

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

July 25th, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly



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Sunday 25 July 2021
Theme: 'I am with you always' (Mt 28:20)



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

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)



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beginning today and continuing for several Sundays, the gospels are taken from John 6, on the Bread of Life. This speaks to the great gift that Jesus continues to give us – his very Body and Blood.

In today's first reading from the Book of Kings 4:42-44, a man from Baal-shalishah brings to Elisha twenty barley loaves. Elisha tells his servant to give it to the people. His servant objects stating, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insists stating, "Give it to the people to eat." When all the people had eaten, there was still some left over. The miracle performed by Elisha served as a forerunner of Jesus feeding four thousand people with just seven loaves of bread and a few small fish. These two miracles, one in the Old Testament and the other in the New Testament, revealed that God feeds his people. These two miracles prepared the people for the great miracle to come, the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. If God can multiply physical food to feed his people, then why can't God multiply the peoples' Spiritual food, which is Jesus in the Eucharist?

In today's gospel (John 6:1-15), we read the account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. A large crowd was following Jesus and Jesus asks Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" Philip answers, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." There was a boy there who had five barley loaves and two fish. Jesus asked to have the people recline; he took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people along with as much fish as they wanted. When the people had eaten, Jesus told his disciples to gather the fragments left over so that nothing would be lost. They gathered the fragments and filled twelve wicker baskets – all from five barley loaves and two fish.

Now, after witnessing this wonderful miracle, one would think that the people and especially Jesus' disciples would have an easy time believing that Jesus is the Bread of Life come down from heaven. One would think that Jesus could give his flesh and blood under the appearance of bread and wine. Not so. As we will read in Gospels to follow, when Jesus the people that unless they eat his body and drink his blood, they will have no life in them, they object stating, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

But we are getting ahead of ourselves... We will continue our discussions of the Eucharist in the weeks to come. The question for today is why did the people find it so difficult to accept this great miracle? Why do so many today not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? Some people, hopefully not Catholics, believe in the symbolism of the Eucharist. That Jesus is not really present under the

appearance of bread and wine; it is strictly in remembrance of what Jesus did at the last supper.

No! If Elisha could multiply twenty loaves of barley to feed a hundred people, if Jesus could multiply seven loaves of bread and a few fish to feed four thousand people, if God has shown his ability to multiply physical food for the body, then how much more difficult would it be for Jesus to multiply and feed us with our Spiritual food? Our Spiritual food is the Body and Blood of Jesus. The Eucharist is real. It is the REAL presence of Jesus.

Why would Jesus want to give himself to us? That's simple. Because he loves us so much. Jesus told us that those who eat my flesh and drink my blood will live in him and he will live in us.

Do we find it hard to believe that we have a God who loves us so much as to give us himself? Let us be thankful and believe.



We See God in the Ordinary

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Monday, July 26

(Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of Mary)

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

Tuesday, July 27

8:45 am Fr. Valentine *(Living - Birthday Blessings)*,
Pietro Mancini

Wednesday, July 28

8:45 am Fred Piulson *(1st Anniversary Remembrance)*,
Joe Mazzola *(Birthday Remembrance)*

Thursday, July 29

(St. Martha)

8:45 am Julia Westbrook

Friday, July 30

(St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)

8:45 am Ines Basteri *(96th Remembrance)*

10:30 am **MEMORIAL MASS:** John Higgins

Saturday, July 31

(St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest)

8:45 am Mary & Frank Phelan, Dr. John &
Thomas Pesiri

10:30am **MEMORIAL MASS:** Arthur & Naomi
Fonseca

(Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

3:45 pm Agnes Nigro, Paul Tilley, Nilda
Quinones *(1st Anniversary Remembrance)*,
Jeanne Quinn

5:15 pm Ed & Janet Lee & Family *(Living)*,
John & Dee Mazzola

Sunday, August 1

(Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners

8:30 am Lil Kennedy, Fred Piulson

10:30 am Edward Becker *(Birthday Remembrance)*,
Anthony J. Sciarretta, Jr., Miriam
O'Connell

12:00 pm Kathleen Callaghan, Dr. Kevin
Riordan, Steve Memoli *(Living - Birthday
Blessings)*, Carolyn Worth



***Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis
Universal - Social Friendship***

We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

The Deceased & their Families

Angela Borruso, Carolyn Worth, Christopher Calma, Larry Ferriso,
Richard Dannenhoffer *(son of Eileen & Nick Dannenhoffer)*

The Sick

Sal Spano, Joseph Panaccilli, Salvatore Ciccolella, Janet Lee, Grace Rossi, Thomas Von Holt, Eileen Corrigan, Nicholas Hurley, Peter Kearney, Robert Furlani, Don Dickinson, Dolores Weiss, Sheila Burkart, William Champoullin, Christopher Endrizzi, Joanne Masciocchi, Baby Josie Gray, Pietra LoMento, Geraldine Freiler, Doug Bernardo, Rosemary Pesali, Frances Manziello, Mario Muscardin, Michael Ferrari, Ann Mascarelli, Carl Smitelli, Jan Schatzberg, Debra Jean Fisher, Mike & Maureen Kenney, Donna Tortora, Gianna Ragusa, Lisa Hulsen, Stacey Bell, Rachel Staiano, Joseph P. Pisanti, Marie & Joe Giambalvo, Rufina Storelli, Marion Celenza, Linda Ludwig, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Adeline Mifsud, Anne & George Bantleon, Eugene Purnell, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Dorothy Walsh, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Rosa Zulo, Anna Sinisgalli, Arlene Benigno, Grace Marino, Rosalie Zurlo, Bill & Elaine Murray, Lettie Graham, Margaret LiCausi, Janet Morrissey, Adela Motta, Julia Serpe, Joanne Pirraglia, Nancy Pesiri, Mary Canty, Phyllis DeGregoris, Robert Perham, Anne Dailey, Rose Bell, Angela Artale, Lena Jankowski, James D. Quinn, Adam Volpe, Rose Rutigliano, Phil Roeske, Rosemary Burke, Donna Lawson Ceparano, Dorothy McKeever, Ann Abitabilo, Barbara Zmoos, Peter Mancini, Susan Pabst Behrens, Alistair Magee, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, Tom Flynn, John Brusdeilins, Terese Blakeney, Rosa Crispino, Carolyn Holland, Gloria Romuno, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Robert & Muriel Reahl, Mary Posch, Richard Harrig. Fr. Bob McGuire, Fr. Daniel Sheridan, Fr. John Whelan

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, 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.



Adoration for the Month

Tuesday, July 27th

9:15am to 4:00pm

We Give & We Remember

Financially Speaking

July 18	\$2,195.00
Online	2,035.00
Total	\$4,230.00

Note: Second collection on July 24/25 is for the support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.
Thank you for your generosity!



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of July 20)

Goal Amount:	\$43,400.00
Pledges:	\$38,677.00
Payments:	\$35,219.50
Donors:	156

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 Candles & Altar Flowers



for the week of July 24 - 30

In loving memory of

Thomas & Mary Ferrara

Donated by the Scagnelli Family



Monthly Food Drive Upcoming Dates

**July 24/25
August 28/29**

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

Bread & Wine



for the week of July 24 - 30

In loving memory of

Pat & Mary Morgillo

Donated by Richard & Kathleen Wright

Wills and Bequests



Wills and Bequests have the power to impact future generations. It's so easy to include our parish in your Will and still provide for loved ones. You may be able to make a simple bequest by adding the following language:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ (or the _____ % of), to be used for the general program of St. Pius X, Plainview NY, a Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre."

For more information, please contact Fr. Valentine at the Parish Office (516)938-3956.

Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of July 24 - 30

for ALL

Grandparents & elderly





We Celebrate the 90th Birthday of Terry Arrigo

Our parish organist and Music Director, Terry Arrigo celebrates her 90th birthday and is still working at all the things she loves.

Terry hails from Rochester NY where she began piano lessons at age 7 and then voice lessons shortly there after. She attended the Eastman School of Music and then received a scholarship to the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York City where she studied voice and music and earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degree.

It was at the Juilliard School that she met Ben Arrigo who was also studying voice music. The two fell in love and were later married.

During Terry's time at Julliard she endured grueling practices and rehearsals with task master teachers who could draw out the best of each student. Her musical aptitude and gift for "sight reading" music gave her the ability to quickly progress from one level to the next. Terry often refers to those times as grueling and difficult and you had to be strong to endure the criticism, make change and move ahead.

Terry won auditions to the Metropolitan Opera House and the La Scala Opera House in Milan Italy.

But, wanting to marry and start a family became her goal. She and Ben married and moved to Ohio where Ben was in the radio and music business. Terry continued her singing at churches and temples in the Cleveland area. Later they moved to Plainview and started their family adopting their daughters Mary Jane and Claudine.

Terry began a voice teaching career that continues through today. She and Ben had studios in their home, Terry teaching classical voice and Ben teaching contemporary singing. They started early in the morning and were active until midnight, training singer Debbie Gibson and many others. She also maintained a studio at Carnegie Hall for many years. Terry has a tremendous gift of finding your voice and style and transforming a voice to its natural beauty.

She does not only teach, but can do! For decades, Terry and Ben together brought opera and the best of Broadway to concerts throughout Long Island and NYC.

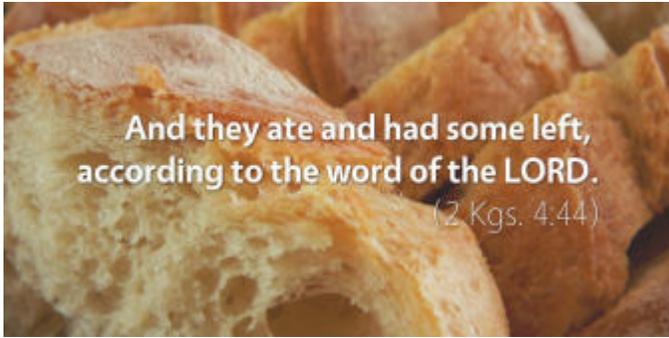
She began her career at Saint Pius X in 1977, and has been our organist and Choir Director ever since. Her easy to work with style and knowledge of the needs of a singer, makes singing and accompanying at Saint Pius a joy.

When Terry began, she and Ben made a lasting impression. A former parishioner once told us, "It was Midnight Mass" and all of a sudden this husband and wife got up and began to sing "O Holy Night" as I had never heard before. It left us all in tears."

For over 40 years she has graced us with her voice and musical abilities.



We Pray & We Reflect



you open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

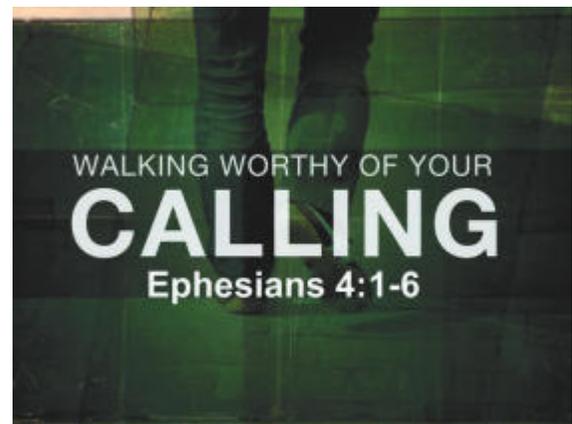
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

FIRST READING: 2 KGS 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God,
twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits,
and fresh grain in the ear.
Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat."
But his servant objected,
"How can I set this before a hundred people?"
Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat."
"For thus says the LORD,
'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"
And when they had eaten, there was some left over,
as the LORD had said.



WALKING WORTHY OF YOUR
CALLING
Ephesians 4:1-6

The hand of the Lord feeds us,
He answers all our needs.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

SECOND READING: EPH 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:
I, a prisoner for the Lord,
urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience,
bearing with one another through love,
striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace:
one body and one Spirit,
as you were also called to the one hope of your call;
one Lord, one faith, one baptism;
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 145: 10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season;

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time JN 6:1-15

The Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee.
A large crowd followed him,
because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.
Jesus went up on the mountain,
and there he sat down with his disciples.
The Jewish feast of Passover was near.
When Jesus raised his eyes
and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,
he said to Philip,
“Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?”
He said this to test him,
because he himself knew what he was going to do.
Philip answered him,
“Two hundred days’ wages worth of food would not be
enough
for each of them to have a little.”
One of his disciples,
Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,
“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?”
Jesus said, “Have the people recline.”
Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.
So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.
Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted.
When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples,
“Gather the fragments left over,
so that nothing will be wasted.”
So they collected them,
and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments
from the five barley loaves
that had been more than they could eat.
When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,
“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the
world.”
Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him
off
to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Oscar Romero said, “We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord’s grace to enter and do the rest.”

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord’s grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life’s adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God’s creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ’s Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.

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World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

On January 31st, 2021, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in honor of all grandparents & the elderly, who are so important to our communities & our Church. This new World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly will be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday in July. Pope Francis has also granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, & all those who participate in a solemn celebration of this day as well as to those who spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly brother

or sister in need on this day. Pope Francis declares that there is no retirement from proclaiming the Gospel. The Holy Father said he instituted the World Day of Grandparents & the Elderly because “grandparents are often forgotten, and we forget this wealth of preserving roots & passing on” what the elderly have received. He emphasized the importance of grandparents and grandchildren getting to know one another, because “as the prophet Joel says, grandparents seeing their grandchildren dream,” while “young people, drawing strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy.” The Holy Father reminds us that no one is saved alone. With this in mind, we must treasure the spiritual & human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation.”



Pope Francis' Message (Amoris Laetitia ~ The Joy of Love)

Dear Grandfathers and Grandmothers & Elderly Friends,

“I am with you always” (Mt 28:20): this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. “I am with you always” are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole

Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!

I am well aware that this Message comes to you at a difficult time: the pandemic swept down on us like an unexpected and furious storm; it has been a time of trial for everyone, but especially for us elderly persons. Many of us fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.

The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time. He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic. Tradition has it that Saint Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, felt estranged from those around him because he had no children; his life, like that of his wife Anne, was considered useless. So the Lord sent an angel to console him. While he mused sadly outside the city gates, a messenger from the Lord appeared to him and said, “Joachim, Joachim! The Lord has heard your insistent prayer”. [1] Giotto, in one of his celebrated frescoes, [2] seems to set the scene at night, one of those many sleepless nights, filled with memories, worries and longings to which many of us have come to be accustomed.

Even at the darkest moments, as in these months of pandemic, the Lord continues to send *angels* to console our loneliness and to remind us: “I am with you always”. He says this to you, and he says it to me. That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes. May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an *angel*! At times those angels will have the face of our grandchildren, at others, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us. How sad it makes me that in some places these are still not possible!

The Lord, however, also sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand. Let us try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets! We will be comforted by the Lord's faithfulness. The Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day (cf. Mt 20:1-16) and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard. I was called to become the Bishop of Rome when I had reached, so to speak, retirement age and thought I would not be doing anything new. The Lord is always – *always* – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know that the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (28:19-20). These words are also addressed to us today. They help us better understand that our vocation is to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones. Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age? To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.

It makes no difference how old you are, whether you still work or not, whether you are alone or have a family, whether you became a grandmother or grandfather at a young age or later, whether you are still independent or need assistance. Because there is no retirement



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age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to your grandchildren. You just need to set out and undertake something new.

At this crucial moment in history, you have a renewed vocation. You may wonder: How this can be possible? My energy is running out and I don't think I can do much. How can I begin to act differently when habit is so much a part of my life? How can I devote myself to those who are poor when I am already so concerned about my family? How can I broaden my vision when I can't even leave the residence where I live? Isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? How many of you are asking just that question: isn't my solitude already a sufficiently heavy burden? Jesus himself heard a similar question from Nicodemus, who asked, "How can a man be born when he is old?" (Jn 3:4). It can happen, the Lord replies, if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever, he wills.

As I have often observed, we will not emerge from the present crisis as we were before, but either better or worse. And "God willing... this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing... If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators... If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might discover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human frailty can experience a rebirth" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 35). No one is saved alone. We are all indebted to one another. We are all brothers and sisters.

Given this, I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the storm has subsided. All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies" (*ibid.*, 77). Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are *dreams*, *memory* and *prayer*. The Lord's closeness will grant to all, even the frailest among us, the strength needed to embark on a new journey along the path of dreams, memory and prayer.

The prophet Joel once promised: "Your old men shall dream *dreams*, and your young men will have visions" (3:1). The future of the world depends on this covenant between young and old. Who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future. You need to show that it is possible to emerge renewed from an experience of hardship. I am sure that you have had more than one such experience: in your life you have faced any number of troubles and yet were able to pull through. Use those experiences to learn how to pull through now.

Dreams are thus intertwined with *memory*. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others. Edith Bruck, who survived the horror of the Shoah, has said that "even illuminating a single conscience is worth the effort and pain of keeping alive the memory of what has been." She went on to say: "For me, memory is life." [3] I also think of my own grandparents, and those among you who had to emigrate and know how hard it is to leave everything behind, as so many people continue to do today, in hope of a future. Some of those people may even now be at our side, caring for us. These kinds of memory can help to build a more humane and welcoming world. Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory.

Finally, *prayer*. As my predecessor, Pope Benedict, himself a saintly elderly person who continues to pray and work for the Church, once said: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others." [4] He spoke those words in 2012, towards the end of his pontificate. There is something beautiful here. Your prayer is a very precious resource: a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 262). Especially in these difficult times for our human family, as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic, your intercession for the world and for the Church has great value: it inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore.

Dear grandmother, dear grandfather, dear elderly friends, in concluding this Message to you, I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld. He lived as a hermit in Algeria and there testified to "his desire to feel himself a brother to all" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 287). The story of his life shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one's own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.

I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.

"I am with you ALWAYS"

(MT 28:20)



World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

The *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* in July and *Grandparents Day* in September invite us to honor the special gifts of grandparents. Do that with fun activities that encourage intergenerational conversations.

This is just one way to put into practice the apostolic exhortation *Christus Vivit (Christ Is Alive)*:

When young and old alike are open to the Holy Spirit, they make a wonderful combination. The old dream dreams, and the young see visions. How do the two complement one another?

The elderly have dreams built up of memories and images that bear the mark of their long experience. If young people sink roots in those dreams, they can peer into the future; they can have visions that broaden their horizons and show them new paths. But if the elderly do not dream, young people lose clear sight of the horizon.

Perhaps our parents have preserved a memory that can help us imagine the dream our grandparents dreamed for us. All of us, even before our birth, received, as a blessing from our grandparents, a dream filled with love and hope, the dream of a better life. Even if not our grandparents, surely some of our great-grandparents had that happy dream as they contemplated their children and then grandchildren in the cradle. The very first dream of all is the creative dream of God our Father, which precedes and accompanies the lives of all his children. The memory of this blessing that extends from generation to generation is a precious legacy that we should keep alive so that we too can pass it on. (#192–194) *Loyola Press*

BLESSING for Grandparents & the Elderly by Msgr. Joseph Quinn

God of the Ages we praise and thank you. From generation to generation, You have been our refuge and strength. You give your gifts of grace for every time, place and season as we strive within the family to walk in Your ways and remain close to one another and to you. We pray that our

homes may be schools of Faith, where we come to know and to love You. Teach us the Sanctity of human love. Show us the value of family life and help us to respect all life. May the young find in the family strong support for their humanity so that they may grow in truth and love. May the elderly experience respect, support, love and care within the family circle. We give thanks for Grandparents, and we pray for them. We give thanks for they connect us with our heritage and our roots through the mists of time. We give thanks for their Christian memory which inspires and enlightens us. We give thanks for the example of their faith, for the witness of their lives, for the constancy of their love, for the support of their prayers.

Bless all Grandparents and Elderly and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health, and healing. Reward them for their Faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life together. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite them again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bless My Grandparents

Dear Lord,

I pray that you watch over my grandparents.
Please bless them with your love.
May you keep them safe and guard their path
and protect them from above.

I pray that they will always know,
and I can help them see,
just how much I love them
and what they mean to me.



Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday July 24/25
(Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
2 Kgs 4:42-44/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, July 24
3:45 pm – Fr. Chux
5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, July 25
7:00 am – Fr. Valentine
8:30 am – Fr. Valentine
10:30 am – Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm – Fr. Chux *Dcn. John Assisting*

Worship for Sunday July 31/August 1
(Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Saturday, July 31
3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine
5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, August 1
7:00 am – Fr. Valentine
8:30 am – Fr. Valentine
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Your faith will come alive as you become part of our amazing team here at St. Pius X. Come discover how your relationship with God will become more vibrant and meaningful as you bring the Word of God to our young parishioners. Let the children help you strengthen and enrich your own faith as you join and guide them on their faith journey.

New experiences and opportunities for our youth to connect with Jesus are in the works. Our Event Committee will be planning events that will strengthen our children's religious knowledge through engaging activities. Church is a place where we come together to encourage each other to serve others whether in your own home, here within the parish or on a larger level out in the community.

Don't worry about not knowing every detail of your faith— part of being a catechist involves openness to learning as you teach. Training is provided to help you learn different techniques to use as you engage the children in stories of Jesus' teachings. Help develop creative ways for the children to learn prayers that will sustain them throughout their lifetime. Bring music into their lives as an additional element of learning about their faith.

Come help us prepare our children to be disciples! Contact Fr. Valentine (516-938-3956) or the Faith Formation Office (516-822-8348 or piuscat@optonline.net) to learn more about this exciting opportunity!

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St. Pius X Family Gala Luncheon
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Sunday October 17th, 2021

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Crest Hollow Country Club

Details will be forthcoming



St. Pius X Seniors
Lou Fabiano, President

St. Pius X senior Club Members

NEXT MEETING

Date: AUGUST 10th, 2021 (TUESDAY)

Time: 10 AM

Where: Bethpage Community Center
103 Grumman Road
W. Bethpage, NY 11724

President Fabiano is pleased to announce that all the Covid restrictions have been lifted for our Senior Meetings. All vaccinated members do not need to wear MASKS. Unvaccinated members must wear a mask.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 12th, 2021, Long Island Lighthouses Trip, \$129 per person
- August 17th, 2021, Day at the Races, Bethpage Community Center
- August 24th, 2021, Summer Gala, Crest Hollow Country Club
- September 12th-18th, 2021, Trip to Nashville
- October 15th-17th, 2021, Oldies Weekend, Wildwood, New Jersey

The doors will open for our meetings 9:45am and the meeting will be promptly at 10:00am.

STAY WELL & GOD BLESS

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

Membership: Questions about membership, please call Vic Orlando at (631)414-7899.

Sunshine: Please call Rose Bell at (516) 694-9086 or (516) 574-9834 with information regarding illnesses, etc.



St. Pius X Rosary Society
Barbara Brown, President

NEXT MEETING:
Sept. 11, 11am RM #1



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



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Sept. 9: Installation of Officers, 7:30pm, Madonna Hall

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Anna Ensmenger, President

The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower & St. Joan of Arc, are affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.

For information, contact Anna at stpiousxcolumb@gmail.com



Thanks to our parish community who generously supported us this past year. See you all in September!

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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.

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

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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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