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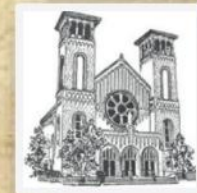
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October 15, 2023 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

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

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

Weekday Mass: 7:00a.m. at St. Pius X

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Mass Intentions

- Mon. 10/16 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Mary Martha Toczek– Visitation
Christian Mothers
Tony & Dolly Kowalewski–
Patty & Denny
- Tues. 10/17 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Amy Peifer– Nyla & Nate
John Halligan– Ron & Natalie Gaydos
- Wed. 10/18 **St. Pius X**
7:00 a.m. parish families
- Thurs. 10/19 **St. Pius X**
7:00 a.m. Bernice Melega– daughters
William & Veronica Chain and
son, William Chain– Linda & Frank Chain
- Friday 10/20 **St. Pius X**
7:00am Jennie Maholtz– daughter, Joann
Paul & Lucille Novosel– Ed &
Charlotte Hendricks
- Sat. 10/21 **Visitation**
4:00pm Susan Kurimcak– family
St. Pius X
6:00pm John Parisi– family
- Sun. 10/22 **Visitation**
8:30am Edward Kendi– Phyllis Surma
Joseph D. Malego– Dennis,
Joe Jr. & Janice
St. Pius X
10:30am deceased members of the
Schroll family– family
Betty Sofranko– Jeff & Donna
Sofranko & sons

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.



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.

Ministry of the Altar

- Sat. 10/21 **Visitation 4:00pm**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: David Brooks
Eucharistic Minister: Yvonne Hunter
Servers: Clara & Caleb Stewart, volunteer
Cantor: Phil Brown
St. Pius X 6:00pm
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Barb Dropik
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Klaus & Hank Rose
Servers: Sophia & Ava Coppola, volunteer
Cantor: Pat Martinoski
- Sun. 10/22 **Visitation 8:30am**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Brian Hunter
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Zemba
Servers: Langdon & Amelia Thomas,
Addison Grenda
Cantor: Sharon Stewart
St. Pius X 10:30am
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Becky Czekaj-Dengler
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Juliana & Madonna Mullin
Servers: Jaxon Farino, Michael Hegyes, volunteer
Cantor: Linda Joanne Geckle

Candles this Week



- St. Pius X**
Sanctuary– John Ricotta– sister
Blessed Mother– Peter F. Marne– brother, Richard
St. Joseph– Peter F. Marne– family
Our Lady of Czestochowa–Jackie Nalevanko & Eugene Kowalewski– family

- Visitation**
Sanctuary– Fiedorczyk brother & sister– Joe & Teresa Baluh
Blessed Mother– Mary Martha Toczek– children & grandchildren
St. Joseph– John Halligan– John & Pat Donlon
Madonna & Child– in honor of Abbey Askin– family

From
the Desk
of
Fr. Dan

Many are invited, but few are chosen. -Mt 22:14

I fear that too many of us fall into the trap of thinking that we're already good enough to make it to heaven when we actually have more work to do. In our Gospel this week, we hear Jesus' parable comparing the kingdom of heaven to a king's wedding feast. At the very end of the parable, we hear about the man who comes to the wedding without a wedding garment, and he is not permitted to come in to the wedding. I have heard some priests preach on this subject about our dress at Mass. And although it is true that what we wear subconsciously impacts how we behave, that's not really what this passage is trying to say.

Our wedding garment is our baptismal garment—the white clothing that is a symbol of our being washed clean from the stain of sin. At our baptism, we received the white garment that we are to wear into eternal life. Our task as Christians is to keep that garment free from the stain of sin so that we are always ready to enter the wedding feast whenever we are called home to the Lord. When we sin, we stain our wedding garment. And if we stain it enough, we may not be allowed entry to the feast.

Most of us probably think that we are "good people". I hear this a lot in confession. "I don't do anything that bad." I think this comes from an underlying assumption that most people will get to heaven and that the bar is not set very high. This would mean that all I need to do is to be above average, and I'll be allowed in. That is not what Jesus teaches us in the Gospels. In Matthew 5:48, Jesus tells us to "be perfect". In Matthew 19:24, he tells us that it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the Kingdom of God. And in the passage above, we are told that many are invited, but few are chosen.

I'm not saying that these passages tell us that a low percentage of people will get to heaven. Neither does the Catholic Church claim to know. We don't know how high the bar is. But I am saying that we need to take seriously these passages that suggest that entry into heaven is not easy or automatic. We cannot give up in the fight against sin. We must assume that our wedding garment is not clean enough to enter the wedding feast yet. Even if we are "good people", we are called to be "better people".

Many are invited, but few are chosen. By the grace of God, may we live our lives in such a way to be one of those chosen to enter the wedding feast.

*Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:*

On October 21-22, the Universal Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. This global Eucharistic celebration for the Church's missions is an opportunity to remind us of our call to be missionary disciples. Each member of the Church is called to assist the Holy Father in exercising his Petrine obligation to provide support for the missionary Church by praying for our missionaries and financially aiding their ministry.

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies, is the only canonically mandated collection in the Church. This year, the spirit of Pope Francis's theme, "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move", inspires us as we are reminded of the Holy Spirit's Presence in the Church, leading us an energetic and unwavering faith that fuels our desire to share that faith with those who have not yet heard the Good News.

For the past 201 years, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith has extended its arms to support growing churches globally, reaching more than 1,100 mission dioceses across Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe. This assistance bolsters the proclamation of the Gospel, the building of the Church, and service to the poor. Let us echo the Spirit's call to action in our parishes, inspiring our parishioners to contribute both prayer and sacrifice to this cause on World Mission Sunday.

The World Mission Sunday collection in the United States supports CNEWA (Catholic Near East Welfare Association), aiding the Oriental Churches in need. It also supports the Pontifical Council on Latin America. Our own sister Diocese of Sicuani, Peru may benefit from the collection. The balance supports the Church in those dioceses in Africa and Asia which are designated as mission territories. Last year, the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the United States sent over \$23 million to the bishops, priests, religious brothers, religious sisters, and lay missionaries who help spread the Gospel in these territories.

As papal nuncio Cardinal Christophe Pierre wrote to the Bishops in the United States last year, our support to World Mission Sunday "makes possible the proclamation of the Gospel, the celebration of the Sacraments, and service to the poor in mission dioceses."

Please be as generous as you're able in the second collection for the missions, that will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.

Visitation Christian Mothers' News



Our October meeting will be held on the 19th at 6 p.m. in the Community Center. The meeting will be centered around a "Cute Halloween Theme". For fun, members are encouraged to wear an item that represents the theme; but no costumes. Mrs. Patty Smithnosky & Mrs. Sarah Martin are the chair and co-chairpersons. Don Witt will review responses to an active shooter. All are encouraged to attend. As always, all Lovely Ladies of the parish are welcome.

PA MARCH FOR LIFE
Harrisburg, PA
October 16, 2023

JOIN US on five luxury buses with 13 pick-up locations taking Greensburg Diocesan Parishioners to the PA March for Life. All ages are encouraged to join Bishop Larry Kulick on this peaceful March supporting the unborn. Use the link or QR code to register. Tell your loved ones, tell your friends: COME and support LIFE in Pennsylvania. All are welcome!

General Itinerary:
Early AM – Bus Pick-up at 13 Parishes (Register to find out your pick-up time.)
11:00 – Bus arrival in Harrisburg
11:00 – 12:00 Rally (Eat your packed lunch during the rally.)
12:00 – 1:00 March
1:30 - 2:15 – Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
3:00 - 3:45 – Meet with representatives and group photo
4:00 – Bus departure for home
TBD – Stop for dinner, drop-off at same pick-up location
Register Here:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/714945169247?aff=oddtcreator>
<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/>
 Need help? Contact Christina Cerilli at ccerilli@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Visitation Christian Mothers



October 16: Morning Mass intention for our beloved Mary Martha Toczek



RESPECT LIFE
PRAYER FOR A BABY IN HER MOTHER'S WOMB

O God of all creation, nurture and protect this tiny child and keep her safe in the sanctuary of her mother's womb. As you so wondrously form her heart and mind and lungs and soul, so strengthen our will to lovingly nurture and protect her. Give us the eyes to see her as our sister, the minds to welcome her as our own, and the faith to defend her as your child. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, and the mother of all the little ones, through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.



All lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers: Please submit the dates you **WILL NOT** be available to serve for the months of November and December to Erin by October 19.
eknizner@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Adding December will facilitate scheduling, due to upcoming holidays & breaks. We appreciate your cooperation and continued service to our parishes!



St. Pius X Christian Mothers



It's BINGO time!

Sunday, November 5, 2023

At St. Pius X social hall

Doors open at noon.

20 games @ \$75

4 specials @ \$125

\$1,000 Jackpot

**Admission ticket includes 1st
package, additional package is
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Leave a message if no answer.

THANK YOU!



*Please note that in just over two weeks' time,
the location of our daily morning Mass will
change from St. Pius X to Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
7:00 a.m., as always.*



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

**Please pray for the wholeness and
healing of:**

Mike Curci, Arthur & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom O'BroctoSr., 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 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., 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.

BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

The next session of our Bible study of First Corinthians will meet on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. Please read 1 Corinthians, chapter 4:14 through chapter 7:40 for that evening. If you'd like to reflect upon what we covered at our first meeting, take a look at chapter 3:4, chapter 1:27 and chapter 4:7.



The Pennsylvania bishops consecrated the state to Our Lady of Fatima on September 27, 2017 at a Mass in Harrisburg, and Bishop Edward Malesic consecrated the Diocese of Greensburg to Our Lady of Fatima on October 7, 2017 at the Diocesan Rosary Rally. The consecrations took place on the 100th anniversary of the final apparition of Mary to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal, on October 13, 1917.

Prayer for the consecration of the Diocese of Greensburg to Our Lady of Fatima:

Mary, conceived without sin, Christ gave you to us as our Mother. We are grateful for your maternal care. As Our Lady of the Assumption, the Patroness of our Diocese, we rejoice that you are the Queen of Heaven and Earth. You lead us to Jesus and intercede for us with love. We seek refuge in your mantle of protection. Help us in our struggle against evil and inspire us to seek only what is good. In memory of your appearances at Fatima, we consecrate the Diocese of Greensburg to you. We ask for peace in our homes and throughout the world. Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Imprimatur, The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL, 2017.

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



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**Homemade Cavatelli
and/or
Spaghetti Dinner**

Salad, Bread, Dessert and Beverage

Saturday, October 28th

4pm - 7:30pm

Visitation Community Center

Adults..... \$15.00

Children...^(12 and Under)..... \$7.50

Toddlers 3 and Under are Free

Tickets Purchased at the Door

Fat. In or Take Out

The Visitation Rosary Altar Society will have its annual bake sale, in conjunction with the cavatelli dinner, at the Visitation center on Saturday, October 28, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Sales will continue the next day, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, if there are any goodies still in need of "adoption"! :)





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Once again, the Diocese of Greensburg asks all parishes to conduct a weekly count of the Catholics who are attending Mass. During the month of October, we will be taking a count and will share the results with you when it is completed.

Weekly Offering - October 8, 2023

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....\$4,794
Capital Improvements.....\$40
Growing.....\$106
World Mission Sunday.....\$60
All Saints'.....\$10
All Souls'.....\$15

Total Envelopes: 162

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....\$7,251
All Souls'.....\$20

Total Envelopes: 181

Thank you for your generosity!

Those preparing for their First Confession are strongly encouraged to attend the Reconciliation Workshop scheduled for next Saturday, October 21, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the St. Pius X social hall.

**St. Vincent DePaul in Mt. Pleasant:
724-547-0413**

**HIGH SCHOOL & YOUNG ADULT
PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT GROUP:**
The Melchizedek Project is designed for high school and young adult-aged men who would like to grow in their understanding of how to discern a vocation and learn more about the priesthood. Visit greensburgpriest.org for information, dates, and registration. Please note that groups are age-specific.

The Melchizedek Project

Discernment Group for Young Adults 18+

An afternoon of prayer, discussion and fellowship

Join us if you are interested in learning how to discover God's will for our life and are open to learning more about the priesthood.

3:30 PM

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