## St. Pius X Parish



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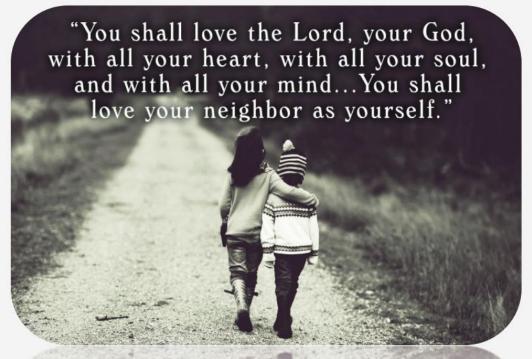


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Mt. Pleasant, PA

740 West Walnut Street

October 29, 2023 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00p.m. at Visitation; 6:00 p.m. at St. Pius X Sunday: 8:30a.m. at Visitation; 10:30 a.m. at St. Pius X Weekday Mass: 7:00 a.m. at St. Pius X

Administrator: Very Rev. Paul A. Lisik, V.F. plisik@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Daniel E. Carr dcarr@dioceseofgreensburg.org

#### **Mass Intentions**

Wed.

11/1

10/30 St. Pius X Mon. 7:00 a.m. Adam & Viola Rudzinskigranddaughter Connie, Bob, Natalie and Corey Sarah Minick- Ed & Charlotte Hendricks Tues. 10/31 St. Pius X

7:00 a.m. Don Orlando- wife, Joan & **ALL SAINTS DAY** 

7:00 a.m. Visitation- Dominic Giallonardo 12:00 p.m. Visitation, 6:00 p.m. St. Pius X

Thurs. 11/2 **All Souls Day** 7:00 a.m. Visitation, 12:00 p.m. St. Pius X, 6:00 p.m. Visitation- For all souls

11/3 **Visitation** Friday 7:00 a.m. Robert Prickett- Karen Eugene J. Melego- wife, Shirley

11/4 Sat. **Visitation** 4:00 p.m. Agnes Harvan-daughter, Genevieve

> St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Stephen A. Klocek- Gertrude Klocek

11/5 Sun. **Visitation** 8:30 a.m. Joseph & Florence Potocki and Walter & Frances Bailey- Joe & Kathy Potocki & family St. Pius X

10:30 a.m. Sarah Minick-Mel & Bonnie Vertacnik



#### **OUR STAFF**

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#### Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 11/4 Visitation 4:00 p.m.

> Greeters: volunteers Lector: David Brooks

Eucharistic Minister: Marlene Cibulas Servers: Colton Golobish, Clara & Caleb Stewart

Cantor: Jaime Golobish

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: John DiPasquale

Eucharistic Ministers: Dan & Cindy Copeland Servers: Sophia & Anna Coppula, volunteer

Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

Sun. 11/5 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

> Greeters: volunteers Lector: John Zemba

Eucharistic Minister: Donna Zemba

Servers: Sophie & Addison Grenda, volunteer

Cantor: Sharon Stewart

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Robert Davis

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Anna Maria & Sr. Juliana

Servers: Camden Stouffer, Jaxon Farino, Braxton Pastore

Cantor: Phil Brown/choir

### Candles this Week



#### St. Pius X

Sanctuary - Steve Klocek - Thomas & Marian Klocek

Blessed Mother— Helen Miller— St. Pius X Christian Mothers

St. Joseph- Sarah Minick- St. Pius X Christian Mothers

Our Lady of Czestochowa- all living & deceased St. Pius X Christian Mothers – SPX Christian Mothers

#### **Visitation**

Sanctuary- Kenneth Foriska- family

Blessed Mother- Thelma Barrick- Barrick family

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.

As we begin to approach the Advent season, we will find ourselves the Desk preparing for the coming of Christ on Christmas. (I am sure that "Christmas creep" has already begun in the stores, so why not in my bulletin article?) One of the ways

that the prophets call us to prepare and repent is to "clean up" our act. St. Paul instructs the Corinthians to "clear out the old yeast". I am inviting parishioners from both of our parishes to help "clear out the old dust".

Both of our churches get well-used during the year, and although they get cleaned weekly by maintenance staff, they could use a deep cleaning prior to the great celebration of Advent and Christmas. And to me, this ought to be done by devoted parishioners.

We are truly blessed in Mt. Pleasant to have two beautiful churches. Even though their architectural styles are very different, they each have a way of creating an environment of reverence. As a priest, I am blessed that it doesn't take a lot of effort to celebrate a reverent Mass in either place. Although I am not the kind of person to notice details, I know that some more detail-oriented people get distracted during liturgies when things aren't as they ought to be. When statues appear grimy or candle followers are covered in wax, not only is that a distraction but it can appear that we simply don't care enough about our worship. We want visitors to believe that our churches are a foretaste of heaven. An no one I know thinks that heaven needs to be dusted.

I have been in churches where professional services come in and clean and I have been in churches where devoted parishioners clean. The outcome is not the same. Although the professional cleaners are probably better trained, the churches where parishioners clean tend to sparkle. This is because they aren't doing it for pay. They are doing it for God.

My request and challenge to you is to mobilize a team of parishioners sometime in November to deep-clean our churches as we prepare for the new liturgical year and the great feast of Christmas. Doing so is not only a service to our community, but a service to God himself.

## Notes from our Administrator,



#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, WE CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.

"There was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands." The first reading at Mass, from the 7th Chapter of the Book of Revelation, describes the reason for our glorious

The idea of holding one feast to celebrate all holy women and men seems to have been born in the early centuries of Christianity. In 844, Pope Gregory IV set November 1 as the date for a festival in honor of all the Saints. It is a celebration perfectly suited to autumn. As we draw toward the end of the agricultural year, we celebrate God's great harvest of all people throughout history who have shown love, joy and service to others. That's why All Saints, and its holy eve, Halloween, are made bright with autumn fruits, vegetables and flowers. That's why it's customary to celebrate with pumpkin carving, apple bobbing and other harvest games. And that's why All Saints Day is begun with a night of trick or treating. People give and receive hospitality, the hallmark virtue of the saints.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 IS THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS.

This is the day we set aside to pray for all the dead who have gone before us. Christians dead and living are all one body. Our love and work on earth can be a blessing to those who have died, just as their love is a blessing to the living. All Souls reminds us that it's good to speak about the dead, and to remember to pray. The Church continues the remembrance throughout the month of November and into Advent. The All Souls memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. at Visitation. We will remember in a special way, all of our parishioners who have died since November of 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.

## In & Around Our Neighborhood...



#### **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.



Please note that on Wednesday,
November 1, 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.

#### **ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT OMELET BREAKFAST**

Sunday, November 12, sponsored by the St. Pius X Holy Name Society 8 a.m.-12 p.m. @ St. Pius X social hall. Cost

for adults \$10.00, children ages 3-12, \$3.00, under 3 eat free. Tickets will be sold at the door.

### GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN MONTHLY MEETINGS

This mission of St. Cecilia Parish in Whitney, Sacred Heart Parish in Youngstown and Trinity Lutheran Church in Latrobe, offers monthly meetings to provide grandparents useful information and time to interact with one another. A hot dinner & child care are provided. For info, call 724-423-3777.

#### MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

(Please note: Office will be closed.)
Wednesday, November 1, 2023

7:00 a.m. Visitation 12:00 p.m. Visitation 6:00 p.m. St. Pius X

#### MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SOULS DAY Thursday, November 2, 2023

7:00 a.m. Visitation 12:00 p.m. St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Visitation

(Rosary will be recited at 5:15 in the church, NOT in the cemetery, as before.)

THIS TUESDAY, we celebrate Halloween. It has become one of the most decorated and celebrated days in our country. By the end of October, in most of North America and Europe, days have become short and cold. The Church keeps a great festival at this dark time of year—All Saints and All Souls, the first and second days of November. And, like every other Christian festival, the holiday begins at sunset on the day before. An old name for All Saints' Day is Hallowmas, ("hallow" is another name for saint). The Eve of All Saints was called All Hallows' Eve, which got shortened to Halloween (from hallowe'en, i.e. Hallows' evening).

On this night, huge bonfires were lit on hilltops to welcome the dead who would return home for a bit of comfort by the warm hearthside. This annual return often brought trouble, too. Not all of them were friendly. People dressed up like the dead to make ghostly visitors feel welcome and also to confuse the angry ones! Halloween night can still be a Christian celebration, kept as the holy eve of All Saints Day. Halloween customs reflect the Gospel, in the form of hospitality & welcome. Once we take off our masks at the end of a night of trick-or-treating, we see ourselves as we truly are—the beloved children of God, the saints of glory.

We wish all of your young ones a safe & happy Halloween. May their guardian angels watch over them & keep them safe.

Fr. Paul





Remember to set your clocks back ONE hour when you go to bed Saturday night, November 4! Daylight Savings Time will end at 2:00 a.m. on the 5th.

After each and every sale, the members of the Visitation Christian Mothers wonder if the next sale will be as successful; and yet it happens! We realize this is only possible because of the support we receive from our fellow parishioners and community members. The amount of donations & the number of shoppers keep growing. This past Rummage Sale made \$3,769.38; another record breaker! Again, the money will be applied to a new sound system for our community center. The leftovers from the sale were distributed to: The New Hope Alliance Church in Scottdale, an Animal Rescue Shelter, and Alternatives. Yes—Pregnancy Support Group. The following members of the Christian Mothers, and friends/relatives, need to be applauded for their help with this success. Thirty members helped set up and operate the sale. Likewise, 30 members and their families, helped to complete the sale in one hour. Special thanks are noted to: Barb Sandzimier, Kathy Janesko, and Theresa Baluh for making & selling haluski; the following youth who helped during the first & last day of the sale, Colton & Lauren Golobish, Carson Pastore, Tyke, Dempsey & Evie Snyder, and Brady & Callie Brooks; Joe Bauer for setting up the sale & delivering to Scottdale; and finally, to Brendan Baird for his expert cleaning skills. I wonder if the next sale will be as successful. Thanks sincerely, Jan.



Please let us know who to *include in* or *remove from* our list of those ACTIVELY serving in the military, so that we may pray for them. We are trying our best to keep rosters current, and we'd appreciate your help with this!

Please remember that All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and all Catholics are compelled to attend Mass this Wednesday. Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Lealonie Dombrosky& Elsie Landy.

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 note: Location will change to
Visitation as of November 1.)

## 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, ČJ, 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 Plazza, Rob & family, Mary, Artie, Loretta & Alan Ambrosa, Betty Mencer, Bridget Curtis, Joan W.

#### NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

(November 4/5) will be for the retired religious.

Your support for this appeal for the retirement fund for religious and diocesan priests and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, present and past, who have dedicated their lives to prayer, ministry & service, is appreciated.





#### Weekly Offering - October 22, 2023 **Visitation Parish** Weekly.....\$3,838 Capital Improvements.....\$30 Growing.....\$30 World Mission Sunday......\$632 All Saints'.....\$10 All Souls'.....\$20 Assumption.....\$5 Retired religious & priests......\$25 **Total Envelopes: 180** St. Pius X Parish Weekly.....\$4,774 World Mission Sunday.....\$847 All Souls'.....\$30 Assumption.....\$5 **Total Envelopes: 207** Thank you for your generosity!

no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation will make a real difference by providing essential care, medicine and other necessities. Please give generously.







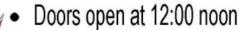
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50/50 basket auction



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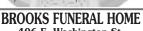
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