

St. Pius X Parish, R.C.
"To Restore All Things in Christ"

February 21st, 2021

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

"LET US DO
GOOD WHILE WE
STILL HAVE TIME."

ST. PADRE PIO

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Mission Statement

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples and Strive to "Restore all Things in Christ."

Welcome to our Parish

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church;
No matter what your current family or marital situation;
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved
at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church.

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:45 am
12:15 pm (*Friday, only*)

Saturday: 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am - 8:30 am - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Scripture Reflection

(by Deacon John, Chaplain for Senior Club)



First Sunday of Lent

Lent During A Pandemic

This past Wednesday, the church celebrated Ash Wednesday which began the season of Lent. Lent is supposed to be a time of reflection, of repentance, and penance, for the time we have sinned. It is supposed to be a time when we increase our prayer life and do our best to grow closer to God. It is a time when we deny ourselves certain things, such as having meat on Fridays and fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is a time when we prove to ourselves that we don't have to have everything we desire, and we have the ability and control to deny ourselves.

But what has the covid virus done to our celebration of Lent? For over a year now, everyone has been denied so much. A number of people have told me that they feel that they have lost a whole year of their lives. I am sure many people will think, "What is not eating meat on Fridays during Lent or fasting for two days mean in comparison to all we have been denied during the past year? Good point; it is like we have been living in a Twilight Zone.

Many of us have lost relatives and friends because of covid. What adds to the grief is that we could not be with them in the hospital or have a typical wake service and burial. Those at high risk have been forced to stay in their homes. Going to mass and receiving the Eucharist became impossible for so many. Children could not attend school and see their friends and participate in sports. Even a simple thing like going to a restaurant became very difficult.

The covid virus has seemed to touch almost every aspect of our lives. Our holiday celebrations were impacted, and even our finances were imperiled. While some businesses were able to survive with employees working from home, many small businesses were forced to close, putting many people out of work. We could go on, but you get the idea; we have all been through a very rough time and it isn't over yet. So, what are we to do for Lent? Perhaps this year more than ever, prayer and hope are essential.

We pray for those we have lost. We pray for those who are suffering. We pray for those facing financial hardships. The prayer list goes on and on, but we must also offer prayers of Thanksgiving. If you are reading this, you have life. Thank you God for giving us life. Thank you for those you have healed, and thank you for giving us the talented scientists who were able to develop the vaccine so quickly. Thank you God for being with us and in us when we could not receive you in the Eucharist. You were always with us; we were never alone. And our loved ones who dies in

hospitals were not alone either; you were always with them. We have so many things to be thankful for.

Hope is the second thing we need to have this Lent. We know that this ordeal is coming to an end. We hope for the future, when we will be able to live our lives again. We will be able to go to church, receive the Eucharist, and enjoy going out and meeting our friends and neighbors. We are social beings. We need to interact with others. We need to appreciate the beauty of each day that God gives us more than we do. We look forward to and hope that St. Pius' Golf Outing (Monday, June 14th) and wonderful Feast (Wednesday, August 11th through Sunday, August 15th) will be great successes. I understand that Sal is already preparing menu items for the feast and that Fr. Valentine is working on delicious Indian food recipes as well. Personally, I can't wait!

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that, "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand. Reform your lives and believe in the gospel." Let us use this season of Lent to reform our lives, to pray, to hope, to believe in the gospel, and perhaps most important of all, to tell our God how much we love him.



We See God in the Ordinary

The Unlikely Suspects

Have you ever taken a nature walk? Have you leisurely strolled through a forest or field, with no real destination in mind and your only objective being receptivity to and observation of all God's creation?

Sometimes, Scripture readings can feel like a nature walk. All of salvation history plays out against the backdrop of the natural world, with all elements of God's creation — plants and animals and the dust of the earth itself — turning in a supporting performance. How about Jesus in the hot and dusty desert, tempted, living "among the wild beasts?" Noah departed from his ark with the animals he rescued, observing God's sign in the very clouds of the sky. Even God Himself, offering us salvation from original sin through the waters of baptism.

How often do we remember that God speaks to us through all of His creation, even in the unlikely suspects?

Let's go back to the nature walk. It sounds like a lovely way to pass an afternoon, amongst wildflowers and butterflies, but don't forget the beating hot sun, mosquitos, and threat of rain on the horizon. Remember, we're not in heaven yet. Here on earth, God may be present in His creation, but that doesn't mean it's always easy to endure.

Lent is, essentially, a time to listen for the voice of God in places we may not expect: the mild irritations you experience when you're craving the chocolate you gave up, or the dull pangs of hunger during the Ash Wednesday fast. It's a golden opportunity to see the divine hand in all of creation, even those unlikely suspects.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Monday, February 22

(The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle)

8:45 am Marie & Richard Marcantonio *(Living)*

Tuesday, February 23

(St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr)

8:45 am Carl Smitelli *(Living - Birthday)*, St. Pius X Seniors *(Living)*

Wednesday, February 24

8:45 am Deceased member of St. Vincent DePaul Society

Thursday, February 25

8:45 am Lois D'Mello, Gabriel D'Silva, John & Delores Mazzola

Friday, February 26

8:45 am Mercedes Colwin & Family *(Living)*
12:15 pm Albert & Magdalene Rebello, Marion Celenza *(Living)*

Saturday, February 27

8:45 am Mary & Frank Phelan

(Second Sunday of Lent)

3:45 pm Jack Hansen *(Birthday Remembrance)*, Sal & Fran Manziello *(Living)*, Michael DiCarlo, Debra Sadowski *(Living)*
5:15 pm Mary Corso, John Durante, Lucy Hughes

Sunday, February 28

(Second Sunday of Lent)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners
8:30 am Thomas Burke *(1st Anniversary Remembrance)*
10:30 am Catherine Becker *(Birthday Remembrance)*, Audrey Maune, Terry Arrigo *(Living)*
12:00 pm John Nigro *(Birthday Remembrance)*, Steven Gurr, Dcn Andrew, Maryanne, Kenneth & Mark Schneider



**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis
Universal - Violence Against Women**

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

The Deceased & their Families

Steven Gurr, Lucy Hughes, Joseph Durante, Pietro Mancini, Luke Johnson, Anita Rehrl, Anthony DeNapoli, Ingeborg DiTieri, Ann Fisher, Virginia Washa

The Sick

Julia Noya, Grace DiCarlo, Debra Jean Fisher, Mike & Maureen Kenney, Donna Tortora, Francine Anetrella, Charlie Wagenhauser, Gianna Ragusa, Lisa Hulsen, Stacey Bell, Pertinderjit Hora, Rachel Staiano, Joseph P. Pisanti, Marie & Joe Giambalvo, Alan Rodrigues, Rufina Storelli, Thomas Reilly, Marion Celenza, Miriam O'Connell, Mary Ellen Fagan, Linda Ludwig, Anna Rafter, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, George Rebello, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Ben Ciuffo, Adeline Mifsud, Antionette Tarantino, Connie Testa, Theresa DiCarlo, , Richard Dannenhoffer, Joe DiRaimo, Naomi Fonseca, Anne & George Bantleon, Eugene Purnell, Dorothy Endrizzi, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Dcn. John, Sheila & David Burkhart, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Violeta Garcia, Marilyn Reilly, Dorothy Walsh, Evelyn Ludwig, Marina Piccolo, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Rosa Zulo, Anna Sinisgalli, Arlene Benigno, Grace Marino, Rosalie Zurlo, Bill & Elaine Murray, Vincent DeRosa, Lettie Graham, Gloria Plaisance, Margaret LiCausi, Janet Morrissey, Adelaide Motta, Julia Serpe, Joanne Pirraglia, Nancy Pesiri, Mary Cauty, Phyllis DeGregoris, Robert Perham, Anne Dailey, Rose Bell, Angela Artale, Lena Jankowski, Angela Borruso, James D. Quinn, Adam Volpe, Rose Rutigliano, Phil Roeske, Rosemary Burke, Donna Lawson Ceparano, Dorothy McKeever, Ann Abitabulo, Barbara Zmoos, Peter Mancini, Eugenie Schirm, Susan Pabst Behrens, Maryann Rietschlin, Alistair Magee, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, Tom Flynn, John Brusdeilins, Terese Blakeney, Rosa Crispino, Carolyn Holland, Russell Worth, Gloria Romuno, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Robert & Muriel Reahl, Debbie Lahey, Mary Posch, Richard Harrigan, Fr. Bob McGuire, Fr. John Whelan, Cathy Gerrity, Grace Carbone

Names of the sick will remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if prayers are still requested after 1 month or if the person is deceased.

Safety of our Parish Members in the Armed Forces

Michelle Meyers, Rafael Borrero , Kathleen Donovan *(Army)*
Brandon Sassone, John Brennan *(Navy)*



God Bless the USA!

Special Devotions

Novena to the Immaculate Conception: Every Monday following the 8:45am Mass

Rosary: Monday - Saturday following the 8:45am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday following the 8:45am Mass until 10:15am in the church and the last Tuesday of each month from 9:15am to 7:00pm

Care of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office if there is any parishioner who is ill at home so that we may administer the proper spiritual care.



**NO ADORATION
until further notice**

We Give & We Remember

Financially Speaking

February 14	\$2,330.00
Online	1,175.00
Total	\$ 3,505.00
St. Vincent dePaul	\$ 477.00
Online	40.00
Total	\$ 517.00

Note: Second collection on February 27/28 is for the Maintenance & Repair of our parish facilities.
Thank you for your generosity!



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021

Goal: \$44,091.00



100% of all the money raised is restricted to serve the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Touching each of our 133 parishes and more than 600,000 people each year, together we are creating pathways to faith for so many in our community.



Monthly Food Drive
Upcoming Dates

February 27/28
March 27/28

In our community there are many families who rely on our generosity!

Put donations in separate bags:
Canned & Boxed Goods / Toiletries
Make sure food items have not expired - No produce

Remember a loved one with a special gift

The remembrance can be for an anniversary, a birthday, in thanksgiving or to remember our deceased loved ones. Stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have the Bread and Wine, Flowers, Altar Candles and/or Sanctuary Lamp donated for someone you love. All donations are for one week (Saturday—Friday).

Altar Flowers ...	\$65	Bread & Wine ..	\$35
Altar Candles ...	\$35	Sanctuary Lamp ...	\$30
Masses	\$20 (per Mass)		

HELP - I NEED A MASS CARD

If you need a Mass Card or commemorative gift ... please contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 ... We accept credit cards or you can mail a check ... We are here to assist you ... We will mail the Mass card for you ...

Altar Flowers

for the week of February 20 - 26

In loving memory of

Mary Masone

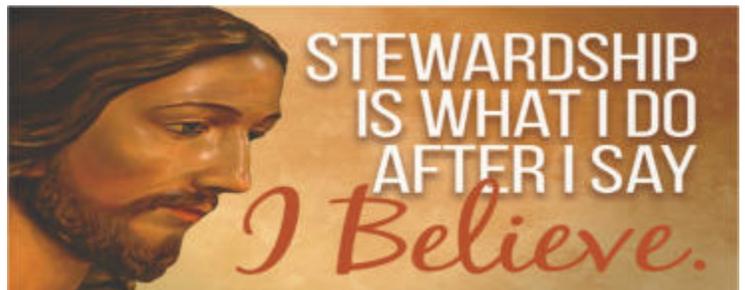
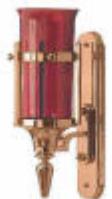
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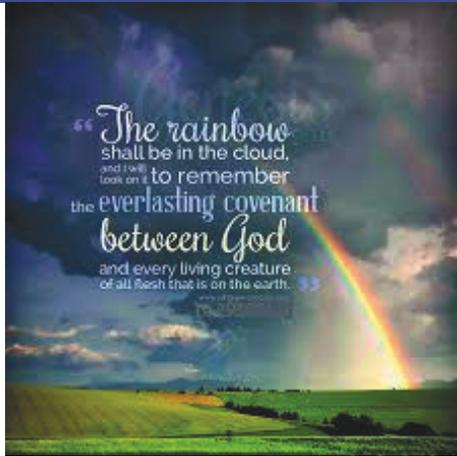
Altar Candles, Bread & Wine & Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of February 20 - 26

For all Victims of Covid-19



We Pray & We Reflect



FIRST READING: GN 9:8-15

The God said to Noah and to his sons with him:
“See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth.”
God added:
“This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.”

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

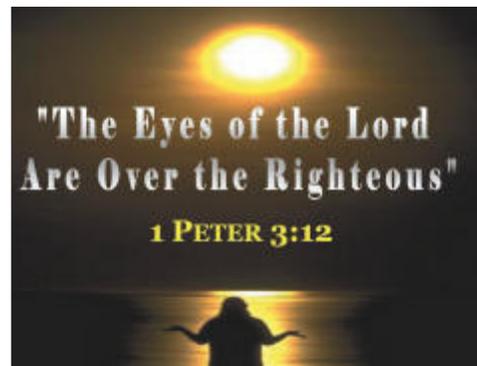
R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.
In your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

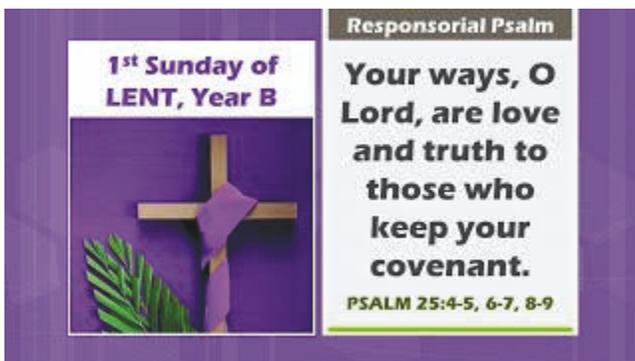
Good and upright is the LORD,
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and he teaches the humble his way.

R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.



SECOND READING: 1 PT 3:18-22 1

Beloved:
Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God.
Put to death in the flesh,
he was brought to life in the Spirit.
In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison,
who had once been disobedient
while God patiently waited in the days of Noah
during the building of the ark,
in which a few persons, eight in all,
were saved through water.
This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.
It is not a removal of dirt from the body
but an appeal to God for a clear conscience,
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
who has gone into heaven
and is at the right hand of God,
with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

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We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for First Sunday of Lent MK 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING in FAITH FORMATION

We Give Thanks for Our Catechists!

One of the most important roles as a Christian is to follow Jesus' command to go forth and teach others. Here at St. Pius X, this important role is fulfilled by our wonderful Catechists each week as they accompany your children on their faith journey. During this season of Lent, we see how our Catechists have set a beautiful example of giving.

During this pandemic year, it was necessary to move to a virtual platform which restricted lessons to approximately 40 minutes each week for 24 weeks of the year. However, our Catechists spent countless hours of their time developing lessons that would compete with sports, music lessons, dance, TV, and social media.

While our Catechists all have other responsibilities in their lives, they continued to work with the children and our Faith Formation program wouldn't have been successful without them. As we mentioned at the beginning of the year, Faith Formation is a collaboration between our Catechists and each family. It is an essential component to have your parental investment, commitment to attending Mass, and the consistent attendance of your child at Faith Formation classes.

We are blessed with our volunteers who have answered the call to teach our faith to your children. They are caring, giving and selfless striving to make sure that the children succeed in growing in their faith. It's exciting to see all that they have achieved during this trying year.

I invite all of us to pray for and thank our Catechists here at St. Pius X who have taken time to teach us what it means to follow Jesus. They have traded their own time to ensure that our faith lives on through the children. We should all follow their example to dedicate ourselves to living as disciples to ensure that we all grow in our faith and hear the call of Jesus Christ.



YOUTH GROUP ~ ALL ARE WELCOME

Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister & Ryan Farrell, President



The Youth Group invites the parish family to join them for ...



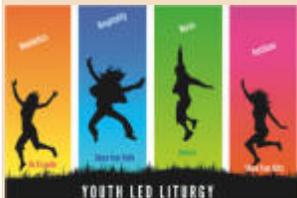
Family Rosary Night

Monday March 8th at 7:30pm in the church

The Rosary is led by the youth group along with talented Youth providing inspirational music

TEEN Mass

Sunday, March 21st at 5pm





Together in the Wilderness

Dear Families,

"I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandal has not worn out on your foot." Deuteronomy 29:5

For almost a year, COVID-19 the world was immersed in a wilderness none could have imagined. We were forced to sacrifice until it hurts. And the losses, both large and small, continue to mount. We have no idea when we'll be able to leave this COVID-19 wilderness. The *not-knowing* is precisely what makes this a real-life wilderness experience. These are times when we can experience God in ways that sustain our hope and give us courage to persevere and grow. For most of us, this isn't the first wilderness we've experienced, nor it will be the last. We know that a wilderness experience changes us, for good or ill. How we are changed is determined, in large measure, by our response to circumstances beyond our control.

Jesus' wilderness time harkens back to the 40 *years* that the ancient Israelites spent in the wilderness after their escape from slavery. The biblical books of Exodus and Numbers tell their wilderness stories, so wonderfully human and spiritually powerful. They underscore several wilderness lessons for us all to learn and spiritual tasks to master.

The first wilderness task is acceptance. No matter how we got here, we're all in the wilderness now and there's nothing to be gained by complaint or blame. We are experiencing a wide range of emotions in response to this new *normal*, sometimes in a single day. Allowing ourselves to feel that emotional range is part of what acceptance requires, while recognizing that not every emotion needs to be acted upon or taken as the sole interpreter of reality. The sooner we accept our new normal and make our home here, the better off we'll be ... the better off we will *ALL* be.

A second wilderness task is to focus on daily sustenance, distinguishing between wants and needs. God provided wilderness food for the ancient Israelites in the form of manna, a simple substance that fell from the sky each night. It wasn't fancy fare, but it sustained them. Nor could they hoard manna, for whenever they tried, the food would rot. Likewise for us, simple meals and simple pleasures are what have been sustaining us as we have had to let go of so many hoped-for family events and seasonal celebrations. Nor are we able to plan very far ahead with any certainty. Focusing on the gifts and tasks of each day helps us experience God's grace through small things that we might otherwise miss.

A third wilderness task here is learning to share the responsibilities of caring for the wider community. God originally called Moses to lead the people from slavery in Egypt through the wilderness toward their land of promise. But the burden was too much for one person to bear, and Moses cried out to God for help. God instructed Moses to gather 70 others in one place, and God then took some of the spirit of leadership entrusted to Moses and gave it to the 70. For those of us who have resources, energy, and gifts to share, now is the time for us to step into the circle of leadership and provide whatever help we can.

A fourth and most important wilderness task is learning to trust that God is present. While stripped of so much, we can experience a depth of spiritual connection to God utterly unique to the wilderness. As we allow ourselves to be vulnerable and completely honest in our prayers, our relationship with God in Christ becomes more real, a source of daily guidance and abiding love. I personally love the fact that the people of Israel felt completely free to complain and rail against God. "Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?" they demanded to know. (Psalm 78:19) As it turned out, God could and still can. It may not be the table we had hoped for, but it will be enough ... and we should be grateful.

More than once, biblical writers describe the ancient Israelites as people who wandered in the wilderness. So if you feel as if you're wandering these days, rest assured that you're not alone. We're all walking more by faith than by sight now. But just because we're wandering, doesn't mean we are lost, for we are always walking in God's sight. Keep following the light that shines in darkness and trusting in the One who promises us to be with us always. We'll get through this wilderness together.

God Bless You,
Fr. Valentine

Make Lent MATTER ...

THE
GIFT
OF
A
SECOND
CHANCE

“Make your hearts firm” Jas 5:8

During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: *“Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum”*: *Make our hearts like yours* (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.

It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me. May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you.

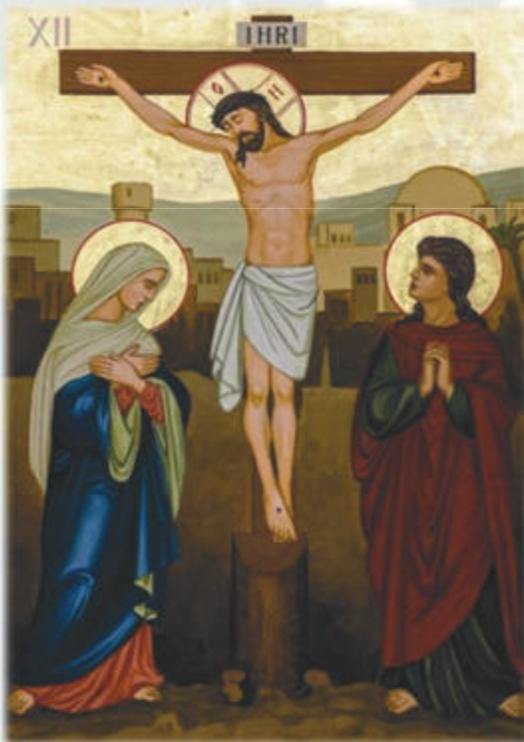
Excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for Lent

Ashes

Ashes symbolize penance and contrition. They are also a reminder that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with repentant hearts. His Divine mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent, as the Church calls on us to seek that mercy during the entire Lenten season with reflection, prayer and penance. Ashes are a plea to God for mercy and compassion, pardon and forgiveness.

Ashes for the Home

Ashes are available to take home to the homebound. You can sign with ashes while reciting “Repent, and believe the Gospel: [Mark 1:15] Small plastic bags will be available for your convenience. The ashes will be on a table near the sanctuary through Palm Sunday.



Stations of the Cross

***Friday evenings in Lent
7:00pm in the Church***

February 26th - Stations with Faith & Courage
Led by our 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Level
Students & Catechists

March 5th - Cross for Today's Disciples
Led by our 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Level
Students & Catechists

March 12th - By His Cross
Led by *St. Pius X Senior Club*

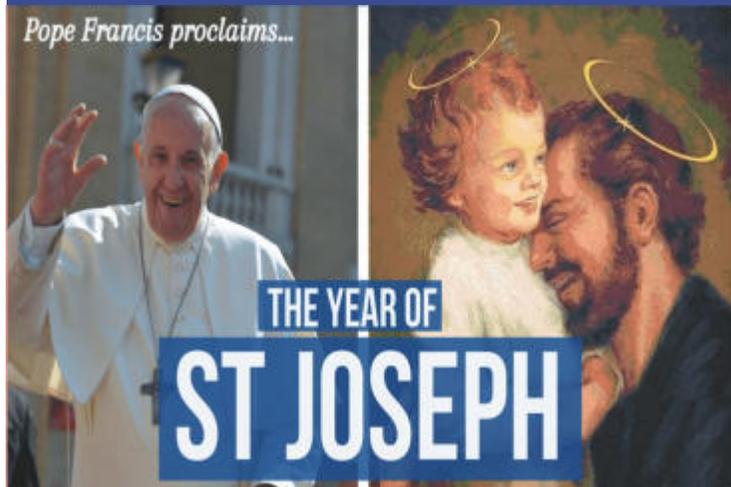
March 19th - By His Cross
Led by *Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & CYO*

March 26th - St. Pope John Paul II
Led by *Knights of Columbus, Ushers
& St. Vincent dePaul Society*

Fast & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

Year of St. Joseph



Pope Francis proclaims ...

The Year of St. Joseph *The Heart of a Father*

December 8th, 2020 to December 8th, 2021

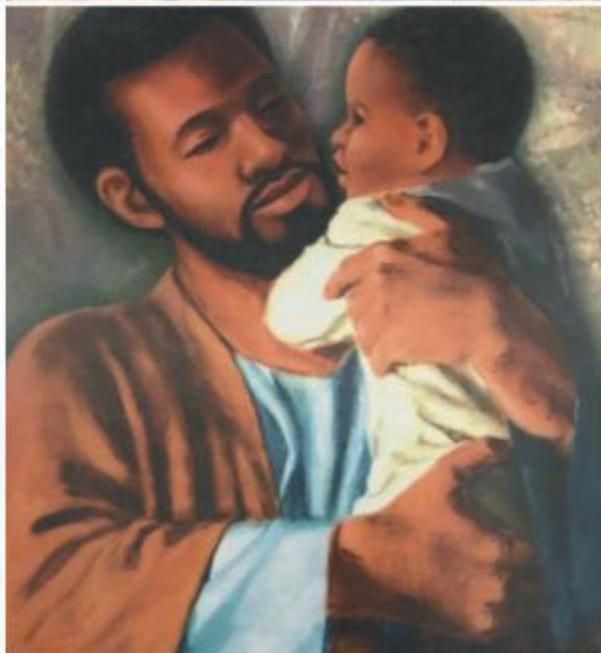
Visit the parish website www.stpiusxrc.com
To read Pope Francis' encyclical
Patris Corde (The Heart of a Father)



In his Encyclical, *Patris Corde (A Father's Heart)*, Pope Francis points out that the current pandemic crisis has highlighted the importance of ordinary, hidden heroes: “Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others.”

Everyone, the pope says, “can discover in Joseph the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” Everyone, the pope says, “can discover in Joseph the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

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Pope Francis' Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



St. Pius X Seniors Lou Fabiano, President

Greetings!

While we are not yet meeting, we have much to look forward to – your board is still planning.

As of now, “Nashville” is still on schedule, if you have other plans please call Carol or Len (516)314-7806.

Our club while on hold like all others, is still planning some exciting events for the near future!

We are alive and well and still positive in our plans to again be together for cored and pastries and some great entertainment.

We have much to look forward to, ‘til then, be careful. Watch for info on where to get vaccine shots, such as Pharmacies, doctors & hospitals.

Your Vice President,
Janet Reilly

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For information on upcoming trips or events, please call Lenny or Carol Schroeder at (516)596-2348.

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St. Pius X Rosary Society Barbara Brown, President



May 2021 be one of, LOVE, HAPPINESS AND GOOD HEALTH. We can become an intricate part of St. Pius X Parish by joining ONE of our Ministries. My invitation for this New Year is to personally invite ALL women of our Parish to join the ROSARY SOCIETY. The Rosary Society is a group of women of all ages, who gather on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11 am in the Church to recite the Rosary. When we resume our Meeting on March 13th, I hope and pray to see some NEW faces joining our group, which is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Interested in joining us, contact, Barbara Brown, 516-359-9060.



Columbiettes Anna Ensmenger, President

Next general meeting: February 22, 7:30 pm

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For information, contact Tom at thoefling@optonline.net

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Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday February 20/21

(*First Sunday of Lent*)

Gn 9:8-15, 1 Pt 3:18-22 —11:1/Mk 1:12-15

Saturday, February 20

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, February 21

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Chux

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

Worship for Sunday February 27/28

(*Second Sunday of Lent*)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Saturday, February 27

3:45 pm – Fr. Chux

5:15 pm – Fr. Valentine

Sunday, February 28

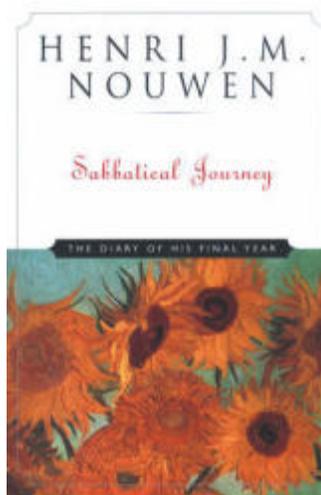
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A Virtual Lent Online Resources



Henri Nouwen Online Book Discussion for Lent 2021

Each Lent and Advent season, people from around the globe “gather together” for the online Henri Nouwen Book Discussion.

Consider joining this Lent for the latest online book discussion. This Lent’s book discussion is Henri Nouwen’s “*Sabbatical Journey*.” This book is the last one Henri Nouwen wrote – the journal he kept throughout a year’s sabbatical from L’Arche Daybreak. Henri died just weeks after writing the final entry.

The discussion begins on Wednesday, February 17th with greetings and introductions. Then starting on Sunday, February 21st, the group will begin their journey through Lent discussing and sharing insights gleaned from one of the great spiritual masters of our time.

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Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

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Bulletin Submissions

E-mail submissions to admstpx@gmail.com by 5pm the Saturday one week prior to the bulletin date, and it will be reviewed for inclusion as space allows. Please note the deadline is earlier for all holidays.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:00-3:45pm or by appointment.

Baptism: The baptismal preparation program is offered throughout the year. Baptisms are celebrated on the second and third Sundays of each month. Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956 to schedule a baptism date before making other plans. Allow at least one month preparation time.

Marriage: Engaged couples must contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month after the 8:45am Mass

Other Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

RCIA: Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have friends or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the Faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA group here at St. Pius X. Call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



Stay Connected

Keep us Updated!

Have you moved? Married? Changed your email address? Help us keep our parish database up-to-date by sending us such changes via e-mail to: spxrecty@optonline.net or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956. Remember to include your name, address, phone, cell, email and other relevant information.

We Need You!

We invite you to review our ministries and get involved! If you wish to volunteer for any ministry, please contact Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or 516-938-3956 for more information.

Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

Please inform us about parishioners or loved ones who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home by e-mailing the pastor at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

Visit our Website!

Check the parish website to stay current with parish activities and events www.stpiusxrc.com

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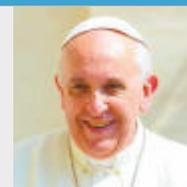
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Each of us might experience wounds, failure, suffering, selfishness that make us close ourselves off from God and others. In the face of all this, Jesus draws near with compassion and touches our life to heal it.

Welcome Newcomers

Welcome!

We are glad you are here. We encourage you to explore the offerings of our parish. We think you will find much here to encourage your engagement in our common spiritual journey.

Register as a Parishioner

If you regularly worship at St. Pius X Parish, we ask that you register with us. Simply e-mail Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

Information for Families with Young Children

Welcome! Many families with children tend to worship at the monthly Family Mass at 10:30am as well as the 5:15pm Mass on Saturdays which offers contemporary music.



Here are some suggestions to parents to help their children learn to pray the Mass, and create a reverent, prayerful atmosphere at Mass for all ages.

- If you have time, visit the church and walk your child around the worship space and acquaint them with the art, statues and architecture of our beautiful Catholic tradition. Show them the baptismal font and talk about their baptism. Point out the beauty of our stained glass. Stop by the Parish Office - if the pastor is available, he will gladly accompany you on your visit.
- For Mass, arrive early to use the restroom, get a drink, and settle in.
- Children are curious. Sit toward the front. Children will be able to see what the priest is doing and with your help will pay more attention.
- Help your children pray and embrace the Mass. The Mass offers a teaching moment with your children to develop a sense of reverence and respect for the Mass and the sacred.
- Model full participation for your child by actively participating in the Mass responses and singing the hymns.

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