St. Pius X Parish



Visitation Parish

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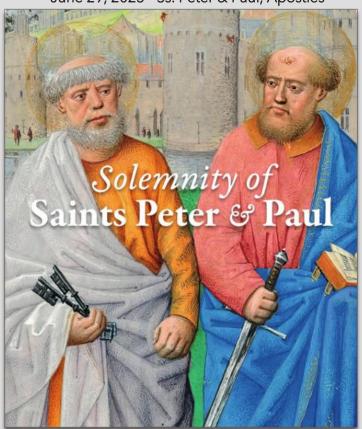
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June 29, 2025 - Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles



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: St. Pius X 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. Tomas Avila, Rev. Julius Capongpongan pguardiano..., erubido..., tavila...jcapongpongan...@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Mon. 6/30 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.

Maryann & James Schmitz- Michele, Alex & Matthew Mitchell

Tues. 7/1 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.

Kathy Brodak-Visitation Christian Mothers

Wed. 7/2 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.

Raymond Douglas Janesko- wife, Loraine

Thu. 7/3 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.

Daniel Citro- wife & daughter, Joann Citro & Danielle Anderson Dad, Mom, Sonny, Ronnie & Judi- Patty Hollis Wisniewski & family

Fri. 7/4 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m.

Frank Lubovinsky- Jim & Janice Scekeres Kurka family- Stanley & Bobbi Kapella

Sat. 7/5 Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Pro populo St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. Dolores Solinski- Steve

Sun. 7/6 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Leo & Pauline Balcerek- Joe & Helen St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Diane Radzilowski- Ron, Nicole, Brett & Bryce

Kurpiel

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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SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2025

Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Lector: David Brooks

E.M.: Marlene Cibulas, Barb Sandzimier, volunteer

Servers: Owen Q., Clara & Caleb S.

Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Barbara Dropik

E.M.: Emily Sestak, Cindy & Dan Copeland, Hank Rose

Servers: Sophia & Ava C., Michael F.

Cantor: Pat Martinoski

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025 Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Stanley Kapella

E.M.: Al Dawson, Joann Maholtz, Sr. Veyce Servers: Eric D., Sophie & Addison G.

Cantor: Sharon Stewart

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Rob Davis

E.M.: Ted Czekaj, Patty Gaal, Liz C., Theresa S.

Servers: Jaxon F., volunteers Cantor: Kathy Demagall



St. Pius X

Sanctuary- Lou Zaucha- Thomas & Kathleen Demagall Blessed Mother- Genevieve Shumar- Jack Shumar St. Joseph- Floyd Gillott- Denny & Patty Gaal Our Lady of Czestochowa- Frank Lubovinsky- Jim & Janice Scekeres

Visitation

Sanctuary- Leo Balcerek- grandchildren

Blessed Mother- Helen & Larry Grundy- Grundy & Rerko family

St. Joseph- Daniel Citro- wife & daughter

Madonna & Child- Raymond Douglas Janesko- wife,



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

Notes from our Pastor, Fr. Paul:



SOLEMNITY OF Ss. PETER & PAUL (Apostles, First Century) In the fourth century on this day, Roman Christians would follow the Bishop in procession as he celebrated the Liturgy, first at the Church of St. Peter (which was built over the saint's burial place) and then at

the Church of St. Paul, outside the walls. Rome isn't the only city that celebrates this great day. Today's celebration is kept by all the Liturgical Churches all over the world. Eastern Churches even have a period of fasting to prepare for this feast.

Peter and Paul came from thoroughly different backgrounds and had different gifts, but they had one great bond: both were called forth by Jesus' love. Jesus gave Peter his name-which means "rock"-at their first meeting. Jesus had chosen him to be the rock on which the new church would be built. According to the Gospels, Peter often showed an understanding of Christ, but when Jesus was arrested and crucified, Peter denied Christ three times and hid in fear. When Jesus was risen from the dead, he told Peter, "Feed my lambs." Peter was recognized by the other disciples as their leader. He called the apostles to select a replacement for Judas. On Pentecost morning, he preached a bold sermon. He performed the first miracle of healing in the name of Jesus. In a dream, he came to understand that the Gospel message was for everyone on earth, not only the Jews like himself. Finally, he made his way to Rome, the center of the empire.

Peter was probably imprisoned three or four times before being martyred around the year 64 during the persecutions of the emperor Nero. According to legend, he asked to be crucified upside down since he did not feel worthy to die in the same way Jesus did. Early in his life, Paul persecuted Christians with determination. But then he had a vision of Jesus, which left him with a complete change of heart. When Paul began preaching Christ, the Christians naturally were afraid of him. But over the next 30 years, Paul was able to convince them of his sincerity. Paul was well-equipped to be a missionary.

He had a bright mind and a good education. He was familiar with the Scriptures because he had studied to be a Rabbi. Paul made four missionary journeys, crisscrossing the Mediterranean Sea. It's difficult to imagine what a challenge travel was in those days. Traveling by ship back then was something like traveling by space shuttle is today-it was expensive, dangerous and highly unusual. Paul was even shipwrecked. The exciting story is told in chapter 27 of the Acts of the Apostles.

Wherever Paul went, he left behind small Christian communities. Paul preached to all classes of people. We

know a lot about the person Paul was from he letters to the various people and communities he cared about. His letters are the first Christian writings. They were written even before the Gospels. Like Peter, Paul was martyred by Nero, perhaps around the year 67. Unlike Peter, Paul was a Roman citizen. This gave him the right to a trial and, when he was convicted, to a quick execution. There is a legend



that the city of Rome was founded by the brothers Romulus and Remus, who were raised by wolves. Peter and Paul came to be called the new founders of Rome.

DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL While Lent is far gone, we continue to raise monies for our Diocesan Lenten Appeal. This annual appeal will continue through July. If you are able to participate, we are asking everyone to make a pledge or cash gift at this time. If you are unable, you should still return your card. We thank you for considering this important part of our stewardship program. To date, St. Pius X has 162 donors and Visitation has 133. These numbers represent about 21% and 24% participation from each parish. The St. Pius X donors have pledged \$43,609.50 to date; Visitation pledges are at \$35,594.39. This means St. Pius X is only \$8,197.50 away from the goal set by the Diocese, while Visitation is just \$3,178.61 shy of the Diocesan goal. We are grateful to these kind persons and now turn to our other 76-79% for help. If you are in need of a pledge card, please call the parish office. Three individual mailings have already been sent out, and we are trying to save money by not sending another one. Please help us complete this special appeal. Remember, any monies over the Diocesan goal stay in our parishes. Thank you once again and may God bless you and your family.

HELLO, I'M YOUR ENVELOPE REMINDER ANGEL! I've been assigned to watch over you for the summer months. While you're enjoying the sun and having fun, don't forget your Church here at home. Your help is still needed to meet current expenses. May I suggest you keep your unused envelopes and bring your contributions up to date when you return? God bless and keep you!

In & Around Our Neighborhood...





ST. PIUS X FESTIVAL is on the horizon for July 20, 2025.

To have a shining, successful event, we are asking for your support with the following items:

- GIVING TREE- Do not forget to take a tag off the Giving Tree to make a monetary donation for a positive festival.
- ♦ VOLUNTEERS are needed for a variety of tasks (small/large). Please call the office, 724-547-1911, or sign up in the back of the church. Many hands make the work lighter.
- ◆ PUT YOUR NAME in lights by sponsoring a booth (\$50) or tent.
- ♦ BASKETS- We would sparkle if we could raffle 120 baskets! Please donate a basket or donate money and we will make one for you (\$30 min. value).
- ♦ EYES BEGIN TO GLOW when festival-goers stop by the Chance Auction. Please consider donating items (large or small) for this unique booth.
- ◆ THE WHEELBARROW OF CHEER is empty, but it can filled with your contributions of wine, liquor or beer. Please consider a donation.
- NOTHING BRINGS a brighter smile than a delicious dessert! The cake stand is just the place to donate your scrumptious baked goods. All donations can be delivered on July 19th and 20th.
- ♦ ALL EYES will be shining brightly on July 20th because of your charitable donations and your generous help. All donations can be dropped off at the rectory. Your assistance is greatly needed and appreciated.











VISITATION FESTIVAL PRIZE WINNER There was no name on ticket number 021151. If you have the other "half" of this ticket, please call the office to claim your certificate!

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FESTIVAL Scottdale, PA, in the parking lot next to the school building on Sunday, June 29, from 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. One day only! Traditional & ethnic foods, hand-cut fries, beer & games!! Music, raffles and entertainment!!!

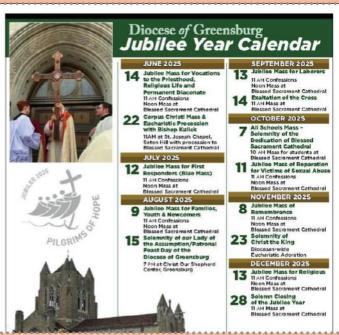
ST. RITA'S ANNUAL STREET FAIR First Street in Connellsville, Thur., July 10- Sat., July 12. Highlights include homemade Italian food, games, 50/50, bingo, basket raffle and more! Live entertainment all three nights!!

CHAIRPERSONS NEEDED! St. Pius X festival committee is in need of chairpersons for the following booths: American foods, Desserts, Soda & water, Funnel cake & fried dough, Instant bingo, Pizza, Carnival foods, Ticket booth & Wheelbarrow of cheer. Please contact Eric Harris at movieman27@hotmail.com or 724-689-2581. Thank you!

ST.PIUS X HOLY NAME SOCIETY will meet on Sunday, July 13, 2025, at 8:45 a.m. in the social hall and then will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass following the meting.

ALSO, please save the dates for the Holy Name Society's fall omelet breakfasts, which will be held on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 and SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9. The time for the breakfasts will be from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Note we have extended our hours for the breakfast. Also, the St. Pius X Holy Name Society will have their oldies dance on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 6-10 p.m. More details to come!





PARISH REGISTRATION If you have completed high school, or are over 18 years of age, you must register at your home parish as an adult. When you are asked to be a sponsor or Godparent, you must present proof of membership in a parish. Your membership in the parish will not be verified if you are still listed as a child on your parents' registration. Call the parish office at 724-547-1911.



We, Americans, have been a fortunate people. From our beginnings, we have never been oppressed by dictatorship; we are a democracy. While we have experienced the horror of war, we have never been invaded. While we have not always achieved the goal of liberty and justice for all, we have not given up striving toward it. We are, indeed, most fortunate. But such good fortune is not a matter of luck, much less a matter of unmerited blessing. The freedom we have is a freedom we must responsibly maintain. Such freedom must be worked at. Given as a gift, it must be used with care and gratitude. Each of us is called upon to value the gift. We are called as Christians, as well as Americans, to pass along the freedom of life and its happiness to one another without condition or restraint. Equally so, the gift must be passed on to other peoples. Iraq and Afghanistan, North Korea and some of the African countries—these are just a few peoples who struggle for the freedom we have. Some people submit, others rise up; but all know that where we are they have not yet arrived.

The wars and conflicts highlight the distance of understanding and compassion between the peoples of our world. Not all yet look upon each other as family. The feud of the old Hatfields and McCoys has magnified to the preposterous dimension of nuclear war and extinction.

Anything can trigger the end of everyone! What horror! We pray in our good fortune for all God's family whoever they are and however they think. We pray that our generation might provide for this family a greater sense of liberty and justice, equality and love. We cannot rest in our good fortune without increasing the heritage of freedom for the children of the world, all God's people and ours. May our prayers reflect these dreams of liberty and thank God for His gift to each of us. HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

The Mass for the Fourth of July will be celebrated this Friday at St. Pius X at 7 a.m. The parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 3rd and Friday, July 4th. The office will reopen on Monday, July 7th at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Paul and the staff of our parishes wish you and your family a safe holiday weekend!



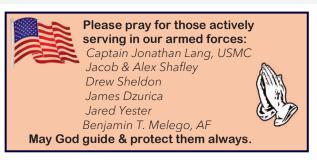


Please pray for our recently deceased. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Join us every Wednesday to pray the rosary for peace: 11:30 a.m. at 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., Nate G., Diana Gallick, Jayme K., Kris, Ginny H.





ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Now is the time to call the Faith Formation Director, Mary Allison, at 724-961-1094. Becoming a member of the Catholic faith is a big step in your life. The summer is a good time to meet with us and ask questions. When autumn rolls around, people who wish to join the church begin a serious and more structured phase of preparation. So, take this opportunity to find out in a relaxed and comfortable way if you are ready to start this journey. For more information, call Mary at 724-961-1094.

When I was young, I could never understand why the family car was not the top-of-the-line model. When that car finally needed to be replaced, it was with a similar low-on-the-line model. Again, I couldn't understand. It wasn't until I was older that I finally came to the understanding that my parents were saving money so that my sister and I could have special things, like a Catholic school education. That knowledge explained a lot of things that had been a mystery to me previously. That scenario is often repeated in our lives. We have misconceptions about why people do what they do, or why they are the way they are. We forget a grouchy person may be ill; that a "loner" may never have known love in his or her life; that a frightened person may never have had the security and comfort of a loving family. We often see behavior in others that we cannot understand because we don't know the reasons behind it. Because of this, we should not judge. All we can do is offer our love, and if there is any need of change in ourselves or another, such love may be the needed catalyst for a change for the better.

TO ALL PARENTS

"I'll lend you, for a little while, a child of mine," He said, for you to love while he lives, and mourn when he is dead. It may be six or seven years, or twenty-one or three, but will you, 'till I call him back, take care of him for me?

He'll bring his charms to gladden you, and shall his stay be brief, you'll have his lovely memories as solace for your grief. I cannot promise he will stay, as all from earth return, but there are lessons taught down there I want this child to learn. I've looked the wide world over in my search for teachers true, and from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have selected you. Now will you give him all your love—not think the labor vain, nor hate me when I come to call to take him back again. I fancied that I heard him say, "Dear Lord, thy will be done." For all the joy this child shall bring, the risk of grief will run. We'll shower him with tenderness and love him while we may. And for happiness we've known, forever grateful stay. And should angels call for him much sooner than we planned, we'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand.

Weekly Offering-June 15, 2025

Visitation Parish

Weekly	\$3,800
Capital Improvements	\$5
Growing	\$50
Ascension	\$5
Religious education	\$32
Father's Day	\$464
Peter's Pence	\$12
Online giving	\$815
Total envelopes: 174	

St. Pius X Parish

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Weekly\$4,5	65
Capital Improvements\$	50
Religious education\$5	55
Father's Day\$3	
Online giving\$2	50
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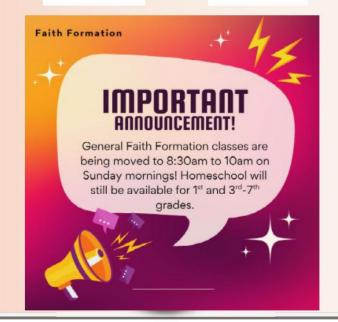
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VISITATION









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We are also accepting monetary donations and we will purchase an item for you!

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 Table & Chairs
- Kitchen Appliances
 Decor
- Cooler
- Lottery Tree
- Outside Play Items Fire Pit

- Camping Gear
- Electronics
- Grill



Bring your donations to the parish office during normal business hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 9:30 am -3 pm

ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong; that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts to the family of nations to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship and to find safety, only in the common good of all.

Amen.

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