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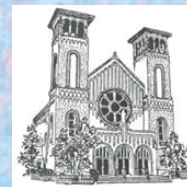
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October 1, 2023 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00p.m. - Visitation; 6:00p.m. - St. Pius X

Sunday: 8:30a.m. - Visitation; 10:30a.m. - St. Pius X

Weekday Mass: 7:00am - St. Pius X

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Mass Intentions

- Mon. 10/2 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Joseph & Mildred Martin-
family
Vincent & Charlene Prosnik-
Francis Prosnik
- Tues. 10/3 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Helen Witek– Agnes Witek
& family
Joseph Shibilsky– M/M David S. Brooks
- Wed. 10/4 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Parish Families
- Thurs. 10/5 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Alyssa Askin– family
James Rodgers– Bonnie & family
- Friday 10/6 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Thomas J. Henderson, Sr.-
Wife, Rosemary
- Sat. 10/7 **Visitation**
4:00pm Living & deceased members of
the Visitation Rosary Altar Society
St. Pius X
6:00pm Tom, June & Joseph Grabiak &
Lou Krumanacker– family
- Sun. 10/8 **Visitation**
8:30am Michael & Helen Komarny-
Ray & Joyce Guthrie
St. Pius X
10:30am Beans & Mary Ellen– Bo & Bev
Patty Midden– St. Pius X Christian Mothers

Please join us every
Wednesday to pray the
Rosary for peace.
11:30 a.m. at
St. Pius X



Ministry of the Altar

- Sat. 10/7 **Visitation 4:00pm**
Greeters: Rosary Altar Society
Lector: Robert Manjerovic
Eucharistic Minister: Barb Sandzimier
Servers: Lily & Owen Spires, volunteer

Cantor: Peggy Tepper
St. Pius X 6:00pm
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Joe Klocek
Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Coppula &
Mary Ann Arrigo
Servers: Sophia & Ava Coppula, Emma Ersick
Cantor: Kristen Felentzer
- Sun. 10/8 **Visitation 8:30am**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: John Zemba
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Zemba
Servers: Langdon & Amelia Thomas,
Grant Zahrobsky
Cantor: Eric Harris/Choir
St. Pius X 10:30am
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Robert Davis
Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Barnhart &
Ted Czekaj
Servers: Nolan Davis, Camden Stouffer,
Michael Hegyes
Cantor: Kristin Guynn



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 _____

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Phone # _____

Confessions heard at Visitation every
Saturday, beginning at 3:15 p.m.
and the first Saturday of the month at
St. Pius X, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

*From the
Desk of
Fr. Dan*

October is Respect Life month for us as Catholics, and we are called to be more attentive to pro-life issues in our world and in our community. As Catholics, we respect the dignity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death and work to protect that fundamental right in our world. This is not an easy thing to do, as questions about the beginning and end of life are often very political in nature. And not only are we not supposed to talk about religion and politics, but the two subjects are not supposed to mix.

But we must be careful here. The word “politics” come from the Latin word *politicus* meaning “of citizens of the state”. Saying that something is political means that it pertains to everyone under that governing body. Saying that we shouldn’t talk about political (or religious) things amounts to saying that we shouldn’t talk about anything that really matters. And isn’t that how things seem? We talk often about the weather, sports and entertainment—things that don’t really carry much weight. We rarely talk about the things that matter to us—the things that get us very emotionally charged.

I think this is a shame. If someone approaches me about an issue I take very personally and I am not used to talking about it seriously, I probably will get very emotional and not be able to talk about it reasonably. This means that I will never want to talk about it and never have an opportunity to change my mind about it if I am wrong. It also means that emotion carries more weight than reasoned thought, because I can’t get beyond my emotions regarding a topic. Emotionally charged decisions are not typically better than reasonably informed ones.

The Catholic Church speaks out about life issues because it is about coming to a knowledge of the truth, even when it makes us emotional or uncomfortable. As a church, we do not identify with any political party. In the ‘60s, most Catholics were Democrats, whereas I think today, more are Republicans. But we ally with both parties on different issues—Democrats on immigration and the death penalty, and Republicans on abortion and freedom of religion, just to name a few. It is not that we preach and support one party over the other. We preach and support the truth. Period. When it seems that we as a religion get into politics more than we should, it’s because the truth matters, and in many cases, lives and souls are at stake. Emotional banter is far too common in the political scene. We can and we must be a voice of reason that breaks into areas that are often emotionally charged but lacking in deep reflection and truth.

My hope is that regardless of your political affiliations and leanings, you will consider taking part in Respect Life month. Perhaps you can come with Bishop Kulick and me to the PA March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, October 16. You can sign up on our diocesan webpage at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries.

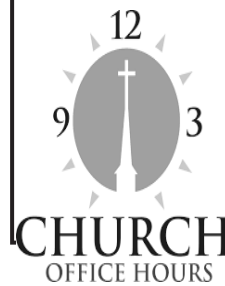
*Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:*

Mark your calendar!

A public rosary rally is planned for October 14, 2023 at the Blessed Mother grotto at St. Rita’s Church in Connellsville, starting at noon. There will be rallies all over the country that day. We must stop the secularist from trying to push God from the public square and pray to God for help. He will hear us if we pray through the Intercession of His Blessed Mother. The rally will be held rain or shine. Please bring a chair.



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.

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as “Respect Life Month”. This year, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge of Arlington, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) Committee on Pro-Life Activities invites Catholics to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Respect Life Month by embracing “radical solidarity” with women facing difficult or challenging pregnancies.

Bishop Burbidge echoes Saint John Paul II, who coined the term “radical solidarity” in reference to the care owed to vulnerable pregnant women: “In firmly rejecting ‘pro-choice’ it is necessary to become courageously ‘pro-woman’, promoting a choice that is truly in favor of women...The only honest stance, in these cases, is that of radical solidarity with the woman.”

While our efforts must remain strong to end legalized abortion, Bishop Burbidge affirmed the personal responsibility of all Catholics to “thoroughly surround mothers in need with life-giving support and personal accompaniment.”

Weekly Offering - September 24, 2023

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....\$3,981
Capital Improvements.....\$24
Growing.....\$55
Seminarian/2nd Coll.\$387
Total Envelopes: 147

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....\$5,179
Capital Improvements.....\$40
Seminarian/2nd Coll.\$332
Total Envelopes: 167

Thank you for your generosity!

Annual Visitation Christian Mothers Rummage Sale

Plans are underway for this event, and please remember, we will not accept appliances, computers or furniture.

Drop-off times for gently used items are:

Saturday, Oct. 7 from 1-4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 9 from 12-3 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 10 from 12-7 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 12-3 p.m.

Actual sale times are:

Thursday, Oct. 12 from 4-8 p.m.
(food truck available)
Friday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 14 from 9-11 a.m.

The members are always in awe of the many supportive donations from our fellow parishioners. So, I offer a "Thanks" in advance. ~Jan



Visitation Christian Mothers



October 8, 6 p.m.: Gathering with Rosary Altar Society to pray an outdoor Rosary behind the parish office (will move indoors if weather isn't cooperative)

October 16: Morning Mass intention for our beloved Mary Toczek

Adoration: First Friday, October 6th
St. Pius X Church

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

Confessions: First Saturday, October 7th
12noon at St. Pius X Church

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

St. Pius X Christian Mothers

Distribution of Precious Life bottles this weekend!

Donations of cash or check will be accepted until October 29, 2023.

Proceeds will be divided between Catholic Charities and Alternatives Yes.

Please return your contribution to the church:
a box will be available for the bottles.

Thank you for your generosity!



Please pray for the wholeness & healing of

Arthur & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom O'Brocto, Sr., Irene, Stephen H., Blue, 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 Ruzzkowski, Liz, Andy, Brenda, Paul, Bertie Zaucha, Barry Stanziana, David & Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, Margie, Sue Ruzzkowski, 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., Mercedes Isola, Georgia, 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, Betty Mencer, Bridget Curtis, Joan W.

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary– Helen Miller– St. Pius X Christian Mothers

Blessed Mother– Sarah Minick– St. Pius X Christian Mothers

St. Joseph– All living & deceased members of the St. Pius Christian Mothers

Our Lady of Czestochowa

Visitation

Sanctuary– Mary Zubach– family

Blessed Mother– Sally Smetak– Visitation Rosary-Altar Society

St. Joseph– Joe & Mildred Martin– family

Madonna & Child– Alyssa Askin– family

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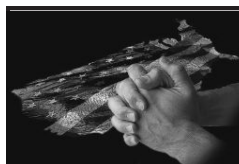
Please join us in prayer in honor of the Feast of the Rosary. We will pray the Rosary on Sunday evening, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. at the outdoor grotto behind the church or inside the church, depending on the weather. All are invited.



Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Sarah "Sally" Smetak

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.



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.

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!



***All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast
next Sunday, October 8, Sponsored by
St. Pius X Holy Name Society***

8am - 12noon @ St. Pius X social hall
Adults/\$10.00, children(3 - 12)/\$3.00,
under 3/Free
Tickets will be sold at the door.

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.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY NAME will have a pancake breakfast in the church social hall, this Sunday, October 1, from 7:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$7.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children 10 and under!

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THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.

The church of Francis's day was wealthy and powerful, and most people did not have the courage to take the words of the gospels literally. But Francis followed Christ's example. He became the "Poverella"—the "little poor one". He owned only one tunic, a plain brown robe with a rope for a belt, which was the garment worn by peasants when they labored in the fields. He worked with lepers, the most despised people of society. He acted as peacemaker between warring towns. Soon others began to join Francis, earning their bread by working in the field or by doing odd jobs. Francis had an understanding of the unity of all creation that was way ahead of its time. He addressed every created thing as a brother or sister and treated everything with reverence. He allowed the beauty of creation to fill him with joy.

Francis became ill and died when he was only 45 years old. On his deathbed he composed the Canticle of the Sun, a hymn of praise still sung to this day. Then he asked to be laid on Brother Earth naked so that he could welcome Sister Death as simply as possible. The pope who canonized him two years later described him as "the most perfect image of Christ". His body rests in the basilica that was built at Assisi after his death.

Francis of Assisi is a patron saint of Italy. In 1979, he was also named patron saint of ecologists and all people who work to protect the environment.



*In keeping with the tradition of the feast day,
we will have a **blssing of animals** this
Wednesday,
October 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Pius X
Church parking lot.*





**PRAYER FOR
RADICAL SOLIDARITY**

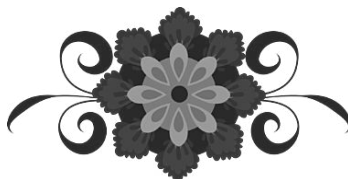
O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing Determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord.

Amen.



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