St. Pius X Parish



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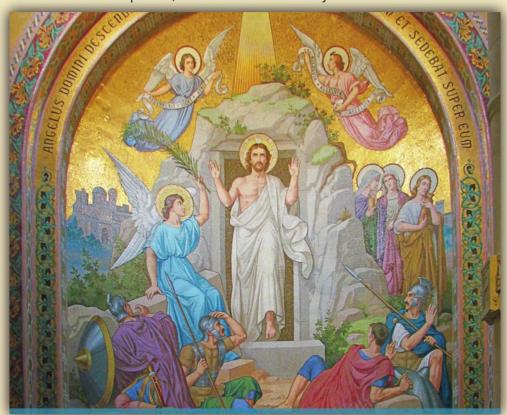


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April 27, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter



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. Daily (weekday) Mass: Visitation at 7:00 a.m.

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

Parochial Vicars: Rev. Peter Guardiano, Rev. Edwin Rubido, Rev. Craig Alexander, Rev. John Torres pguardiano..., erubido..., calexander...jtorres...@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mass Intentions

Mon. 4/28 Visitation 7:00 a.m.

Frank Zabrosky- Jim & Janice Scekeres

Tues. 4/29 Visitation 7:00 a.m.

Robert & Vera Jezowski- Mark & Debbie

Potosky

Wed. 4/30 Visitation 7:00 a.m.

Betty Coppula- Steve Solinski

Thu. 5/1 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.

Claudia Guldenschuh- husband, Bill

Fri. 5/2 **St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.**

Carolen family-Rosemary Carolen

Sat. 5/3 Visitation 4:00 p.m.

deceased of the Chlebowski-Matty families-Brian & Yvonne Hunter

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Chris & Helen Deluka- Denny & Pat Gaal

Sun. 5/4 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Paul Kostyo, Sr.- children

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Mary Ellen Gerecter- sister, Kathy Bash & 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

SATURDAY, MAY 3 2025

Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Lector: David Brooks

E.M.: Marlene Cibulas, Barb Sandzimier, Ray Gamrat

Servers: Colton & Lauren G., volunteer

Cantor: Phil Brown

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Lisa Sestak

E.M.: Sue Covalesky, Barbara D., Emily S., Claudia E.

Servers: Braxton P., Michael F., volunteer

Cantor: Pat Martinoski

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Robert Manjerovic

E.M.: Donna Zemba, Patricia Thomas, Al Dawson

Servers: Ty W., Langdon & Amelia T.

Cantor: Peggy Tepper

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Connie Barnhart

E.M.: Chris DeFlitch, Sr. Anna Maria, Kristen Rega, vol.

Servers: Lucas P., Michael H., Jaxon F. Cantor: Kathy Demagall/choir

Candles this Week



St. Pius X

Sanctuary- Maryann C. Minick- Joe Minick

Blessed Mother- Paul Furlo- wife, Sandy

Our Lady of Czestochowa- Violet & Steve Keto- Irene &

family

<u>Visitation</u>

Blessed Mother- Dorinda Ober- cousin, Richard
Madonna & Child- Kathleen Anne Miller- her loving
daughters





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Notes from our Pastor, Fr. Paul:

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (also known as the Feast of the Divine Mercy) is a feast day that is observed in the Roman Rite calendar, as well as some Anglo-Catholics of the Church of England (it is not an official Anglican feast). It is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her visions of Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued



by the Catholic Church. On March 23, 1937, Kowalska wrote in her diary that she had a vision that the feast of Divine Mercy would be celebrated in her local chapel, and would be attended by large crowds, and that the same celebration would be held in Rome attended by the pope. She wrote: "The crowd was so enormous that the eye could not take it all in. Everyone was participating in the celebrations."

Divine Mercy Sunday is also the day after the culmination of the novena of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Kowalska wrote Jesus instructed her that the Feast of Mercy (the Sunday after Easter) be preceded by a Divine Mercy Novena which would begin on Good Friday. The first Mass during which the Divine Mercy image was displayed was on April 28, 1935 (the Feast of Divine Mercy), the second Sunday of Easter, and was attended by Kowalska. April 28, 1935, was also the celebration of the end of the Jubilee of the Redemption by Pope Pius XI. Michael Sopocko (Kowalska's confessor) celebrated the Mass that Sunday and obtained permission to place the image within the Gate of Dawn Church in Vilnius during the Mass. The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II. On April 30, 2000, the Canonization of Faustina Kowalska took place and the second Sunday of Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy in the General Roman calendar. On April 22, 2001, which was one year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the resurrection context of Easter:

Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy." Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.

The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. The *Divine Mercy image* is often carried in processions on Divine Mercy Sunday, and is placed in a location in the church so that it can be venerated by those who attended the Mass.

A VERY HAPPY, SPECIAL DAY in the life of any parish is the day of First Holy Communion for the children of the parish. Because of the make-up of our parishes, we will be administering First Holy Communion at all parishes on the dates and at the times that follow. In this way we can accommodate all of our children and their families.

Visitation, Saturday, May 10th at 4:00 p.m.

St. Pius X, Sunday, May 11th at 10:30 a.m.

St. John (Scottdale), Saturday, May 17th at 4:00 p.m.

St. Rita, Sunday, May 18th at 8:00 a.m.

St. John (Connellsville), Sunday, May 18th at 11:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception, Saturday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius, Sunday, May 25th at 9:00 a.m.

~St. Joseph has no students making First Communion this year.

I am also pleased to announce that Confirmation for the eighth graders who have completed their formation from our eight parishes will be confirmed on Saturday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m. We will welcome Bishop Kulick to Immaculate Conception parish for this liturgy.

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 in the Stations, the attendance at

confession and Masses, and the blessing of 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, choirs, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and altar servers for your dedicated help. Thanks to Melissa for directing the choir. 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 your generosity shown to Fr. Peter, Fr. Edwin, Fr. Craig, Fr. John and myself and the parishes. The gifts of food, cards, candy and other surprises showed us how truly blessed we are to be your Pastor and Parochial Vicars. I will remember each of you at my 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. Fr. Paul

SCHEDULE UPDATE All organizations and anyone else who wishes to schedule and place an item on our parish calendars are asked to please submit their dates and times to the parish office as soon as possible. Please contact our Administrative Assistant, Erin, and give her all the information.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. at St. Rita Church in Connellsville

In & Around Our Neighborhood...



VISITATION PARISH FESTIVAL Sunday, June 8th, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

It's that time of year again! We need your support to have a successful event.

- BASKET PICK-A-TICKET: need 100-120 baskets (or more); This area sells out by 4 p.m. Please let us know if you will make one or more (\$30 minimum value) or if you will give us the funds to make one for you...happy to do it!
- GIFT AUCTION: held indoors & one of the most popular areas; need large items; You amaze us! Last year's selection was beautiful! Please let us know in advance what you are bringing so we can prepare properly & avoid duplicates.
- BOOTH SPONSORS: will once again remain \$50 for a 10x10 and \$350 for a 20x20 (two available). The 20x40 seating tent is \$700. Consider getting together with family & friends to sponsor, in your names or in memory of a loved one.
- BOTTLES OF CHEER: needed & always hard to get; drop off at the office during normal business hours, M -TH, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
- VOLUNTEERS: Sooo important! You MUST have your clearances to help prepare or work at the festival.
 Please get them. Check with Theresa in the office for help!

Any questions, please call Barb at 724-547-3903 or Kathy at 724-547-2432. If you can't help with any of the above, please say a prayer for a fun & successful event. We appreciate all you do for the love of God & our parish!



FLEA MARKET St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 185 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Saturday, May 3rd from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Only \$10 per table! Looking for craft vendors, consultants, small businesses, yard sale items and more! Food will also be available! For questions or to reserve a table call Emily W. at 724-366-3684.

WE ARE CONTINUING the Diocesan Lenten Appeal in our parishes. You should have received your pledge card in the mail. If you have not received a pledge card, please call the office and let them know. Parishioners are asked to refrain from making payments on pledges until they are sent reminders from the Catholic Foundation to avoid confusion in recording and processing pledges and payments. A sincere thank you goes out to all who have responded to the DLA. To date, numbers are as follows: Visitation 9.8% participation, \$20,980.39 total pledged; St. Pius X 9.6% participation, \$19,589.50 pledged. We need \$17,792.61 to meet Visitation's Diocesan goal; \$32,217.50 to meet St. Pius X's Diocesan goal. Thank you again!

MUSIC MINISTRY SPRING CONCERT Please join us for our annual Music Ministry Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Pius X Church! Admission is free! Come and hear some beautiful anthems! We hope to see you then. Thank you for your support of our Music Ministry!



CELEBRATE LIFE WALK Please join Team FCSLA Life Jr. Branch 112 in supporting Alternatives. Yes, pro-life, pregnancy and parenting ministry at their Celebrate Life Walk on the Yough River Trail in Connellsville on May 10. To register and for more important information, visit www.altyes.org or call Lorrie at 724-887-4592.







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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 in 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 to come together so regularly, not for the sermon or the ceremony, but for the presence of one another in the Father and His People.



Thursday, May 1, is the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The liturgical celebration in honor of St. Joseph the Worker dates back to 1955 when it was established by Pope Pius XII, and first celebrated the following year. Workers have long celebrated May 1 as May Day in honor of labor and as a symbol of their rights. It was the intention of Pius XII to give a Christian dimension to this day, and to teach the dignity of human labor, with St. Joseph as a model for the laborer. Appropriately, in the Opening Prayer we note that God calls all of us "to

develop and use (our) gifts for the good of others" and with St. Joseph as our example and guide, we ask that God help us to do what is His will for us. Joseph's role was that of protector and provider. God's "wise and loyal servant," for Mary and Jesus. Joseph was selfishly obedient to God, humble and quiet and perseveringly faithful. We will be blessed if we use our particular talents and energies and opportunities for God. We will enjoy what we accomplish and grow in our love of God and our gratitude to Him.

According to Church law, Trinity Sunday, June 15, is the last Sunday that you can make your Easter duty. The confession of sin cleanses us. Christ in communion is our strength. Please do not deprive yourself of such gifts of healing, strength and love. Just for clarification, the precept of the Church is as follows: to lead a Sacramental life; to receive the Sacrament of Penance regularly and Holy Communion frequently—minimally, at least once a year, between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.

If you don't tell us, we don't know. Help us keep our census up-to-date and our postage down. A crucial part of the continued success of our communication system is the constant updating of information about you, our parish family. Please keep our census accurate by calling the office when you have any changes to your information. Thanks!



Please pray for our recently deceased, especially Suzanne Lease. 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, 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, 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, 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 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, 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, 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, Sandy Furlo, Zip Zozula, Robbie Loebach & family, Deanna Perkey, Liz S.



Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces:

Captain Jonathan Lang, USMC Jacob & Alex Shafley Drew Sheldon James Dzurica Jared Yester Benjamin T. Melego, AF

May God guide & protect them always.

Faith Formation

Updates

1st Communion

Please pray for our 2nd graders who finish preparation on Saturday, May 3!

Confirmation

Our last preparation session is Wednesday, April 30 at 6pm at St. Rita's.

May Crowning

All Faith Formation families are invited to join us at 3pm on Sunday, May 4 at St. Pius Hall for our Religious Education May Crowning. Students will finish their last class afterwards.

25-26 Academic Year

Registration opens July 1. All 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th graders intending on receiving the sacrament in 2nd or 8th grade must be registered.

Weekly Offering-April 13, 2025

Visitation Parish

Weekly	\$4,989
Capital Improvements	
Growing	\$163
Catholic Accent	\$45
Holy Thursday	\$146
Good Friday	\$116
Easter flowers	\$162
Easter	\$260
Lenten offering	\$805
Online giving	
Total envelopes:	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly	.\$7,254
Capital improvements	\$25
Accent	\$25
Holy Thursday	\$92
Good Friday	\$92
Lenten offering	\$590
Easter flowers	\$275
Easter	\$315
Online giving	\$225
Total envelopes: 278	

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PIUS X

VISITATION





PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NEWEST



Lucas B, St. Pius X Josh R., St. Pius X

Dave S., Immaculate Conception Kaitlynn S., Immaculate Conception Joyce S., Immaculate Conception Zach S., Immaculate Conception

TJ S., St. Pius X





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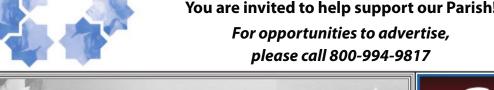
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