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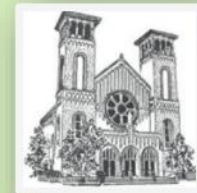
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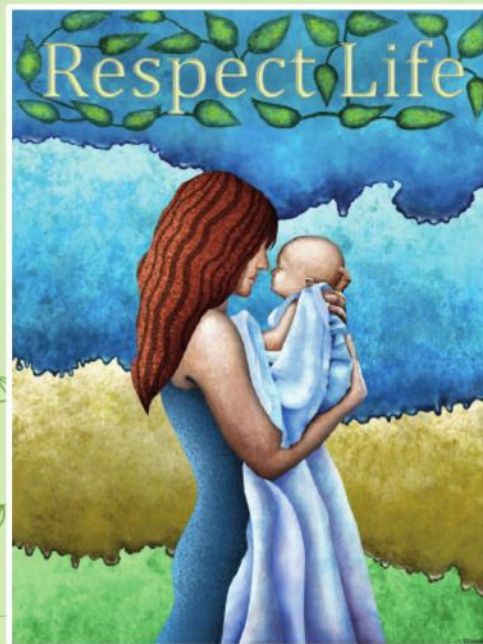


Mt. Pleasant, PA



740 West Walnut Street

**October 8, 2023 - 27th 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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*From  
the Desk  
of  
Fr. Dan*

*Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.—Phil 4:8*

It is so easy to be negative today. I talk to all kinds of people who think that we are in the end times—that things have gotten so bad that they are an indication of the terrible last things predicted in the book of Revelation. And maybe they are—I cannot say. The Lord told us that we will not know. This is to keep us humble but also to keep us vigilant—he may come tomorrow for all I know.

But I also think that we easily fall into this trap of thinking that things are so bad and so terrible because of the way we get news. Because of the developments of mass communication, news has become highly competitive. It used to be that you had two ways of getting news (aside from hearsay)—the newspaper and local television news. You had roughly 7 options. Today you have closer to 7,000 options. And they are all clamoring for our attention so they can compete. So, what grabs attention? Not good news. Bad news sells. Drama, sex, excitement, and terror grab attention. These things sell. So, we get these things in plenty.

Although our news cycle looks much different from in the days of St. Paul, I'm sure it was similar. There were those who made a living telling of the woes and terrors of their day. St. Paul is warning us that too much of this negativity is not good for us. Notice what he wants us to think about: things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious and excellent. These things are not exciting, but they are more important because they are of God.

When people come to confession and confess anger and frustration about the direction of our nation, our world, and society at large, I often advise them to limit how much news they are watching. It's important to be informed, but if we spend too much time absorbing news, we aren't spending enough time thinking about these things that are good to dwell on. I suggest setting down the news and picking up the Good News—the Bible. While the news is trying to convince us that the world is falling apart, we know the truth. We know that God is the master of time and space. We know that he claims the victory. Just a little time with Scripture and in prayer each day helps us to think about these good things more and to be filled with more hope as we go through our lives.

*Notes from our Administrator,  
Fr. Paul:*

### **IT'S TIME IN OUR LIVES TO RESPECT LIFE**

Once, most people saw life as God's greatest gift. Children were seen as blessings. Life was respected no matter how old or disabled or weak. Our own country was founded on the belief that the right to life is sacred and inviolable.

But, over the past several decades, we have lost our way. So much so that acts once treated as crimes are considered "right". We have slipped, often without realizing it, into what Pope St. John Paul II called a culture of death. As individuals, and as a nation, we should ask ourselves: How are we treating God's gift of life? Do we treat human life with the reverence it deserves? It is only with human beings that God shares something of Himself. And among all His creatures, humans are able to know and love Him, and by their own free will choose to become more god-like. What other creatures yearn for truth, justice, beauty and love, and for God, their source?

We can help people understand that state-sanctioned killing is unworthy of God's creatures, that there are other ways to protect society from those who have done great harm. Women tempted by abortion need to know they are not alone, and that help is available for pregnancy needs, adoption and baby supplies. We need to be with those suffering from a terminal illness and their families, offering help, friendship and encouragement, never abandoning them.

We can, by hard work and with God's help, transform our culture into one of respect for life. It must begin in each of our hearts, with reverence for every single human life God has called into existence. We must care for others because God has made us responsible for them—the child not yet born, the dying woman, even the justly convicted killer. No human life should be outside our concern, because none is beyond the reach of God's love.



# 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.

## Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to the following ladies who were inducted into the *Visitation Christian Mothers'* group on September 28th: Amanda Swierczynski, Debby Henry, Yvonne Hunter, Kathy Potocki, Mary Kiral, Betty Halligan, Cheryl Johnson, Connie Cope, Sue Vanella, Sandy Koliscak, Natalie Gaydos, Joanne Vella, and Jean Zelmor. The organization aims to provide a sharing of faith, fellowship and continued support to our parishes. May their future endeavors achieve that intention. Congratulations!

## *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

## *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:**

*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"



# 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**

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**\$5, 50/50 & Basket Auction**

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**Leave a message if no answer.**

**THANK YOU!**



Due to the fall Clergy Conference for all of the priests of our diocese, there will be **NO MORNING MASSES ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**. Thank you for your understanding in this matter, and I would ask you to keep Bishop Kulick & the priests of our diocese in your prayers during the conference & always.

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Sr. M. Carmelita Miele, S.C.,  
Helen Garstecki, John Rubino  
and Genevieve Batchko.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

**Please pray for the wholeness  
and 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 Gil-lott, 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 Ketto, 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.

*I share this sad news with our parishes:*

**SISTER M. CARMELITA MIELE, SC**, age 90, entered eternal life at Caritas Christi, the motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, Greensburg, on September 21, 2023 in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of religious life. She entered the congregation of the Sisters of Charity on January 1, 1955, from Saint Pius X parish in Mount Pleasant. In her pastor's recommendation, he wrote, "She will find her greatest happiness only in the sisterhood."

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph A. and Mary (Maliandi) Miele; a brother, Felix; and a sister, Catherine Shutty. She is survived by two brothers, Joseph and Jerry; the Miele families; and her religious community.

Sister Carmelita earned a bachelor's degree in education from Seton Hill University preparing her for thirty-four years of teaching at the elementary level in the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Washington, D.C., and Tucson, AZ. She earned a Certificate of Religious Studies through a three-year summer program at Seton Hill University which led her to ministries as Director of Faith Formation and Parish Minister.

Sister had a great zeal for the less fortunate. Her interest was nurtured during her first assignment at the House of Mary in Pittsburgh's Hill District. Phrases like "Option for the Poor" and "Dignity of Each Person" took on a new meaning. She said it was there she "learned that it was never enough to feed only the body or provide clothing or shelter. It was most important to nourish the soul and to provide hope." She experienced similar meanings when she participated in the Intercultural Mission Exchange Program between the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill and the Sisters of the Holy Family, New Orleans.

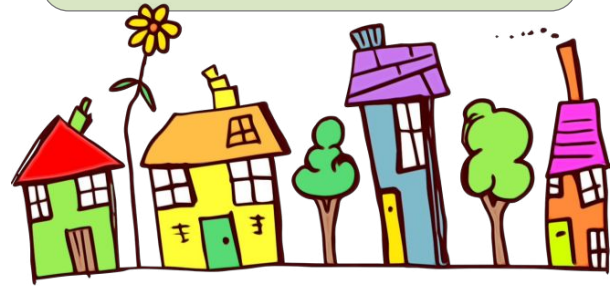
In 2004, Senator Joe Minard (WV) presented Sister Carmelita a Proclamation in recognition of her 50<sup>th</sup> jubilee, retirement, and countless accomplishments during her ministry in West Virginia. She was proclaimed an official member of the Order of the thirty-fifth Star of the State of West Virginia for her distinguished and committed service in her position as Director of Religious Education at Immaculate Conception Parish in Clarksburg, WV. She was also presented a Proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and the Citizens of Clarksburg on "Sister Carmelita Day," in recognition of fourteen years of labors of love, visitation, teaching youth and adults, and ministry.

When she retired at Caritas Christi, Sister immediately began to volunteer on the Pastoral Care Team at Jeannette District Memorial Hospital until it closed, and the St. Vincent de Paul Store, Greensburg for ten years. She continued her active volunteer ministry at the Adult Day Care Center located in the Monahan Center at Caritas Christi. The Sisters of Charity are grateful for the faithful and caring nursing staff and employees who ministered to Sister Carmelita during her final years the way she did to so many.

In reflecting on her life as a Sister of Charity, Sister Carmelita said, "The call to live the religious life is God's gift and I am deeply grateful. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton's counsel to her sisters, 'to be children of the church,' has led me to know and understand that we are always in the company of the apostles in carrying out the mission of Jesus in the church."

*Fr. Paul*

## In & Around Our Neighborhood...



### **All You Can Eat Omelet Breakfast Sunday, October 8, sponsored by the St. Pius X Holy Name Society**

8a.m. - 12:00 p.m. @ St. Pius X social hall  
Adults/\$10.00, children 3 - 12/\$3.00,  
under 3/free.  
Tickets will be sold at the door.

#### **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.





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



**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:  
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Capital Improvements.....	\$247
All Saints.....	\$25
All Souls.....	\$40
World Mission Sunday.....	\$75
Total Envelopes: 216	
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**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.



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