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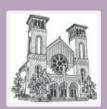
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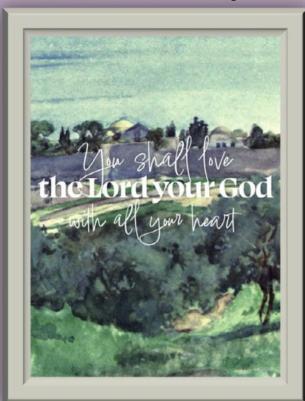


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March 3, 2024 - Third Sunday of Lent



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

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

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

Mass Intentions

Mon. 3/4 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Isabelle McElfresh– Suzanne Caletri & family

Tues. 3/5 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Harry Carr- Rita Gyurke

Wed. 3/6 Visitation

6:00 p.m. Alyssa Askin- Askin family

Thurs. 3/7 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Joan Wawrzyniak- St. Pius X Holy

Name Society

Friday 3/8 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Genevieve Harvan- Visitation

Rosary-Altar Society

Sat. 3/9 Visitation

4:00 p.m. Pro populo

St. Pius X

6:00 p.m. Warren & Gerry Leeder- Denny &

Terry Remaley & family

Sun. 3/10 **Visitation**

8:30 a.m. John Keto- Ruth Keto

St. Pius X

10:30 a.m. Tatsuko DeCarlo- family



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Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 3/9 Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Ray Gamrat

E.M.: Marlene C., Barb S. & Kim Sirianna Servers: Colton Golobish, Owen & Lily S.

Cantor: Joanne Geckle

St. Pius X 6:00pm

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Michael Hricik

E.M.: Mary Ann A., Sandy C., Paul K., Hank R.

Servers: Emma Ersick, volunteers

Cantor: Kristin Guynn

Sun. 3/10 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Tereasa Rerko

E.M.: Donna Zemba, Pat Gaal & Patty Thomas

Servers: Langdon & Amelia Thomas, Ty W.

Cantor: Sharon Stewart

St. Pius X 10:30am

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Mike Polechko

E.M.: Audrey S., Cindy & Dan C., Connie B. Servers: Michael Hegyes, Nolan D., Jaxon F.

Cantor: Linda Goodlin/choir

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary- Mary Ricotta- Marie

Blessed Mother— Bernard J. Paglio— Connie, Kim & Kelly

St. Joseph— Dora Eckman— family

Our Lady of Czestochowa- Mary Ross— family

Visitation

Sanctuary- George E. Niezgoda— Barbara & family

Blessed Mother– Genevieve Harvan– Visitation R.A. Society

St. Joseph— Gregory Harmening— Marjorie & sons

Madonna & Child- Alyssa Askin- family

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

From the Desk of Fr. Dan You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves... you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the Lord, your God, am a jealous God. – Ex 20:3, 5

I think this passage about God being jealous can strike people the wrong way. Why would God say that he is jealous? Doesn't He have everything? Also, isn't jealousy a sin?

Well, jealousy is interesting. It is not the same thing as envy and it is not always a sin. Envy mostly means being unhappy because someone else has something that you yourself want to have. This is nearly always wrong – we should actually rejoice that someone else has good things, even if we do not.

Jealousy is different than this. It is the feeling of protectiveness of something that belongs to us. We might say that we're jealous of someone who has something we don't have. That's envy, not jealousy. An envious child is one who wants to have someone else's toy. A jealous child is one who does not want to share his or her toys with someone else. This means that jealousy is not necessarily sinful. A jealous husband cannot bear the thought of his wife being with anyone else. Because of the marital covenant, this is a righteous sort of jealousy and is not sinful.

It is in this way that God is jealous. God is our creator. He made us out of love and he made us to long for eternal life with Him. But when we turn away from Him – when we follow false gods like money, power, and pleasure – he gets jealous. He knows that we won't find what we're seeking in any of those things. All of them are false promises. We don't belong to those things. We belong to Him and Him alone.

I am thankful that our God is a jealous God. It means that He cares about me. When I go astray, he will be upset and do something about it. He will care that I'm not doing what I should. And he will pursue me, invite me, and try to convince me to come back. To the ends of the earth, He will call me back to Himself. For I am His and no one else's. That's the sort of God I know that I need.



The Lay Apostles group will meet on Monday, March 4 at 2 p.m. at St. Pius X

Notes from our Administrator, Fr. Paul:

THE UNFOLDING MESSAGE: A CREATIVE COMMUNITY

Jesus often spoke of a kingdom. We read of the "Kingdom of God" and the "Kingdom of Heaven". As His message unfolds, we discover that the kingdom involves a community. The gospels show Jesus as constantly surrounded by a group of people. This is not happenstance. The story of creation has God saying, "It is not good that the man should be alone," so God gave him a helper. When Jesus began His ministry, very quickly He gathered together twelve men to work with Him. These disciples represented both the beginning and the goal of Jesus' mission.

In these early days of Lent, when we seek to become better people and more faithful followers of Jesus, it is good to remember what calls us to such action. Made in God's image, we are people, who long to build a creative life for ourselves and for our world. Like the disciples, we have everyday tasks to do. Our "fishing" or other work contributes to our common life economically. Yet, we long to be creative in other ways, the life of the spirit and the warmth of human community. It is not enough to "keep body and soul together." Our souls long for more.

The disciples certainly had heard of Jesus before He spoke the words, "Come, follow me!" They must have felt the urgency to make their lives richer and more meaningful. Was Jesus subtly saying, "Come, help me create now the kind of life that God wants and the prophets called for?" Jesus was ready to show them what such a kingdom would be like. He was ready to live it out Himself and teach them how to do so. The disciples, and we, are called to see Jesus' vision for us. We are called to be learners. We are called to be healers. We are called to be co-creators of a new spirit of oneness. Join the community! Walk the walk, even though you know that some will oppose you! Jesus calls each of us to be partners in in creating a new kind of life.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, please mark your calendars for the liturgies of the Triduum (the Last Days of Holy Week) and plan to celebrate them at our parishes. The Liturgies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday will take place this year at Visitation. The specific Holy Week schedule will appear in a future bulletin.

JUST A REMINDER that in your current Sunday envelope packet there is an envelope for Easter flowers and decorations. A Mass will be offered on Easter Sunday for the intention of those who donated for the Easter flowers.

In & Around Our Neighborhood...





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.

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

ONCE AGAIN, IT'S FISH FRY SEASON, and we hope you will patronize these events at our parishes and our neighbors' on Lenten Fridays:

- St. Pius X, 4-7 p.m.
- St. John/St. Joseph, Scottdale, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., in St. John's school building
- Also, our local fire departments also host fish fries, and most are dine-in OR take-out.

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.



VERNA MONTESSORI SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Mar. 3 at 2 pm and Monday, Mar. 4 from 9-11 am, 268 Prittstown Road, Mt. Pleasant. Tours of the school, preK-8, all faiths welcome!

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 724-5475356, 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.

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.



On March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph, Bishop Kulick will be making a pilgrimage to the parishes of our diocese who are under the patronage of St. Joseph. He will make a stop on that day at St. Joseph, Everson, celebrating him as the patron of immigrants at 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Prayer with Building a St. Joseph altar. All are invited to bring

non-perishable food and supplies to offer in thanksgiving for St. Joseph's intercession. Items donated will be distributed to families in need throughout the Diocese. St. Joseph bread and a reception will be available. Plan to celebrate this special feast as Bishop Kulick dedicates the Diocese to the guardianship and protection of St. Joseph.

REGIONAL PENANCE SERVICES DURING LENT

Please make use of the times below to gain the grace of the Sacrament of Penance and prepare yourself for the celebration of Easter. There will be groups of priests available to hear confession at each of these services:

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

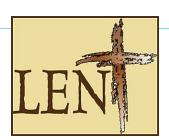
MON, MAR 11, St. Florian's, United, @ 6:30 p.m.

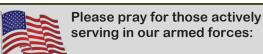
THU, MAR 14, St. Pius X, Mt. Pleasant, @ 7 p.m.

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.





Captain Jonathan Lang, USMC Stephen Shallenberger Jacob & Alex Shafley Drew Sheldon

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 Ruszkowski, Liz, Brenda, Paul, 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., R.J. Aggie Farcosky, Dorothy Curci, Judy F., Mike M., Jonathan, Mallory, Norah, Elle, Isaac, Jianna, Gia, Gianna, Joe, Mary, Mia, Theresa

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Faith Formation

Updates

FIRST COMMUNION

If you haven't already submitted a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, please do so as soon as possible.

CONFIRMATION

Our next workshop is March 10, from 2pm to 4pm at St. Pius Hall.

Don't forget to volunteer for the Fish Fry if you need service hours!

COMPANIONS

Our virtue is **temperance**. Keep practicing! Our next meeting is March 6.

FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting is March 13.

We have a handful of seats left for
Steubenville this summer. Sign up now!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Class will begin next week. Please let me know if you intend to be confirmed this Pentecost.

Do you have ideas about Faith Formation or Youth Group in the future? Are you considering teaching our youth next year? Are you interested in helping with our summer programs?

Contact Mary at: mallison@dioceseofgreensburg.org

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Contact Mary ASAP if you're interested! mallison@dioceseofgreensburg.org





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Concert Series presents Melodies of the Sheng and Guanzi: music from China featuring Jianbing Hu and Jian Bao. Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m. in the St. Vincent College Performing Arts Center. Free admission!



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: MAR 5, MAR 12 & MAR 19.

~Fr. Paul

A Lenten thought from Fr. Mark Dunmire:

Lent, a penitential season. We often ask each other what will we give up for Lent, but do we ever ask what we can add? Abstaining from beloved food and drink, or hobbies, or negative thoughts are all wonderful things we can do. But have we considered adding prayer time each day, or volunteering our time to Church ministries? Our Church universally relies on volunteers to assist our ministries from sacramental prep (sacristan) to ushers, to altar serving (children & adults), visiting the homebound, helping with parish festivals or volunteering to assist with youth ministry. These are all wonderful ways to add something to our lives this Lent. And we don't have to do this just for Lent! Our Church has needs all year round. I ask that should we choose any action, we start with prayerful discernment. You can also stop by the Church office or call in with any questions. This blessed Lent, may we come to not only abstain from the certain things we love, but also reach out in prayer and service to Jesus

Christ, our loving & merciful God!

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