St. Pius X Parish



Visitation Parish

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Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania 👌

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May 18, 2025 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



<u>Mass Schedule</u> 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: St. Pius X at 7:00 a.m.

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

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Mass Intentions

- Mon. 5/19 **St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.** Richard Zahrobsky, Jr.- Aunt Betty
- Tues. 5/20 **St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.** Daniel Citro- wife, Joann Citro & daughter, Danielle Anderson
- Wed. 5/21 **St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.** Amy Kiral Peifer- Eugene Kaczmarek
- Thu. 5/22 **St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.** Paul & Mary Hendricks- Jason & John Hendricks
- Fri. 5/23 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Kathleen Anne Miller- her daughters
- Sat. 5/24 Visitation 4:00 p.m. All living & deceased members of the Visitation Christian Mothers- V.C.M. St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Dr. James S. Gyurke- M/M Raymond Holoman
- Sun. 5/25 **Visitation 8:30 a.m.** Catherine & Russell Gonda- Sharon & Russell, Jr.

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m. Amos & Rose Soforic- Jess & Josh

Ministry of the Altar

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

Visitation 4:00 p.m. Lector: Kate Bannon E.M.: Donna Zemba, Vince Mascia, Marlene Cibulas Servers: Owen & Lily S., Owen Q. Cantor: Joanne Geckle

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Kim Sirianna E.M.: Barbara Dropik, Emily S., Claudia E., Cindy C. Servers: Emma E., volunteers Cantor: Peggy Tepper

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

Visitation 8:30 a.m. Lector: Tereasa Rerko E.M.: Al Dawson, Joann Maholtz, volunteer Servers: Amelia & Langdon T., Bobby S. Cantor: Sharon Stewart/choir

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Rob Davis E.M.: Connie B., Chris D., Sr. Anna Maria, Kristen R. Servers: Jaxon F., Lucas P., volunteer Cantor: Phil Brown

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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Candles this Week

<u>St. Pius X</u> Sanctuary- Dr. James Gyurke- Mike Gaudiana

Blessed Mother- Sonny Wilson- Lou & Bertie Wilson

St. Joseph- Joseph Hollis, Sr.- Patty Hollis Wisniewski &

family Our Lady of Czestochowa- John Jaworski- Cathy & George Bando

<u>Visitation</u>

Sanctuary- special intention- Dorothy

Blessed Mother- Helen Kubic- Den & Carol Kubic

St. Joseph- Daniel Citro- wife & daughter

Madonna & Child- Andy & Julia Kostyo- family



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

Notes from our Pastor, Fr. Paul:

MAY IS THE MONTH DEDICATED TO MARY, MOTHER OF GOD AND OUR SPIRITUAL MOTHER We turn to her often

in our needs, as under the title of the Immaculate Conception, she is the patroness of these United States of America. Let us pray this:



Prayer to Mary Immaculate

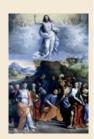
Blessed Mother Mary, we turn to you in prayer for all the people in these United States. We again place ourselves in your care, in the gentle hands that cradled the Child Jesus. We ask you to make us more alive in your faith, more generous in your love, more trusting in your hope. Teach us to imitate Jesus, as you did, and always to follow Him with your courage. Mother Mary, help us to become a people who hunger for justice and who burn with compassion for those who suffer in our midst. Make us a people who cherish and defend the dignity of every human person. Free us from all selfishness and self-interest, that we truly might be the builders of the Kingdom of God. Immaculate Mary, help us to stand among the family of nations as a people of vision and courage, who will gift this world with new life, new hope, and the unity for which your Son died. Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who turn with confidence to you today. Amen.

Memorial Day is next Monday, May 26th. We will be celebrating Mass at one of our parish cemeteries on Memorial Day at 9:00 a.m. This year we will celebrate the Mass at St. Pius X Cemetery in Mt. Pleasant. This Mass is an excellent way to start the day, which is set aside to remember and pray for all the deceased, especially our veterans. You are reminded to bring lawn chairs if you wish to have a seat. There will be no 7 a.m. Mass at St. Pius X on Memorial Day, only the cemetery Mass.

Cemetery envelopes are included in your packets entitled "Cemetery Improvements." This offering enables us to maintain our parish cemeteries and increase our permanent perpetual care fund. We're planning to do some work in our cemeteries this year, along with the standard mowing & upkeep. Please help us preserve the resting places of all our family members who have died in Christ! PLEASE BE PATIENT! With the harsh winter and very wet spring, there's much work that needs taken care of at the cemeteries. *Please be patient* as we clean up the graves and get fresh grass planted. Please note that as we prepare your graves for Memorial Day, I ask that you take all containers, rubbish, plastic flower pots and water jugs (any items you brought from home) with you, or please discard them in the dumpster. **PLEASE DO NOT** leave garbage lying on the ground. I hope you can appreciate our policy, and I thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PERPETUAL CARE We have an endowment fund for our cemeteries. This fund provides for ongoing maintenance and repairs at the cemeteries entrusted to our care. The perpetual care fee charged at the time of burial is \$300. If you wish to pay it pre-need, the fee is \$200. If you have any questions regarding any of the cemeteries, please call the parish office.

SO YOU MAY PLAN AHEAD...ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Wednesday, May 28, 6 p.m. at Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ; Thursday, May 29, 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. at St. Pius X. The parish office will be closed on Thursday, May 29. Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation.



FISH FRY WRAP-UP The final numbers for our Lenten Fish Fry at St. Pius X are in. Thanks to everyone who made our 2025 fish fry possible: our workers, bakers, patrons, customers and those who donated supplies. Through your efforts, I thank you for these numbers: total income was \$44,352.00; expenses were \$13,078.37; thus, our profit realized is \$31,273.62.

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.

ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER? If you are attending either one of our parishes and are not a registered parishioner, we would like to invite you to do so. Simply call the parish office & speak to Erin and we can get this done. You may also register if you are no longer a student and living with your parents or on your own. Do not assume that because your parents are registered that you are automatically registered as an adult. This is a necessity for being a *Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor*. You are not permitted to be either if you are not an active, registered and practicing Catholic.



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! Have 31 baskets to date!!
- GIFT AUCTION: held indoors; 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. Received 11 items so far!!
- 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. Only one contribution to date!!
- 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. Also, donations of water, Pepsi, Coca-Cola, root beer, ginger ale and diet pop will be accepted and may be left in the rear of church. 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!



ST. PIUS X'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS SCHOLARSHIP Once again, 2025 high school graduates who are members of St. Pius parish will have the opportunity to apply for a scholarship to aid in furthering your education. Three prizes awarded: \$500 1st place, \$300 2nd place, \$200 third. Applications are available at the parish office or in the entrance of St. Pius church. You may contact Pam Rendine, 724-455-5917 or Debby Bassinger, 724-875-9374 for further info. Submission to the parish office by June 5th! 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!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3334 will pray the patriotic Rosary on Sunday, May 25, after the 10:30 Mass at St. Pius X.



ROSARY TO BE RECITED OUTDOORS The Visitation Rosary Altar Society invites all to pray the Rosary on Sat., May 31st at 3 p.m., in honor of the Feast Day of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please gather behind the church office, near the Marian shrine. In case of inclement weather, the group will move into the church.

JUBILEE FUNDRAISER Please support the Vernian Lay Youth, led by the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception of Ivrea, in their efforts to fund a trip for the Youth members to Italy in July! Gosia's Pierogies are being sold by the dozen, and orders are due May 22nd. Check last week's bulletin for an order form or pick one up in either church's vestibule. Thank you so much!



Knights of Columbus ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE Benefits Alternatives.Yes Connellsville & Uniontown

Baskets will be in the back of all Church's the Entire Month of May.

Diapers, Baby Clothing, Wipes, Blankets, & Monetary Donations are Accepted.

Over 4,000 Diapers Collected Last Year! Please Pray for the Unborn!

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL UPDATE

St. Pius X Diocesan goal: \$51,807; total goal \$71,807; \$41,762 pledged to date; 20% participation. Visitation Diocesan goal: \$38,773; total goal \$53,773; \$32,414 pledged to date; 19% participation.



SOME REFLECTIONS ON MARRIAGE

This is the time of year when a large number of weddings are celebrated by the Church. It's also a good time for us as members of God's family to review what we as Catholics understand marriage to be. We believe that marriage is more than a contract between a man and a woman. It is a covenant relationship of love and life for the baptized; an intimate partnership rooted in the covenant of irrevocable personal consent. At the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus celebrated the gift of love in marriage and helped the couple celebrate their consent of selves to each other. He thus blessed their togetherness for life. Jesus Christ, Himself, becomes the third partner in the Christian marriage. We, as Catholics, validly receive the Sacrament of Matrimony when we exchange our consent with our partner in the presence of a priest and two witnesses. Once the covenant bond has been made, the marriage cannot be broken. However, sometimes a Catholic marriage ends in divorce. If a Catholic couple gets a civil divorce they are not free to remarry. But the divorced couple can continue to receive the Sacraments as long as they don't attempt to remarry outside the Church and contradict the previous covenant. If the separated couple can give evidence to indicate that a covenant relationship doesn't exist, that for some reason there was not a free exchange of consent to the marriage, then an annulment procedure could begin. If you have any questions concerning the Sacrament of Matrimony, please feel free to call Fr. Paul or one of the Parochial Vicars at the office, 724-547-1911.



PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING AS WE CELEBRATE THE ELECTION OF OUR NEW POPE: American-born Pope Leo XIV (Cardinal Robert Prevost of Chicago, Illinois)

In one heart and mind, with over one billion Catholics worldwide, let us welcome this missionary priest, as he attempts to continue to build bridges in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. May God bless Pope Leo XIV! Please pray for our recently deceased, especially Susan Shafley and Louis Zaucha, Jr. 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 St. Pius X.

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, 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, 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., 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, Liz S.



Congratulations to those who received their First Communion this weekend!

St. John the Baptist, Saturday

- Emma K (St. John the Baptist)
- Braylee P (St. John the Baptist)
- Tessa M (St. John the Baptist)
- Eloisa W (St. Pius)
- Emelia W (St. Pius)
- Everett W (St. Pius)
- Jensen Z (St. John the Baptist)

St. Rita, Sunday

- Mason D (St. Rita)
- Eve D (St. Rita)
- Orrin H (St. Rita)
- Michael K (IC)
- Francis P (St. Rita)
- Elliot S (St. Rita)
- Valentina S (St. Rita)

St. John the Evangelist, Sunday

- Vasalissa J (IC)
- Dominic N (St. Pius)

Weekly Offering- May 4, 2025	:
Visitation Parish	
Weekly	\$5,574
Capital Improvements	\$105
Growing	
Catholic Accent	
Holy Thursday	\$5
Good Friday	
Easter	
Mothers Day	
Communications Campaign	
Religious education	
Ascension	\$20
Online giving	
Total envelopes: 223	

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🕻 Weekly	\$8,152
Capital improvements	\$284
Catholic Accent	
Holy Thursday	\$5
Lenten offering	
Easter	
Ascension	
Peter's Pence	\$2
Religious education	
Communications Campaign	
Father's Day	
Mother's Day	
Online giving	
Total envelopes: 259	
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ST. PIUS X

VISITATION









SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

Home made or store bought items can be dropped off at the Community Center from Saturday 8am till 7pm or Sunday morning.

We also need desserts this year for a BOOTH with only desserts. So when your baking, make an extra one or two items for this area.

