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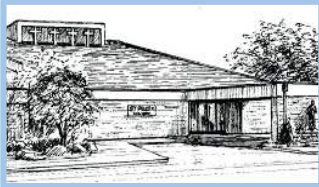
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May 3, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter



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: St. Pius X at 7:00 a.m.

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

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, 5/4 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

*Matthew & Wanda Kuter- Joe & Helen
Mary Ellen Gerecter- sister, Kathy Bash & family*

TUESDAY, 5/5 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

Mary & Pete Ricotta- daughter

WEDNESDAY, 5/6 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

Bill & Sophie Zozula- family

THURSDAY, 5/7 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

Lou Zaucha, Jr.- wife, Bertie & family

FRIDAY, 5/8 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

*Paul Kostyo, Jr.- sister, Carol
Michael, Catherine, Daniel Kaczmarek- family*

SATURDAY, 5/9, VISITATION 4:00 p.m.

For all mothers, living and deceased

ST. PIUS X 6:00 p.m.

For all mothers, living and deceased

SUNDAY, 5/10, VISITATION 8:30 a.m.

For all mothers, living and deceased

ST. PIUS X 10:30 a.m.

For all mothers, living and deceased

Ministry of the Altar

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Kate Bannon

E.M.: Vince Mascia, Donna Zemba, Barb Sandzimier

Altar servers: Colton & Lauren G., Owen S.

Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Colleen Pernelli

E.M.: Barbara D., Emily S., Sr. Anna Maria, Mary Ann

Altar servers: Emma, Emily & Emme E.

Cantor: Joanne Geckle

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Robert Manjerovic

E.M.: Sr. Veyce, Al Dawson, JoAnn Maholtz

Altar servers: Ty W., volunteers

Cantor: Phil Brown/choir

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Eric Poole

E.M.: Chris DeFlicht, Kristen Rega, Ted Czekaj, Liz C.

Altar servers: Jaxon F., Trenton S., Lucas P.

Cantor: Kristen Felentzer

*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



St. Pius X

Sanctuary- Salvadore Juliano- Mark & Laurel Hitlan

Blessed Mother- Harry & Rose Stahl- Beth Malara

St. Joseph- Paul Kostyo, Sr.- wife

Our Lady of Czestochowa- Jane Hendricks- family

Visitation

Sanctuary- Edward Michael Pytlak- family

Blessed Mother- Mary Martha Toczek- children & grandchildren

St. Joseph- Matthew & Wanda Kuter- grandchildren

Madonna & Child- Denny Baluh- Joe & Theresa Baluh



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

Notes From Our Pastor, Fr. Paul

FOOD FOR THOUGHT *Having just celebrated World Book Day on April 23rd, it's staggering to realize that more than two million books are published just in the U.S. every year—and that doesn't even count the nearly two million more that are self-published! You can trust us when we say that there are a host of great books out there. Whether you're interested in learning something new or digging even deeper into something you already know about, reading a book is often the easiest, most efficient, and least expensive way to do that. (Not to mention the fact that there's nothing like the smell and feel of a book fresh off the press!) But what do books have to do with living our faith in Jesus? As it turns out, a lot. That's because books are a great way to feed our souls. From traditional spiritual classics to the most recent devotionals, from papal documents to prayer books, from theology to science, the lives of the saints to Catholic fiction: it's never been easier to find something truly good to read. And yet, it's important to remember that one book stands above all the rest: the Bible. Most authors work very hard to reach an audience of readers in a particular place and time. But the Bible is God's living Word. In it and through it, God speaks to all people in every place and time—that is, to us. Good authors aim to communicate their ideas to us in the books they write. But God does much more than that; he communicates his love. So, while you're thinking about which book to pick up next, it might be good to consider the divine invitation St. Augustine once heard: "Take up and read."*

~Daughters of St. Paul

As nice weather approaches, stock up on some summer Catholic reading for the season!

MAY IS DEDICATED to Mary, Spiritual Mother of God and Our Spiritual Mother. We turn to her often, as under the title of the Immaculate Conception, she is the Patroness of these United States of America. Let us pray:

Blessed Mother Mary, we turn to you in prayer for all the people in the 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 faith, more generous in love, more trusting in hope. Teach us to imitate Jesus, as you did, and to always follow Him with 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 strong 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.

ACCORDING TO CHURCH law, Trinity Sunday, May 31, is the last Sunday that you can make your Easter duty. The confession of sins cleanses us. Christ in communion is our strength. Please don't 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.



MOTHER'S DAY is next Sunday, May 10, and will be celebrated throughout the United States. This is a great



opportunity for all to express our love for that special woman in our lives, who gave us life and nourished that life with her own love and life. It's also the time to thank Mary, Mother of Jesus, for being our Spiritual Mother in Christ.

CEMETERY CARE & CLEAN-UP Now that spring has arrived and the grass is growing, we're asking for your help in the cemeteries. First, know that David Panzella is **not** the caretaker of our cemeteries. He handles the opening/closing of graves. So, **we** are to care for the grounds where our loved ones are resting. Please **do not** put old flowers, decorations, etc. in the grass areas along fence lines and/or roadsides. If your cemetery has a dumpster, please use it. If the dumpster is full, please take your trash home for disposal. With all the wind over the winter season, many flowers & wreaths blew all over the cemeteries. Please be helpful by picking up some of this when you're visiting the cemetery. We need your help in keeping our cemeteries as nice as possible. Second, with Memorial Day approaching, please be advised that all artificial flowers placed on graves during the summer months must be in vases. We cannot assume responsibility for artificial flowers just stuck in the ground. When planting real flowers, please clear space in front of the stone so that a distinct boundary exists between flowers and grass. Thank you for your understanding & help, and God bless!

SACRAMENTS FOR SHUT-INS Please contact the office at 724-547-1911 if you'd like to receive Communion on a regular basis. We do our best to make sure we don't miss anyone, but sometimes we do. Occasionally, notes are misplaced, and we apologize. Please have someone from your family contact us to have your pastoral needs met.

In & Around Our Neighborhood!



MOTHER'S DAY OLDIES DANCE sponsored by the St. Pius X Holy Name Society. Celebrate on **FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026**, in the parish social hall from 6-10 p.m., with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. Free admission for all ladies, and \$5 for the men! Beer, wine, soft drinks & snacks will be included. BYOB. Music provided by Mike Raishart. There will also be a 50/50 drawing.

ALTERNATIVES.YES PREGNANCY CENTER'S Pro-Life Walk on Saturday, May 9, 2026, along the Yough River Trail in Connellsville. In addition to being a fundraiser for the local pregnancy center, this event is a great time of fellowship and an opportunity to show the community that we celebrate life from conception to natural death. Bring the whole family and build a culture of life in your home. The director invites you to join Team "Walking with Moms Catholic Churches Group" on the registration page if you want to join her team and walk with fellow parishioners. More information and registration may be found under the events tab at www.Altyes.org or by calling 724-628-5555.

ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENTS, CLASS OF '26! All those students who are graduating this year and who are members of ST. PIUS X PARISH are welcome to submit an application and essay to apply for a scholarship sponsored by the St. Pius X Christian Mothers. This is an opportunity for you to aid in furthering your education. There will be three prizes awarded: \$500- first place, \$300- second place, and \$100- third place. Applications will be available at the parish office or in the entrance of St. Pius X Church. The deadline to submit the essay at the parish office is **MAY 14th**, and the winners will be announced during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on May 31st at St. Pius X. Contact Pam Rendine, 724-454-5917, or Debby Basinger, 724-875-9374 for further information.



MEMORIAL DAY PIE SALE Ladies Auxiliary of the St. Joseph Holy Name Society (Everson), variety of pies available...cherry, very berry, peach, etc.,...all orders must be submitted to the parish office by May 4th, with pick-up scheduled for May 14th. Please call the office at 724-887-6321 to get an order form or for questions.



SAVE THE DATE! Mark your calendars for the first regional church picnic, to be held at Idlewild & Soak Zone in Ligonier, on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026**. Additional details will be coming soon!!!



VISITATION'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL SUNDAY, JUNE 14th, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Happy Spring! Plans are underway yet again for our church festival, with games of chance, 50/50, pic-a-ticket and much more! Our Slovak platter, as well as American foods, will be available for your enjoyment. Entertainment will include Frank Powaski's Polka Festival from noon-3 p.m., broadcast on 620 AM, and Frank Stetar and the Mon Valley Push from 4-9 p.m.

Booth sponsorship is \$50 (although the cost increased to \$70, plus delivery & shipping). We'll need 120 baskets, valued at \$30 or greater, and larger items for our Gift Auction. Volunteers are needed, so please check on the status of your clearances. We can also use donations of water, Pepsi, Coke, Sprite or root beer.

Please leave these in the back of the church.

Most of all, pray for a great day for all working or attending the biggest fundraiser for our parish!

**PLEASE NOTE: An incorrect date was printed on the blue festival tickets. They are still alright to use! Sorry for any confusion.*

MUSIC MINISTRY SPRING CONCERT

Please join us for our annual Music Ministry Spring Concert on **Wednesday, May 27th**, 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.



If you're attending Visitation or St. Pius X and aren't a registered parishioner, we'd like to invite you to do so. Simply call the parish office, and we can get this done. You may also register if you're no longer a student and living with your parents or on your own. Don't assume that because your parents are registered that you're automatically registered as an adult. This is a necessity for being a Godparent or Confirmation sponsor. You aren't permitted to be either if you aren't an active, registered and practicing Catholic.



Communications Media Collection

On the weekend of May 16/17, we'll take up the Communications Media Collection at all Masses, which helps support communication efforts throughout the Diocese. Please be generous.



Confirmation for our eighth graders will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 6 p.m. at St. Pius X Parish in Mt. Pleasant. We welcome Bishop Kulick to our region for this final step in our eighth graders' initiation into the Catholic faith. All are invited to this special Mass and Sacrament.



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Geibel Catholic Junior-Senior High School Annual Golf Outing

Pleasant Valley Golf Club,
Friday, May 15, 2026

7 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start, Lunch & Prizes

immediately following! Make plans for a wonderful day of golf and an opportunity to win a fabulous assortment of gifts. We're grateful for your support, and your contributions will surely make our event a great success! Call 724-628-5600 or email Tiffany at tzykka@geibelcatholic.org for more information, to make a donation, register or participate as a sponsor. Thank you!





Please pray for those who have recently died, especially Lucille Gazda. 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:

Charlotte Gonofsky, Rich S., Karle Loucks, Judith Bando, Jerry Miele, Josephine Caschera, Irene Francken, Sondra M., Fr. Rick Kosisko, Caroline Palanko, Mary Anne Bruner, Michael Hrycko, Zippy, Mike Curci, Art & Joann Kiliany, Liam R., Luca I., Tom O'Brocto, Sr., Stephen H., Blue, Lisa C., Terri Griffith, Ronald Burke, Annette Phillips, Flo M., Stanley P., Steven Kitko, Sharon & Russ Gonda, Patty & Dan Gonos, Connie Zemba, Ray B., Joann L., Ken Keslar, Dwayne Thomas, David Gillott, Patricia Burke, Carol K., Frank Chain, Elizabeth E., Don Seder, William Pakulski, Kathi Kappel, Danny & Elaine Kurpiel, Gary French & family, Mike & Sue Ruzkowski, Barry Stanziana, Kitty Jensen, Donna Zemba, Ryan Snyder & family, Jeff Kiral, Isaac Donaldson, Ken E., Jennie Ann Hurt, Margaret Fox, Corinne M., Laurie Deery, Susie Wiltrout, Nancy P., Brian McLaughlin, Ron D., Eileen S., Bill Vance, Laurie, Fr. Greg Premoshis, 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, 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 Piazza, Rob & family, Mary, Artie, Loretta & Alan Ambrosia, 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, Christina T., Rosemary Carolen, Margie D., Linda Goodlin, Billy C., Judy K., Mike H., Linda Koske, Amy Schaefer, Karen Work, Sandy Furlo, Zip Zozula, Robbie Loebach & family, Liz S., Nate G., Jayme K., Kris, Ginny H., the Hauser family, Maxine & Joe, Steven Kitko, Bill, Irene Zubach, Margaret



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
Logan Paul Melego, US Navy
Miles Kuchar, USMC



May God guide & protect them always.

DIA 2026

A sincere thank you goes out to all who have responded to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal. As of April 21, the total pledges & gifts from Visitation are \$20,958.09; from St. Pius X, \$41,400.50, with only about 17% of each of our parishes responding. We need \$18,853.91 from Visitation to meet our diocesan target and \$11,204.50 from St. Pius X. If you haven't already done so, please take time this week to make your gift. If you're not able to donate, please return your pledge card marked "unable." Keep your parish in your prayers for our financial stability. Thank you and God bless you.

~Fr. Paul

VISITATION GOAL: \$79,812 (\$39,812 diocesan + \$40,000 parish), \$20,958.09 pledged to date.

ST. PIUS X GOAL: \$64, 605 (\$52,605 diocesan + \$12,000 parish), \$41,400.50 pledged to date.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY– April 19, 2026

Visitation Parish

Weekly.....	\$4,886
Capital Improvements.....	\$40
Growing.....	\$30
Holy Thursday.....	\$29
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$29
Easter.....	\$287
Lenten offering.....	\$50
Online giving.....	\$362.04
Total envelopes:	175

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$4,617
Capital Improvements.....	\$10
Catholic Accent.....	\$10
Lenten offering.....	\$240
Holy Thursday.....	\$10
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$15
Easter.....	\$95
Mother's Day.....	\$10
Online giving.....	\$606
Total envelopes:	--

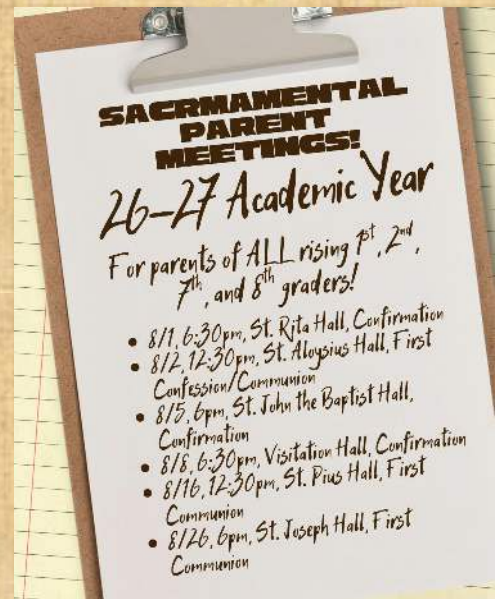
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SCAN THE QR CODES BELOW TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO YOUR PARISH!

ST. PIUS X



VISITATION





Connellsville Area Ministerial Association

NATIONAL Day of Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026
NOON AT LIONS PARK

Tell of His glory among the nations,
His wonderful deeds among all the
peoples.

1Chronicles 16:24 NASB



GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS

SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS
1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

75th
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

NATIONALDAYOFPRAYER.ORG

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 19 • 2026

Bishop Larry J. Kulick
invites you to join him for the
Diocese of Greensburg 75th Anniversary Pilgrimage
to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C.

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