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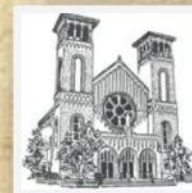
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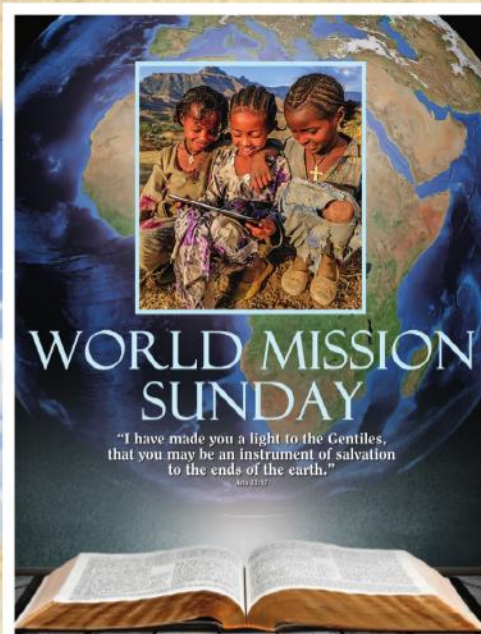


Mt. Pleasant, PA



740 West Walnut Street

October 22, 2023 - 29th 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.	10/23	St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Helen Miller– St. Pius X Christian Mothers Sarah Minick– St. Pius X Christian Mothers
Tues.	10/24	St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Phyllis Kocis– Roy & Cathy Deceased members of the Junick family– Marjorie Harmening
Wed.	10/25	St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Mary Ann Leshko– Joann & Andy Sarah Minick– LouAnn Zabela
Thurs.	10/26	St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Joseph, Anna & Richard Magyar– Kathy
Friday	10/27	St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Albert & Ruth Gillott– daughter, Debbie Stanziana parish families
Sat.	10/28	Visitation 4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Payonk & daughter, Valerie– Stanley Payonk & family St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Remo R. Caschera, Jr.– wife, Josephine Frederick & Doris Manns– family
Sun.	10/29	Visitation 8:30 a.m. Maryann C. Minick– Steve King St. Pius X 10:30 a.m. Philomena Grohal– William Grohal Helen Miller– John & Isabel Brodak

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 person-
nel 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.	10/28	Visitation 4:00pm Greeters: volunteers Lector: Raymond Gamrat Eucharistic Minister: Marlene Cibulas Servers: Colton Golobish, Owen & Lily Spires Cantor: Jaime Golobish St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: volunteers Lector: Michael Hricik Eucharistic Ministers: Chris DeFlicht & Cindy Copeland Servers: Emma Ersick, volunteers Cantor: Phil Brown
Sun.	10/29	Visitation 8:30am Greeters: volunteers Lector: Tereasa Rerko Eucharistic Minister: Joann Maholtz Servers: Sophie Grenda, Grant Zahrobsky, Ty Whoric Cantor: Kathy Demagall St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: volunteers Lector: Acacia Houck Eucharistic Ministers: Raymond Gamrat & Dan Copeland Servers: Camden Stouffer, Nolan Davis, volunteer Cantor: Chris DeFlicht

Candles this Week



St. Pius X <i>Sanctuary</i> – Patty Midden– Cathy & George Bando <i>Blessed Mother</i> – Esther Czekaj– Ted Czekaj & family <i>St. Joseph</i> – Carl Schroll– family <i>Our Lady of Czestochowa</i> —Tony & Dolly Kowalewski– family
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Visitation <i>Sanctuary</i> – Mary Martha Toczek– Visitation Christian Mothers <i>Blessed Mother</i> – Daniel Citro– wife & daughter <i>St. Joseph</i> – John Halligan– John & Pat Donlon <i>Madonna & Child</i> – in honor of Abbey Askin– family
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*From
the Desk
of
Fr. Dan*

I suspect that there are some in our community who expected to come to Mass and hear me preach about the situation in the Middle East. There are two main reasons why I didn't preach on it. The first is because I honestly didn't have the time to learn enough about it to speak on the situation. The second reason is that I didn't think I really needed to speak authoritatively on something that I think is self-evident—what's happening is terrible and we need to pray for peace. I do want to apologize for not praying for peace at the end of a couple of Masses because of the many things happening in our community. That was an unintentional omission on my part, and I apologize if it upset anyone.

Having had a little more time to reflect, I do have some thoughts I'd like to offer. The first is that the situation in Gaza/Israel is extremely complicated. When the modern nation of Israel was established post-World War II, the land was taken from Palestinians whose ancestors had lived there for hundreds of years and given to Jewish people. No matter how you look at it, this was an injustice to those people. Since that time, the resentment has only grown on both sides and while there have been periods of non-violence, there has never been real peace.

Another thing to consider is that the nation of Israel is not a continuation of the chosen people of God from two millennia ago. It is a modern nation-state in the same way that France or Egypt is today. I think that some believe that Israel ought to have a special place in modern society. But Jesus came to establish a new people of God—the Church—in which all people in every nation are invited to participate. Just because Israel is in the same location under the same name as God's chosen people long ago does not mean that it has the same right of place in salvation history.

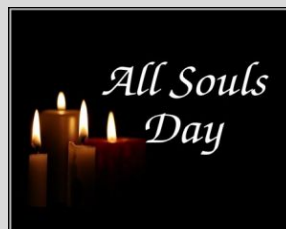
Finally, although the two sides are different in terms of religion (Jewish and Muslim), the issue is not primarily religious. It is political. It certainly doesn't help that "love your enemies" is not a part of either religion, but this is really about land and power. Both sides want to destroy each other because of past hatreds. I wish I could say that if both sides were Christian instead that this wouldn't happen—being predominantly Christian has not stopped the war for the last 2,000 years.

Hamas has initiated open conflict in a horrific way that is terrible and wrong. Destruction of a group of people will not bring true peace. We must pray for a peaceful resolution to this conflict that respects the dignity of all people on both sides. It may seem impossible for both sides to be open to forgiveness given the history. But we know that nothing is impossible for God.

*Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:*

THIS WEEKEND, WE CELEBRATE WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IN THE PARISHES OF OUR DIOCESE. Even as we may struggle with challenges here at home, on World Mission Sunday we are called to remember, in a special way, the great needs of the Church, and her life-giving service in the developing world. We should encourage prayer, personal sacrifice and generous financial support for the more than 1,150 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. Please be as generous as you can in the second collection for the missions that will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

ALL SOULS DAY PREPARATION: Looking ahead, we can see on the Liturgical Calendar that Thursday,



November 2, is the Feast of All Souls Day. The Masses here in Mt. Pleasant on All Souls Day will be celebrated at Visitation at 7:00 a.m., at St.

Pius X at noon, and again at Visitation at 6:00 p.m. At the 6 p.m. Mass, we will remember, in a special way, all our parishioners who died since November 2, 2022 by reading a roll call and lighting a candle in their memory. We ask all the families of these parishioners to make an effort to be present. These families will receive a special invitation in the mail. It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.

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.

You're invited

Respect Life Month Special Presentation

Explore the importance of listening
as part of evangelization.

**"Listening a Person into Life:
The Art of Being Present"**

TUESDAY, OCT. 24TH
6:30 PM
VISITATION CHURCH
COMMUNITY CENTER
724 WALNUT ST.
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PUMPKIN PIE - COOKIES - REFRESHMENTS



CAROLYN
CANNIZZARO

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GREENSBURG
DIRECTOR OF
PRO-LIFE ADVOCACY



This Tuesday, all are invited to a talk by Carolyn Cannizzaro, Diocese Director of Pro-Life Advocacy. She'll explore the importance of listening as part of evangelization in her talk *Listening a Person into Life: The Art of Being Present*. Pumpkin pie, cookies, and refreshments will be provided. Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Visitation community center.



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 23.
eknizner@dioceseofgreensburg.org


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

Please note that in just over one 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.



BIBLE STUDY UPDATE

The next session of our Bible Study of First Corinthians will meet on Tuesday, October 31st at 6 p.m. Please read 1 Corinthians, Chapter 8:1 through Chapter 11:1 for that evening.



**October Faithful Challenge:
Support the Unborn**

Bishop Kulick's October Faithful Challenge is to support the unborn. The parish is truly Catholic when it proclaims the Gospel, lives through service to others, as well as when each member of the faith community reflects on Catholic social teaching and puts that teaching into practice. Considering participating in Respect Life events throughout October, pray for the unborn and visit TheAccentOnline.org to read Bishop Kulick's Respect Life Message.

USCCB Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

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Yesterday Today Forever

Upcoming Events with the Holy Name Society

Join us for our Monthly Meetings in the St. Pius X Social Hall at 8:45am on November 5 and December 10



Our Next Omelet Breakfast
Sunday November 12
8am to 12pm

Christian Mothers



Sunday November 5 Noon to 4



HNS Christmas Sock Hop

St. Pius X Social Hall

Friday, December 1 - 6 to 10pm



HNS Night of Reflection

Monday December 11 - St. Pius X

Rosary 6:15 - Guest Speaker 6:30



St. Pius X Christian Mothers

BINGO & lunch

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
St. Pius X Social Hall, Mt. Pleasant

20 games @ \$75
4 specials @ \$125
\$1,000 jackpot

Tickets \$30
(only 250 sold!)

50/50
basket auction

- Doors open at 12:00 noon
- Early birds start at 1:45 pm
- Admission ticket includes Italian lunch and first package; each additional package is \$5.

For tickets, call **Connie** at 724-547-5269,
Pam at 724-696-3096, or **Margie** at 724-331-2546.

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Gregory Petro, Diane Henry & George Vomish, Sr.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

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.



Mark your calendars for the
next
**RECONCILIATION
WORKSHOP:**
Saturday, November 11,
9-11 a.m. @ SPX hall.

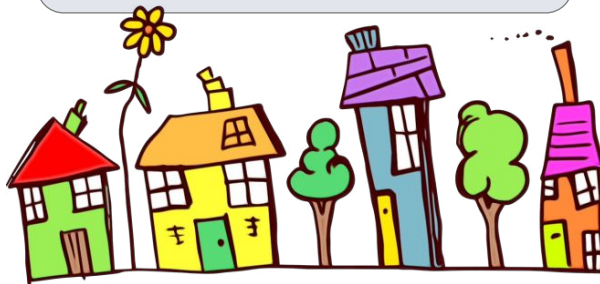
If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone—please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop’s Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop’s Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.



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In & Around Our Neighborhood...



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”! :) Members may bring baked goods after 12:00 p.m. on Saturday.



Weekly Offering - October 15, 2023

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$5,554
Capital Improvements.....	\$515
Growing.....	\$54
World Mission Sunday.....	\$40
All Saints’.....	\$10
All Souls’.....	\$30
Seminarian.....	\$30
Total Envelopes: 168	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$6,567
Capital Improvements.....	\$30
World Mission Sunday.....	\$15
Total Envelopes: 192	

Thank you for your generosity!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children ages 4 and older are invited during the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Pius X to join in the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. The children go to a separate room to hear the Scripture readings proclaimed, explained and celebrated in age-appropriate ways. There is no cost or registration for this program. Simply have your child come forward when Father invites them. Children are returned to their pew during the Presentation of the Gifts.



Sponsored by:

Visitation Church *and* FCSLA

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

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