# St. Pius X Parish



# Visitation Parish

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Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania 🛛 👌

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June 8, 2025 - Pentecost Sunday Sunday, June 8, 2025 11:00 am - 9:00 pm Walnut Street, Mt. Pleasant \* \* \* (Featuring the Slovak Platter) Frank Powaski's Polka Festival 🦿 the Kozmiks Band 620 WKHB ive Radio Broadc 4 pm - 9 pm Noon to 3 pm Games Gift Baskets Cake 50/50 of Chance Galore Auction Stand **Public Welcome!** 

<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

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

### **Mass Intentions**

- Mon. 6/9 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Paul Furlo- wife, Sandy
- Tues. 6/10 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Amy Kiral- family
- Wed. 6/11 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Wally & Ann Cable- Lou & Judy Bell
- Thu. 6/12 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. John & Margaret Balena- Jason & Jon Hendricks
- Fri. 6/13 St. Pius X 7:00 a.m. Mark A. Rose- Mom & Dad
- Sat. 6/14 Visitation 4:00 p.m. For all fathers, living and deceased St. Pius X 6:00 p.m. For all fathers, living and deceased
- Sun. 6/15 Visitation 8:30 a.m. For all fathers, living and deceased St. Pius X 10:30 a.m. For all fathers, living and deceased

## Ministry of the Altar

### SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

Visitation 4:00 p.m. Lector: Robert Manjerovic E.M.: Ray Gamrat, Suzanne Caletri, Vince Mascia Servers: Owen Q., volunteers Cantor: Jaime Golobish

### St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Kim Sirianna E.M.: Emily Sestak, Sr. Anna Maria, Cindy & Dan C. Servers: Emma E., Sophia & Ava C. Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

### SUNDAY, JUNE 15 2025

Visitation 8:30 a.m. Lector: Stanley Kapella E.M.: Al Dawson, Joann Maholtz, Sr. Veyce Servers: Eric D., Ty W., volunteer Cantor: Sharon Stewart

### St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Eric Poole E.M.: Chris DeFlitch, Kristen Rega, Ted Czekaj, vol. Servers: Jaxon F., Lucas P., volunteer Cantor: Eric Harris

*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- Antonette Grimm- sister Blessed Mother- Jake Czekaj, II- Ted Czekaj & family St. Joseph- Daniel McLaughlin- Aunt Kim

Our Lady of Czestochowa- Philip & Rose Valiante-

daughter, Amy

### **Visitation**

Sanctuary- John & Mary Toczek- children & grandchildren

Blessed Mother- John T. Toczek- children & grandchildren

St. Joseph- Robert & Leona Cope- son, Bob & Connie

Madonna & Child- George Kiral- Patsy Sofranko



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

# Notes from our Pastor. Fr. Paul:

As you have already heard, but just in case you did not, Bishop Kulick has recently made new assignments for priests in our diocese. These are the ones that influence our parishes, which will be effective on Monday, June 16, 2025:

- Fr. Craig Alexander has been assigned as the Pastor of Church of the Resurrection, Northern Indiana County.
- Fr. John Torres has been assigned as the Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg.
- The Reverend Julius Capongpongan and the Reverend Tomas P. Avila, have been appointed as Parochial Vicars of Immaculate Conception, St. John the Evangelist and St. Rita Parishes, Connellsville, St. Aloysius Parish, Dunbar, St. Pius X and Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes, Mt. Pleasant, St. John the Baptist Parish, Scottdale, and St. Joseph Parish, Everson. Fr. Tomas will reside in the St. Pius X rectory, Mt. Pleasant, and Fr. Julius will live in the St. Joseph rectory, Everson.
- Fr. Paul Lisik, Fr. Peter Guardiano and Fr. Edwin Rubido are remaining in their current assignments and residences.

Please wish Fr. Craig and Fr. John well in their new assignments, and please extend to Fr. Julius and Fr. Tomas the same warmth and welcoming spirit which you have extended to all of the priests assigned to our parishes.

We will have a farewell reception for both Fr. Craig and Fr. John on Wednesday, June 11th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in St. Rita's social hall. St. Rita's hall is located at 116 South Second Street, Connellsville. This reception will be for the eight regional parishes to wish two of our Parochial Vicars well in their new assignments. Please plan to spend an evening with all in saying thank you for service to the priesthood and our parishes.

### ACCORDING TO CHURCH LAW, TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE

15, is the last Sunday that you can make your Easter duty. The confession of sins 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 Holy Communion frequently and the Sacrament of Penance regularly-minimally, to receive the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year, between the first Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday.



HELLO, I'M YOUR ENVELOPE REMINDER

**ANGEL.** I've been assigned to watch over you for the summer months! Don't forget your Church here at home. Your help will still be needed to meet current expenses. May I suggest you keep unused envelopes and bring your

contributions up to date when you return. God bless you and keep you safe throughout the summer months.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY. One of the Biblical names for Pentecost is "the festival of firstfruits." A "firstfruit" is the first of a crop to ripen. These were offered to God in thanksgiving for the harvest. We usually don't think of this time of year as a harvest season. But in mild climates, such as the lands around the Mediterranean, the apricots, cherries and strawberries are ripe now. So are wheat and other grains. The grain harvest is the principal harvest of the year, the crop that can feed people all year long if it is abundant enough. Even in the north, gardens yield asparagus, rhubarb, the first peas and spinach and other salad greens. Winter's fast has become springtime's feast. In the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul uses the imagery of Pentecost to speak of the resurrection of Jesus:

"Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have died. All will be made alive in Christ, but each in proper order: First Christ, then all those who belong to Christ."

The Jewish people keep the festival of firstfruits 50 days after Passover. This day is called Shavuot. Besides being a harvest festival, it is also a celebration of God's covenant with the people, made on Mount Sinai, when God gave Moses the holy law. Shavuot means "weeks" because it comes seven weeks plus a day (50 days, a "week of weeks") after Passover. Christians celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter Sunday. Pentecost is a Greek word that means either "50 days" or "50th day." Pentecost sets a seal on the 50 days of Eastertime. It is a grand finale.

On Pentecost, Christians celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gospels speak often of the coming of the Spirit. John's gospel tells us that, when Jesus died, "he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." John tells us that the risen Christ breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (This story is the gospel for Pentecost Day.) In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear today of a great outpouring of the Spirit, who descended in fire and wind on the disciples, just as God appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai. But that isn't the only time Luke tells us of the coming of the Spirit. The gospel is filled with stories. Luke tells us that John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit even before he was born. Mary was filled with the spirit. So were Elizabeth and Zechariah, John's parents. So were Simeon and Anna. At Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove that descended on Jesus. In Luke's gospel, we hear over and over that Jesus was filled with the power of the Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles, the descent of the Spirit happens over and over to the disciples. Pentecost is made new again at every baptism, every eucharist, every time two or more gather in Jesus' name.

**ORDINARY TIME** There are about 32 weeks outside the five church seasons. These weeks are called "Ordinary Time," from the word "ordinal," meaning "counted." Each week is given a number to help us divide the scriptures into readings and to place these in an ordinary book called the lectionary. Ordinary Time is a name for the weeks that come between the church seasons. The period of Ordinary Time that lasts from Eastertime until Advent spans over half the year, encompassing harvest time. Jesus talked about the harvest as a symbol of what heaven might be like. Slowly but surely, as God's creatures grow ripe and then die, they will be harvested into heaven.

# In & Around Our Neighborhood...



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.

We celebrate Flag Day this Saturday, June 14th. We remember and honor:

### I AM YOUR FLAG

I was born on June 14, 1777. I am more than just cloth shaped into a design. I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people. I am the silent sentinel of freedom. I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth. I am the inspiration for which American Patriots gave their lives and fortunes. I have led your sons and daughters into battle from Valley Forge to the bloody swamps of Vietnam. I walk in silence with each of your honored dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent white crosses, row upon row. I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected. My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation. My white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons and daughters. My blue field is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly. My stars clustered together unify 50 states as one. For God and country. "Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high. Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and your fortunes. Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return. Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy. Worship eternal God & keep His Commandments. Remember to fly your flag on June 14!

#### THIS FRIDAY, JUNE 13, IS THE FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, presbyter, religious,

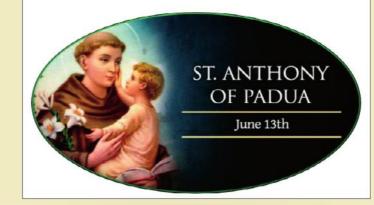
doctor of the church. Anthony made such an impression on Padua in Italy that he is still admired there 700 years later. He is a much loved saint throughout the church. Anthony was actually from Portugal,



not Italy. His parents were nobles, and he could have chosen to live in luxury. But Anthony decided to devote his life to prayer and study. He became an Augustinian priest. He was a brilliant student who came to know the Bible inside out. Ten years later Anthony learned about a new order, the Franciscans, who did missionary work. He wanted with all his heart to join them, and soon he was able to arrange it. Francis of Assisi (October 4), who had founded the Franciscans, was still alive. His spirit of poverty and love fired Anthony's heart.

Anthony travelled to Morocco to preach the gospel. But severe illness sent him sailing for home. His ship blew off course and he landed in Italy instead. By chance, Francis had called the friars together there at this very time, so Anthony attended their meeting. Soon afterward the other friars heard Anthony preach. They realized he had a great gift. The wayward ship had steered him to what would become his life's work-preaching throughout Italy and France. When Anthony preached, no church could hold the crowds that came to hear him. He spoke in the marketplaces and town squares. Because of what he said, parents and children made peace with each other. People gave back things they had stolen. People who had told lies admitted them publicly and corrected them. Maybe that is why Anthony is known as the patron saint of lost items. He worked to find lost people. His words were especially powerful because everyone knew that Anthony practiced what he preached. He was a humble person who chose to live in poverty. So many people experienced the love of God through his work that he became known as a "wonder worker." Anthony spent the last three years of his life in Padua. He died when he was only 36 years old.

The novena to St. Anthony will not be said this Tuesday. The concluding prayers of the novena will be said within the Mass on Friday, June 13th, St. Anthony's Feast Day, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. at St. Rita's.



It's vacation time! For some, it's fishing...for others, golf...a car trip...any one of which changes the daily and weekly job routine. Have a good time! Keep yourself and your family safe and healthy. Before you go, why not use your offering envelopes for those weeks so that you'll know you're helping your church meet bills that must be paid each week. You can be a conscientious parishioner by knowing you have contributed. God bless you!



#### SUMMER EMBER DAYS

Years ago, the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday after Pentecost were the summer Ember Days. (The word "ember" means "season.") In the Middle East, north Africa and southern Europe, this is the season of the grain harvest. Barley, wheat, oats, millet, and other grains grow ripe and need to be gathered in. On the summer Ember Days, the church used to read several of the scriptures that tell of thanksgiving for the grain harvest. These were also the scriptures of the Jewish holiday of Shavuot, which is called "the festival of firstfruits." People would fast from eating on Ember Days as a way to thank God for the crops.

During Eastertime, even on Fridays there isn't any fasting. Psalms and songs have alleluias added. Throughout those 50 days the church rejoices. But Eastertime ends after Pentecost, and the weekly Friday fast begins again. The summer Ember Days were a reminder for people to return to the ordinary disciplines of Christian living. Like the summer sun, they can help us to grow healthy and strong.



Because of unforeseen changes and a few complications, the Regional Parish Dat ay Idlewild has been cancelled for this summer. We are looking at planning it for next year, along with other activities. I thank you for your understanding. ~*Fr. Paul* 







### OCIA

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Now is the time to call the Faith Formation Director. 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 on this journey. For more information, call Mary Allison, the Director of Faith Formation, at 724-961-1094. 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.





Congratulations to the adults in our region who were confirmed on Saturday!

Please pray for Brenda and Anthony at St. John the Baptist!



# Catechist Certification

Congratulations to our catechists who received their Certificate of Completion for Catechist Certification from Bishop Kulick on May 28:

- Kathy A
- Jane L
- Pam M



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Weekly Offering- May 25, 2025	
Visitation Parish	1
Weekly\$4,191	-
Capital improvements\$40	-
Growing\$10	•
Communications Campaign\$5	
Ascension\$127	•
Mother's Day\$40	•
Father's Day\$80	
Online giving\$520	-
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St. Pius X Parish	•
Weekly\$4,869	
Ascension\$130	
Father's Day\$90	:

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### 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.







Once again the day has arrived! All our planning, preparation, and set-up has ended, and we are ready to enjoy ourselves at Visitation Parish's festival from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

Our parish grounds come alive with the sounds of excitement and the smell of delicious food as we celebrate together our parish family of Visitation. We welcome not only our Parishioners, but also neighbors, alumni and visitors to our parish picnic.

This day we recognize our diversified Catholic heritage with food and music, and with the hospitality and congeniality that we are known for and which has become the heritage of our parish. Together let us enjoy one another's presence and company, as we strive to better the Visitation family in our hearts, because a family not only prays together, but also relaxes and parties together!

