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November 12, 2023 - 32nd 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 Visitation

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Mass Intentions

- Mon. 11/13 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Joseph W. & Irene M. Klocek-
Joe & Paula Klocek & family
Albert Chlebowski- Maxine
Dorman
- Tues. 11/14 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Sally Smetak- Visitation
Rosary-Altar Society
- Wed. 11/15 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Richard Kiral- cousins
Stephen Kubasky- Veronica
& family
- Thurs. 11/16 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. parish families
- Friday 11/17 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Richard Kowash, Sr.- son, Ken
John Rubino- Marg Harenchar
& Marie Ricotta
- Sat. 11/18 **Visitation**
4:00 p.m. Connie L. Paglio- Jim, Adeline
& Robbie Palanko
- St. Pius X**
6:00 p.m. Bear & D.D.- Bo & Bev
Helen M. Lee- John L. Lee, Jr.
- Sun. 11/19 **Visitation**
8:30 a.m. June Turik- Lois Swiderski &
John Kopczak
- St. Pius X**
10:30 a.m. Sarah Minick- Lisa Minick

Ministry of the Altar

- Sat. 11/18 **Visitation 4:00pm**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Brian Hunter
Eucharistic Minister: Felicia Seder
Servers: Clara & Caleb Stewart, volunteer
Cantor: Kristin Guynn
- St. Pius X 6:00pm**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Lisa Sestak
Eucharistic Ministers: Paul Klaus, Hank Rose
Servers: Sophia & Ava Coppola, Braxton
Pastore
- Cantor: Joanne Geckle
- Sun. 11/19 **Visitation 8:30am**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Stanley Kapella
Eucharistic Minister: Joann Maholtz
Servers: Sophie & Addison Grenda, volunteer
Cantor: Sharon Stewart
- St. Pius X 10:30am**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Acacia Houck
Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Barnhart,
Sr. Juliana
Servers: Jaxon Farino, Camden Stouffer, Lucas
Poole
- Cantor: Linda Goodlin/choir

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Blessed Mother- Thelma Porterfield- Connie & Charley

St. Joseph- Kendal Dusenbery- Bonnie Radziwon

Our Lady of Czestochowa- Mary Ross- Denny & Patty

Visitation

Sanctuary- Stephen Kubasky- Veronica & family

Blessed Mother- Michelle Jurkovic- family

St. Joseph- Ron Yarkosky- Marsha Vorum

Madonna & child- Phyllis, Fran & Bobbi- Linda Koskee

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*From
the Desk
of
Fr. Dan*

We do not want you to be aware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. -1 Thes4:13

The longest journey you will make in your life is from your head to your heart. -

Sioux Indian saying

During the month of November, as the natural world around us begins to “die” and prepare for winter, we as a church begin to ponder the “last things” and, uncoincidentally, come to the end of the liturgical year. A big part of this process involves pondering the end of our earthly lives. This is something we are often reluctant to do. Our world attempts to avoid situations where death is present at all costs. We want to be shielded from any confrontation with death because it makes us uneasy and uncomfortable. This is because, no matter how much we learn about our universe, no matter how advanced we become scientifically and technologically, we cannot see beyond death. We cannot know what is to come.

Although we all know that we must die, we cannot easily face that reality. In our minds it might make sense, but in our hearts, we cannot fathom it. This is why we face it together as a faith community every year. We remember that we must die. And in some way, we prepare ourselves to face it.

St. Paul points out in his first letter to the Thessalonians that anyone without faith in the resurrection can have no hope about death. This despair leads to an insufferable grieving. Thus, many avoid thinking about death. You might be wondering though: if death causes me to grieve, does that mean that I don't believe? Certainly not. In our minds we might believe, but our hearts are often slower to believe.

The difference between the believer and the unbeliever is in the manner of grieving. St. Paul is not telling us not to grieve when someone dies or when we consider the possibility of our own death. He is saying not to grieve **like the rest, who have no hope**. If we have faith in Christ and hope in the resurrection, our grieving of loss should be much different over time. Our deep abiding sorrow should slowly make way for a hopeful expectation. As our hearts catch up with our heads, our faith in Christ brings us hope, peace, and comfort rather than despair, anger, and bitterness. The grieving may be just as painful, but the result should look different.

Although we cannot see beyond the veil, although death makes us uneasy and sad, we trust in the goodness of God and the promises that Jesus makes. Amid the joys and the sufferings of life, we run the race with hope, trusting that death is not the end.

My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. -John 10:27

*Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:*

I would like to offer a thank you to all those who have been involved in recent fundraisers for our parishes.

1) A big thank you to Fr. Dan's mother, Linda, and to Fr. Dan for putting together the **Mama Carr's Dinner fundraiser** which benefited both parish summer festivals. The total amount of profit was \$2,400, which added \$1,200 to each parish festival profit. Barbara Golobish was the winner. She described the evening as fun and entertaining, and she said the food was *delizioso*.

2) As the recent **Mt. Pleasant Glass Festival** was held on a wet September weekend, our volunteers braved the raindrops & puddles, and both of our parishes profited from their determination and hard work.

St. Pius X's booth brought in \$18,304.00 and had expenses of \$3,876.84. The profit for the weekend was \$14,427.16. Visitation's booth brought in \$13,316.00 and had expenses of \$3,310.85. The profit for the weekend was \$10,005.15.

I thank all of our parishioners who were involved in any way with these fundraising events. Your parishes appreciate your time and talent that went into these projects. These funds will help both St. Pius X and Visitation parishes with their financial obligations. May God continue to bless each and every one of you for the gift of yourselves. Thank you!

Fr. Paul

PASTORAL CARE What is a marriage convalidation? The term means to have your marriage recognized or blessed by the Catholic Church. Those who seek a Convalidation usually married outside the Catholic Church. If you and your spouse wish to begin the Convalidation process, please contact the church office at 724-547-1911, and talk to Erin. All information will be kept confidential. Fr. Paul or Fr. Dan will be glad to answer any questions.

THANKSGIVING DAY There will be one Mass for our parish families at Visitation at 9:00 a.m. on November 23. Please make plans now to give God priority on our day of thanks. The collection on that day will benefit our local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



THE ST. PIUS X CHRISTIAN MOTHERS would like all of the baby bottles returned by Sunday, November 26, please. Thank you for your contributions!



For the cleaning of Visitation, we will meet at the church on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. Bringing your own supplies is not mandatory but would be appreciated and helpful. Think a bucket & a rag or two! :)

*Teens, this is a great way to get your service hours.

The rosary will be prayed in the chapel at Transfiguration Cemetery on Sunday, November 12, at noon. All are welcome!

THE 11th ANNUAL VERNA MONTESSORI SCHOOL ITALIAN DINNER will be held Sunday, November 19 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the St. Pius X social hall. Come and enjoy Sister Lucy's famous meatballs, authentic Italian sauce, spaghetti, salad, fresh-baked Italian bread, homemade desserts and a beverage, all for just \$15 per dinner and \$8 for children ages 8 and under. A 50/50 & fabulous basket raffle will take place, also.

Our sincere apologies!

George W. Vomish, Jr. was accidentally omitted from the All Souls list that was printed in the bulletin last week.

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.



St. Pius X Holy Name Society Christmas Sock Hop

St. Pius X social hall, Friday,
December 1 from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

2024 Aquinas Academy Lottery Calendars will be available for sale this weekend after all Masses. Aquinas Academy students provided the artwork, and up to \$14,000 can be won! There are also business coupons included in the calendar. Cost of each calendar is \$25. Please consider supporting one of our local Catholic schools.

It's time to ring the bell!

If you have an hour or two on Friday, Nov. 24 and would like to make a difference in your community, please sign up to ring the bell at Walmart for the Salvation Army. It is a great way to begin the holiday season. We also will be ringing the bell at Walmart on Saturday, Dec. 2.

Both of these days are at the Market Door. We begin at 9 a.m. and continue until we have no more volunteers. If willing to help, one or both days, call Pat Martinoski at 724-547-4655. Call early because time slots fill up quickly. God bless you for your time.



St. Bartholomew Church in Crabtree will be holding their 5th annual **Ugly Christmas Sweater 5K Run & 2 Mile Walk** on Saturday, Dec. 2nd! Race day registration and packet pick up begins at 9am and the race begins at 11am. Registration is open on runsignup.com or call our parish office 724-834-0709 for a paper form. Sponsorship opportunities are also available! Please email Julie at julesann97@gmail.com with any questions. Thank you for your continued support and we can't wait to see you at this year's race!

GIFTS OF HOPE: A Fair Trade Shopping Event
Sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Church of God
Every gift you purchase helps to lift families in developing countries out of poverty! Friday, Dec. 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 2, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
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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.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Where does Evening Prayer or Vespers come from? It has as its source the Liturgy of the Hours. You may then ask, "What is Liturgy of the Hours?" It is the public prayer of the Church for praising God and sanctifying the day. One of the promises that an individual makes during his ordination is that of praying the Divine Office, a.k.a., the Liturgy of the Hours. Even though it is a promise made by the ordained, it certainly is not a prayer that is exclusive to the ordained. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God." (1174) It holds such an important place in the life of the Church that The Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium), from the Second Vatican Council, has an entire chapter devoted to it. The document points out that the entire Church, the ordained and non-ordained, "...by celebrating the Eucharist and in other ways, especially the celebration of the divine office, is ceaselessly engaged in praising the Lord and interceding for the salvation of the entire world." (83)

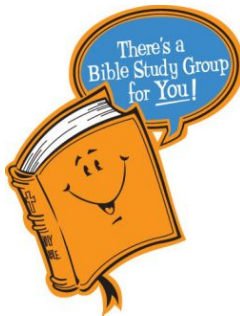
There are apps available to anyone who wishes to pray the Liturgy of the Hours during the day or daily.

A couple of examples...

<https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours>

<https://divineoffice.org>

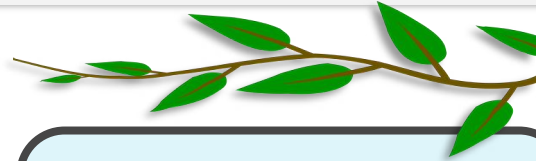
Please let us know who to *include in or remove from* our list of those **ACTIVELY** serving in the military, so that we may pray for them. We are trying our best to keep rosters current, and we'd appreciate your help with this!



Faith Formation and our Bible study continue this week on **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**, at the St. Pius X School Building, 6-7:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Please pray for our recently departed loved ones: Marie Beran and Jane Johnston.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



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

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Robert Atz, Mike Curci, Arthur & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom O'Brocto, Sr., Irene, Stephen H., Blue, Bryce, Lisa C., Terry Griffith, Mike Hauser, Pete Kerko, 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, 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 Ambrosia, Betty Mencer, Bridget Curtis, Joan W.

Visitation Christian Mothers News

The *Visitation Christian Mothers* will hold their November meeting this Thursday, November 16, at 6 p.m. This meeting is their Thanksgiving celebration and members are encouraged to bring a “Grateful Guest”. The Chairperson for the evening is Jaime Golobish and Co-Chair is Anita Komarny. Unfortunately, Brother Angelo Lichtenstein has cancelled his presentation. Although he had marked the date in his calendar, he didn’t realize it was the same day as their annual “Wimmerfest” celebration. “Wimmerfest” is a special night where St. Vincent College, monastery, and seminary enjoy a Thansgiving-style feast in honor of its founder, Archabbot Boniface Wimmer. (I’m still hopeful all will attend! Thanks, *Jan.*)

The *Visitation Christian Mothers* will celebrate their Christmas meal at Bell’s Banquet, “The Barn”. The date and time for the event is Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. Members may sign up at the November meeting or by calling Angela Overly at 724-344-0188 by Sunday, December 3. The fee for the dinner is \$15. Members will be asked to choose a main entrée of either Parmesan-crusted Chicken or Baked Cod. Hope to see all of you there! Thanks, *Jan.*

The *Visitation Christian Mothers* were permitted to sell Colebrook Chocolates this holiday season. Order forms are located at the back of the churches and enclosed in this week’s bulletin. Orders will be accepted until Sunday, November 26. Orders may be dropped off in the collection basket, at the parish office, or to any member of the organization. Checks for candy purchases should be made out to the “Visitation Christian Mothers”. The pick-up date for the candy will be Saturday, December 16, at the Visitation community center from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The ongoing support from fellow parishioners and community members is greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance, *Jan.*

Weekly Offering - November 5, 2023

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$7,860
Capital Improvements.....	\$108
Growing.....	\$60
World Mission Sunday.....	\$125
All Saints’.....	\$772
All Souls’.....	\$497
Retired religious & priests.....	\$803
Poverty relief.....	\$10
Total Envelopes: 356	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$7,423
World Mission Sunday.....	\$5
All Souls’.....	\$748
All Saints’.....	\$1,183
Capital improvements.....	\$275
Catholic Accent.....	\$15
Poverty relief.....	\$55
Christmas.....	\$10
Retired religious & priests.....	\$919
Total Envelopes: 424	

Thank you for your generosity!





November Faithful Challenge: Remember Those Who Have Died

This month's faithful challenge is to remember those who have died. You are invited to join Bishop Kulick during this year of Eucharistic Revival to strengthen our Catholic Community by memorializing our departed loved ones and friends.

Accept Bishop Kulick's Faithful Challenge by:

- **Lighting a candle**
- **Offering a Mass**
- **Visiting a gravesite**
- **Volunteering at a cemetery**
- **Donating to a cemetery**
- **Attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist**

These rituals of memorial can unite us to our departed loved ones.

This November, we give thanks for the time on Earth we shared with those who have died, and offer our prayers for family and friends in Heaven. The greatest prayer we can offer is Mass. If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, contact our parish office or e-mail the Diocesan Mission office at missions@dioceseofgreensburg.org and someone will help you arrange this. Accept Bishop Kulick's November faithful challenge and remember those who have died.



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