion, taste food from the Holy Land, and learn about other disciples like Blessed Carlo Acutis, a 15year-old Italian website designer on the path to Sainthood. Register for this one-of-a-kind immersive experience at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/ eucharisticrevival.

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 <u>R</u>ite of <u>C</u>hristian <u>Initiation of A</u>dults (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.

Nearby Happenings! St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, bazaar, \$5,000 giveaway Aug. 5-6

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will continue its bazaar and \$5,000 giveaway Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6. The event will include food, games, a bake sale, basket raffle and children's train, plus a DJ Friday and live music.

St. Joseph Parish, Everson, festival Aug. 5-6 St. Joseph Parish, Everson, will hold its festival Saturday, Aug. 5, from 5-9 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 6, from 4-9 p.m. For information, call 724-887-6321.



Frick Park Gates Open to Cars: 6:00pm Open to Public: 7:00pm Driver admission: \$5.00 Public: \$2.00, children under 12 FREE DJ Entertainment Rain Date: August 25 For more information call 724-216-7486 or 724-542-4711



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.

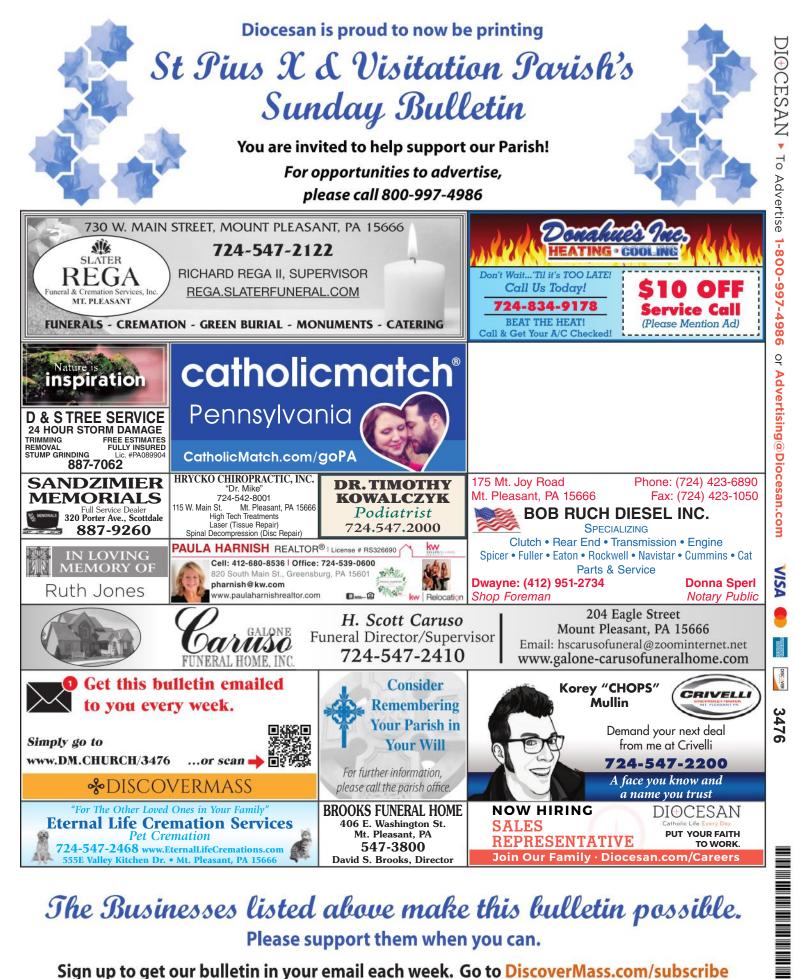
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The 12 Diocese of Greensburg Catholic schools now have millions of dollars in tuition assistance available! Become a TOP Student today. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsGuide.orfg. Or call 724-552-2565.



The Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary at 9:45am, on Sunday, August 20th at St. Pius X Church. Please join us in prayer!

Trip planned to 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., in 2024 Join fellow pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., July 17-21, 2024. The Diocese has reserved 100 five-day adult tickets to the event and a block of hotel rooms for our delegation. Families with children are encouraged to purchase discounted family tickets directly from the National Eucharistic Congress website. Registration includes one adult five-day ticket, bus transportation, daily transportation to the event center and a four-night hotel stay. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis at \$900/person for double occupancy \$1,200/person for single occupancy. Financial aid is available through the Francis Fund. Online reservations, at dioceseofgreensburg.org/evangelization/eucharisticrevival/national-eucharistic-congress/, are due by Sept. 1 with a 50% deposit. Final payment is due March 1.



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