

St. Pius X Parish



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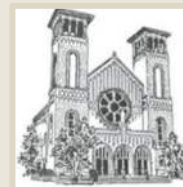
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June 21, 2026 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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.

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, 6/22 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

John L. Massaro- Theresa Massaro
Adam & Viola Rudzinski- Lee & Dorothy Briercheck

TUESDAY, 6/23 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

Dolores Barnhart- Joe & Nadia Novotny

WEDNESDAY, 6/24 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

Alvy James Stoops- Mr. & Mrs. David S. Brooks

THURSDAY, 6/25 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

Jude Steving- Mr. & Mrs. Bob Crowe

FRIDAY, 6/26 ST. PIUS X 7:00 a.m.

Betty Conty- Rosemarie Kucera

SATURDAY, 6/27, VISITATION 4:00 p.m.

Pro populo

ST. PIUS X 6:00 p.m.

Daniel McLaughlin- Aunt Kim

SUNDAY, 6/28, VISITATION 8:30 a.m.

Kurka family- Stanley & Bobbi Kapella

ST. PIUS X 10:30 a.m.

Barbara Polanovsky- John Polanovsky, husband

Ministry of the Altar

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

Visitation 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Ray Gamrat

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

Altar servers: volunteers

Cantor: Phil Brown

St. Pius X 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Colleen Pernelli

E.M.: Claudia Ersick, Paul Klaus, Hank Rose, Emily S.

Altar servers: Emma, Emily & Emme E.

Cantor: Jaime Golobish

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

Visitation 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Robert Manjerovic

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

Altar servers: volunteers

Cantor: Eric Harris

St. Pius X 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Acacia Houck

E.M.: Connie Barnhart, Liz Croushore, Ted C., Patty G.

Altar servers: Lucas P., volunteers

Cantor: Joanne Geckle

***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- Albert, Sr. & Bertha Wilson- Bertie Zaucha

Blessed Mother- Fred Mitchell- Mitchell family

St. Joseph- Artie Coppula- Lillian Coppula

Our Lady of Czestochowa- Mary & Nell Sieniawski- Lee & Dorothy

Visitation

Sanctuary- Walter, Sr. & Sophie Shutty- Sandy & Steve

Blessed Mother- Edward Pytlak & Jim Vella- family

St. Joseph- Kenneth Foriska- Foriska family



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Notes From Our Pastor, Fr. Paul

Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane thought that her father, William Smart, had done a remarkable thing. A veteran of the Civil War, he had raised his six children alone on the family farm in Washington after his wife died in childbirth. When Miss Dodd suggested a day for fathers in 1909, she meant it to be a church service. Mother's Day, which had just come into wide practice, was originally a church service, too. Public interest in establishing Father's Day was strong at once in both the United States and Canada. Father's Day became an official national day in 1966.

What God Hath Done *God took the strength of the mighty oak, the steadfastness of the mountains tall, the warmth of the rising sun—He used them one and all. He took endurance from the hardy pine, love vast as the rolling sea, peace from the mountain stream, and the heart of the dogwood tree. He took from spring her promise, from summer the beauty of life, courage from the winter's struggle, and added faith to meet the strife. He took the soul of the midnight hour, the rich mellowness of the fall, the depth of the quiet lake, the mystery of the wild bird's call. A father God molded from these things to lead each home aright, down the path the Savior trod, out of darkness into light.* Whether our fathers are with us or with God, we remember them today with deepest love and devotions. To all fathers of our parishes, Fr. Peter, Fr. Edwin, Fr. Julius, Fr. Tom and I extend greetings to you this day and ask that God bless and keep you. May He give you His peace and His love. Thank you for all you do for your own families and the family of our parish. **Happy Father's Day!**

Here are some suggestions on how to honor our fathers:

- Sit down as a family and write down one thing you learned from your father, what each one of you admires most about him, and a favorite memory you have of him. Then share this with your father.
- If your father isn't present, write your memories in a notebook. Add photographs of those times, and send it to him.
- If your father has died or you're estranged from him, be with him in prayer. Form a picture of him in your imagination as if he were sitting in front of you. Share your thoughts and feelings, your hopes and hurts and listen as if he is answering. Become aware of God's presence in your heart and the heart of your father.
- A fun and easy way to honor fathers is by praising their children. This helps him to know he's doing a good job!



A THOUGHT FOR THIS DAY! Dads are worth celebrating! While our culture may be too busy to notice, year in and year out, fathers do a lot to provide for and protect their families. Dads work hard to establish the place their children will grow up calling home. But they also work hard to become the kind of men their kids will be proud of, men who model what it means to commit themselves to pursuing a life of service and virtue. There's no substitute for a dad's presence in his children's lives. That's because fatherhood is divinely designed to give us all the stability and security we all need to grow and flourish. But fathers don't just put roofs over their kids' heads and food on the table. Dads set the spiritual tone in their homes, too. And whether they know it or not, every dad paints an image of God the Father for his children. Among the many responsibilities dads carry, spiritual leadership is perhaps the most daunting. No dad is perfect. Every dad has faults, blind spots, and shortcomings. But those who set their hearts on following Jesus readily admit when they've been wrong, quickly get back up when they fall, and choose to begin again.

This year, why not give the tie and baseball hat a break? Plan instead to recognize your dad's sacrificial love with something that's more personal and more meaningful. Remember him in your prayers. After all, prayer support doesn't come in the wrong color or size, and every dad can always use more. Ask God to bless your father!



PLEASE REMEMBER TO include your parish in your will and make your parish your favorite charity. This assures the parish of continued financial strength, which is necessary as all of our expenses have risen over the years and our Sunday collections have, but the need is still present. Please continue to be overly generous in your regular contributions.

FOR OUR UPCOMING parish festival on July 19, St. Pius X still needs volunteers! We'll need lots of assistance, so please consider working at the festival this year. Any amount of time you can help will be greatly appreciated. If you have worked in past years and are planning on working again, please call the office at 724-547-1911 and let them know that they can count on you again! You can also check with Theresa to see if your clearances are valid.

THE SUMMER MONTHS are upon us and we all know that our lives can move into a different mode this time of year. Our routines change. Kids are out of school. Church activities tend to slow down. Many plan vacations during the summer. All of this can affect our community life. It's okay for summer to be a time of renewal and refreshing of the spirit. Be creative. A new experience together can build up your bonds of friendship and might help your prayer and conversations deepen. Spend some time talking to your Creator.

In & Around Our Neighborhood!



SCOTSDALE: ST. JOHN the BAPTIST PARISH FESTIVAL
Sunday, June 28, 11 a.m.-9 p.m., on the parish grounds next to the school building. Live entertainment, great food, including their "Polish Platter", games and more! From 2-5 p.m., Acoustic Fingers will play, followed by Nick Polito from 5-8 p.m. Make a marvelous day of it!

PERRYOPOLIS: ST. JOHN the BAPTIST PARISH FESTIVAL Sunday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.- 5 p.m., on the parish grounds. Outdoor polka Mass at 9:30 a.m.! Live entertainment provided by the Party Time Polka Band from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Tim Litvin from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Tasty featured foods will be their famous BBQ chicken, pierogies, halupki and more. Games, 50/50, cake wheel...all are invited to stop and enjoy!

CONNELLVILLE: ST. RITA'S STREET FAIR Thursday/ Friday/Saturday, July 9-11, 5:30-10 p.m., on the parish grounds on First Street. Featuring a variety of homemade Italian food, fried, dough, pizza and more! There will also be bingo, games, a basket raffle and musical entertainment each evening.

ST. PIUS X: The Giving Tree has officially been placed in the back of the church! Please take a tag or three :) to help defray festival costs. Thank you for your participation.

ORDER YOUR TICKETS! For the first regional church picnic, to be held at Idlewild & Soak Zone in Ligonier, on SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026. Start your day by gathering at our pavilion for a Welcome Mass with your "extended" church family at 11:30 a.m.! Price is \$36.99 per person (Flex ticket), cash or check payable to "St. Rita Parish", due JULY 1st! Complimentary lunch will be provided, so please indicate if you'll partake of the meal when you order your tickets. If you have a season pass, kindly RSVP anyway, so we can get an appropriate count for food & supplies! Call Karen in the Connellsville office at 724-628-6840; Jill in the Scottdale office at 724-887-6321; Erin in the Mt. Pleasant office at 724-547-1911. We will not order tickets without full payment...tickets are non-refundable...AUG 9 or bust/no "rain date"! Hope to see all of your smiling faces there for this first-ever event



amongst our eight regional parishes! Questions may be directed to the above three individuals, as well as Pam Herron, Barb Bielecki, or Kathy Andolino. Get ready for some fun in the sun and God bless!

HELLO! I'm your envelope reminder angel! I've been assigned to watch over you for the summer months. While you're enjoying the summer fun and sun, don't forget your Church here at home. Your help will still be 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 you and keep you safe throughout the summer months.



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Questions?

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The Birth of John the Baptist (June 24)

During the great cycle of the Christian year, there are three festivals in celebration of a person's birth: John the Baptist, Mary and Jesus. These are the holy ones who were filled with the Spirit even before their birth. Keep in mind that, in Liturgy of the Church, a "nativity" is not a birthday. Birthdays are anniversaries of a birth. Instead, a nativity is the birth itself. Today is not John the Baptist's birthday. Today John is born. That's what we sing in the liturgy today. Rejoicing at John's birth is a commandment of the Gospel. The Gospel of John records that Jesus himself praises John the Baptist. The feast of John's birth was established very early in the Church's history. Luke tells us that the angel Gabriel announced the conception of Jesus six months after announcing the conception of John. So the date of this feast is six months before Christmas. The old customs that centered around the summer solstice became ways to honor John. In Europe and other parts of the world, some people stay up all night to burn St. John's fire. In Poland, wreaths lit with candles—which look like Advent wreaths—are tossed into streams to float downriver. In Morocco, the Muslim people light fires to celebrate John's birth. In Lithuania, a cheese sweetened with honey is prepared to look round like the sun. The honey is a reminder of one of the foods John ate in the desert. We wish all the parishioners of St. John the Baptist, Scottsdale, a happy and blessed feast day. The Mass for this Wednesday will be at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's Church. May your path to Christ in your life be guided by the example of St. John!



June 21st is the feast day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga.

As the eldest son of the Marquis of Castiglione in Italy, Aloysius Gonzaga stood to inherit great wealth. So, he was trained in the manners of a Renaissance prince. He was sent to be a page in the Medici court in Florence when he was only eight years old. But there was something else about Aloysius that was special. From about the age of seven, he had an unusual sense of closeness to God. Sometimes these two currents in Aloysius's life fought each other. He was sent to the royal court of Spain, and he needed self-discipline and courage to live as a Christian in these surroundings. In 1584, Aloysius returned to Italy. He sensed that his society could not be reformed from within. The only way to survive was to get out completely. He decided to release all his property rights to his younger brother and to become a Jesuit. He knew the Jesuits would treat him like everyone else, not like royalty. Also, he would be expected to take a vow of poverty. In 1591, an epidemic hit Rome. Victims died in agony in the streets of the city. The priests of Aloysius's order opened a hospital. Aloysius, who was 23, volunteered to serve the sick. He is the patron saint of young people and those dying from AIDS. We wish all the parishioners of St. Aloysius in Dunbar a happy feast day. May the example of his selfless giving lead each of us on our way to holiness.



Please pray for those who have recently died. 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:

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Please pray for those actively serving in our armed forces:

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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 June 9, the total pledges & gifts from Visitation are \$32,245.63; from St. Pius X, \$46,855.50, with only about 23% of each of our parishes responding. We need \$7,566.37 from Visitation to meet our diocesan target and \$5,749.50 from St. Pius X. If you haven't already done so, please take time to make your gift. If we don't reach the Diocesan goal this year, we will be assessed the difference from our savings account. Please help us meet not only our parish's diocesan goal but also our individual parish goals. Thank you so much and may God bless you.

~Fr. Paul

VISITATION GOAL: \$79,812 (\$39,812 diocesan + \$40,000 parish)

ST. PIUS X GOAL: \$64,605 (\$52,605 diocesan + \$12,000 parish)

Today, June 21st, is the summer solstice.

On this day, the sun is at its highest in the Northern Hemisphere. It's the official beginning of summer and an ancient day of celebration. In places north of the Arctic Circle, called "the land of the midnight sun," the sun never sets during the days near the summer solstice. In most of northern Europe, although the sun does set for a while each day, these are called "the days that never end" because dawn begins before the evening twilight has faded. The sky is never completely dark. Many ancient peoples made today one of their great feasts. People lit huge bonfires during these shortest nights of the year to announce the official change of seasons. Some sort of protection at this time of year seemed especially important because spirits were thought to wander about during festival times. As European nations became Christian, the solstice traditions became associated with the birth of St. John the Baptist (June 24), called Midsummer Day because it's midway between the vernal and autumnal equinoxes.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY- June 7, 2026

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Weekly.....	\$4,021
Capital Improvements.....	\$104
Growing.....	\$5
Ascension.....	\$2
Father's Day.....	\$170
Peter's Pence.....	\$5
Religious education.....	\$20
Online giving.....	\$1,815
Total envelopes: 149	

St. Pius X Parish

Weekly.....	\$9,077
Capital Improvements.....	\$440
Father's Day.....	\$127
Religious Education.....	\$5
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ST. PIUS X



VISITATION



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Sunday, July 19



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