St. Pius X Parish



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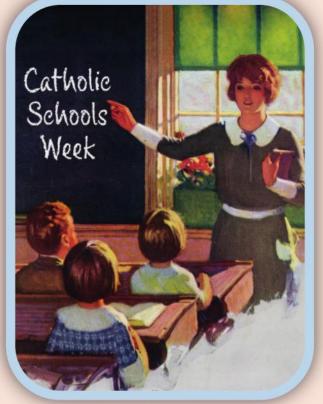
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January 28, 2024 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

> Administrator: The Very Rev. Paul A. Lisik, V.F. plisik@dioceseofgreensburg.org

> > Parochial Vicar: Rev. Daniel E. Carr dcarr@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mass Intentions

Mon.	1/29 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Dennis Baluh– Visitation Rosary Altar Society
Tues.	1/30 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Sarah Minick– Paul & Peggy Tepper
Wed.	 I/31 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Richard M. Pinsky, Constance A. McKenna & Ann D. Pinsky– Cindy Crossland, Kim Michael & James McKenna
Thurs.	2/1 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Tatsuko DeCarlo– Tom & Kathy Demagall
Friday	2/2 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Robert & Vera Jezowski– Mark & Debbie Potosky John Halligan– wife, Betty Kendal Dusenbery– Ken & Pat Gillott
Sat.	2/3 Visitation 4:00 p.m. Francis Kozar– Melanie, PJ, Owen & Lily Spires
	St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Anna Marie Kiliany– Ron Rinaldi
Sun.	2/4 Visitation 8:30 a.m. Deceased members of the

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Tribuzio family- Sr. M. Letizia Tribuzio St. Pius X 10:30 a.m. John Mack- Joe & Diane Krzysiak



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Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 2/3 Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Ray Gamrat Eucharistic Minister: Barb Sandzimier Servers: Bobby S., Clara & Caleb S. Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

St. Pius X 6:00pm

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Connie Barnhart Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Coppula & Paul K. Servers: Sophia & Ava Coppula, volunteer Cantor: Jaime Golobish

Sun. 2/4 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Tereasa Rerko Eucharistic Minister: Patricia Thomas Servers: Langdon & Amelia Thomas, volunteer Cantor: Sharon Stewart

St. Pius X 10:30am Greeters: volunteers Lector: Robert Davis Eucharistic Ministers: Dan C. & Madonna M. Servers: Nolan D., Jaxon F. & Camden S. Cantor: Eric Harris/choir





St. Pius X

Sanctuary- Gene Wisnewski- wife, Carol

Blessed Mother- All living & deceased members of the St. Pius Christian Mothers- St. Pius X Christian Mothers

> Visitation Sanctuary- John Rubino- sister, Isabel & John

> > St. Joseph- John Halligan- wife, Betty

Madonna & Child- Richard Pinsky- Cindy Crossland, Kim Michael & James McKenna

St. Vincent de Paul, Mt. Pleasant: Please call 724-547-0413 for local assistance.



As a part of the National Eucharistic Revival, Fr. Paul and I are prepared to present to you some opportunities to grow in your devotion to the Eucharist. See below for the full schedule of events.

First, we will be hosting monthly opportunities at both parishes to learn more about the Eucharist.

I'm particularly excited about this. Many people gave me positive feedback about the mini-lessons I gave at Mass a little over a year ago. These will be like that but will be between weekend Masses in our parish social hall with some light refreshments. The first weekend of the month will be at St. Pius X and the third weekend of the month will be at Visitation Community Center. In February, we have the treat of enjoying a Last Supper display, sponsored by our Visitation Christian Mothers.

Second, our parish Bible study will be taking place on the theme of the Eucharist. There will be six sessions exploring the Old Testament and New Testament passages connected to the gift of the Eucharist. The study will begin on Tuesday, February 6 and will follow the same format as the fall.

Third, Bishop Kulick has granted permission for parishes to distribute from the cup again starting the first weekend in Lent. This means that we will need more extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs) to assist us at Mass. Any Catholic in good standing with appropriate clearances can attend a training and be commissioned to distribute the Eucharist. So, please consider signing up.

Fourth, I am also hoping to train people who are willing to bring the Eucharist to our homebound and to build up this ministry. The same requirements apply as with distribution of communion. If you are interested in doing this, contact me: dcarr@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

These activities are in addition to our usual Eucharistic adoration efforts at our parish. On First Fridays, we have adoration after morning Mass until noon and during Lent, we will again offer adoration and reflection on Monday nights at Visitation parish from 5:30-6:30 PM.

Please check our scheduled events for the Eucharistic revival in February and consider taking part in these efforts to help bring about the Eucharistic revival in our parish, our diocese, and our nation.

FRI, FEB 2 @ 7:30 a.m.: Eucharistic adoration until noon at VIS SAT, FEB 3 @ 5:15 p.m.: Lesson #1 w/Fr. Dan in StPX social hall SUN, FEB 4 @ 8:45 a.m.: Lesson #1 w/Fr. Dan in StPX social hall MON, FEB 5 @ 7 p.m.: EMHC training at VISITATION TUE, FEB 6 @ 6 p.m.: Bible study, Eucharist #1 in StPX social hall THU, FEB 8 @ 7 p.m.: EMHC training at ST. PIUS X SAT, FEB 17 @ 5:15 p.m.: Last Supper event in VIS comm. ctr. SUN, FEB 18 @ 8:45 a.m.: Last Supper event in VIS comm. ctr. MON, FEB 19 @ 5:30 p.m.: Adoration & reflection #1 @ VIS TUE, FEB 22 @ 6 p.m.: Bible study, Eucharist #2 in StPX hall MON, FEB 26 @ 5:30 p.m.: Adoration & reflection #2 @ VIS Notes from our Administrator, Fr. Paul:

EASTERN EUROPEAN CHURCH: Annually, our Diocese participates in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on the first Sunday of February. This year, the collection will be taken on February 3 and 4. The proceeds from this collection will help the Church to overcome the challenges of rebuilding after decades of atheistic communist rule, bringing light to twenty-nine nations in Central & Eastern Europe, such as Lithuania, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Slovakia, Macedonia and Ukraine. The citizens of Central & Eastern Europe do need our assistance and financial help because they do not have the resources to "restore the Church and build the future" on their own.

Because of the generous response from parishioners in past years, the Bishops of the United States were able to provide aid immediately to Ukraine when Russia attacked that nation almost two years ago. The Bishops of the United States continue to supply aid to Ukraine, but also desire to help other nations in Central & Eastern Europe. For example, the Romanian Greek-Catholic Seminary of Blaj is renovating its historic, centuries-old buildings in order that a new generation of seminarians can be formed there. Funds from this collection will support other reconstruction projects, education, formation of clergy, religious, and laity, and aid those suffering from poverty. I hope that parishioners will be comforted in the knowing that their contributions to this collection do indeed make a difference in the lives of so many people as they struggle to recover from former communist rule.

Our parishioners' participation in the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe expresses our care and support for the people in Central & Eastern Europe, especially in times of crisis and disruption. We are called to continue to offer hope to our fellow Catholics in Central & Eastern Europe by providing both material and spiritual assistance as they face enormous challenges. We often forget that under communism, religion was openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Our prayers and material assistance can help to overcome the miserable effects of these past sins. Please pray for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, asking God to strengthen those who serve and to relieve those who suffer. Please be generous to the collection because your support helps foster nurturing communities in which Catholics can share and grow in faith.

> Bishop of Greensburg, The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL





2024 Mass Intention Requests: 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 <u>DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY</u>! No **Masses will be scheduled over the phone or by e-mail.** Thank you for your understanding.

The St. Pius X Holy Name Society will be having an "All-You-Can-Eat" omelet breakfast in the St. Pius X social hall for winter 2024 on Sunday, 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.



Lenten Dinners 🤹

The St. Pius X Fish Fry "ship" is getting ready to set sail for the Lenten season. We need 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 volunteer crew is needed on Friday nights. 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!

Customers are also 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. We at St. Pius X thank you!

Valentine's Day dinner/dance: Sacred Heart Parish, Jeannette, 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, as well as basket raffles and a lottery board. For tickets, contact John Cramer at 724-396-9739 or Kelly Dowd at 724-875-2437.



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!

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!

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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.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, IS THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP & MARTYR: Blaise was a Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He was martyred during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Lucinius. Blaise is said to have been a physician, as well as a Bishop. A legend tells that Blaise saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. Blaise is now the Patron Saint of all who have diseas-

es of the throat. On his feast day, in many parishes of the United States, people have their throats blessed. It's no surprise that this custom coincides with the peak of the sore throat and flu season. Years ago, wintertime illnesses were very dangerous. Before the discovery of penicillin, a person could die from complications of a sore throat.

A tradition of blessing throats began at a time when the church's calendar was filled with blessings for the saints' days. Many of these are no longer practiced, but somehow, the custom of blessing throats survived. Two candles are tied in the shape of a cross, and the candles are touched to our necks. We can think of the blessing of our throats as a sign of God's care for every part of us.

THERE WILL BE A MORNING MASS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 9 A.M. AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH.

Throats will be blessed during this Mass. Since the Feast of St. Blaise falls on a Saturday this year, we will also bless throats after the vigil Masses. Please remember, throats will only be blessed on the Feast of St. Blaise.

TAKE A MOMENT to recognize some important partners of our parishes. Sometimes we take the bulletin for granted, but on the back of our Sunday issue are ads from the companies that support us year-round. Please take some time today to look over our bulletin ads, and when you are patronizing those businesses or services say, "Thank you from St. Pius X & Visitation Parishes." They are part of the success of our parishes!

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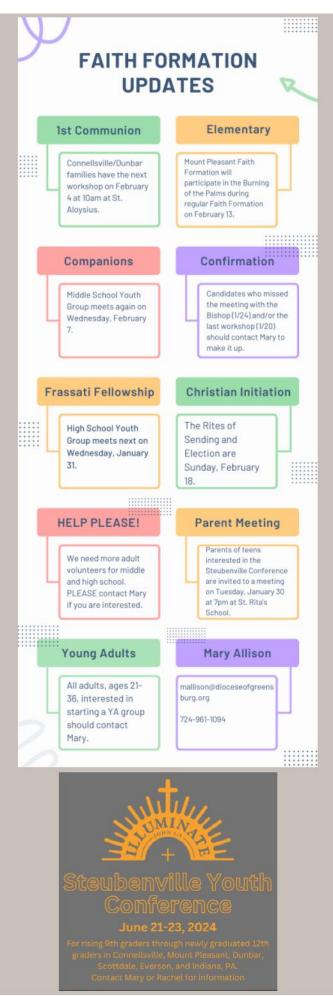
You may volunteer to fill a position if you attend a Mass where it is not covered. All of the guidelines are the same. You can feel at home in whatever church you serve! May those who have died rejoice in Christ's kingdom, where they live in His presence and all of their tears are wiped away. Unite us together in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. 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 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, 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.





Weekly Offering– January 14, 2024	
Visitation Parish	
Weekly\$	4,120
Capital Improvements	\$93
Growing/debt reduction	.\$116
Catholic Accent	.\$225
Christmas	.\$195
Solemnity of Mary	\$75
Children & family services	
Initial offering	\$70
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Weekly	\$5,899
Immaculate Conception	
Catholic Accent	
Capital improvements	\$60
Christmas	
Solemnity of Mary	
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ST. PIUS X

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 these 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. Please be advised that Bishop Kulick has given permission to re-institute receiving the Precious Blood of Christ from the cup on the first weekend of Lent, which is February 17th & 18th. We will begin implementing this practice on the vigil and Sunday Masses on those days and continue every weekend thereafter. However, we will <u>not</u> implement receiving from the cup at weekday Masses at this time. I ask all Eucharistic Ministers to be aware of this, as we will need to increase the number of ministers at each weekend Mass.





THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ON CANDLEMAS DAY

Forty days after Christmas, on February 2, this feast takes place. In many places, the nativity scene is left up until then. On this day, it is decorated with the first flowers of spring before it is taken down and put away. We celebrate a joyful event told in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke. When Jesus was 40 days old, Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple of Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. In the Temple, Jesus was recognized by Anna and Simeon, two elderly people of great holiness. They were filled with joy. Simeon took Jesus in his arms. Old age embraced youth. Jesus was called "a light to the nations."

We will bless candles at our Masses and anyone wishing to purchase them for home use may do so after Mass for a donation of \$3. With Christ as our light, we warm a lost and wintry world!

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CASH BASH, to be held by the partner parishes of St. John the Baptist (Scottdale) & St. Joseph (Everson), in St. John's school hall on SATURDAY, February 3. Tickets cost \$25. Call 724-887-6321 for more information!



ON FEBRUARY 2, WE ALSO CELEBRATE GROUNDHOG DAY, "America's second

favorite holiday", as they say in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

The Celtic people divided the year differently than we do. For them, February 1 was the first day of spring. The first days of May, August and November marked the beginnings of the other seasons. That way of dividing the year makes a lot of sense in northern Europe, where the change in the length of days is dramatic. St. Brigid's Day and Candlemas Day are associated with folklore about the arrival of spring, or at least the arrival of lengthening days.

German farmers say that on Candlemas the badge interrupts its winter nap to check the weather. If the day is sunny, the badger sees its shadow and gets scared, and then goes back to hibernate for six more weeks. The bright, cold days of winter aren't over yet. But if the day is cloudy, the badger cannot see its shadow. That means that hibernation is over and the cloudy, warmer weather of spring is about to arrive. Good news for the farmers!

German farmers who immigrated to Pennsylvania did not find badgers. They decided that groundhogs would provide the spring forecast, instead. So on Candlemas Day we wonder if the groundhog will see its shadow or if spring is coming soon.



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