

# ST. PIUS X PARISH



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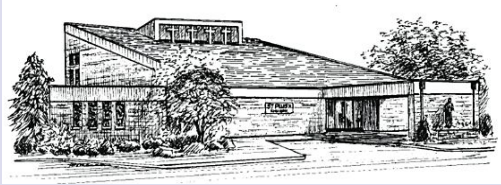
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**September 17, 2023 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



## 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. 9/18 **St. Pius X**  
7:00am Mary Martha Toczek–  
Thomas Toczek  
Mary Jane Malego– Dennis, Joe,  
Jr & Janice
- Tues. 9/19 **St. Pius X**  
7:00am Ann Kowash– son, Ken  
  
Joseph, Anna & Richard Magyor- Kathy
- Wed. 9/20 **St. Pius X**  
7:00am Parish Families
- Thurs. 9/21 **St. Pius X**  
7:00am Bernard, Kathryn, Jay & Red  
Ponko– Bob & Gin Puskar  
  
John & Margaret Balena– Jason & Jon Hendricks
- Friday 9/22 **St. Pius X**  
7:00am Patty Midden– Kristin & Terry  
Baker  
  
Ian Rose– aunt, Kathy Tylka
- Sat. 9/23 **Visitation**  
4:00pm Frank & Mary Zelenak–  
granddaughters, Phyllis & Priscilla  
  
**St. Pius X**  
6:00pm Alex Dixon– Frances & Paul  
Miller
- Sun. 9/24 **Visitation**  
8:30am Joseph & Cecilia Valiante and  
Joseph Minick, Sr.– Joe & Karen Minick  
  
**St. Pius X**  
10:30am John Sofranko– Jeff & Donna  
Sofranko & sons

### St. Vincent de Paul

The local St. Pius X St. Vincent de Paul Society exists to assist those experiencing financial hardship due to illness, job loss or other unforeseen circumstances. Assistance is provided based on need, with no regard to religious affiliation. Confidentiality is strictly maintained. If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, please call 724-547-0413.

## Ministry of the Altar

- Sat. 9/23 **Visitation 4:00pm**  
Greeters: Volunteers  
Lector: Kate Bannon  
Eucharistic Minister: Marlene Cibulas  
Servers: Clara & Caleb Stewart, Colton  
Golobish  
  
Cantor: Joanne Geckle
- St. Pius X 6:00pm**  
Greeters: Volunteers  
Lector: Barbara Dropik  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan & Cindy Copeland  
Servers: Jaxon Farino, Emma Ersick, Volunteer  
Cantor: Jaime Peggy Tepper
- Sun. 9/24 **Visitation 8:30am**  
Greeters: Christian Mothers  
Lector: John Zemba  
Eucharistic Minister: Donna Zemba  
Servers: Grant Zahrosky, Ty Whoric,  
Volunteer  
Cantor: Linda Eric Harris
- St. Pius X 10:30am**  
Greeters: Volunteers  
Lector: Eric Poole  
Eucharistic Ministers: Ted Czekaj, Andrea  
Poole  
  
Servers: Braxton Pastore, Lucas Poole,  
Volunteer  
Cantor: Kathy/Choir



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.

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**From the  
Desk of  
Fr. Dan**

*Wrath and anger are hateful things,  
yet the sinner hugs them tight. -Sirach  
27:30*

One of the most common things that gets confessed in the confessional is anger.

Anger at parents, spouses and children, anger at co-workers, anger at the government, anger at all sorts of people. Even anger at God. We get angry and we know it's wrong. But is it?

*Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and the oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." -John 2:13-17.*

It seems that Jesus got angry at least once. Maybe some would argue that he didn't. It doesn't explicitly say that he was angry when he did this, but I have to believe that he performed this sign out of a just anger, not as some impassionate, calculated move.

What do I mean when I say, "just anger"? We know that wrath is one of the seven deadly sins. And it is—that's what our passage from Sirach points out. However, God made us capable of anger for a reason. The reason is that we live in a sinful world. And we should get angry about sin. If we see someone being robbed or harmed by another, we should do something about it if we can. The emotion of anger is designed to give us the strength to fight for what's right when we see an injustice taking place. One of my former spiritual directors once said that when dealing with sin, "sometimes you have to get a little [peevd]" (he used another word). Anger is meant to fight against sin and evil. When it does, it is a "just anger" and not sinful.

The trouble is, we often misuse the anger that we feel. We use it selfishly when we don't get what we want instead of fighting for what God wants. This is how Jesus uses it when he sees the monetary abuses that were happening in the temple. He wanted to stop people from sinning.

So, if you struggle with anger, it's worth considering the following question: how much of my anger is about an injustice—what is truly wrong and offends God—and how much of my anger is selfish and about what I want? The former is not sinful, while the latter is and should be confessed. Normally, I find that there's a bit of a mix of both in most situations and we should pray to God asking for our anger to be purified from selfishness.

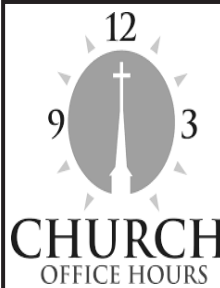
Also, if God made you to have a quick temper, I wonder in what way the Lord might be asking you to use it to fight evil and sin for Him rather than to use it selfishly to get your way.

**Notes from our Administrator,  
Fr. Paul:**

**"Word Among Us"**

**Daily Meditations for Catholics**

You may notice in the back of our Churches, a new Catholic periodical entitled the *Word Among Us*. This little magazine has daily meditations for Catholics. It is published on a monthly basis and contains Catholic Mass readings. These are furnished on a trial basis, free of charge, to see if there is an interest in this booklet. You can always make a free will offering if you would like. I hope this periodical will help you spend some time with our Lord.



**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.



**Parish Registration**

If you have completed high school, or are over 18 years old, you must register at your home parish as an adult. When you are asked to be a sponsor or Godparent, you must present proof of membership in a parish. Your membership in the parish will not be verified if you are still listed as a child on your parent's registration.



## Faith Formation

**Faith Formation for 2023-2024 will take place at least twice a month, unless otherwise noted.**

**This year we are pleased to introduce faith formation opportunities for every age group.**

- ◆ Program for God's youngest (PK)
- ◆ Elementary faith formation (K-5)
- ◆ Middle youth formation (6-8)
- ◆ High school youth group (9-12)
- ◆ Adult Bible study - All are welcome.

### Annual Program Cost

\$20 for first child

\$15 for second child

\$10 for third child

Cost of bible study TBD



**Registration forms are in the entrance of church, or register online as soon as possible.**



## Evening Faith Formation

Opening Mass & Parent Meeting  
Tuesday, September 19th

St. Pius X Church & St. Pius school building  
6:00 p.m.

### A gentle reminder to the Visitation Christian Mothers:

We will be sitting together at the 8:30 Mass on September 24, in honor of our living and deceased members. Please try to attend.

### Weekly Offering - September 10, 2023

#### Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$4,521
Capital Improvements.....	\$71
Growing.....	\$126
Accent.....	\$20
Total Envelopes: 169	

#### St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$6,073
Capital Improvements.....	\$20
Ascension.....	\$20
Assumption.....	\$10
Catholic Univ./School.....	\$10
Total Envelopes: 202	

*Thank you for your generosity!*



## Confirmation Meeting

There will be a Confirmation meeting, Sunday, September 17 at 9:45am at Visitation Community Center for all students preparing to be confirmed, as well as their parents. This is mandatory for all **Confirmandi!**

## First Reconciliation & Communion Meeting

There will be a meeting for all students preparing for First Communion and their parents, Sunday, September 24 at 9:45am at Visitation Community Center.





***Please pray for the wholeness & healing of***

Arthur & Joann Kiliansy, Liam R., Luca I., Tom OBrocto, Sr., Irene, Stephen H., Blue, Helen Miller, 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 Ruskowski, Liz, Andy, Brenda, Paul, Bertie Zaucha, Barry Stanziana, David & Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, Margie, Sue Ruskowski, 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., Carmelita, Mercedes Isola, Georgia & Adrian, 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.

**Candles this Week**



**St. Pius X**

**Sanctuary-** Larry DiPasquale –Sandy & John DiPasquale & family

**Blessed Mother-** John DiPasquale– Sandy & John DiPasquale & family

**St. Joseph-** Kendal Dusenbery– Steve & Dolores Solinski

**Our Lady of Czestochowa-** Adam & Viola Rudzinski– Irene & family

**Visitation**

**Sanctuary–** Edward Martin– family

**Blessed Mother–** Ann Kowash– son, Ken

**St. Joseph–** Walter Senoski– wife

**Madonna & Child–** Florence Potoka– family

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Next weekend is the *Seminarian & Clergy Formation Collection* throughout the Diocese of Greensburg. Please prayerfully consider making a financial gift in support of our seminarians, men who are preparing for the Permanent Diaconate, the ongoing formation of our clergy and our international priests. Please respond using the tear-off portion of the letter that was mailed to you, a special collection envelope in your envelope set from the parish, or online at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org). Also, please support the clergy of our diocese who have *Hearts for the Mission* with your prayers.



**Reminder for all Ministers of the Altar**  
Beginning with the October minister schedule, please contact Erin at [eknizner@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:eknizner@dioceseofgreensburg.org) with your availability to minister. Thank You!



***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***



An explanation of what we mean when we pray in the Creed: "I BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS." The Communion of Saints is a doctrine that was included in the Apostles Creed which was used some time around the year 100. It is based on St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In Chapter 12, St. Paul compares Christians to a single body in which each member contributes to the food of all and shares in the welfare of all. "For as with the human body which is a unity although it has many parts—all the parts of the body, though many, still making up one single body—so it is with Christ." (v12) When St. Paul used the words saints in his writing, he was speaking of believers in Christ, both living and dead. Through our baptism, we pass into eternal life. In Catholic terminology, the Communion of Saints is said to comprise the Church Militant (those of us who are alive on earth), and the Church Penitent (those undergoing purification in purgatory in preparation for heaven), and the Church Triumphant (those already in heaven). The damned are not among the Communion of Saints.

What is most beautiful about this doctrine is the belief that those who are in heaven are in the presence of God. They constantly intercede with the Father for us. We think nothing asking our close friends and relatives to pray for us. The saints in heaven are our friends and relatives as well. They are part of the Body of Christ whose prayers help us here on earth. St. Dominic said, "Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life." The Church also encourages us to imitate the holiness of the saints because they imitated the holiness of Christ. First among saints is our Blessed Mother, Mary Queen of Heaven. She is the quintessential model for us all and never ceases to intercede on our behalf with her Son.

**The Mt. Pleasant Glass Festival is fast-approaching, September 22-24!**

St. Pius X's famous pierogie, kielbasa, and halushki are almost ready to be served, thanks to a great team from the Kitchen Crew. Already, many willing volunteers have signed up to help in our booth. Thank you! There is still room for others, so check the list in the back of church for times when help is needed most. Monetary donations are always welcomed and help in defraying expenses. Drop your offering in the collection basket in a marked envelope. As always, we appreciate your thoughtfulness and patronage! See you there at the St. Pius X booth and thanks again!



**The Visitation Christian Mothers invite any/all ladies, young and/or older, of the parish to join their membership on Thursday, September 28th at 6pm; a rosary will begin at 5:30pm in the church. (Note: This date has**

**been changed from the 21st to the 28th due to Glass Festival schedule conflicts.)** Christian Mother Organizations began in Lille, France in 1850. The cultural challenges at that time, prompted ladies to gather to pray with and for one another and their children, to discuss their problems, and to advise one another under the patronage of Our Lady of Sorrows. Presently, there are six Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers in the world. They are located in Paris, Rome, Regensburg (Ratisbon), Cracow, Einsiedeln, and Pittsburgh. The society founded its way to America on January 16, 1881 at St. Augustine's Church, now known as Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 220-37th St., Pittsburgh, PA. Our local parish membership meets the 3rd Thursday of the month in April, May, September-December. We share prayer, fellowship and support to our parish. If interested in becoming a member, please call Jan Brooks at 724-547-5356 by Monday, September 25th. **To our Current Members:** This September meeting is our Annual Covered Dish. (I'm always amazed at the variety of foods displayed! It is a beautiful sight!) Please remember to add your name to your dish, so we can share recipes. **Following the 5:30pm rosary, we will induct any new members, and then proceed to the community center.** Thanks in advance, Jan.





### PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

*Heavenly Father, your loving providence accompanies us on our life's journey. Thank you for the many gifts you have given us. We ask that you continue to call sons and daughters from our families and parishes to serve as priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women in the Diocese of Greensburg. Send your Spirit upon us so that many will respond with great love to your call to service and leadership in your Church. Give to those you have chosen the faith of the apostle, the vision of the prophet, and the courage of the martyr. Through the intercession of our Diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption, help us to be faithful disciples of your Son by following the example of Mary. Make us generous in sharing ourselves and our talents for the sake of your Kingdom on earth. We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.*

Imprimatur  
The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD  
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### Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families Mission September 16 & 17

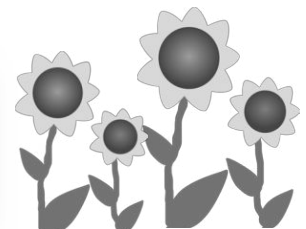
This weekend, September 16 & 17, following all Masses, Roni Salsa, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to speak about the Christian situation in the Holy Land. The goal of this mission is to help Christian families in the Holy Land and Churches in the Middle East who have been affected by the continuous violence and the depletion of tourists to the area. Crucifixes, rosaries and religious articles, all made of Olive Wood, which is native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem, are available to purchase. The sale of these goods will help them very much and will give you the opportunity to have something "authentic" from the Holy Land to help your personal devotion. For more information, please see [www.bcfmission.com](http://www.bcfmission.com).

### 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!

### Visitation Parish - Glass Festival News

The Glass Festival is on Friday September 22nd thru Sunday, September 24th. Once again we will have a booth featuring cavatelli with or without a meatball; halupki (cabbage roll); meatball slider; pizza and panksy (filled donuts). Signup sheets for our booth are in the rear of church. Please stop by and register to help at our booth. Say "Hello" to our neighbors and many visitors that attend this 3 day event. Monetary donations to help defray costs are needed and always appreciated. Your continued support is a blessing towards the many hours it takes our loyal volunteers in preparation for this event.





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