St. Pius X Parish



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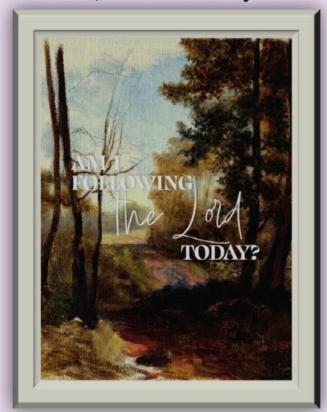


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March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent



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. 3/18 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Joan Wawrzyniak – Lori Urick Joseph Brezinski, Sr. – Tom Brezinski

Tues. 3/19 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Rose & John Jordan and Verna & Mike Janesko– Kathy & Ray Janesko

Wed. 3/20 Visitation

6:00 p.m. Crossland-Russell families– Joe & Karen Minick

Thurs. 3/21 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Kimberly S. Randolph– Diane Radzilowski (Kurpiel) & sons Michael & Catherine Kaczmarekchildren

Friday 3/22 **Visitation**

7:00 a.m. Sarah Minick- Joni Rozell

Sat. 3/23 **Visitation**

4:00 p.m. Pro populo

St. Pius X

6:00 p.m. Dorothy & Dan Koval– Marcy Kurpiel

Sun. 3/24 PALM SUNDAY: Visitation

8:30 a.m. Michael Gogoel, III- sister, Kathy & family

St. Pius X

10:30 a.m. Kerry Stefl- family

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.

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Ministry of the Altar

Sat. 3/23 Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers

Lector: Brian Hunter & Robert Manjerovic E.M.: Donna Zemba, Marlene C., Barb S. Servers: Clara & Caleb S., Bobby S. Cantor: Kristin Guynn

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St. Pius X 6:00p.m.Greeters: volunteers

Lector: Lisa Sestak & Michael Hricik

E.M.: Sandy C., Paul K., Hank R., Kim Sirianna

Servers: Emma E., Sophia & Ava C.

Cantor: Pat Martinoski

Sun. 3/24 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Greeters: volunteers

Lector: Stanley Kapella & Denise Moyemont E.M.: Sr. Anna Maria, Joann M., volunteer Servers: Ty W., Langdon & Amelia T.

Cantor: Sharon Stewart

St. Pius X 10:30am

Greeters: volunteers

Lector: Tereasa Rerko & Eric Poole

E.M.: Audrey S., Connie B., Patty G., Chris D.

Servers: Nolan D., Jaxon F., Lucas P.

Cantor: Eric Harris/choir

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary - Frank Lubovinsky - Jim & Janice Scekeres

Blessed Mother- Joan Wawrzyniak- anonymous

St. Joseph- Walter Klaus- Paul

Our Lady of Czestochowa– Ann M. Brezinski– Tom Brezinski

Visitation

Sanctuary- Edward Pytlak- family

Blessed Mother- Arlene Fiedorczyk- Joe & Theresa Baluh

St. Joseph- Walt Leonard- James & Kris Leonard

Madonna & Child- Mike & Verna Janesko, Rose & John Jordan- Kathy & Ray Janesko

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

From the Desk of Fr. Dan We are entering the most sacred time of year for us as Catholics as we prepare for Holy Week. Meanwhile, for five individuals – Jacob Armel, Jason Besterci, Tammy DeFlorio, John Ersick, and Casie Overly – a great deal of Lenten preparation is taking place. These are the individuals going

through RCIA to be baptized and confirmed as Catholics at the Easter Vigil Mass.

The five have been preparing for quite some time now. In the fall, they began taking weekly classes to learn about our faith. They have been faithfully attending Mass and growing their relationship with God and with our community. At the beginning of Advent, we formally welcomed them into the catechumenate with the Rite of Welcome. Then at the beginning of Lent, we formally sent them to the Cathedral where they were received by Bishop Kulick along with 48 other catechumens and 77 candidates around the diocese. There they were called members of the elect.

They, like us, are on a Lenten journey this year. Theirs is a particular one as they prepare for the reception of their sacraments. As members of the elect now, they seek purification and enlightenment, inviting the Holy Spirit to purify their hearts and enlighten their minds. This is a time of reflection and preparation for them. As a part of this purification and enlightenment, during the last few weeks they have undergone the Scrutinies. The three scrutinies invite them forward at Mass to be prayed over by the community and by the priest. During this time, they also formally receive the Creed and the Our Father – prayers given to us by Christ and the Church that each of us knows well.

Watching someone go through RCIA and become Catholic can be a powerful thing for us and can help us remember our own journey of faith. This is more natural for someone who themselves went through RCIA. For someone who is a cradle Catholic, although the process can seem foreign and unfamiliar, it is still an opportunity to remember the childlike faith that we once had. It's a time to appreciate the gift of faith we've always had - the sacraments, the prayers, and the relationship with Christ that was given to us by our parents.

Please pray for these five men and women, especially as they prepare for the Easter Vigil. If you see any of our elect at Mass or at any parish event, please congratulate them and assure them of your prayers. Support and encourage them on their journey. Then, after Easter, ask them how it was or how it's going. Help them feel that they truly belong to our wonderful Catholic community here in Mount Pleasant that they will be fully joining through the waters of baptism in just a couple of weeks.

Notes from our Administrator, Ir. Paul:

THE UNFOLDING MESSAGE: THERE IS FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Everyone needs food and sustenance. We do not know how Jesus and His disciples managed this. There was, of course, a strong tradition of hospitality in those days, but we do not know how they got along from day to day. The only suggestion comes in a side reference in John's story of the woman who anointed Jesus with precious ointment. John tells us that Judas carried the disciples' "bag" and may have stolen from it.

However they handled the need, Jesus did not let people go hungry. He let His disciples pick and eat grain from the fields, even though it was the Sabbath, when work was forbidden. A major evidence of Jesus' awareness of people's hunger comes with the story of His feeding the multitude, who had followed Him to a place away from food sources. The disciples felt helpless, but Jesus found a way. Human needs were provided for. The hunger Jesus cared most about, though, was food for the spirit. Our souls need to be fed and nourished. Jesus' prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread," speaks of this need as well as a physical need. We have to have regular spiritual sustenance. Often, this kind of food comes through prayer. Prayer is a spiritual power source. Mark gives us an interesting illustration of this. The disciples had tried unsuccessfully to cure a young boy, who had an evil spirit. After Jesus later accomplished this, they asked why they had failed to do so. Jesus answered that this can be accomplished only through prayer. To be fed by God's spirit, we need prayer.

A second step in having enough food is our willingness to share what we have. The boy, who offered the disciples his loaves and fish, demonstrates this. He gave willingly and freely. As a result, he and the multitude ate all they wanted. Living with an open, expectant and generous spirit, we find spiritual food in abundance and are enabled to walk with power.

LENTEN GUIDELINES~ ABSTINENCE: Catholics in the U.S. age 14 & older are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent & 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 & evening. The combined quantity of the two meals shouldn't exceed eaten the quantity eaten at the full meal. The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. Note: Follow your doctor's advice if you're taking medication or have health concerns!

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



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DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG St. Joseph Pilgrimage, March 18 & 19,

Bishop Kulick will lead a pilgrimage to the four St. Joseph parishes & **Blessed Sacrament Cathedral to** dedicate the Diocese to the

guardianship and protection of St. Joseph. Each site along the pilgrimage will focus on a different aspect of Joseph as a faithful disciple. Our parish office will close at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, so the staff may attend this event in Everson with the Bishop. St. Joseph: Patron of Immigrants; Tuesday, March 19, 2:30 p.m.; St. Joseph Parish, Everson; 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. Donated items will be distributed to families in need throughout the Diocese. The other parishes participating are on the flyer that was in last week's bulletin, or visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/St-Joseph. Hope to see you on Tuesday at St. Joseph in Everson for prayer and fellowship.

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.

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.

YOUNGWOOD'S 125th ANNIVERSARY Crafts & vendor show on Sunday, March 17 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Youngwood Fire Hall. Free Admission, 50/50 & more! Ladies Auxiliary Kitchen will be open! For info, please call Mary Ann @ 724-925-2480.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA beginning on TUE, APR 16 @ 6:30 p.m., St. Rita's, Connellsville, and continuing for nine weeks. All are welcome!

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING at Visitation on Wednesday, March 20th, 6:45 p.m.



IT'S FISH FRY TIME, and we hope you will patronize these events at our parishes and our neighbors', especially since the March 22 fish fry will be the last of the season for most organizations.

*St. Pius X, in the social hall, 4-7 p.m. *St. John/St. Joseph, Scottdale, 11 a.m.-6 p.m., in St. John's school building.

THE ALTAR ROSARY **SOCIETY** of St. Aloysius, Dunbar, invites all of the children from our area parishes to an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 1 p.m. on the parish grounds, 459 Ranch Road. Please mark your calendars now. This event will be held rain, snow or shine!



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

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



TODAY, ALONG WITH CELEBRATING the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the feast day of St. Patrick, bishop & missionary. When Patrick was 16, his father's farm in Britain was invaded. Raiders carried Patrick off with his father's servants to be slaves in

Ireland. He spent the next six years tending sheep and was finally able to escape. He made his way home to Britain. He became a monk and studied so that he could return to Ireland as a missionary. He had become a bishop by the year 433. He went back to Ireland, preaching to the Irish in their own language and baptizing many. Monasteries in Ireland became centers of learning. St. Patrick's Day always comes during Lent, when the church is getting catechumens ready for baptism at Easter. Patrick used the threeleafed shamrock to try to explain to catechumens the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Irish people the world over celebrate today by wearing green. In Ireland, most Catholics attend Mass. In the U.S., there are many parades & celebrations.



ST. JOSEPH, HUSBAND of the VIRGIN

Matthew's gospel describes Joseph as "a just man". In Bible times, the most beautiful compliment one person could give another was to call him or her a tzaddik, a person of justice and virtue. Joseph trusted God and protected Mary

& Jesus, despite the danger it presented. People in many countries honor St. Joseph. His day always falls in Lent, and he is considered the patron saint of the poor. Joseph is patron saint of Mexico, Canada, Bohemia (in the Czech Republic) and Belgium, too. He has become known as the Patron Saint of the church, of fathers, of a happy death and of prayer.



Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces:

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

May God guide & protect them always.



Please pray for the recently deceased, especially Shirley Eckman. 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, Mary Lou L., Dolores O'Brocto

PRIOR TO MASS AT ST. PIUS X: Every third Sunday of the month, join the Knights of Columbus at 9:45 a.m. to pray the rosary.

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

1ST COMMUNION

- Mount Pleasant last workshop is
- 3/23 at 1pm at St. Pius Hall.
 - Connellsville/Dunbar last
- workshop is 4/7 at 10am at St.
- Aloysius.

CONFIRMATION

- The **Retreat** is 4/6 at St. Pius Hall/Church. It costs
- \$35/candidate to cover food
- and materials. Scan the code to register. Pay online, with cash, or check.

COMPANIONS

- Our next meeting is 3/20 at St.
- Rita's. Our virtue this month is
- humility.

FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP

- Our next meeting 4/10 due to
 Holy Week and Easter.
- Still want to go to Steubenville?
- We have a few seats left!

SURVEY!

- Don't forget to scan the code
 below to participate in the survey
 - about the future of Faith
- Formation!



Weekly Offering-March 3, 2024

	Visitation Parish	
	Weekly	\$5,674
	Capital Improvements	
	Growing/debt reduction	\$30
	Ash Wednesday	\$27
	Easter	
3	Lenten offering	
	Holy Thursday	
3	Good Friday (Holy Land)	
	Easter flowers	\$305
	Online giving	\$475
	Total envelopes: 254	
	St. Pius X Parish	
	Weekly	\$8,994
8	Capital improvements	
	Accent	\$20
1	Ash Wednesday	\$45
	Easter	
No.	Lenten offering	\$630

ONLINE GIVING AVAILABLE!

Holy Thursday.....\$2 Good Friday (Holy Land).....\$2

Easter flowers......\$287

Online giving......\$395

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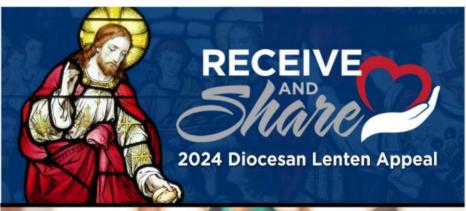
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The Connellsville Ministerium will host its final Lenten

Lunch on Tuesday, March 19, at St. John's, Connellsville, in their social hall. 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 are invited to attend for a time of fellowship and reflection during the season of Lent. I hope to see you at the last luncheon on MARCH 19.

~Fr. Paul

COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE

The Carpathian Cookery cookbook has entered its 22nd printing! Cost is \$20. To order, please send a check or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main St., Uniontown, PA 15401, or call 724-438-1382. You may also contact us at carpathiancookery@gmail.com.

The Diocesan Lenten Appeal has begun!

VISITATION: \$9,010 pledged/\$36,773 Diocesan goal ST. PIUS X: \$10,660 pledged/\$48,807 Diocesan goal (as of March 6, 2024)

If every one of our parish families would respond, our goals are within reach. If you haven't already done so, please take time to make your pledge. Return your pledge card at Mass or return it to the parish office. Please mark the envelope with your parish name, as it helps us in the office. Thank you for your gift to God's Church and your parish.

Please plan to celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday) at our parishes: Immaculate Conception in Connellsville, Visitation in Mt. Pleasant & St. Joseph in Everson. Schedule coming soon!



JUST A REMINDER

that in your current Sunday envelope packet there is an envelope for Easter flowers and decorations. A Mass will be of-

fered on Easter Sunday for the intentions of those who donated for the Easter flowers.

The Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, March 28, Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1. The offices will reopen on Tuesday, April 2.



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