St. Pius X Parish



Visitation Parish

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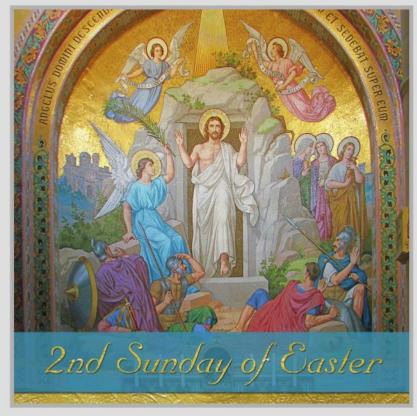
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April 7, 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter



<u>Mass Schedule</u> 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.	4/8 Visitation7:00 a.m. Paul & Florence Tepper– Paul & Peggy	Sa
	Tepper Monica Pinkey– David Pinkey	
Tues.	4/9 Visitation 7:00 a.m. John & Jenny Rozell– daughter, Joni Rozell Larry Rega– Leslie & family	
Wed.	4/10 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Madysen Stauffer– Fr. Dan Carr	
Thurs.	4/11 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Stephen & Beth Kubasky– family Beth Michalsky– T.J. & Mike	S
Fri.	4/12 Visitation 7:00 a.m. Erwin J. Pawlikowski– Marcella Bilik	
Sat.	4/13 Visitation 4:00 p.m. Connie L. Paglio– Don, Louise & David Bales	
	St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Paul Vanella, Sr.– Sue & Paul Vanella	
Sun.	4/14 Visitation 8:30 a.m. Pro populo	
	St. Pius X 10:30 a.m. Patti Oravetz– Mike, Bernice & 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

at. 4/13 Visitation 4 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: David Brooks E.M.: Marlene Cibulas, Barb Sandzimier, Ray Gamrat Servers: Bobby S., Clara & Caleb S. Cantor: Kristin Guynn

St. Pius X 6 p.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Barb Dropik E.M.: Sandy Coppula, Paul Klaus, Hank Rose, Emily S. Servers: Sophia & Ava C., Braxton P. Cantor: Peggy Tepper

un. 4/14 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Greeters: volunteers Lector: Kim Sirianna E.M.: Donna Zemba, Joann Maholtz, Patty Thomas Servers: Sophie & Addison G., Grant Z. Cantor: Phil Brown/choir

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Greeters: Holy Name Society Lector: John DiPasquale E.M.: Sr. Juliana, Audrey Soforic, Patty Gaal, Cindy C. Servers: Lucas P., Michael H., volunteer Cantor: Joanne Geckle





St. Pius X

Our Lady of Czestochowa- Mary Beth



Visitation Sanctuary- Clay & Carolyn Strohm- James & Kris Leonard

Blessed Mother- Doug & Victor- Kathy & Ray Janesko

St. Joseph- John Kalinay- sister, Libby Catalano

Madonna & Child- Mary Polcha- sister, Libby Catalano

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

From the Desk of Fr. Dan The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. – Acts 4:32

Some might hear the first reading this weekend and become very uncomfortable, given the popularity of Communism during the last 100 years. It would appear from this passage from Acts that the early church shared everything in common. This does not mean that the early Church was Communist. Because the Church was also "of one mind and heart", it's clear that this is a gift of the Holy Spirit granting a unique grace, not the result of a political system. However, this passage should challenge us today regarding what we own and how much.

The Church has long professed something called the universal destination of goods. The ultimate owner of all that exists is God, for He is the Creator. In Genesis, he entrusts the earth to man and tells us to "have dominion" over it. This means that we do not truly own things; we simply have stewardship over them and a responsibility to use them as God intended: to benefit the human race.

At first glance, this would seem like an endorsement of Communist and a condemnation of private property. However, many centuries ago, St. Thomas Aquinas explained that private property is likely the best form of stewardship. Although there are many reasons he gives, the main reason for this is that private property lends itself to works of charity. When I see something as "ours" and give it to someone else, it's not as a charitable gift as when I see something as "mine" and give it to someone else.

Although the Church does not condemn private property, the early Church as described in Acts 4 invites us to renounce our consumerist culture and to examine how we see our ownership of what we have. Do I see myself as owning property to do whatever I want? Or as being a steward of God's created things? Do I make use of what I have to build up the kingdom of God and to benefit the common good? Is what I have excessive, and would it be better given to others for their well-being? This uncomfortable reflection should not lead us to Communism but should help us to put what we own into perspective and invite us to be more charitable.



TODAY, APRIL 7, IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY.

On this day people all over the world celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. From St. Faustina's diary, it is clear that this octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces, a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith.

Our Lord said to St. Faustina:

Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you...Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death...When they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between my Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the merciful Savior...Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy...Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will.

A PRAYER FOR DIVINE MERCY

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy—to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out: Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earths' exiles! O Lord,

Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming—that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope: through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. *Amen.*



THIS MONDAY, APRIL 8, IS THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD. ...The usual date of this feast is March 25 but since that date was Monday of Holy Week, this year 2024 we celebrate this Feast on April 8. According to the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, the angel Gabriel came to tell Mary about God's plan of salvation. The angel announced

that Mary was chosen to be the mother of Jesus, the son of God. Mary freely answered, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord." Despite her puzzlement, she trusted in God.

In & Around Our Neighborhood...

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7: On the Sunday after Easter, people all over the world will gather to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy. From Sr. Faustina's Diary, it is clear that this Octave Day of Easter is a day chosen by Christ as a day of extraordinary graces, a complete outpouring of His mercy upon all who approach Him with great trust and expectant faith. We will be having a special Prayer Service at 2:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. Bishop Kulick will be the main celebrant. During this time, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed. We pray together as a diocese on this special feast of Divine Mercy. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!

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*



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!





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.

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 five-day 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.



Catholic Charities' annual Salt & Light Awards Dinner is set for April 18 at 6 pm at Stratigo's Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. All proceeds from the event are redistributed to the most vulnerable residents of the Diocese. Tickets are \$130. For information, or to

donate a basket or silent auction item, visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org or call 724-837-1840.

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I would like to take this opportunity to extend to all of you a very grateful and sincere word of thanks for all that you did to make the Lenten season, Holy Week, and Easter such a spiritually and prayerfully rewarding

time. The liturgies of Holy Week, the Easter Sunday Masses, the wonderful participation at the blessing of the food baskets made this past liturgical season a holy experience for all of us here at our parishes. I wish to thank all of the ushers, cantors, choir, organists, instrumentalists, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers for your dedicated help. Thanks to Sheryl for directing the choir, and those who put the Holy Week liturgies together. To the volunteers and staff who helped decorate the churches for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, I say THANK YOU! Your gift of time was a pleasing and prayerful gift to God.

I also thank you for the generosity you showed to your priests and to the parishes. The cards, gifts of food & candy, and other surprises, showed us how truly blessed we are to be your priests, and we remember each of you at our Masses. I thank you for your gifts to our parishes in the collections of Holy Week. May God bless you always and in all ways and may our parishes continue to grow in the way of the Lord.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS Jacob Armel, Jason Besterci, Tammy DeFlorio, John Ersick, Jr. and Casie Overly. At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, we welcomed them to our parishes. We, as parishes, welcome them to our family and look forward to welcoming them wholeheartedly and getting acquainted with them. I do thank Mary and Fr. Dan, our RCIA directors, and Cindy Copeland, for their time and effort in preparing them in the ways of our faith.

TELL US, PLEASE! Help us keep our census up-to-date and our postage down. A crucial part of the continued success of our communication system at our parishes is the constant updating of information about you, our parish family. All mailings, etc., sent out by the parish will be kept accurate if changes of any kind are reported to the office. Our parish staff is doing their best to be aware of changes in parishioner info: but if no one tells them, we can't get a true picture of our parishes. Please help us keep our census accurate by calling the office at 724-547-1911 with any changes. Confidentiality is maintained. Please call Fr. Paul if you are confused about this request. Thank you.



Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces: Captain Jonathan Lang, USMC Stephen Shallenberger Jacob & Alex Shafley Drew Sheldon James Dzurica Jared Yester



May God guide & protect them always.

Please pray for the recently deceased, especially Barbara Ceroni. 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., 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.

UPDATES Jaith Jornation

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MP families signed up for dates at the final workshop.

CONFIRMATION

Rehearsal is Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30pm at St. Pius.

COMPANIONS (MS)

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

FRASSATI FELLOWSHIP (HS)

Our next meeting is 4/10 at 6pm. See you there!

MARY ALLISON

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Weekly Offering– March 24, 2024

Visitation Parish

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Weekly	\$4,305
Capital Improvements	
Growing/debt reduction	
Easter	
Lenten offering	
Holy Thursday	
Good Friday (Holy Land)	
Easter flowers	
Online giving	
Total envelopes: 209	

St. Pius X Parish

SL. FIUS A FARISI	
Weekly	\$6,543
Capital improvements	
Home Missions	\$10
Easter	\$243
Lenten offering	\$710
Ash Wednesday	
Holy Thursday.	
Good Friday (Holy Land)	
Easter flowers	
Online giving	
Total envelopes: 265	

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VISITATION



The Diocesan Lenten Appeal continues at our parishes. Our goal this year is listed below. If we reach our goal, our parishes' share will be used for our parish projects. We hope everyone will make an effort to help our parishes and diocese. We ask you to please return your pledge card to us at the office or by use of the collection basket at Mass. If you missed receiving a pledge card, they are available at the office. PLEASE NOTE: The second diocesan mailing for the DLA was sent to our parishioners. As the mailing states, if you have already contributed, thank you very much. The appeal card is for those who may have misplaced the first one. I am sorry for any confusion. This mailing is going to the entire parish. If you have already made a gift or pledge to the DLA, it has been duly recorded here and forwarded to the diocesan office. *~Fr. Paul*

VISITATION: \$22,520 pledged/\$36,773 Diocesan goal ST. PIUS X: \$30,707 pledged/\$48,807 Diocesan goal (as of 3-25-24)



THE MASS: A FAMILY REUNION When families hold a reunion, they usually have a reception and a meal. During the reception, members learn who's at the reunion, what's been happening in their lives and what's in store for their future.

And, during the meal, the family shares their food and themselves further—and they sense their "family-ness" with greater intensity and love. At departure, each member leaves more at one with the family than was felt on arrival.

So it is with the Mass. The welcome, the readings and the homily form the reception, a time to discover who we are, why we're going. And the offertory, Eucharistic Canon, and Communion form the meal, a time to intensify our family heritage in God and each other in the binding love of family. And at the blessing, we go our ways, not separately, but more at one in the family to continue to enjoy and form family in our homes, at work, wherever. From week to week, we are called to unite and reunite in the oneness of the family we now are, the family we shall be forever. This is why we are called together so regularly, not for the sermon or the ceremony, but for the presence of one another in the Father and His people.

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 Mon. through Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. For more information, call 724-834-3060.



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 if 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 to thank once again 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 724-547-1911.

ONE ADDITIONAL CEMETERIES NOTE: 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.



The local St. Pius X St. Vincent de Paul Society exists to assist those experiencing financial hardship due to illness, job loss or other unforeseen circumstances. Assistance is provided based on need, with no regard to religious affiliation. Confidentiality is strictly maintained. If you or someone you know needs a helping hand, please call 724-547-0413.



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