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November 5, 2023 - 31st 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.	11/6	Visitation 7:00 a.m. Patricia Chlebowski– Rose & Chuck Overly Virginia Kraisinger Chlebowski-Stepansky family
Tues.	11/7	Visitation 7:00 a.m. Michelle Jurkovic– family John Rubino– Kathy & Raymond Janesko
Wed.	11/8	Visitation 7:00 a.m. George E. Niezgoda– Barbara & family
Thurs.	11/9	Visitation 7:00 a.m. Dorothy Shibilsky– Dr. Mike Hrycko Melva Simon– M/M David S. Brooks
Friday	11/10	Visitation 7:00 a.m. parish families
Sat.	11/11	Visitation 4:00 p.m. Walter W. Witek– wife, Agnes
		St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Erwin J. Pawlikowski– Rita Gyurke Mary Grace Newill & Elizabeth & Arthur Bando– family
Sun.	11/12	Visitation 8:30 a.m. Rose Marie Pisula– Carol Konieczny
		St. Pius X 10:30 a.m. Thelma Porterfield– Connie & Charley

Ministry of the Altar

Sat.	11/11	Visitation 4:00pm Greeters: volunteers Lector: Ray Gamrat Eucharistic Minister: Barb Sandzimier Servers: Clara Stewart, Owen & Lily Spires Cantor: Chris DeFlicht
		St. Pius X 6:00pm Greeters: volunteers Lector: Joe Klocek Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Ann Arrigo, Sandy Coppula Servers: Emma Ersick, Sophia Coppula, vol. Cantor: Pat Martinoski
Sun.	11/12	Visitation 8:30am Greeters: volunteers Lector: Robert Manjerovic Eucharistic Minister: Sr. Anna Maria Servers: Langdon Thomas, Grant Zahrobsky, Ty Whoric Cantor: Kathy Demagall/choir
		St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: volunteers Lector: Connie Barnhart Eucharistic Ministers: Kristen Rega, Ted Czekaj Servers: Michael Hegyes, volunteer Cantor: Peggy Tepper

Candles this Week



St. Pius X <i>Sanctuary</i> – Patty Midden– St. Pius X Christian Mothers
Blessed Mother – Helen M. Lee– John L. Lee, Jr.
St. Joseph – Michael Surovchak– Mary Ann Arrigo
Our Lady of Czestochowa – Joseph Kitta– wife & family

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Visitation

Blessed Mother– Jenny Batchko– Visitation Rosary Altar Society

St. Joseph– George E. Niezgoda– Barbara & family

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**From
the Desk
of
Fr. Dan**

Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. –Matthew 23:9

A common Protestant critique against the Catholic Church is that we call our priests “Father”, and we shouldn’t because it says not in Scripture. However, this literal interpretation of this passage is taken out of context. This passage isn’t about what

word we should or should not use for religious leaders. It’s about the proper attitude of those in authority.

Chapter 23 of Matthew’s Gospel is really about misuse of religious authority. Jesus’ criticisms against the Pharisees are many— they preach one thing and practice another; they tie up heavy burdens and don’t lift a finger to move them; they love places of honor and honorific names. After telling us what honorific names “not to be called” (Rabbi, Father, Master), Jesus doesn’t do what a literal interpretation would suppose. He doesn’t tell us what we should be called instead. He says, “The greatest among you must be your servant.” This makes clear what His purpose is in this passage. It’s not about what you’re called— it’s about the attitude that you have toward what you are called. We could make up another word that Jesus does not prohibit and still fall into the same sin of pride and self-satisfaction that He criticizes.

It’s worth pointing out the roots of the literal interpretation of Matthew 23:9. The late Protestant church historian David L. Holmes wrote an article in *The Christian Century* in 1985 called “Are ‘Mother’ and ‘Father’ Appropriate Titles for Protestant Clergy”. He shows that, until the 1840s, most Protestant communities in the United States called their religious leaders “Father” and did not interpret Matthew 23:9 literally.

Most significantly, the decline of “Father” in Protestantism coincides with the rise of Irish immigration to the United States in the 1840s. Before that time, Roman Catholic priests in America were usually addressed as “Mister”, for most were secular (nonmonastic) clergy with roots in Europe or England, where Roman Catholic practice restricted “Father” to priests of monastic orders. Secular priests were called “Mister”, “Monsieur”, “Don” or other vernacular equivalents.

Irish Roman Catholics, however, addressed all priests— whether secular or monastic— as “Father”. And by the end of the Victorian period, the Irish had influenced English-speaking Roman Catholicism to call every priest “Father”.

This change clearly influenced Protestant usage. Catholic priests called “Mister” and Protestant clergy called “Father” had lived side by side in America. Following the Irish immigrations, however, Protestants began to see the title as redolent of priestcraft and popery.

Holmes goes on to show that it wasn’t until this social shift happened that Matthew 23:9 was interpreted in this way. The refusal to call a spiritual leader “Father” doesn’t go back to Martin Luther and the Protestant Reformation but to American, anti-Catholic, anti-Irish sentiments.

I will never be upset if someone refuses to call me Father. I don’t mind. But I would want them to know that calling a priest “Father” is not going against the Bible.

*Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:*

THIS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, IS VETERAN’S DAY. In the early years of the 20th century, a war called the Great War involved most of the countries of the earth. Millions die as a result of new and terrible weapons. Everyone hoped that it was the “war to end all wars.” A very special time was chosen as the hour when the guns would be stilled and peace declared; the eleventh day of the eleventh month. By this choice, the signers of the peace treaty suggested that humankind had waited until it was nearly too late. The war would come to be known as the First World War. The day chosen for the beginning of peace was special for another reason. It was the memorial of St. Martin of Tours. Martin had been a soldier in the army until he laid down his weapons. His feast day, Martinmas, was a celebration of peace. That day had also been a Thanksgiving festival in Europe since the Middle Ages. Now there was even more reason to be thankful. In the USA, this day is called Veteran’s Day. All Americans who have fought in wars since that time, those who survived, as well as those who died are honored. Spend some time recalling all of the veterans from our towns and say a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of service they gave to our country and us. Then visit a cemetery and say a prayer to our deceased veterans who are buried there.

PRAYER FOR VETERAN’S DAY

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm’s way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace. Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you grace us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayers! Amen.



THANKSGIVING DAY this year is on Thursday, November 23. There will be one Mass for our parish families at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:00 a.m. 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...



Grow closer to God this fall! Pick up a copy of the devotional publication *The Word Among Us* and spend 5-10 minutes each day reflecting on the word of God for your life. Copies are located at the church exits. *The Word Among Us* features uplifting and thought-provoking meditations.



For the cleaning of Visitation Church, we will meet at the church on Saturday, November 18 at 9:00 a.m. Members of the Christian Mothers, Rosary Altar Society, and all families (dads, moms & teens) are urged to come and help make our church shine for the holidays! Teens, this is a great way to get your service hours.

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.

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.

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

Christmas Night Market and Mass with Bishop Kulick set December 16 at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg

The Diocese of Greensburg Christmas Night Market will be held from 3-8 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, complete with dozens of food, craft, and gift Vendors. Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick starts at 4 p.m., followed by a talk with St. Nicholas-inspired artist Pipka Ulvilden in the chapel. Tickets are now on sale!

Last week, we honored those who had died since last October 24 at our All Souls remembrance Mass. A special candle was lit for each individual, and the list of those whose memories we cherish follows:

*Gregory Klosky Michael McBeth Lois Landy
 Carol Dawson Bernard Atz Rose Marie Pisula
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 Lealonie Dombrosky Diane Henry Gregory Petro
 Elsie Landy*

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.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS AND CREMATED BODIES: Since a vast number of people are requesting the cremation of their remains after death, the Bishops of the United States have stated the Church's official teaching on this subject. That teaching is excerpted below.

"Although cremation is now permitted, it does not enjoy the same value as burial of the body. Catholic teaching continues to stress the preference for burial entombment of the body of the deceased. Likewise, the Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for its funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expresses the values that cremation should take place following the funeral liturgy.

However, when circumstances prevent the presence of the body at the funeral liturgy, the committee believes that it is appropriate that the cremated remains of the body be present for the full course of the funeral rites, including the Vigil for the Deceased, the Funeral Liturgy and the Rite of Committal. The cremated remains should be entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium; they may also be buried in a common grave in a cemetery. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the seas, from the air, on the ground, or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased, are not the reverent disposition the church requires."



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 make sure that when you are admitted to a hospital that you inform them that you are Catholic and that you belong to St. Pius X or Visitation. That is the only way the Chaplain will be informed of your presence in the hospital.

Please remember to pray for the dead, especially those in purgatory, and to ask God to grant everlasting life to all our faithful departed.



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

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Jeff Hilland, Mike Curci, Arthur & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom O'BroctoSr., 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 Wiltout, 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, C.J, 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.

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All Souls'.....	\$265
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St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$7,345
World Mission Sunday.....	\$35
All Souls'.....	\$255
All Saints'.....	\$65
Retired religious & priests.....	\$10
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St. Pius X Christian Mothers

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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

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