

St. Pius X Parish



Visitation Parish

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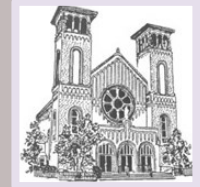
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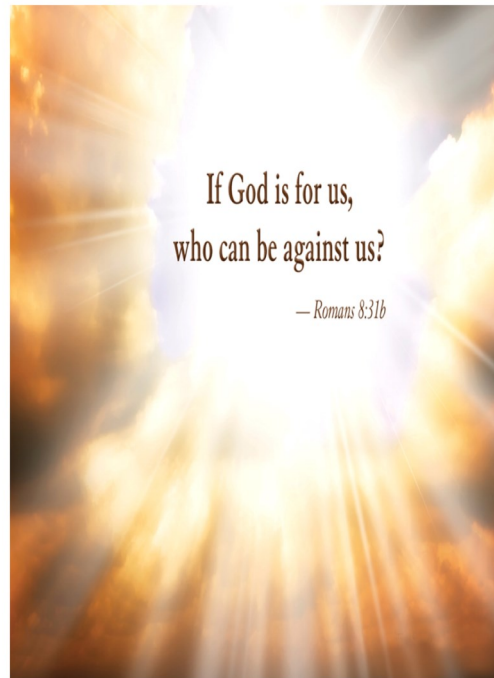
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February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday of Lent



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. 2/26 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Genevieve E. Shumar– Mark & Karen
Marchewka
- Tues. 2/27 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Dorothy Shibilsky– Barbara Love
- Wed. 2/28 **Visitation**
6:00 p.m. Mary Katherine Prickett– Karen
Josephine & Jeep Miscizevich-
Bernadette O'Rourke
- Thurs. 2/29 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Dorothy Staszal– James & Audrey
Maddas
- Friday 3/1 **Visitation**
7:00 a.m. Sarah J. Minick– Cathy & George
Bando
- Sat. 3/2 **Visitation**
4:00 p.m. Nevitt & Marie Louder– Kate &
Kevin Bannon
- St. Pius X**
6:00 p.m. Amelia Forsys– husband, Joseph Forsys
- Sun. 3/3 **Visitation**
8:30 a.m. George E. Niezgoda– Barbara &
family
- St. Pius X**
10:30 a.m. Pro populo



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Ministry of the Altar

- Sat. 3/2 **Visitation 4:00 p.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: David Brooks
E.M.: Volunteer, Donna Zemba, volunteer
Servers: Clara & Caleb Stewart, volunteer
Cantor: Kristen Felentzer
- St. Pius X 6:00pm**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Connie Barnhart
E.M.: Dan & Cindy C., Sr. Anna Maria, vol.
Servers: Sophia & Ava Coppula, Braxton P.
Cantor: Chris DeFlicht
- Sun. 3/3 **Visitation 8:30 a.m.**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Denise Moyemont
E.M.: Patty Thomas, Kim Sirianna, Joyce G.
Servers: Grant Zahrobsky, Ty Whoric, vol.
Cantor: Phil Brown/choir
- St. Pius X 10:30am**
Greeters: volunteers
Lector: Acacia Houck
E.M.: Kristen Rega, Ted C., Sr. Juliana, Ray G.
Servers: Camden S., Michael H. & Lucas P.
Cantor: Pat Martinoski

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary– Joan Wawrzyniak– John & Sandy DiPasquale & family

Blessed Mother– Sophia & Constant Siecinski– John & Sandy
DiPasquale & family

St. Joseph– Joan Wawrzyniak– anonymous

Visitation

Blessed Mother– Vickiann Neihaus– Godmother

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

*From
the Desk
of
Fr. Dan*

Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a burnt offering. -Genesis 22:2

You shall not worship the Lord, your God, that way, because they offered to their gods every abomination that the Lord detests, even burning their sons and daughters to their gods. - Deuteronomy 12:31

Many people are disturbed by the story of Abraham and Isaac. Taken out of context, someone might truly believe that the moral of this story is, "If God asks me to kill someone, I should do it. Because I must obey God."

While it's true that we should obey God, some context for this story can help us better understand it. In those days, the prevailing pagan attitude was that the gods demand sacrifices, and the most pleasing sacrifice is sacrifice of human blood. So, human sacrifice was common. And if you didn't offer it, you might have been seen as a people who were less devoted to your god.

In many places of the Torah (the law given to Moses), including the above passage from Deuteronomy, human sacrifice was forbidden. In place of human sacrifice, Israel offered animal sacrifice. You can imagine the contempt other nations would have at this practice. "You don't really love your god. You won't even offer your own children as sacrifices to him." The story of Abraham explains why this is. Abraham was willing to offer his only son to God. But God stayed Abraham's hand. This story makes sense of why Israel was still just as devoted to their God as everyone else despite not offering human sacrifice to him like the pagans around them. It also makes sense of why we should always obey God—He would never ask us to do something that would be harmful to us or others.

Another lesson we can learn from this story is that we should not compare sacrifices with one another. Lent is not about offering a "bigger" sacrifice or a "better" sacrifice. It's about offering the right sacrifice—one that is pleasing to God.

Lastly, although God forbade Abraham from offering Isaac and instead gave him an animal to sacrifice, He did not do that with Jesus. He offered His own Son as a sacrifice on the cross and did not rescue him at the last minute. The crucifixion of Jesus is the fulfillment of the sacrifice of Isaac. When Lent gets tough for us, remember that God would never ask us to sacrifice anything more than what he has already done for us in Christ.

*Notes from our Administrator,
Fr. Paul:*

**THE UNFOLDING MESSAGE:
LEARNING WHO GOD IS**

What can help us to know and appreciate the One, who undergirds our life? The gospel of John helps us with this. As we try to contemplate who God is and what God can provide for our lives, we hear the words, "No one has ever seen God; it is God, the only Son, ever at the Father's side, who has revealed Him." These cryptic words, somewhat confusing to our modern ears, contain an eternal truth. We see God most clearly in and through Jesus Christ. In other words, as we see, living and speaking in certain ways and revealing a sense of God's presence, we come to realize what God makes available to us. We humans cannot fully fathom the infinite. We cannot encapsulate God. In Jesus, though, we gain the knowledge of God that is essential for sensing God's presence and guidance within our lives.

"God was in Christ." These words of scripture should be the background for all our attempts to live out our divine calling. Like Jesus, God is personal and near, living in our midst. God is our standard for righteousness, what is good and right, what is true and wise. Jesus' attitude and actions show what this means in specific, lived-out ways. God is a loving, healing force in our midst, just as Jesus again and again showed healing compassion and affection. He was understanding and caring. He brought wholeness and renewal of life. Where some of the prophets proclaimed God's judgment, Jesus does affirm what is right and true, but more as a guide and standard than a condemnation. Jesus' self-giving revealed God's caring and love. These illustrate how His unfolding message helps us to grasp who and what God is.

The season of Lent challenges us to pause and take time to know God better. As Jesus at times moved away from the crowds, can we move away from our crowded agenda, our busyness, our pursuit of physical and financial well-being long enough to sense the highest values that are God-centered and that Jesus calls us to?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is a popular devotion in honor of the Passion and Death of Christ. It consists of meditating on 14 "stations" or "stages" in the Passion of Christ and will be offered for the week at Visitation at 12:05 p.m. and at St. Pius X at 6 p.m. on **FRIDAY, MARCH 1**. Please note, we would appreciate women volunteers to lead this week, as we'll feature a Marian version of Stations. Ladies, if you cannot help this time, please consider assisting on March 22. Thank you for taking time to put Jesus first!

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



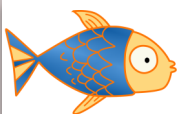
Saint Vincent College cordially invites you to attend the 2024 Rabbi Edelstein lecture, "Lent and Easter Through Jewish Eyes: Liturgies of Purification, Both Catholic and Jewish", presented by Dr. Ruth Langer, professor of Jewish studies in the Theology Department at Boston College. The lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in the Fred Rogers Center on Wednesday, February 28, and will be preceded by a reception, beginning at 6 p.m. Registration is appreciated, but not required: 724-805-2814.



ST. PIUS X CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' meeting on FEBRUARY 28 at 6 p.m. in the social hall.

WOMEN are needed to lead the **Marian Stations of the Cross** on March 1 & 22. Please call the office if you'd care to assist in this beautiful devotion.

A limited number of **EASTER DEVOTIONAL CANDLES** are now available, just as they were at Christmas, for both churches! Please call the office to reserve: \$10 each, first come, first served.



ONCE AGAIN IT IS THE SEASON FOR FISH FRIES! Please patronize the St. Pius X Lenten dinner this Friday, March 1, from 4-7 p.m. in the social hall. Fish sandwich and baked or fried fish dinner available weekly, and featured this Friday will be piroghis with the fish dinner.

EUCHARISTIC ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

MON, FEB, 26 @ 5:30 p.m.: Adoration & reflection #2 @ VISI

TUE, FEB 27 @ 6 p.m.: Bible study, Eucharist #2 in StPX hall
Continuing study, please join us even if you missed our opening session! Prepare by checking out the following three Bible passages: **Leviticus 1:1-17 (Burnt offerings); **Leviticus 16:1-28** (Day of atonement); and **2 Samuel 6: 1-19** (the Ark brought to Jerusalem).*

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND BAKE SALE by the Visitation Rosary-Altar Society, Saturday, March 23 after the 4 p.m. Mass and Sunday, March 24 from 8:30-11 a.m. in the Visitation community center. Members may deliver baked goods to the center on Saturday after 1:30 p.m. The sale will be co-sponsored by FCSLA Life. If you're able to help on either day, call Cathy at 724-547-9629.

**Rosary Society dues will be collected during the bake sale. Dues are still just \$3! Please put money in an envelope marked "Visitation Rosary-Altar Society 2024". Include the names of all members whose dues you are paying. All checks should be made out to Visitation Rosary-Altar Society.*

JUNE 21-23

Steubenville Youth Conference!

Teens are invited!

Contact Mary ASAP!

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2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

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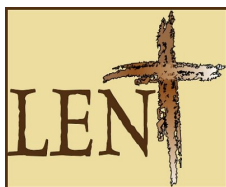
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Priests bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people. Donating to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal assures an investment in the formation of our seminarians so they can grow in their relationship with Christ, and knowledge of the Catholic Church and her teachings.

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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.



LENTEN GUIDELINES

ABSTINENCE: Catholics in the U.S. age 14 and older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. The church law

forbids use of meat, but does not prohibit eggs, milk products or condiments made with animal fat. **FASTING:** Catholics in the U.S. from the day after their 18th birthday until the day after their 59th birthday, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. The church law allows for only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit the taking of some food in the morning and evening. The combined quantity of the two meals should not exceed the quantity eaten at the full meal. The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. Note: Persons taking medication or with health concerns should follow their doctor's advice.

PRAYER / ALMSGIVING: Abstinence and fasting should lead Catholics to a deeper prayer life. Almsgiving provides an opportunity for a deeper understanding and response to the needs of the poor.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES, planned by our local priests for the Lenten season, are scheduled as below. Please make use of these times to gain the grace of the Sacrament and prepare yourself for the celebration of Easter. There will be a group of priests available to hear confession at each of these services.

THU, MAR 7, St. Raymond's, Donegal, @ 6 p.m.

MON, MAR 11, St. Florian's, United, @ 6:30 p.m.

THU, MAR 14, St. Pius X, Mt. Pleasant, @ 7 p.m.

SAT, MAR 16, St. John's, Connellsville, @ 11 a.m.

THU, MAR 21, St. Aloysius, Dunbar, @ 7 p.m.

SAT, MAR 23, St. John's, Scottdale, @ 11 a.m.



Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces:

Captain Jonathan Lang, USMC
Stephen Shallenberger
Jacob & Alex Shafley



May God guide & protect them always.



Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, we ask for God's protection & mercy for the deceased: *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. 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, 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, Brenda, Paul, 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, 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., R.J. Aggie Farcosky

HELP THE MT. PLEASANT COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! Membership drive next weekend after all Masses. Men ages 18 +, visit KofC.org/Join or call Eric Harris at 724-689-2581.

Faith Formation News



Elementary

We need substitutes to finish out our year!!! PLEASE contact Mary as soon as possible if you can help!

First Communion



Mount Pleasant's next workshop is 3/23 at St. Pius at 1pm.

Cville's next workshop is 3/3 at St. Aloysius after 9am Mass.



Confirmation

The next workshop is 3/10 at St. Pius from 1-3pm.

Text "yough" to 84576 to make sure you're getting all communications.

INTENTION FORMS ARE DUE MARCH 6 by email.

Companions



Our next meeting is March 6.



Frassati Fellowship

Our next meeting is February 28.

Catechists



Please prayerfully consider your plans for returning next year. We need lots of help as we regionalize!



Summer!

We want to do several summer programs (VBS, Steubenville, etc.). Please contact Mary if you can help!

Mary Allison



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Regional Director of Faith Formation

Weekly Offering— February 11, 2024

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$4,306
Capital Improvements.....	\$17
Growing/debt reduction.....	\$170
Catholic Accent.....	\$50
Ash Wednesday.....	\$165
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$10
Central & Eastern Europe.....	\$2
Online giving.....	\$200
Total envelopes: 189	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$6,092
Capital improvements.....	\$20
Accent.....	\$10
Ash Wednesday.....	\$160
Central & Eastern Europe.....	\$35
Home Missions.....	\$5
Initial offering.....	\$10
Online giving.....	\$405
Total envelopes: 149	

Thank you for your generosity!

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

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ST. PIUS X



VISITATION



REGIONAL FAITH FORMATION Listening Session:
Sunday, Feb. 25 @ 1:30 p.m., St. Pius X social hall

2024

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HELP NEEDED:

Director OR Co-Directors

Do you want VBS this summer? We can't do it without a volunteer(s) to lead it!

Mary has the program, so we just need the manpower to make it happen. It cannot happen without leaders!

Contact Mary ASAP if you're interested!

mallison@dioceseofgreensburg.org

VISITATION PARISH

Cash/Purse Bash



SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 1PM TILL 4PM
AT ST. PIUS X HALL, SUMMIT STREET

BINGO:

Game #1 \$100 CASH
Game #3 Patricia Nash Purse
Game #5 Kate Spade Black Crossbody
Game #7 Michael Kors Carmen Shoulder Bag
Game #9 \$100 CASH
Game #11 Coach Denim Purse

SPECIALS:

Game #2 Kate Spade Bucket Bag
Game #4 \$150 CASH
Game #6 Coach Saddle Bag
Game #8 Patricia Nash Purse
Game #10 \$150 CASH

DRAWINGS:

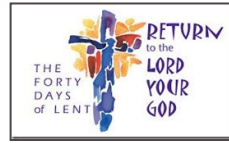
2:00 PM \$100 CASH
2:30 PM Michael Kors Pouchette
3:00 PM \$200 CASH
3:30 PM Michael Kors Handbag & Card Case
4:00 PM \$1,000 CASH

PURSE & CASH AUCTION:

Money Tree \$150 (Courtesy of Rosary Altar Society) • \$150 CASH • Michael Kors Hamilton Satchel & Card Case • Kate Spade Crossbody & Bangle • Coach Darcie Purse • Coach Signature Tote & Wallet

RAFFLES:

\$100 CASH • Michael Kors Maisie Backpack • Kate Spade Colorblock Tote • \$150 CASH • Michael Kors Camel Satchel & Wallet • Michael Kors Charlotte Tote & Wallet



The Connellsville Ministerium will once again host a

series of Lenten Lunches on the Tuesdays of Lent. The luncheon begins at noon and concludes at 1 p.m. The afternoon will include a light lunch and a reflection by one of the clergy from the area. There is no charge for the luncheon, but a free will offering will be taken. All the lunches will be held in St. John's Catholic Church's social hall, 908 West Crawford Avenue in Connellsville. All are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and reflection during the season of Lent. I hope to see you at these luncheons. Please mark your calendars now to attend: FEB 20, FEB 27, MAR 5, MAR 12 & MAR 19.

~Fr. Paul



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Visitation and St. Pius X Christian

Mothers: St. Rita's Christian Mothers have invited us to their yearly "Day of Recollection" on SUN, MAR 17 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Rita's Church. The retreat master will be Fr. John Bednarik. Please call Jan 724-547-5356, or Pam 724-454-5917 by March 7th if you plan to attend. It is a worthwhile day of fellowship, reflection, discussion and prayer with our sister organization.

Lenten Day of Prayer for Women of the Diocese

Sponsored by the Greensburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

"How to Find Joy in Suffering"

Saturday, March 2, 2024, at Caritas Christi, Seton Hill
129 DePaul Center Road, Greensburg

9 a.m. rosary, followed by

Mass celebrated by The Very Rev. Eric J. Dinga, VF;
Lenten Reflections, Catered Brunch, and The Way of the Cross

\$20, reservations required by Feb. 25, Kathy B.: 724-787-2415 or
kathyb1133@gmail.com

THE ST. ANTHONY NOVENA will begin on TUE, APR 16 @ 6:30 p.m., St. Rita's Church, 116 S. Second St., Connellsville. It will continue for nine weeks, and all are welcome to participate in this spiritual prayer opportunity.

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- Case Workers
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