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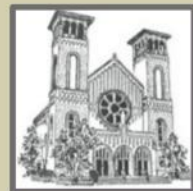
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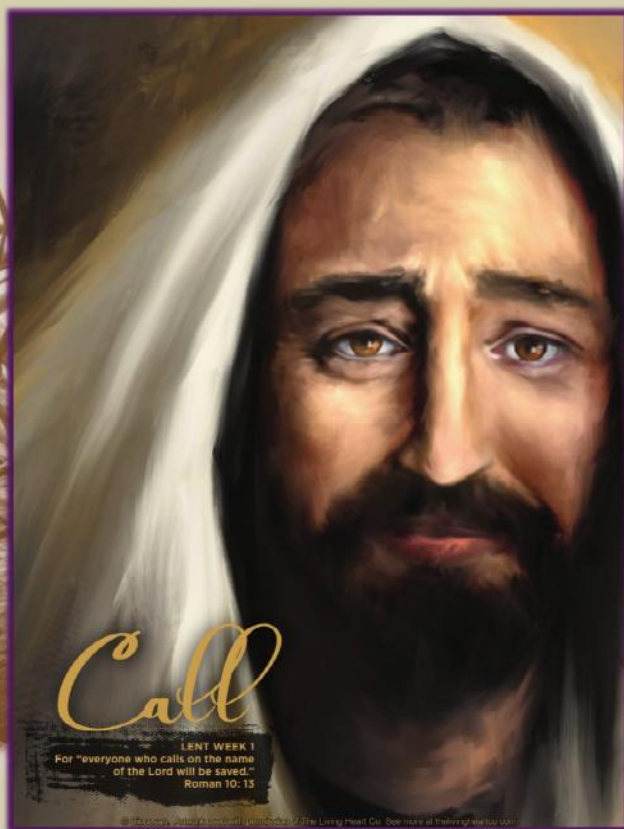
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March 9, 2025 - First Sunday of Lent



Mass Schedule

Saturday: Visitation at 4:00 p.m.; St. Pius X at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: Visitation at 8:30 a.m.; St. Pius X at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: The Very Rev. Paul A. Lisik, V.F.

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Mass Intentions

Mon. 3/10 **Visitation**

7:00 a.m. Doug Pirl- Karen Leighty & Tina Martin

Tues. 3/11 **Visitation**

7:00 a.m. Joyce Kubic-Roberts- Ray & Kathy Janesko

Wed. 3/12 **Visitation**

7:00 a.m. Doug Francken- Irene & family

St. Pius X

6:00 p.m. Alyssa Askin- mother

Thu. 3/13 **Visitation**

7:00 a.m. Josephine & Geep Misiewicz- Bernadette O'Rourke

Fri. 3/14 **Visitation**

7:00 a.m. Dora Eckman- Denny & Pat Gaal

Sat. 3/15 **Visitation**

4:00 p.m. Pro populo

St. Pius X

6:00 p.m. Remo R. Caschera, Jr.- Josephine Caschera

Sun. 3/16 **Visitation**

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

St. Pius X

10:30 a.m. Chuck Rose- Catherine Lint

Ministry of the Altar

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

Visitation 4 p.m.

Lector: Brian Hunter

E.M.: Suzanne Calettri, Vince Mascia, Donna Zemba

Servers: Colton & Lauren Golobish, Owen Spires

Cantor: Phil Brown

St. Pius X 6 p.m.

Lector: Barbara Dropik

E.M.: Dan Copeland, Chris D., Hank R., Sandy C.

Servers: Emma E., Michael F., Braxton P.

Cantor: Kristin Guynn

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Stanley Kapella

E.M.: Joann Maholtz, Patricia Thomas, Al Dawson

Servers: Langdon & Amelia T., Eric D.

Cantor: Sharon Stewart/choir

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Eric Poole

E.M.: Kristen Rega, Ted Czekaj, Sr. Juliana, Audrey S.

Servers: Michael H., Lucas P., volunteer

Cantor: Pat Martinoski



Candles this Week

St. Pius X

Sanctuary- Anthony Ricotta- sister

Blessed Mother- Gerry Leeder- Dennis & Terry Remaley

St. Joseph- Nellie Costabile- Mary Beth Martin

Our Lady of Czestochowa- James Schmitz- Mitchell family

Visitation

Sanctuary- Theresa & Charles Splendore- John & Isabel

Brodak

Blessed Mother- Doug Francken- daughter, Connie

St. Joseph- Thomas Barrick- family

Madonna & Child- Marcy Symanski- Carol & Alvy Stoops

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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Notes from our Pastor, Fr. Paul:

QUALITY OF LIFE: "Obstacles in the Way"

What do we do when we start out for a walk and find a shoelace has become untied? We stop and tie it, lest it trip us up and make us stumble. All of us, if we set out on our Lenten journey, intending to add greater quality to our way of living, are likely to find something that hinders us. It may be just lethargy. Science tells us that any body of matter that is at rest tends to remain at rest, unless it is acted upon by some external force. It takes some pushing on our part to make a difference. Once this is taken care of; though, there are still likely to be obstacles in the way. Some problems reflect the past. For example, if we find ourselves feeling angry or cross with little provocation, we may have to discover what causes it. Has someone hurt us and left us emotionally wounded? Or have we hurt someone else and feel cut off from them? If so, is there not a way in which we can be reconciled and then let the past be the past? For our own sake, as well as the sake of others, we need to get the obstacle of resentment out of the way. Peace can begin with you.

It may also be that we are hindered by failing to realize our own inherent worth and being unaware of our true potential. It is so easy, when we have failed at some endeavor, to feel that much of our life is a failure. Lenten time spent in prayer and meditation can help us to see ourselves as we really are, not only the bad but the good. God gives each of us gifts, potential that often goes unused, perhaps not some particular skill but the ability to be a person who makes others feel better. Perhaps, we need to remember that the God, who made us, took an earth that was dark, "without form and void," and changed it into our beautiful world. God's grace recreates us, forgives us, and sustains us. With God's help, obstacles can be overcome and our lives can find greater quality than we ever thought possible.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL– This weekend marks the beginning of our annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal. This week each household in our parishes will be receiving a request from Bishop Kulick in the mail, along with additional information about the appeal. Please watch for yours to arrive. Please pray about your gift to this appeal, which benefits our diocese and your parish.

Contribution statements were sent to every parishioner. If you didn't receive yours, please call the parish office. Thanks to all who help our parishes grow!

It's the season for **fish fries**, and we hope you'll patronize ours here at **St. Pius X**. Every Friday during Lent from 4-7 p.m. in the social hall. Our menu is always filled with a great variety of items to tempt the taste buds of each and every person! Spend this Lenten season enjoying time



with parishioners and guests, and make the journey to dinner and then Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.. We can always use volunteers to help with this endeavor. Please call the parish office to volunteer. Also, we ask every parishioner to help by donating baked goods or other needed supplies. You may drop them off in the hall on Friday every week. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is a popular devotion (also called the Way of the Cross) in honor of the Passion and death of Christ. It consists of meditating on 14 "stations" or "stages" in the Passion of Christ, such as His condemnation by Pilate, His scourging, His journey to Calvary, and the tomb. The stations are wooden crosses, often inserted in paintings or sculptures, and may be attached to the walls of a church or oratory or erected outdoors. The stations must be lawfully erected and blessed by one who has the authority to do so. (CCC2669) Stations of the Cross will be held this week on Friday, March 14th, at 12:10 p.m. at Visitation and at 7 p.m. at St. Pius X.

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 and 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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE...Please note that the Liturgies of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday), April 17, 18 & 19th, will be celebrated at St. Pius X this year. We'll be asking for help at these liturgies in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your help.

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



LENTEN JOURNEY: You're invited to join Fr. Craig at various locations throughout Lent as we embark on a "trip" through salvation history, via the DVD series by Steve Ray, "Footprints of God". All sessions will begin at 6 p.m. & will last about 2 hours. Schedule is as follows:



St. John social hall, Connellsville, Tue. March 11
St. Rita social hall, Connellsville, Thu. March 13
Immaculate Conception social hall, Connellsville, Tue. March 18
St. John the Baptist school, Scottdale, Thu. March 20
St. Joseph social hall, Everson, Tue. March 25
St. Pius X social hall, Mt. Pleasant, Thu. March 27
Visitation social hall, Mt. Pleasant, Thu. April 3
Geibel Catholic cafeteria, Connellsville, Thu. Apr. 10

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ADORATION on First Fridays after the 7 a.m. morning Mass until noon. If you have 30-60 minutes to spare, please call the office and talk to Theresa to sign up for a time slot. 724-547-1911

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED Meeting on Monday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Visitation social hall. We'll continue the *Sisters for Life* video series entitled "Into Life—Love Changes Everything." Bring diapers in sizes 4 or 5 to make gift packs for blessing boxes. New participants are welcome. Call/text Andrea at 724-858-5271 with any questions.



REMEMBER to set your clocks ahead this weekend! Daylight savings time begins!!

TODAY, MARCH 9, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, our OCIA candidates, Lucas, Josh & TJ, will participate in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion. This ritual marks the beginning of the final preparations for completing their entry into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. We lift them up in prayer as we celebrate the Rite of Sending during the 10:30 a.m. Mass today, March 9, at St. Pius X church.

The *Visitation Christian Mothers* "Colebrook Easter Candy" spring fundraiser order forms & payment should be returned to the Parish Office, or placed in the collection basket, by Monday, March 10th. The orders should be placed in an envelope marked "Candy Order."

Written checks should be made out to

The Visitation Christian Mothers.

Candy orders will be available for pick-up on Saturday, April 12th, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All members greatly appreciate your support and hope you enjoy the many sweet treats! Thank you in advance. ~Jan



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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 celebrations of Easter. There will be groups of priests available to hear confessions at each of these services.

St. Florian, United, 6:30 p.m., March 10th

St. Raymond, Donegal, 6 p.m., March 19th

St. Pius X, Mt. Pleasant, 7 p.m., April 1st

St. John the Evangelist, Connellsville, 11 a.m., April 5th

St. Aloysius, Dunbar, 7 p.m., April 8th

St. John the Baptist, Scottdale, 11 a.m., April 12th



Lent also leads us to church more often for prayer. The Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist should be especially close to us as they enable us to effect a change in ourselves. These Sacraments are building blocks, not only for our parishes, but for ourselves, as they sanctify our existence in this world. Take the opportunity to receive penance at least once during Lent, maybe at the beginning, and see if we can live a different life for the remainder of the 40 days. Make the journey to additional Masses to receive the Holy Eucharist other than at Sunday Mass, spend additional time before the Blessed Sacrament, which can only deepen the sense of faith, and spend time in journeying with Christ through the Stations of the Cross. Let us remember that Easter is our return every year to our own Baptism, and Lent is our preparation for that return—the slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own passage into the new life of Christ.



Please pray for our recently deceased, especially Carl Marker, George Kiral and Roxanne Scott. 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.

OUR PRAYER LIST:

Zippy, 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, Peggy, Sharon & Russ Gonda, Mike, Patty & Dan Gonos, Pat, Bill, Connie Zemba, Ray B., Andrew, Bob Sandzimier, Joann L., Knox, Phillip, Baby Parker, Ken Keslar, Jen, Dwayne Thomas, Mary Rose, David Gillott, Patricia Burke, Carol K., Frank Chain, David, Gene, Elizabeth E., Don Seder, Colleen, Jeff, William Pakulski, Kathi Kappel, Danny & Elaine Kurpiel, Brenda, Dorinda O., Patty, Gary French & family, Paul, Mike & Sue Ruszkowski, Liz, Brenda, Paul, Barry Stanziana, Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, Margie, Jeff Kiral, Isaac Donaldson, Susan Shafley, Ken E., Jennie Ann Hurt, Julia, Beth, Margaret Fox, Corinne M., Laurie Deery, Susie Wilttrout, 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, 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., Logan S., Rita, Ruth, CJ, Kim, Rita, Charles C., Richard & Sally B., Elizabeth Kendi, Remington Bazzar, Alvin Jaworski, Beth, Mark S., Mercedes Isola, Georgia, Debbie Poklembo, Leo R. Rudnik, Sr., Gary Dorman, Carmen Tarasky, Louise A., Pat, Patricia Skero, Michael Tarasky, Sr., Logan, 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., R.J., Aggie Farcosky, Judy F., Mike M., Mary Lou L., Dolores O'Brocto, Agnes Rerko, Chrissy Lejeune, John DiPasquale, Bertie Zaucha, Anita F., Christina T., Rosemary Carolen, Margie D., Linda Goodlin, Billy C., Judy K., Mike H., Linda Koskee, Carl & Amy Schaefer, Karen Work



Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces:

*Captain Jonathan Lang, USMC
Jacob & Alex Shafley
Drew Sheldon
James Dzurica
Jared Yester*



May God guide & protect them always.



Penitential Rite for Candidates

Sunday, March 16 10:30am Mass
St. Pius X, Mt Pleasant

Please pray for our candidates!

FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

1st Communion

Our latest preparation session was Saturday, March 8. We meet again on Saturday, March 12.

Confirmation

Our latest preparation session was Saturday, March 1.
Sign ups for the retreat close on March 15!

Companions

Check your email for cool opportunities for middle schoolers coming up!
See you March 19!

Frassati Fellowship

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See you March 12!

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VISITATION



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Lucas B.
Josh R.
TJ S.

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Dave S.
Joyce S.
Kaitlyn S.
Zach S.

Sunday, March 9, 2025



St. Pius X Lenten Dinners

Weekly
March 7 - April 11
4 - 7 PM

Menu

Dine-In or Take-Out

Baked or Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese
Green Beans, Coleslaw, Breadstick **\$15**

Baked or Fried Fish Sandwich
on a Bun, Coleslaw **\$11**

Kids' Menu

Baked or Fried Fish, Mac & Cheese,
Green Beans, Applesauce, Breadstick **\$8**

Without Fish **\$6**

Dessert & Drink served with all meals

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STILLNESS



MARCH 10 | VISITATION - MT PLEASANT
STILLNESS IN THE DESERT
SILENCE IN THE WILDERNESS, ENCOUNTERING GOD IN SOLITUDE.

MARCH 17 | IC - CONNELLSVILLE
STILLNESS IN SURRENDER
TRUSTING GOD BY LETTING GO OF CONTROL.

MARCH 24 | VISITATION - MT PLEASANT
STILLNESS IN SUFFERING
FINDING PEACE AMID TRIALS AND PAIN.

MARCH 31 | IC - CONNELLSVILLE
STILLNESS IN THE CROSS
SILENCE IN THE FACE OF SACRIFICE AND LOVE.

APRIL 7 | VISITATION - MT PLEASANT
STILLNESS IN RESURRECTION
PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR EASTER JOY.



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