

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

January 16th, 2022
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MIRACLE

Jesus said to her, "Woman,
how does your concern
affect me? My hour has
not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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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 - Friday: 8:45 am

Saturday: 8:45 am

Vigil: 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 Anne Bantleon, Pastoral Associate)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gifts become Fruit

I grew on a farm and went to catholic school. Therefore, I had work clothes and a uniform. For 'special' times, I had *one* outfit of 'dress-up' clothes. Because there were only a few dress-up times, the outfit often hung in the closet and over time, I outgrew it. What a waste of a gift.

A Gift is meant to be used. How would you feel if you gifted someone, and they never used it?



At Confirmation each of us received the **gifts of the Holy Spirit**. The Holy Spirit has given us the 7 gifts, wisdom, understanding, knowledge fortitude, counsel, piety, wonder and awe. It is **how we use and share** these gifts which develops and produces the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The **fruits of the Spirit** are love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22 The fruits determine our character.



- It is who we become.
- It is how we are known.
- It is how we are described by others.
- It is what others see in us.
- It is our moral conscience.
- It is our being.

God planted the seed; it is up to us to produce the fruit. *You will know them by their fruits.* Matthew 7:17

To each individual, the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. There are those among us that have 'special' gifts/talents: athletes, singers, dancers, artists, etc. They are expected to use their gift 'for the common good'. The athlete contributes to the team. The musician and dancers shape our environment. The artist presents beauty. We should be proud of our gifts. They give us Love and Joy and celebrate the life we have received.

These gifts have one reason only - the building up of community for greater fullness of life. This is the life of the church: we all give, and we all receive.

Many people have used their gifts to promote my well-being and help me in my needs.

What will I give others towards enjoying a fuller and happier life?

Mary nags, Jesus Rolls his eyes

The wedding at Cana holds many Motherly behaviors.

Mary says to Jesus. "They have no more wine. You have to help." He rolls his eyes, looks at his mother and says "Mother, why are you involving me? It is not my time yet?" Mary, ignoring his answer, takes over and tells the staff. 'Just do what he tells you.'



This story reveals a lot about Mary. For one thing, it shows that she had tremendous faith in her son's ability to fix the problem at hand. She is confident that he can save the party, even though she has never seen him perform a miracle before. It also shows that she was not afraid to "nag" him into action, even when he seemed reluctant to act at first. It's as if Mary knows what he is capable of doing and gets him to do it through encouragement and persistence – like lots of moms, actually.

This gospel always reminds me that if you have an issue you want to talk to Jesus about; ask Mary to tell Jesus. He listens to her.



We See God in the Ordinary

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 17

(St. Anthony, Abbot)

8:45 am Leonard Fodera

Tuesday, January 18

8:45 am Dennis Crossley (*Living - Happy Birthday*),
Salvatore Serpe (*Wedding Anniversary Remembrance*),
Patricia Boncoraglio (*1st Anniversary Remembrance*)

Wednesday, January 19

8:45 am Fr. Dennis Whelan, Msgr. John Dresan,
Sharon & Richard Rebello (*Living - 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings*)

Thursday, January 20

(St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr)

8:45 am Richard & Marie Marcantonio (*Living*),
Fr. Hugh Cannon

Friday, January 21

(St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr)

8:45 am Dr. Anthony Cordero (*Living - Happy Birthday*),
Joseph & Maryann Rietschlin

Saturday, January 22

(Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children)

8:45 am George Harth, Mary & Frank Phelan

(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

3:45 pm Viater L. Lopes (*4th Anniversary Remembrance*),
Kathleen Murphy

5:15 pm Msgr. Dominic Graziado (*Living - Ordination Anniversary*),
Salvatore Troia

Sunday, January 23

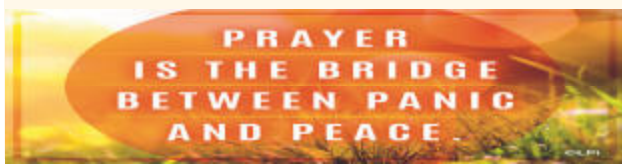
(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners

8:30 am Marie & Richard Marcantonio (*Living*),
Elina Rivera

10:30 am Rocco Pesola, Rosario Bono

12:00 pm Daniel F. Donovan Jr., Richard &
Sharon Rebello (*Living*)



Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

We Pray for ...

The Deceased & their Families

Anthony J. Sausto, Donald Holzmacher, Helene Liu, Maria Antonia Baquet

The Sick

Rita Hansen, Dr. Shalini, Janice Bailey, Dr. Albert Cayton, Barry Kurek, Lucy Padyk, Aiden Abdulla, Caryn Petris, Khan Chu, Emma Nugget, John Campbell, Josephine Manasia, Josephine Cucinella, Tony Pierno, Adrian Alecio, Jennifer Cestaro, John Hughes, Pam Osso, Barbara Colabrese, Leonard Tauber, John McCnichall, Barbara Brittingham, Vincent Antonello Sr., Kathleen Gerrity, Donna Goldman, Sarina Vito, John Heilig, Susan Reilly, Grace Rossi, Eileen Corrigan, Dolores Weiss, Sheila & Dcn. John Burkart, Pietra LoMento, Frances Manziello, Mario Muscardin, Carl Smitelli, Jan Schatzberg, Mike & Maureen Kenney, Lisa Hulsen, Stacey Bell, Rachel Staiano, Joseph P. Pisanti, Marie & Joe Giambalvo, Marion Celenza, Linda Ludwig, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Adeline Mifsud, Anne & George Bantleon, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Dorothy Walsh, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Grace Marino, Lettie Graham, Margaret LiCausi, Janet Morrissey, Adelaide Motta, Joanne Pirraglia, Nancy Pesiri, Mary Canty, Phyllis DeGregoris, Anne Dailey, Rose Bell, Angela Artale, James D. Quinn, Rose Rutigliano, Phil Roeske, Rosemary Burke, Donna Lawson Ceparano, Dorothy McKeever, Ann Abitabilo, Barbara Zmoos, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, John Brusdeilins, Carolyn Holland, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Robert & Muriel Reahl, Mary Posch, Richard Harrig, 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*)
Ryan Scheckler (*Marines*)



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

JANUARY 25th

9:15am to 4:00pm

We Give & We Remember

Financially Speaking

January 9	\$3,174.00
Online	2,020.00
Total	\$5,194.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$ 723.00
Online	350.00
Total	\$1,073.00

Note: Second collection on January 22/23 is for the support of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.
Thank you for your generosity!

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of January 11)

Goal Amount: \$43,400.00
 Pledges: \$49,682.00
 Payments: \$49,532.00
 Donors: 181

**114.47%
of Goal**



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

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)



**Altar Flowers
Sanctuary Lamp
Altar Candles
Bread & Wine**

for the week of
January 15 – January 21



**HOPE & PEACE
in 2022**

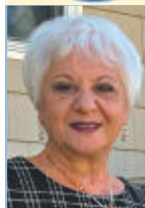


**For our families, our
country, our world**



We Care

St. Vincent DePaul Society



**"...TO SERVE THE POOR
IS TO GO TO GOD..."**
 St. Vincent de Paul



The St. Vincent de Paul Society takes care of the needy of our Parish and local community. Our motto is "Need not Creed". Through the generosity of the Parishioners of St. Pius X, who are always willing to help with food, household supplies, clothing etc. Anyone in need may call on St. Vincent's help by leaving a message at the Parish Office (516)938-3956. All information will remain strictly confidential.

Virginia Wildemann, *President*

COMMUNION CLOSET

St. Vincent DePaul has adopted a project called *Communion Closet*. We are looking for communion dresses & suits to be distributed to children less fortunate. If you wish to donate your child's communion outfit, please contact the Parish Office. We are planning the next distribution in February.



Monthly Food Drive Upcoming Dates

January 29 / 30

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

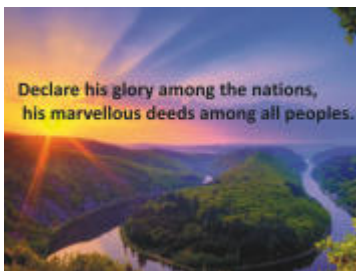
We Pray & We Reflect



FIRST READING: IS 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all you lands.
Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Announce his salvation, day after day.
Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,
give to the LORD glory and praise;
give to the LORD the glory due his name!

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the LORD in holy attire.
Tremble before him, all the earth;
Say among the nations: The LORD is king.
He governs the peoples with equity.

R. Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.



SECOND READING: 1 COR 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.
To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;
to another, the expression of knowledge according to the
same Spirit;
to another, faith by the same Spirit;
to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;
to another, mighty deeds;
to another, prophecy;
to another, discernment of spirits;
to another, varieties of tongues;
to another, interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time JN 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the
wedding.
When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
“They have no wine.”
And Jesus said to her,
“Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come.”
His mother said to the servers,
“Do whatever he tells you.”
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish
ceremonial washings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
Jesus told them,
“Fill the jars with water.”
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
“Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter.”
So they took it.
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had
become wine,
without knowing where it came from
— although the servers who had drawn the water
knew —,
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
“Everyone serves good wine first,
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior
one;
but you have kept the good wine until now.”
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in
Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one’s toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister’s hand and exclaimed, “The ice cream man is here, isn’t it great!” As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, “Yeah, I can’t wait!” The experience of a child’s delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus’ wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God’s celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus’ mother to heart when she says, “Listen to him.” This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING in FAITH FORMATION

Welcome back to the start of our spring semester!



Monthly, our Confirmation candidates in Levels 7 & 8 prepare reflections to show their understanding of Scripture. In the upcoming weeks, we will showcase some of our students' reflections.

Gospel for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time John 2:1-11

Prepared by Mr. McNamee's Level 7 class

The wedding at Cana was important because it was the first time Jesus performed a miracle. Mary asked Jesus to help because she knew he was ready for his ministry and that he would never say no to her. Only Mary, the disciples and the servants knew that Jesus had performed the miracle. Jesus wanted it that way, because he reveals himself and his power only at a time and a place of his choosing. He knows that only true believers will accept the miracle. Non-believers will always have doubts. There are many of Jesus' miracles in the world today, but many will only see these as luck, coincidence, or chance.

Prepared by Brian Arato – Level 8

In John 2:1-11, we learn about Jesus' first miracle. There is a wedding that Jesus, his mother, Mary, and his disciples were at in Cana. The people at the wedding ran out of wine. Mary turns to Jesus, telling him they are out of wine and he responds "You must not tell me what to do." Jesus tells the servants at the wedding to fill six water jars up with water and when the servants take the jars of water to the man in charge of the wedding, the jars are now filled with wine. His disciples believed in him.

In this Gospel, we first see the relationship between Mary and Jesus. Mary told Jesus they were out of wine because she believed that Jesus could fix it- which he could. Mary believed that Jesus was capable of performing miracles before he ever did perform one.

When Jesus performs a miracle, converting water to wine, the water and wine are representations. Water is used at our Baptism. Water represents the cleansing and life-giving action of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. The wine represents Jesus' blood in the Eucharist.

Prepared by Michael Bimonte - Level 7

The Bible scripture John 2:1-11 taught me that Jesus can work many miracles like turning water into wine. I was also taught that when you have trust in God, he will help you even in ways you might not understand. At the wedding in Cana, Jesus was invited to the wedding and the wedding ran out of wine. Jesus then gathered the servants and told them to fill the stone jugs with water, and they listened. Jesus then ordered them to take some of the water to the person in charge of the feast, which they did and Jesus turned the water into wine. Although no one understood where the wine came from, the servants trusted him and through that trust, the water was transformed.

I can use the knowledge I gained from this scripture to help myself and others because if we believe in God, he will use our belief in him to do wondrous things. While the things we do might not be miracles, he will still help us in the way we needed as long as we have trust.



A Word from the Pastor

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

My Dear Family,

Imagine that the Bible was lost and somebody today was given the task of recording, to the best of their ability, the deeds and words of the Son of God. They were to give an account of the good influence that Jesus had had in people's lives. What do you think would have been recorded as the first instance through which Jesus showed his greatness? I'll tell you one thing I don't think would make it among the top ten: Jesus showing up at a small town wedding, making water into wine. But that's what the apostle John reports as Jesus' primary miracle, when he revealed his glory to the disciples, when he showed them his greatness.

Why couldn't Jesus have found a better purpose when he performed his first miracle? Why couldn't he have intervened in some of the many political conflicts of the time and put an end to war? Why couldn't he have done something with the world's food supply and put an end to world hunger? Why did he choose a small town wedding where he had to provide some more wine? These people had been partying for days and they had probably had enough to drink already. Why does Jesus choose to provide wine at a rural wedding when he would reveal his glory?

This story tells me that Jesus' concern is to help individuals and make them happy. Many of us have experienced that God can lead us and demonstrate his goodness to us also when we don't have abundance, also when we suffer and when we feel everything in life goes against us. Because God can turn everything around for the good and he teaches us that the most important good thing in life is to know Jesus Christ.

But the gospel for today reminds us that we have a generous God and a generous savior. We have a God who wants us to have all good things. And he wants us to have abundance. Just as when he was a guest at the small town wedding in Galilee and they were a little short of wine. Jesus did not just provide a little wine. He found six of the biggest water jars available and while he was at it, he provided about 150 gallons of wine. They should be able to keep the party going a little while longer.

God Bless You –
Fr. Valentine

A Word about Ordinary Time

Now that the Christmas season is over, we might think that we can go back to our "ordinary lives" during Ordinary Time. But Ordinary Time is never "ordinary" in that sense! Ordinary Time in the liturgical year is the time when the Sundays are numbered "in order." There are two Ordinary Time seasons in our liturgical cycle. The first season of Ordinary Time will last about eight weeks. Ash Wednesday will follow the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The second season of Ordinary Time will begin after the Easter season and last until Advent.

During Ordinary Time, we celebrate the whole life of Christ, not just one aspect of it. So Ordinary Time is a time of celebration after all! It is a good time to remind ourselves that every Sunday celebrates Easter, the resurrection of Christ. Every day of Ordinary Time invites us to know Christ better and to live his teachings in a deeper way. And there is nothing "ordinary" about that!



The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

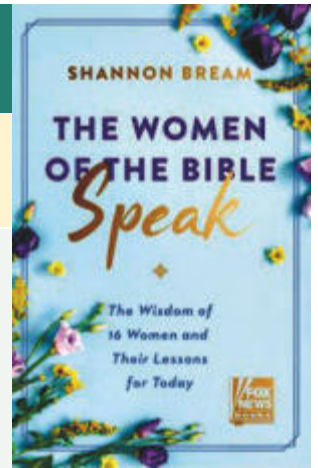
**We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your**

**name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.**



Women of the Bible

The Women of the Bible SPEAK by Shannon Bream



The women of the Bible lived timeless stories—by examining them, we can understand what it means to be a woman of faith.

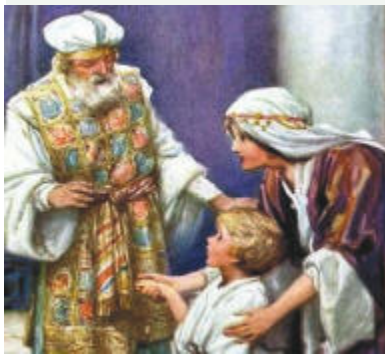
People unfamiliar with Scripture often assume that women play a small, secondary role in the Bible. But in fact, they were central figures in numerous Biblical tales. It was Queen Esther’s bravery at a vital point in history which saved her entire people. The Bible contains warriors like Jael, judges like Deborah, and prophets like Miriam. The first person to witness Jesus’ resurrection was Mary Magdalene, who promptly became the first Christian evangelist, eager to share the news which would change the world forever.

In *The Women of the Bible Speak*, Fox News Channel's Shannon Bream opens up the lives of sixteen of these Biblical women, arranging them into pairs and contrasting their journeys. In pairing their stories, Shannon helps us reflect not only on the meaning of each individual’s life, but on how they relate to each other and to us.

From the shepherdesses of ancient Israel who helped raise the future leaders of the people of God, to the courageous early Christians, the narrative of the Bible offers us many vivid and fascinating female characters. In their lives we can see common struggles to resist bitterness, despair, and pride, and to instead find their true selves in faith, hope, and love. In studying these heroes of the faith, we can find wisdom and warnings for how to better navigate our own faith journeys.

The Women of the Bible Speak outlines the lessons we can take from the valor of Esther, the hope of Hannah, the audacity of Rahab, and the faith of Mary. In broadening each woman’s individual story, Shannon offers us a deeper understanding of each, and wisdom and insights that can transform our own lives today.

After reading this book, I was motivated to share my reflections on some of these amazing women of FAITH! I begin with Sara, Abraham’s wife.



Sarah *Abraham’s wife*

Throughout the Bible, women are at the center of some of the most critical events. They were bold and brave, finding courage in the moments when everything hung in the balance. They were voices of truth and reason. They were steady and creative, following when it did not make sense by the world’s standards.

To look at Sarah we need to look at Abraham first. Abraham received the call from God to lead his people to the promised land.

At times Abraham’s behavior was fearful and weak. It is remarkable that God chose a man like Abraham to be patriarch of His chosen people. He perhaps was demonstrating his power. In Corinthians, ‘God’s power is made perfect in weakness.’

Sarah and Abraham bore no children, despite being told that Abraham would have as many heirs as the stars. When God tells Abraham that Sara will conceive a son at age 90. Sara laughs. The child is to be called Isaac which means “laughter”.

How surprised she must have been when the unthinkable finally came true for her. Her laugh as no longer of snide or mocking, but it is now the laughter of joy. How did Abraham take this?

It soon became obvious that Sara wore the pants in this relationship. However, she did realize how important it was to Abraham that there be an heir and the covenant includes her also. She decides to take things in her own hands. Sara had a female slave, Hagar.

She advises Abraham “Go, sleep with my slave ‘I can build a family through her.’ Abraham agrees.

Hagar becomes pregnant, bears a son named Ishmael. But as sometimes happens when we stop trusting God’s plan and go our own way, things went terribly wrong. The relationship between the two women imploded. Sara tells Abraham “She despises me.”



There are times when Sarah speaks her mind and at times, she silently follows Abraham's lead. Abraham wishes peace in his home, so he advises Sara to "Do whatever you please." And Sara does. Sarah dealt harshly with Hagar. It reaches such a point that Sara tells Abraham "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son, Isaac."

How could Abraham let his son go?

God told Abraham that Ishmael would be a great nation and be under his protection.

God has one remaining test for Abraham. Abraham loves his God deeply. All God had to say was jump and Abraham said, 'How high?'

God asks Abraham to take Isaac, his son of covenant and promise and offer him as human sacrifice. It has been suggested that because Abraham believed that if he were called to sacrifice Isaac, God could bring him back to life.

Did Abraham tell Sarah what he was doing? This is the great question.

If God had asked the same test of Sara, it's hard to believe she would have saddled the donkey. It is hard for any mother saying yes to this.

How do any of us react when our faith is put to the test? Often, we are asked to be willing to sacrifice what seems most precious to us. Do we proceed in faith like Abraham or look for a way out like Sarah?

And yet despite our flaws, God finds a way for each of us to build his Kingdom.

SIX INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT SARAH

Right after Eve, the next woman mentioned by name is **Sarah, the wife of Abraham.**

Sarah plays an important role in the history of salvation, even though she initially doubts God's plan for her. And whereas Holy Scripture is not exactly known for being a laugh riot, it has its moments. Weird as it might seem at first sight, Sarah's most well known attribute is her untimely sense of **humor.**

Sarah's name means "princess". In Genesis Sarah's was first named, "Sarai," which in Hebrew means "my lady" or "my princess." Then God named her "Sarah," a similar Hebrew name meaning "lady," "princess," or "noblewoman."

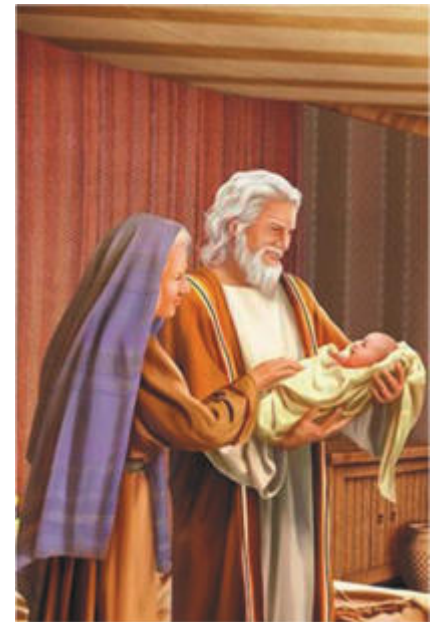
She was so beautiful it worried Abraham. When they traveled to Egypt, Abraham said to her, "I know that you are a woman beautiful to behold; and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife'; then they will kill me, but they will let you live. Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you, and that my life may be spared on your account" (Genesis 12:11-13). Her beauty was affirmed in Egypt, and she was taken into Pharaoh's harem, where she was protected by God and the truth about her eventually came out.

Sarah and Abraham had a sense of humor (but bad timing). When God approached Abraham and Sarah about giving birth to a son, both laughed hysterically. Abraham, "fell on his face and laughed" while Sarah, "laughed to herself" and even tried to deny it. She should know better to try to fool God who said to her, "No, but you *did* laugh."

Sarah was 90 years old when Isaac was born. Abraham and Sarah were quite old when Sarah was pregnant. There was no natural way possible that they could conceive a child. Abraham exclaims, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" (Genesis 17:17) She did — and named him Isaac, which means "laughter."

Sarah's tomb is still venerated today. Sarah lived to be 127 years old and her burial is the first one to be mentioned in the Bible. She is buried in the "Cave of the Patriarchs" and traditions says that both Abraham and Sarah (as well as Isaac and Rebekah and Jacob and Leah) are buried there.

Sarah is the Patron Saint of Infertility.



Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday January 15/16
(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Saturday, January 15

3:45 pm – Fr. Chux *Dcn John assisting*
5:15 pm – Fr. Valentine

Sunday, January 16

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine
8:30 am – Fr. Valentine
10:30 am – Fr. Chux
12:00 pm – Fr. Chux

Worship for Sunday January 22/23
(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Saturday, January 22

3:45 pm – Fr. Chux *Dcn John assisting*
5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, January 23

7:00 am – Fr. Chux
8:30 am – Fr. Valentine
10:30 am – Fr. Valentine *Dcn John assisting*
12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

YOUTH GROUP

Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister & Ryan Farrell, President



"Happy New Year from the St. Pius X Youth Group!"

On the heels of our Families Feeding Families program, December was a busy month as students prepared for exams, but still made time to get into the Christmas spirit as we joined with Faith Formation students on December 5th in running many of the games provided for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast With Santa and some of them were even hand-picked by Santa to serve as Elves!



On December 12th, our Youth Group travelled to St. Barnabas in Bellmore to attend Lessons & Carols, which is an evening filled with Scripture readings accompanied by Christmas Carols sung by the St. Barnabas Choir. Afterward, we had the chance to visit with Fr. Michael, who presided over the evening and visited the Choir loft. On December 23rd and 24th, the Youth Group helped set up and break down the gymnasium for the annual Christmas Eve overflow Mass, at which a few of our members served as lectors. With our members past exams, we were even able to head out to Marjorie Post Park on December 28th for a little outdoor ice skating to close out the calendar year!

WE HAVE SOME EXCITING NEWS TO ANNOUNCE.....but first, just a reminder that we are always looking for new members! So, if you're a high school student who is looking to make new friends, participate in fun activities and serve your church and community, come join us! Our meetings and activities are generally on Sunday evenings. On January 16th, we will be hosting Game Night in the School Building from 6-8 p.m. On January 23rd, we will be having Rosary Night open to our 7th and 8th grade Faith Formation Students at 6 p.m., followed by a speaker and discussion on "Living Your Faith As A Teenager". Then, on January 30th, we'll be heading to Franklin Square for an Escape Room Challenge. That event runs from 4:45 – 8:15 p.m. If you're interested, please contact our Youth Minister, Steve Rhoads, at (516) 314-4678.

Now for the exciting news.....Fr. Valentine has approved a Youth Group Pilgrimage to Italy this Summer! From July 18-26th, a group of our Youth Group members will be on a Catholic pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, visiting the Vatican and major basilicas and sites in the area, as well as the birthplace of St. Francis. We have been fundraising in an attempt to make the trip as affordable and accessible as possible for the kids and we thank parishioners for always being so generous in support of our efforts. We have two upcoming fundraising events.



First, we are now taking pre-orders for our annual Valentine's Day Rose Bouquet Sale. Beautiful rose bouquets prepared by Numa's Florist in Wantagh are available in Red, White, Pink or Assorted colors for just \$60 – so it's a wonderful opportunity to honor those special people in your life while supporting our Youth Group. The deadline to order is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9th. Drive-thru Pick up will be on Sunday, February 13th in front of the St. Pius Gym from 10 a.m. to noon. To order on-line, visit: <https://forms.gle/ySVESaU1fM8dVTvW8> or utilize the form provided. For questions, please contact via phone/text/email Brian Dossie (516-661-0166 / dosman101@gmail.com) or Steve Rhoads (516-314-4678 / srroads25@yahoo.com).

Second, the St. Pius Youth Group Parents are hosting a Dinner and Beer Tasting Night at Jam in Massapequa Park on Friday, February 4th from 6:30-10 p.m. This is a four-course dinner expertly paired with a variety of beers to enjoy. Tickets to the Dinner are just \$75 each and you must be 21 or older to participate in the Beer Tasting. There will also be a 50-50 and raffles! To-Go packages are also available if you are not able to attend in person. Reservations are required as seating is limited. To reserve your spot, please visit: <https://forms.gle/h9UvqPzakxEEDyan9> Again, for questions, please contact via phone/text/email Brian Dossie (516-661-0166 / dosman101@gmail.com) or Steve Rhoads (516-314-4678 / srroads25@yahoo.com).





St. Pius X Senior Club

Lou Fabiano, President

NEXT MEETING

Date: FEBRUARY 8th, 2022 (TUESDAY)
Time: 10 AM
Where: Bethpage Community Center
 103 Grumman Road
 W. Bethpage, NY 11724

NOTE: MASKS ARE REQUIRED AT ALL MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 18th, **CANCELLED**
- February 8th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am
- February 15th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am
- March 8th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am, Paul Effman Trio
- March 15th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 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.



Columbiettes

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.

NO MEETING in JANUARY

For information, contact Anna at stpiousxcolumb@gmail.com



St. Pius X Rosary Society

Barbara Brown, President

NO MEETING in January or February

May the Baby Jesus come into all our hearts this Christmas and fill us with Peace, Love, and Joy! Wishing all of my Rosarians and their Families, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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



St. Pius X Youth Group St. Valentine's Day Bouquet Sale

!!!Deadline to order - Wednesday, February 9th!!!

Please contact via phone/text/email Brian Dossie (516-661-0166 / dosman101@gmail.com) or Steve Rhoads (516-314-4678 / srhoads25@yahoo.com) with any questions

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- Feb 3: Officers Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
- Feb 10: General Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1

For information, contact Marc at marccashman@yahoo.com



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED - Monday, January 17th

in observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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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.

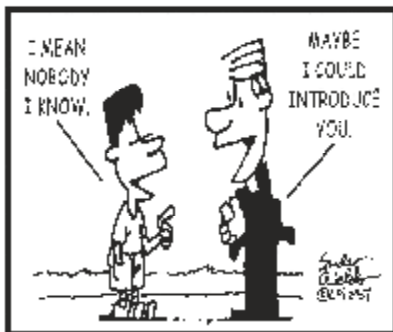
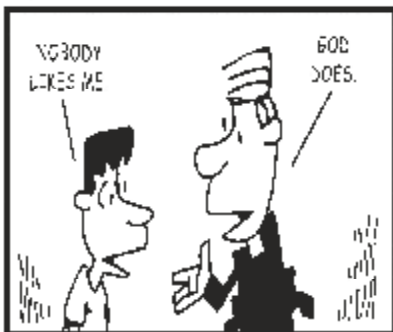
Marriage: Engaged couples must contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

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.

2ND 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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