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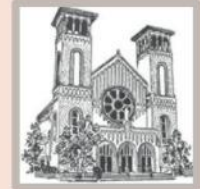
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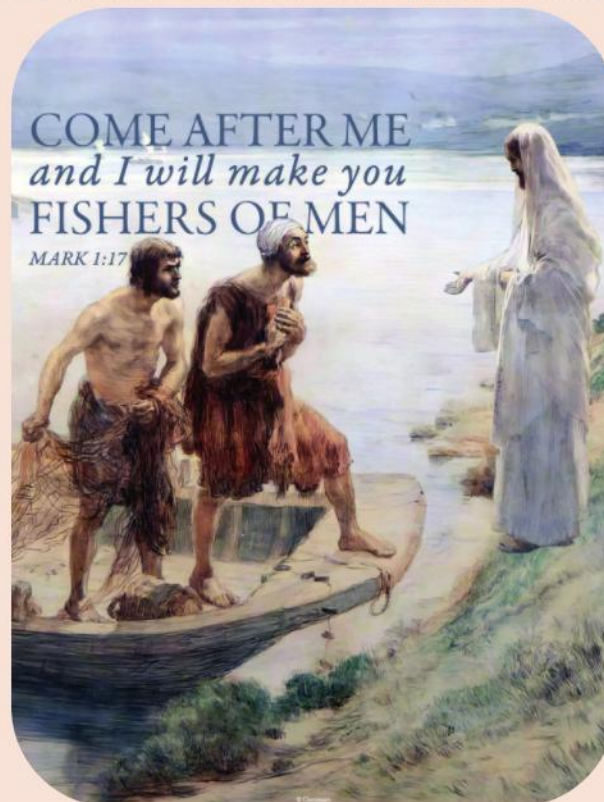
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January 21, 2024 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at Visitation; 6:00 p.m. at St. Pius X

Sunday: 8:30 a.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. 1/22 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Gail Sosko– Eugene Sosko family
- Tues. 1/123 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. All living & deceased members
of the St. Pius X Christian Mothers– St.
Pius X Christian Mothers
- Wed. 1/24 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Sarah Smetak– Ted, Michelle &
the Czekaj family
- Thurs. 1/25 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Evelyn & Edward Kurimcak–
daughter
- Friday 1/26 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Loretta Briercheck– Irene &
family
- Sat. 1/27 **Visitation**
4:00 p.m. Sarah Minick– Bev & Bo Schroll
- St. Pius X**
6:00 p.m. Pro populo
- Sun. 1/28 **Visitation**
8:30 a.m. Joseph & Helen Kiliany– Arthur
& Joann Kiliany
- St. Pius X**
10:30 a.m. Gene Wisnewski– wife, Carol



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Ministry of the Altar

- Sat. 1/27 **Visitation 4:00 p.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: David Brooks
Eucharistic Minister: Felicia Seder
Servers: Colton G., Owen & Lily Spires
Cantor: Chris DeFlicht
- St. Pius X 6:00pm**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Lisa Sestak
Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Anna Maria, vol.
Servers: Braxton P., Emma E., volunteer
Cantor: Joanne Geckle
- Sun. 1/28 **Visitation 8:30 a.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Denise Moyemont
Eucharistic Minister: Joann Maholtz
Servers: Sophie & Addison G., Grant Z.
Cantor: Phil Brown/choir
- St. Pius X 10:30am**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Robert Davis
Eucharistic Ministers: Audrey Soforic,
Sr. Juliana
Servers: Camden S., Michael H., volunteer
Cantor: Kristin Guynn

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary– Peter F. Marne– wife

Blessed Mother– Mary Beth Meader– Amos & Theresa Soforic
and family

St. Joseph– Joan Wawrzyniak– St. Pius X Christian Mothers

Our Lady of Czestochowa– Harold Knopsnider– Mark & Debbie
Potosky

Visitation

Sanctuary– Ann & Richard Kowash– son, Ken

Blessed Mother– Marcy Symanski– daughters & families

Madonna & Child– Constance McKenna– Cindy Crossland, Kim
Michael & James McKenna

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*From
the Desk
of
Fr. Dan*

In our first reading this weekend, we hear about Jonah being called by God to go to Nineveh to preach a message of repentance. What we often miss in this story is how ridiculous this request that God makes is. First, Jonah was a terrible prophet. He did not want to go. He ended up in the belly of a whale for three days because he would not listen. There certainly could have been better options to send.

Second, Nineveh was not friendly with God's chosen people. Nineveh was the capital of the Assyrian empire, and the Assyrians were the ones who conquered the Northern Kingdom in 721 BC. They were enemies of Judah and the city's destruction was prophesied (Nahum 1:1-14, Zephaniah 2:13-15).

Third, there was little to no hope that this message of repentance would do anything. The city had been prophesied by God already to be destroyed. And even though God was seeming to give it one final chance through Jonah's preaching, it was a pagan city with no Jewish roots. The nation was strong and flourishing. Why would the people have any reason to listen to this Jewish prophet's message, especially when he himself was not that impressive?

The story ends unexpectedly. The people listen to Jonah and repent by fasting, putting on sackcloth and ashes, and praying. And God listens to them and delivers them from the destruction he foretold.

This story reminds us of the power of God. Even though Jonah was a terrible prophet and even though Nineveh was enemies with Judah and were not likely to be open to this message, Jonah did it with little hope that it would work. (In fact, we learn later that Jonah is angry that God forgives them.)

The point of the story is that anything is possible with God. We can often question whether something God wants us to do is worthwhile. In our eyes, it's a waste of time and probably won't have any effect. But we don't know how God might make use of it to transform us.

So, the lesson of this story is to be open to the Lord and willing to do what He asks you to do. You may not understand how it will make any sense, but when we submit our will to God's, marvelous, impossible things can take place.

ATTENTION PLEASE If you need to have Communion brought to you at Mass, you are asked to please sit in the handicapped pews. By doing this, the Eucharistic Ministers will be able to find you and no one will be overlooked. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

*Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:*



THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, IS THE FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL. The ninth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles tells the story of Paul's conversion to

Christ. The story is so important that Luke includes it two other times in the Acts of the Apostles, and Paul tells the story in his own words in the first chapter of his Letter to the Galatians.

Before he became known as Paul, his name was Saul. He was a tentmaker from the city of Tarsus. Saul had studied to become a teacher. When Stephen (December 26), the first Christian martyr, was killed, Saul held the coats of those who threw the stones. Saul set out for Damascus. He wanted to arrest any Christians who had escaped from Jerusalem after Stephen's death. Along the way, Saul was struck down to the ground and blinded. He heard the voice of Jesus. Jesus asked him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"

Saul was in shock. He allowed himself to be led to the home of Christians in Damascus. A holy man named Ananias prayed with him and his sight was restored. Saul went to an isolated spot to reflect on his new faith. Then he returned to Damascus and began preaching the gospel. Everyone was astounded at the change in him. Now Saul was the one being persecuted. His friends feared for his life. They helped him to escape from Damascus by lowering him over the wall of the city in a basket. Saul, who began to call himself by the Roman name of Paul, went out on missionary journeys. He crossed the Roman empire four times to bring the good news of Christ to the world.

IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Blaise, February 3, with the Blessing of Throats and beginning the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 14. We are now in the midst of preparation for these Liturgical feasts and seasons. We are changing the schedules and devotions a little this year. I ask that you pay attention to the announcements in the forthcoming bulletins. We are also in the process of making plans and preparing food for our Lenten fish fry at St. Pius X. We need help staffing these dinners on Fridays, and of course, we need customers! Thank you for your consideration.

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



We have opened the Mass book for 2024. Intention request sheets may be found in the back of both churches. All Mass intentions have to be submitted in writing on the reservation sheet. Please read the **DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY!** No Masses will be scheduled over the phone. Thank you for your understanding.

The St. Pius X Holy Name Society will be having their “All-You-Can-Eat” omelet breakfasts in the St. Pius X social hall for winter 2024 on the following Sundays: January 21 & February 4. 8:00 a.m. to noon, adults \$10, children 3-12 \$3, under 3 FREE! A 50/50 drawing will also take place. Come hungry!

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Lenten Dinners

The St. Pius X Fish Fry “ship” is getting ready to set sail for the Lenten season. We need to load up donations of oil, butter, green beans and flour. Please drop them off at the church office. Of course, monetary donations for other items are always welcome. A crew is needed on Friday nights. Volunteers can do a variety of jobs. All that is needed are willing hands and a smile. Sign up in the back of St. Pius X Church or call the office. Volunteering can be for one, several, or all the Fridays. The “ship” needs a willing crew. Please, come join us!

Passengers with hearty appetites are needed to enjoy our famous fish fry meals. Cost of the dinner will be \$15 per adult and \$8 per child. Following is the dinner schedule:

Weekly, we will serve fried or baked fish with coleslaw, green beans, breadstick, a drink & homemade dessert. Pierogies or halushki will be served with the dinner every other week. Pierogies– Feb. 16, March 1 & 15; Halushki– Feb. 23, March 8 & 22. On Feb. 23 and Mar. 22 you'll be able to order our homemade gnocchi dinner OR our fish fry dinner. Fish sandwiches on a homemade bun will be offered every week for \$11. This includes coleslaw, a drink & homemade dessert. AHOY! Come to the St. Pius X Fish Fry dinners.

Visitation Parish's Cash/Purse Bash: Sunday, March 3, 2024, St. Pius X social hall, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Only 250 tickets will be sold, and the cost is \$35. There will be four numbers per ticket, and the 4 p.m. drawing will be for \$1,000! Please call Barb at 724-547-3903 or Kathy at 724-547-2432 for information. Tickets are available at the office!

MARDI GRAS PARTY, St. Aloysius Church social hall (Dunbar, PA), SATURDAY, Feb. 10 from 6-10 p.m. There will be music and an ethnic food buffet. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, and admission includes complimentary beer & wine. ADULTS ONLY! BYOB!! Sponsored by the St. Aloysius Altar Rosary Society, with proceeds benefiting the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Please call Linda at 724-277-8289 by FEB. 4 for reservations!

Valentine's Day dinner/dance at Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 6-10 p.m. in the cafeteria. Tickets are \$25 (only 175 will be sold). Food will be provided by Rizzo's Malabar Inn, Crabtree. Beer, wine and pop will be available to purchase. There will also be basket raffles and a lottery board. For tickets, contact John Cramer at 724-396-9739 or Kelly Dowd at 724-875-2437.



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.

MISSING SUNDAY MASS By our Baptism, we offer faithfulness to the Lord and the family in thanksgiving for God's gift of being faithful to us. Our faithfulness as family is more noticeably expressed by the weekly gathering of that family at Mass. It is a reunion of God and His people. Deep down we know we should be there; otherwise, the family is incomplete. When we miss Mass willfully by idleness or neglect, we are breaking our promise. But, when we have to miss Mass because of ill health, extreme weather or another good reason which prevents us, we do not break our promise. We do not sin. We may feel disappointed, even somewhat empty, but we needn't feel guilty. In fact, the disappointment shows that we really wanted to be at Mass. That's a blessed feeling, not a sinful one. So, whenever you wonder about having missed Mass, you can judge your intention by asking: *Did I really want to be with the family?*

THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. ANGELA MERICI (Religious founder c.1474-1540) Angela Merici was born in Descenzano, Italy. She spent much of her early life grieving. By the time she reached her twenties, she had lost the five people closest to her. Her parents, her favorite sister, the uncle who raised her and her best friend had all died. She could have spent her life in sorrow. But Angela saw that there was great need all around her. In filling that need, she found new joy and hope. Angela especially noticed the needs of the poor children of her town. Four friends came to live with her, and they began to teach religion to young girls. The work went well. Angela designed a training program for teachers. Soon she was asked to begin a school in the city of Brescia. She also gave spiritual encouragement to a group of men and women there. They provided funds for the school. In 1525, the Pope tried to convince Angela to take charge of a congregation of nursing sisters, which was a job with great honor. But she didn't want so much fame. Even more important, she sensed that her true mission was to teach.

In time, Angela gathered a group of young women. Some of them lived in community, but many others lived at home with their families. They wore simple clothing, prayed and studied together, and devoted their lives to teaching. They called themselves the Ursulines. They were to become the first teaching order of religious women. They chose Angela as the head of the group. She held that position for the last five years of her life. The Ursulines flourish to this day and still have as their mission the education of young women.



Please pray for our departed loved ones:
Michael Yanuck and Michael Berg.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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

Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

Zippy, Robert Atz, Mike Curci, Arthur & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom O'Brocto, Sr., Irene, Stephen H., Blue, Lisa C., Terri Griffith, Mike Hauser, Pete Rerko, 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 Sandzimer, 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, 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, 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., Dolores Solinski, 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 Plazza, Rob & family, Mary, Artie, Loretta & Alan Ambrosa, Betty Mencer, Bridget Nitkiewicz, Dorothy Nitkiewicz, Ginny Grenda, Ray G., Nancy K., James P.



Faith Formation Info

Hi! I'll be using a section of the bulletin each week to keep you in the loop on Faith Formation activities, efforts, and/or things I think you might like. Questions or concerns? Email me at mallison@dioceseofgreensburg.org or call/text me at 724-961-1094.

Elementary

What's going on?

- We've restarted our semester!

Coming Soon:

- 1st Communion students have workshops coming up

Teens

Middle School

- Companions restarted on 1/10
- Confirmation candidates had a workshop this weekend
- Candidates meet with the Bishop on 1/24

High School

- Frassati Fellowship restarted on 1/17
- We're going to a Steubenville Youth Conference this summer! Keep an eye out for more!

Adults

Christian Initiation

- Rite of Sending and Election will be 1st Sunday of Lent

Young Adults

- Are you between 21 and 36?
- Would you be interested in meeting weekly on a weeknight?
- Contact Mary!

Weekly Offering- January 7, 2024

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$5,125
Capital Improvements.....	\$97
Growing/debt reduction.....	\$58
Catholic Accent.....	\$54
Christmas.....	\$2,173
Immaculate Conception.....	\$25
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$130
Children & family services.....	\$73
Total envelopes: 213	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$7,077
Christmas flowers.....	\$20
Immaculate Conception.....	\$5
Catholic Accent.....	\$41
Capital improvements.....	\$185
Christmas.....	\$285
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$90
All Souls & All Saints.....	\$10
Home Missions.....	\$10
Ash Wednesday.....	\$10
Total envelopes: -	

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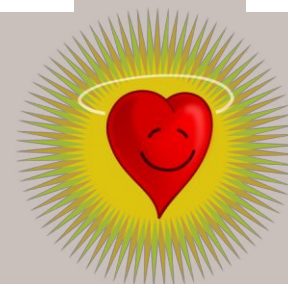
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VISITATION



TOTAL GIVING REPORT: As you know, we do not publish a parish report of individual contributions in any kind of public way. We feel that your giving is honest and that it is between you and the Lord. We will be sending a statement to every parishioner at the beginning of February. Please be patient as the office staff prepares to send out more than 1,000 statements. We are grateful to all who are generous and we pray that your generosity continues so that our parishes can advance in performing God's work.



TWO DIOCESAN EVENTS: No admission & no reservations required!

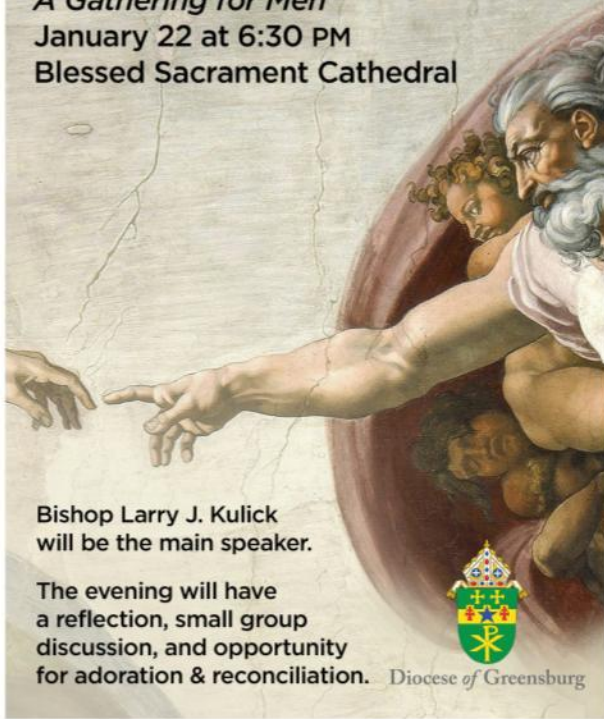
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Transformed

A Gathering for Men

January 22 at 6:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament Cathedral



Bishop Larry J. Kulick
will be the main speaker.

The evening will have
a reflection, small group
discussion, and opportunity
for adoration & reconciliation. Diocese of Greensburg



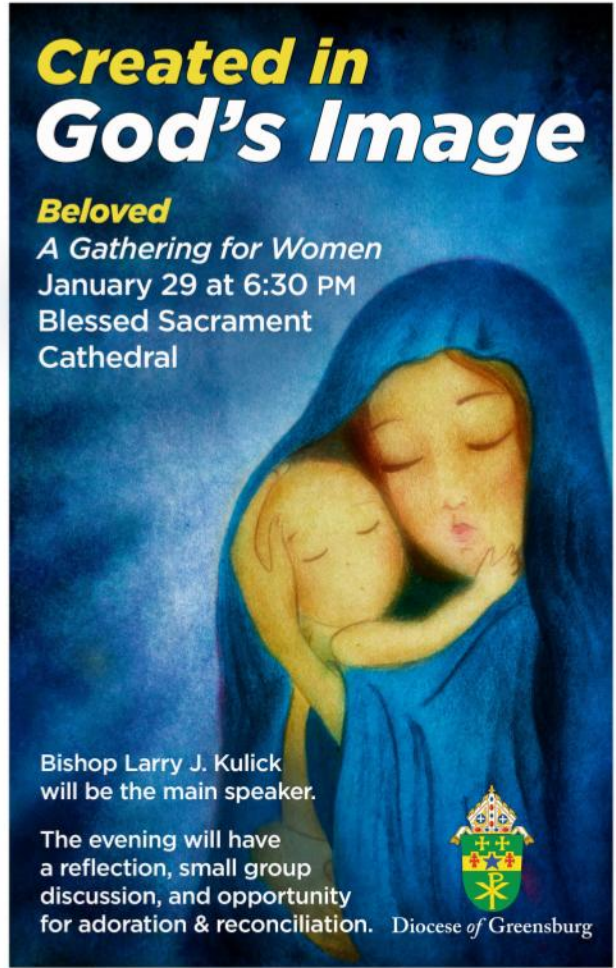
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Beloved

A Gathering for Women

January 29 at 6:30 PM

Blessed Sacrament
Cathedral



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will be the main speaker.

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a reflection, small group
discussion, and opportunity
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