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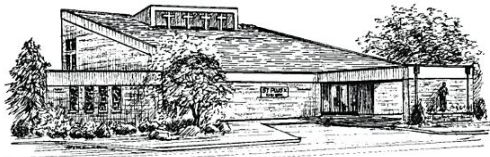
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September 10, 2023 - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Pius X & Visitation Parish Picnic



**This Sunday, September 10th
1pm - 4pm at Frick Park
Hamburgers, Hotdogs
& Beverages provided!
Games for all ages!!!!**



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.	9/11	St. Pius X 7:00am Laurie Kraisinger Lipniskis - sons, Andrew & Zachary Louise Livengood & Judy Zelmore - Denny & Patty
Tues.	9/12	St. Pius X 7:00am Edward & Agnes Cronin - Paul & Peggy Tepper John Halligan - Theresa Toczek
Wed.	9/13	St. Pius X 7:00am Parish Families
Thurs.	9/14	St. Pius X 7:00am Frank Kuzar - daughter, Joan Orlando
Friday	9/15	St. Pius X 7:00am Jacob & Stella Rysz - Grandchildren Maryann C. Minick - First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, Branch 44
Sat.	9/16	Visitation 4:00pm Komarny & Dzuban family - family St. Pius X 6:00pm Stanley Brorek - Josephine Prince
Sun.	9/17	Visitation 8:30am Edward Martin - wife & family St. Pius X 10:30am Erwin J. Pawlikowski - Mark & Debbie Potosky

Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 9/16	Visitation 4:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: David Brooks Minister: Barb Sandzimier Servers: Lily Spire, Owen Spires, Volunteer Cantor: Pat Martinoski St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Michael Hricik Ministers: Chris DeFlicht, Barbara Dropik Servers: Jaxon Farino, Volunteer, Volunteer Cantor: Jaime Golobish
Sun. 9/17	Visitation 8:30am Greeters: Volunteers Lector: Robert Manjerovic Minister: Joyce Guthrie Servers: Addison Grenda, Sophie Grenda, Volunteer Cantor: Linda Goodlin/Choir St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: Knights of Columbus Lector: Connie Barnhart Ministers: Carole Klocek, Sister Juliana Servers: Nolan Davis, Michael Hegyes, Volunteer Cantor: Kristin Guynn

PATRIOT DAY: Everyone remembers, and will probably always remember, where they were and what they were doing on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. This Monday, September 11, is a day of prayer and remembrance, as we mark the 22-year anniversary of the terrorists' attack on our country. While there are remembrances in New York City, Washington D.C. and Shanksville, we, as a parish, will gather at our daily Mass on Monday to commemorate this tragedy and pray, not just for all those who were affected by these events, but also for the peace and safety of our country and the members of our armed services who are fighting this war on terrorism. May all of us, in one way or another, stop for a moment of quiet prayer today, in our own words, or through use of the following prayer. May God bless America, our country.

Jesus, beloved Savior, in remembering these terrible events, we recognize our great need for Your guidance and protection. We have painfully learned that our country is vulnerable and that violence can disrupt both individuals and nations. We pray then for healing for all the people whose lives were shattered in the attacks. We pray for those who defend our freedom. We pray for wisdom for our national leaders. We pray for peace, for our country and our world. Jesus, beloved Savior, as we remember, hold us in Your loving hands. Amen.



**From the
Desk of
Fr. Dan**

I can remember being in high school and wrestling with some of the teachings of our faith. I went to a public high school, so when these subjects came up, I felt like I was on an island. Our law class debated the abortion issue and I was only one of a handful of students standing on the “pro-life” side of the room. And I had no idea what to say. Our biology class generally avoided the subject of whether or not Genesis 1 was accurate, but when the subject came up during discussion, it was not clear to me what I should believe. (I know now that I can believe in both Genesis and science.)

These things happened to me because I did not have sufficient information about our faith for my age. I attended a public middle and high school and did not have any other faith formation, so I was operating in the 12th grade with a 5th grade level of knowledge about my faith. And even though I attended Mass every week, I did not receive what I needed to help me address the questions I had or the confusion I felt at times. And as the culture shifts further and further from Christianity, this will only get more and more amplified.

Although I will admit that this did work out for me in the end, I wonder if others find themselves in a similar boat. How many of us are operating on a level of faith that doesn't match where we are in our lives? How many of us know more about fantasy football stats or Kim Kardashian's life choices than about our faith? When was the last time you actually did something to grow your faith? For many, the answer to this would be “never”.

My hope is that starting in October, you can make time to change the answer to that question. I get it. Life is busy. Many of us are swamped under many priorities. But we are now offering an excellent Bible study for adults to help you grow in your faith. We are also adding a program for high school students, as well as students ages 3-5 because of the importance of growing in our faith at our level. Our journey to heaven is lifelong, and as long as we're on this earth we are still students seeking the tools that we need to get there, no matter what age we are.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the man in leadership as the Soviet Union fell, once said “If you are not moving forward, you are moving backward.” My hope is that everyone who enters into this faith formation experience will be moving forward together toward the presence of God.


**Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:**

“Word Among Us”

Daily Meditations for Catholics

You may notice in the back of our Churches, a new Catholic periodical entitled the *Word Among Us*. This little magazine has daily meditations for Catholics. It is published on a monthly basis and contains Catholic Mass readings. These are furnished on a trial basis, free of charge, to see if there is an interest in this booklet. You can always make a free will offering if you would like. I hope this periodical will help you spend some time with our Lord.



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CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

New Office Hours
The parish office will be closed on Fridays. Normal office hours will be Monday thru Thursday from 9:30am - 3:00pm. Thank you for your attention to this change.



Job Opportunity

Our Parish Office is accepting resumes for a part-time Office Assistant to assist the staff in daily operations in the business office. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Products is required. Interested parties, please submit your cover letter and resume to:

Joy Wallace, Business Manager
St. Pius X and Visitation Churches
740 W. Walnut Street, Mt. Pleasant, PA
15666.

No phone calls please.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation for 2023-2024 will take place at least twice a month, unless otherwise noted.

This year we are pleased to introduce faith formation opportunities for every age group.

- ◆ Program for God's youngest (PK)
- ◆ Elementary faith formation (K-5)
- ◆ Middle youth formation (6-8)
- ◆ High school youth group (9-12)
- ◆ Adult Bible study - All are welcome.

Annual Program Cost

\$20 for first child

\$15 for second child

\$10 for third child

Cost of bible study TBD



Registration forms are in the entrance of church, or register online as soon as possible.



Evening Faith Formation

Opening Mass & Parent Meeting
Tuesday, September 19th

St. Pius X Church & St. Pius school building
6:00 p.m.

A gentle reminder to the Visitation Christian Mothers:

We will be sitting together at the 8:30 Mass on September 24, in honor of our living and deceased members. Please try to attend.

Weekly Offering - September 3, 2023

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$6,051.60
Capital Improvements.....	\$156
Growing.....	\$50
Accent.....	\$30
Assumption.....	\$12
Catholic Univ/School.....	\$20
Total Envelopes:	210

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$9,460
Capital Improvements.....	\$347
Accent.....	\$10
Assumption.....	\$10
World Mission.....	\$25
Total Envelopes:	227

Thank you for your generosity!



Confirmation Meeting

There will be a Confirmation meeting, Sunday, September 17 at 9:45am at Visitation Community Center for all students preparing to be confirmed, as well as their parents.

First Reconciliation & Communion Meeting

There will be a meeting for all students preparing for First Communion and their parents, Sunday, September 24 at 9:45am at Visitation Community Center.



Please pray for the wholeness & healing of

Arthur & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom OBrocto, Sr., Irene, Stephen H., Blue, Helen Miller, 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., Knox, Phillip, 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.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary - In memory of Mark Rose - Mom & Dad

Blessed Mother - In memory of Joseph & Helen Pepe - John & Janelle Deal

St. Joseph - In memory of Walter Shutty, Sr. - Love, Sandy & Steve

Our Lady of Czestochowa - In memory of Louise Livengood - Denny & Patty

Visitation

Sanctuary - In memory of Mary Martha Toczek - Joann Citro

Blessed Mother - In memory of Maryann Polcha - sisters, Libby & Vicky

St. Joseph - In memory of Wally & Annie Cable - Lou & Judy Bell

Madonna & Child - Special Intention



St. Pius X Parish Festival Follow-up Meeting Tuesday, September 12 at 7pm in St. Pius social hall.

All are welcome to attend and discuss our recent festival, what worked and where we can improve for next year. Hope to see you there!

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Reminder for all Ministers of the Altar

Beginning with the October minister schedule, please contact Erin @ eknizner@dioceseofgreensburg.org with your availability to minister. Thank You!



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

THIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, IS THE FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS:

The most common symbol of the Christian religion is what used to be a device for murdering criminals. The Romans set up crosses outside the city walls. Criminals were nailed or tied to them and left there to suffocate slowly. After they were dead, their naked bodies were left hanging as a warning to anyone who passed by. Since then, many writers of the church have reflected on the meaning of the cross on which Jesus died. A sign of shame had become a sign of honor. In dying on the cross, Jesus became one with the poorest, the outcast, the least among us.

A beautiful legend is told about the cross: When God sent Adam and Eve out of paradise, they carried with them a seed from the tree of life. After they died, their children buried them with the seed. From their bodies grew a new tree, which in time was cut down to make the wood of Jesus' cross, a new tree of life. The cross spread its four beams to wrap around creation, to join earth and heaven.

We Christians make the sign of the cross when we enter or leave a church, when we eat our meals, when we go to sleep at night, and when we wake in the morning. The cross is our protection in danger and a constant reminder of God's love. Before we were baptized, we were marked with the sign of the cross. That stamped each of us a Christian.

The feast of the Holy Cross began in the year 335, when churches in Jerusalem, built on the sites of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ, were dedicated. It became a major feast, and any Christian who could make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem would try to be there for the celebration. The whole 40-day period between Transfiguration Day (August 6) and Holy Cross Day became a time of pilgrimage to welcome the autumn season.



The Visitation Christian Mothers invite any/all ladies, young and/or older, of the parish to join their membership on Thursday, September 28th at 6pm; a rosary will begin at 5:30pm in the church. (Note: This date has been changed from the 21st to the 28th due to Glass Festival schedule conflicts.) Christian Mother Organizations began in Lille, France in 1850. The cultural challenges at that time, prompted ladies to gather to pray with and for one another and their children, to discuss their problems, and to advise one another under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows. Presently, there are six Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers in the world. They are located in Paris, Rome, Regensburg (Ratisbon), Cracow, Einsiedeln, and Pittsburgh. The society founded its way to America on January 16, 1881 at St. Augustine's Church, now known as Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 220-37th St., Pittsburgh, PA. Our local parish membership meets the 3rd Thursday of the month in April, May, September-December. We share prayer, fellowship and support to our parish. If interested in becoming a member, please call Jan Brooks at 724-547-5356 by Monday, September 25th. **To our Current Members:** This September meeting is our Annual Covered Dish. (I'm always amazed at the variety of foods displayed! It is a beautiful sight!) Please remember to add your name to your dish, so we can share recipes. **Following the 5:30pm rosary, we will induct any new members, and then proceed to the community center.** Thanks in advance, Jan.



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





We honor all of our grandparents and thank them for the gifts of raising their children and grandchildren in the faith. **September 10 is Grandparents' Day**, and we ask God to continue to bless and keep you as you see your children's children grow into men and women you helped guide. Along with our hugs and kisses, please make use of the following prayer today and always as we keep our grandparents in our thoughts and honor them:

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Sts. Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, Guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.

Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families Mission September 16 & 17

Next weekend, September 16 & 17 following all Masses, Roni Salsa, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to speak about the Christian situation in the Holy Land. The goal of this mission is to help Christian families in the Holy Land and Churches in the Middle East who have been affected by the continuous violence and the depletion of tourists to the area. Crucifixes, rosaries and religious articles, all made of Olive Wood, which is native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem, are available to purchase. The sale of these goods will help them very much and will give you the opportunity to have something "authentic" from the Holy Land to help your personal devotion. For more information, please see www.bcfmission.com.

St. Pius X Christian Mothers will be hosting **WOMEN OF THE BIBLE.**

The Christian Mothers/Women's Guild from Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin will portray 12 significant women from the Bible, and all are welcome to attend the event at St. Pius X on Sept. 30 at 11:00 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided after the presentation. Please mark your calendars!

Visitation Parish - Glass Festival News

The Glass Festival is on Friday September 22nd thru Sunday, September 24th. Once again we will have a booth featuring cavatelli with or without a meatball; halupki (cabbage roll); meatball slider; pizza and panksky (filled donuts). Signup sheets for our booth are in the rear of church. Please stop by and register to help at our booth. Say "Hello" to our neighbors and many visitors that attend this 3 day event. Monetary donations to help defray costs are needed and always appreciated. Your continued support is a blessing towards the many hours it takes our loyal volunteers in preparation for this event.



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