## St. Pius X Parish



# Visitation Parish

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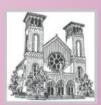
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#### April 14, 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter



#### 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. 4/15 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Isabelle McElfresh- Visitation Rosary-Altar Society

Tues. 4/16 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Loretta Stana— Visitation Rosary-Altar Society

Wed. 4/17 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Stan Michalczyk– Margie & girls Nicholas & Helen Manjerovic– Debra & Robert Manjerovic

Thurs. 4/18 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Ann M. Brezinski- Tom Brezinski

Fri. 4/19 Visitation

7:00 a.m. Ed Harenchar- Anita Forsythe

Sat. 4/20 Visitation

4:00 p.m. deceased of the Hunter & Chlebowski families— Brian & Yvonne Hunter

St. Pius X

6:00 p.m. Pro populo

Sun. 4/21 **Visitation** 

8:30 a.m. Matthew & Wanda Kuter– Joe & Helen

St. Pius X

10:30 a.m. Jean Rodgers- Jeff & Donna Sofranko

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.

#### **OUR STAFF**

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#### Ministry of the Altar

#### Sat. 4/20 Visitation 4 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Ray Gamrat

E.M.: Vince Mascia, Barb Sandzimier, Marlene Cibulas

Servers: Colton G., Owen & Lily S. Cantor: Jaime Golobish/choir

#### St. Pius X 6 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Lisa Sestak

E.M.: Cindy & Dan Copeland, Chris D., Sr. Anna Maria

Servers: Emma E., Sophia & Ava C.

Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

#### Sun. 4/21 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: John Zemba

E.M.: Donna Zemba, Patty Thomas, Kim Sirianna

Servers: Ty W., Langdon & Amelia T.

Cantor: Sharon Stewart

#### St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Michael Hricik

E.M.: Mary, Connie Barnhart, Kristen Rega, Ted Czekaj

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

Cantor: Pat Martinoski

#### Candles this Week



## **St. Pius X Sanctuary**– Anthony Ricotta

Blessed Mother- Donald Welc- daughter, Kim Sirianna



#### **Visitation**

Sanctuary – Jim & Letty Vella – family

Blessed Mother- Evelyn Kurimcak- daughter

St. Joseph- Stephen & Mary Kubasky- family

Madonna & Child- Terry Paterchak- sister, Libby
Catalano

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

From the Desk of Fr. Dan Those who say, "I know [Jesus]," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. - 1 Jn 2:4

"I don't do anything that bad, Father."

I hear this line in confession a lot. To some extent, it's probably true. If we consider the Ten Commandments at their most basic form, most of us are not murderers, adulterers, thieves, or liars. But to look at the Ten Commandments in this most basic way is not enough. At least, not according to Jesus. Jesus calls us to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect. And if we examine ourselves well, we are far from perfect. The great saints of the Church knew that they were great sinners, and if they were then we probably are as well.

Every sin hurts someone in some way. What we perceive as "not that bad" may be very bad from someone else's perspective. Often our sins seem smaller in our own eyes, but they may be very great in the eyes of others or in the eyes of God.

St. John tells us that when we don't obey the commandments - when we sin - it leads to us not knowing Jesus. We can pray all we want, we can feel close to God, but if our behavior does not reflect that closeness, there is a serious disconnect and we are deceived. In John's words, we are liars.

I would encourage all Catholics who haven't in a while to look at a detailed examination of conscience. A good examination of conscience helps us to be aware of the sin in our lives. It takes some time to do and it will not feel great. No one wants to feel like a sinner. But it is too easy to assume that my sins are small sins and small sins don't matter that much. We do not want to be deceiving ourselves. A good examination helps us to be realistic about our sins and grateful to be offered redemption and forgiveness.

A good example of a detailed examination can be found at beginningcatholic.com (see QR code).



### Notes from our Administrator, Fr. Paul:

THANK YOU to all who traveled to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg last Sunday for the Diocesan Devotion of Divine Mercy. Among those who gathered, there was a good representation of our parishioners. Bishop Kulick shared a very inspiring message and the service with the Chaplet and Benediction were prayerful. To those who drove themselves, I am sure our Lord will bless you for your pilgrimage and celebration of the Divine Mercy Devotion.

#### MEN: ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT THE

CHALLENGE? Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over one hundred years, the Knights of Columbus has done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer? Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.



FIRST COMMUNION ITEMS St. Emma Gift Shop, located at 100 Harvey Avenue, Greensburg, has a wide variety of First Communion items, including rosaries, scapulars, prayer books, picture frames, crucifixes, Bibles and much more, and a

selection of new communion dresses. Gift Shop hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information call 724-834-3060.

WE ARE PREPARING TO WELCOME Bishop Larry Kulick to the Parish of St. Pius X for the Confirmation of our eighth graders. Bishop Kulick will be in Mt. Pleasant on Thursday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. for a special Mass, during which he will administer the Sacrament to youth of these eight parishes: St. Pius X & Visitation, Mt. Pleasant; St. Joseph, Everson; St. John, Scottdale; Immaculate Conception, St. John & St. Rita, Connellsville; and St. Aloysius, Dunbar. Please pray for our eighth graders as they prepare to receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament.



IF YOU ARE RECEIVING church envelopes, please use them to ensure proper credit. Loose checks require more accounting work for our money counters. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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

The Visitation Christian Mothers have planned their "Welcome-Back" meeting for the year. It will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m., in the Community Center. The Chairperson for the gathering is Lorrie Hunker, and the Co-chair is Karen Kurimcak. Our theme for the meeting honors "Earth Day", which is April 22. Representatives from "Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling" will present information relative to our theme. Changes to the organization, made over the winter months will be announced. Looking forward to our return. As always, all Ladies of the parish are welcome to attend, including "Single Ladies". ~Jan



Catholic Charities continues to provide help and create hope through the Communities of Salt & Light Dinner. "Our lives will be judged and measured by our help for the hungry, the homeless, the troubled and the alienated—in our own community and beyond.

Service and action, charity and justice are essential and complementary components. They are dimensions of the same fundamental mission to protect the life and dignity of the human person."

The awards dinner is set for April 18 at 6 pm at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. For information, please call Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840.



St. Pius X Holy Name Society OMELET BREAKFAST, all-you-can-eat, SUNDAY, April 21 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in the St. Pius X social hall on Summit Street in Mt. Pleasant. Cost is \$10 for

adults, \$3 for children 3-12, free for kids 3 & younger. A 50/50 drawing will also be available. Eat-in or take-out!

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#### **OLDIES DANCE**

The St. Pius X Holy Name Society will sponsor an oldies dance on FRIDAY, April 26 in the St. Pius X social hall from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine will be included. BYOB. 50/50 drawing as well!

Deacon John Torres of the Diocese of Greensburg and parishioner of St. Rita of Cascia, will be ordained to the order of the Presbyterate on June 1, 2024, at 10 am in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, PA, by The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, JCL, Bishop of Greensburg. Please keep Deacon John in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination, along with those discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

First Communion dates are fast approaching for the second graders from our parishes. We will be celebrating them in the coming weeks. Please see the dates/ times below so you can plan accordingly, especially because we will welcome family and friends to our parishes.



Visitation 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 20 St. Pius X 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 28

Please keep our young boys & girls in your prayers as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time and welcome Him into their hearts as they make their First Communion.

## Save the date—2024 Diocesan pilgrimage to National Shrine

Mark your calendar and plan to join in a Diocese of Greensburg pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C., Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. This will be the first diocesan pilgrimage to our magnificent National Shrine since 2006, and is sure to be a very holy and special experience. Further information on the itinerary, transportation options and cost will be announced soon.

#### **10th National Eucharistic Congress**

Join fellow pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, July 17-21. The Diocese has reserved 100 fiveday adult tickets to the event and a block of hotel rooms. Registration includes one adult five-day ticket, bus transportation to Indianapolis, transportation to the event center each day and a four-night hotel stay. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Financial aid is available through the Francis Fund. For more information, contact Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Formation, at vreilly@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

#### PRAYER FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father Your loving providence accompanies us on our life's journey.

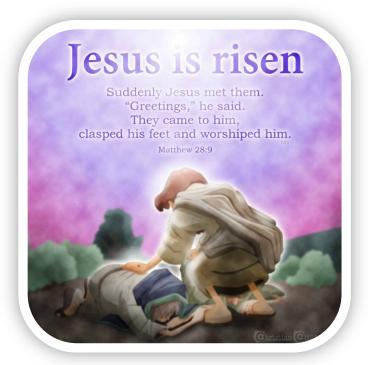
Thank you for the many gifts You have given us.
We ask that You continue to call sons and daughters
from our families and parishes to serve as priests,
deacons and consecrated men and women
in the Diocese of Greensburg.
Send Your Spirit upon us

So that many will respond with great love to Your call to service and leadership in Your Church. Give to those You have chosen the faith of the apostle,

the vision of the prophet,
and the courage of the martyr.

Through the intercession of our Diocesan patroness,
Our Lady of the Assumption,
help us to be faithful disciples of Your Son
by following the example of Mary.
Make us generous in sharing
ourselves and our talents
for the sake of your Kingdom on Earth.
We ask this through Christ the Risen Lord.

Imprimatur The Most Reverend Lawrence E. Brandt, JCD, PhD August 15, 2004







Please pray for the recently deceased. 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, 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., 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**

Please pray for our First Communicants!

#### CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our candidates!

### COMPANIONS (MIDDLE SCHOOL)

Our next meeting is **4/17** at 6pm. See you there!

## FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP (HIGH SCHOOL)

Our next meeting is **5/8** due to Confirmation.

#### **KEEP INFORMED!**

Join our **Flocknote** by texting "yough" to 84576. For all Faith Formation and Youth Group families.

Contact Mary directly via email at mallison@dioceseofgreensburg.org

#### Weekly Offering- March 31, 2024

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Š	Weekly	\$4,857
ğ	Capital improvements	\$15
Š	Debt reduction	\$10
Š	Lenten offering	
ě	Holy Thursday	\$923
3	Good Friday (Holy Land)	
ŝ	Easter flowers	
8	Ash Wednesday	
ŝ	Easter	
	Grotto	
8	Online giving	
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Š	St. Pius X Parish	
	Weekly	\$7,194
Š	Capital improvements	\$75
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8	Holy Thursday	•
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VISITATION: \$24,670 pledged/\$36,773 Diocesan goal ST. PIUS X: \$37, 177 pledged/\$48,807 Diocesan goal (as of 4-3-24)



#### Do you know someone facing an unwanted pregnancy?

Please put her in touch with life-affirming options. Nationally, call or text OptionLine: 1-800-712-HELP (4357) Link: https://optionline.org

#### **PARISH CEMETERIES**



Just a reminder about our parish cemeteries: Although you are free to purchase family graves at any cemetery, we of course ask you to consider our own parish cemeteries. Please note that our parish cemeteries' policy allows only the use of concrete vaults, which may be an option in other cemeteries. Our parish and cemeteries do not receive any proceeds from the sale of any funeral or burial merchandise, our interest is that the remains of our deceased loved ones are reverently respected. I would strongly suggest that of you have any questions concerning burial practices to please contact one of our local funeral directors. They are professionals who will be able to assist you and answer any questions. Of course, you are free to contact the office at any time. I wish to take this time once again to thank all of our local funeral directors for their dignity and prayerfulness during our parish funerals and their continued support of our parishes. If you are interested in purchasing lots at any of our cemeteries, please call the parish office. PLEASE **REMEMBER:** No shrubs or small trees are permitted to be planted in the cemeteries. What may seem "small & cute" eventually turns into "overgrown & hard work" when a family no longer cares for the shrub or tree. Flowers are so much more colorful.



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