



3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# ANOINTED

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor."*

- Lk 4:18a

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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 Deacon John Burkart

In September of 2019, Pope Frances declared that the Third Sunday In Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the word of God. This Sunday of the Word of God is when we are encouraged to strengthen our bonds with all of God's children, including the Jewish people, and we are asked to pray for Christian unity. Thus, this Sunday is often referred to as Ecumenical Sunday.

The important point to remember is that although Jesus was a Jew, he did not come to teach and save only the Jewish people. He came for the gentile as well. Who are the gentiles? By definition, a gentile is anyone who is not Jewish. That includes you and me, all Christians, all people of all faiths.

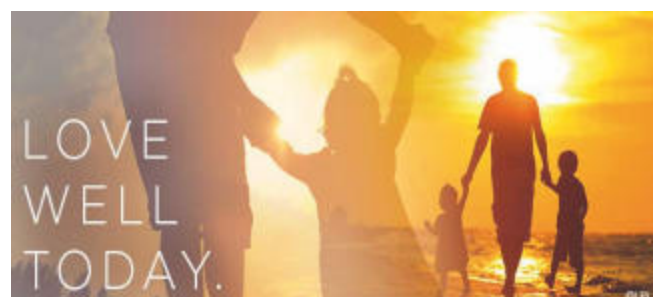
Saint Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians teaches us that the body has many parts, but it is one body. Not one part of the body is more important than any other. Applying this concept to all Christians, "is one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...and were all given to drink of one Spirit." This means that all baptized Christians are part of the mystical body of Christ, and we are adopted children of God. Through our baptism, we are heirs to the Kingdom of God. There are many denominations, but we all believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

God has given each of us different talents. To argue who has the greater talent would be silly. It would be like saying which

is more important, one's arm, leg, eye, etc. Since we are all part of the same body, our different talents are meant to complement one another to promote the building of the Kingdom of God on Earth. No person is more important than any other. When we work together, we help those in need. We pray for one another. We love one another. We recognize that everyone is our brother or sister. We are all children of God.

What about non-Christians? Let us never forget that Jesus was a Jew. Mary and Joseph were Jews. In today's gospel (Luke 1), we see Jesus in the synagogue reading the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. When Jesus finished reading the scroll, he rolled it up, handed it to the attendant and sat down. Jesus then said to the people, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus came to teach the Jews and to save them. He came to save everyone. When Jesus shed his body and blood on the cross, he did it for everyone. When Jesus opened the gates of heaven, he did it for good people of all faiths. Never let us Christians think that we have a monopoly on God.

If we want to end racism, prejudice, hatred, etc., in the world, we must teach our children and grandchildren the lessons in the reflection. We must teach them to love all.



# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Monday, January 24

(St. Francis de Sales)

8:45 AM Georgina & Nicholas D'Silva  
(living), Vincent Mazzola

## Tuesday, January 25

(Conversion of St. Paul)

8:45 AM Pura Rojas (Ann Rem), Marybeth Leveling Hartmann (birthday rem.), Joseph Mazzola

## Wednesday, January 26

(Sts. Timothy and Tulus)

8:45 AM Ana Delia Ortiz, Hector Paladino and Chinere Bernadette Osuji

## Thursday, January 27

(St. Angela Merici)

8:45 AM Richard & Marie Marcantonio (living), Donna Tortora (Rem.)

## Friday, January 28

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

8:45 AM Ada and Bob Kasha, Rosann Kelly (Living), David Jacaruso (1<sup>st</sup> Ann.), Minnie Grazioso

## Saturday, January 29

8:45 AM Maryellen Phelan (living), Mary & Frank Phelan

### (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

3:45 PM Jean Quinn and Richard Quinn (living), Diane & Jane Leech

5:15 PM Robin & John Yakacki (living)

## Sunday, January 30

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 AM St. Pius X Parishioners

8:30 AM Antonio Arena, Weston Beeman

10:30 AM Victoria Spano (Ann rem.), Dorothy DeCicco

12:00 PM Peter Colletti, Suzanne Morabito, Vincenzo Picciurro

### *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*

Fr. Paul Driscoll, German Henao, Stephen Alphonso, Fr. Jose Arana, Anthony J. Sausto, Donald Holzmacher, Helene Liu, Maria Antonia Baque

### *The Sick*

Lisa Hansen, Dr. Albert Cayton, Catherine Kuzma, Dr. Shalini, Rita Hansen, 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 Abitabulo, 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 25<sup>th</sup>**

**9:15am to 4:00pm**



# We Give & We Remember

## Financially Speaking

January 16.....	\$3,230.00
Online.....	\$2,055.00
Total.....	\$5,285.00

**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



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)		



## Bread & Wine



for the week of

January 22 – January 28

In memory of  
**Viater L. Lopes**



Donated by  
**Celeste & Crystal Lopes**



## 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.



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## 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**



**First Reading - [Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10](#)**

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it — for he was standing higher up than any of the people —; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.

Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people:  
“Today is holy to the LORD your God.  
Do not be sad, and do not weep”—  
for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared;  
for today is holy to our LORD.

Do not be saddened this day,  
for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

**Responsorial Psalm : [Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15](#)**

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;

The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

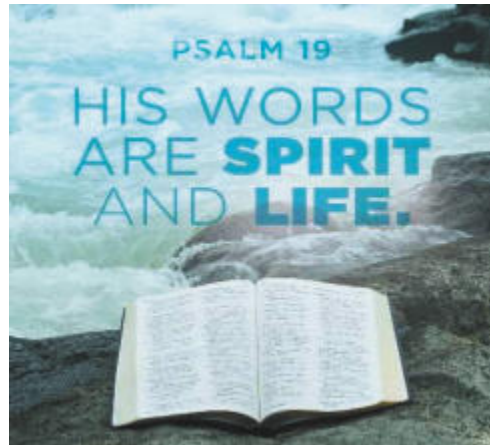
**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.**



**Reading II : [1 Cor 12:12-14, 27](#)**

Brothers and sisters:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ.

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it.



## GOSPEL for

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative  
of the events  
that have been fulfilled among us,  
just as those who were eyewitnesses from the  
beginning and ministers of the word have handed  
them down to us,  
I too have decided,  
after investigating everything accurately anew,  
to write it down in an orderly sequence for you,  
most excellent Theophilus,  
so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings  
you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,  
and news of him spread throughout the whole  
region. He taught in their synagogues and was  
praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,  
and went according to his custom  
into the synagogue on the sabbath day.  
He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the  
prophet Isaiah.  
He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it  
was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the  
attendant and sat down,  
and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently  
at him.  
He said to them,  
“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your  
hearing.”

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

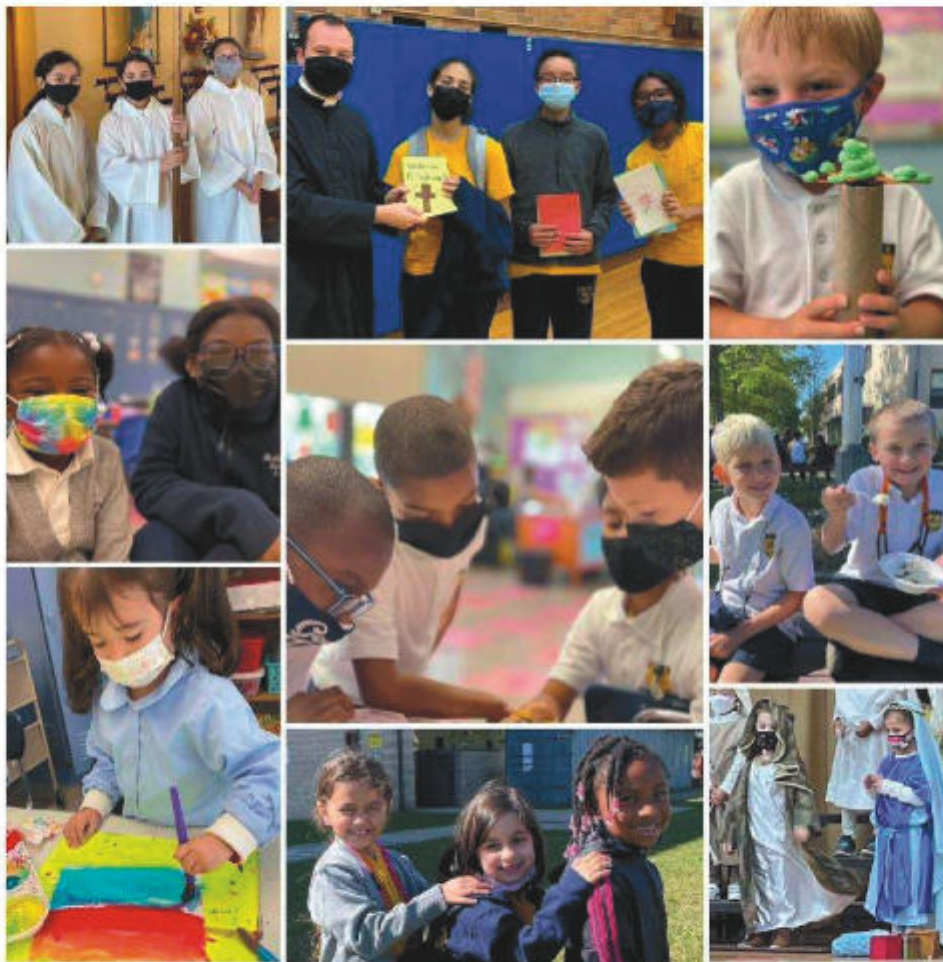
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING  
OF SCRIPTURE

Human history reveals many periods where people  
lost a sense of God’s transcendence. It may even  
be argued that human beings have been wandering  
and lost more than they have been at home and  
focused. Human nature being what it is, we  
struggle with who God really is — the God of our  
salvation history or the “gods” of human  
constructs. Relying on our own designs and  
pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to  
listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord  
rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same  
history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity  
also reveals God’s constancy and faithfulness. God  
always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way,  
God is there bringing them back to holiness and  
giving them the assurance of His presence. We  
have to allow God’s Word, God’s life, to touch us  
and change us. It can make us more flexible and  
attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that  
every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time  
when fulfillment is possible for one’s soul. Jesus  
stood before those gathered in the synagogue as  
the fulfillment of words of promise that were  
echoed long ago. God doesn’t forget. He always  
comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God.  
Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled  
that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God.  
But when we realize, deep within, the depth of  
friendship God offers to us it really has the power  
to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled.  
Going frequently to God’s Word, allowing  
ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and  
pondering the certainty of God’s fidelity and  
promise permanently transforms us. We will be  
more aware of the sacred and the holy and less  
invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi

Holy Family School  
Catholic Schools Week Open House  
Sunday, January 30  
10:30 am School Mass  
School Tours 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
by appointment



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# First Impressions

*By: Jude Siciliano, OP*

Nehemiah tells us that the people gathered to hear Ezra read the Law. Nehemiah, the governor of Judah, and the Levites were there with all the people to listen. He describes the reading with great detail, highlighting its solemnity and the people's attentive and emotional response. The event has echoes of our own Liturgy of the Word at the Eucharist – a gathered assembly listening to a formal reading of God's Word. But there is high solemnity at this event. What's more, upon hearing the reading the people respond with a double "Amen, Amen" and prostrate themselves. There's more going on here than a regular liturgical celebration with scripture readings. What's happening?

The people have gathered to hear the reading of the Law, the Torah, which contained the teachings about how the Israelites were to live, what morals guided their thoughts, words and actions. In other words, the Torah communicated God's will to them, how God was blessing them and how they were to respond to that blessing in their lives. What would it be like to live as people conscious of being blessed by God? Which we are.

The nation had been scattered and enslaved. Now Nehemiah and Ezra were drawing them together to rebuild them as a faithful community by observing God's will, revealed to them in the Torah. They saw restoration and life in obeying God's laws. No wonder they were in tears as they heard the Word of God proclaimed to them. They had been scattered and no-people. Now, they are a united people with God speaking and acting on their behalf. We could add our own "Amen, Amen," in unison with them as we acknowledge what God has done for us in Jesus. We commit ourselves to living out our "Amen" by living in accordance with what God is telling us through the Good News we hear proclaimed each time we come together to listen and worship.

We are at the beginning of Luke's gospel. He is like Nehemiah, giving us, he says, an accurate and "orderly sequence" of the good news of Jesus Christ who, after publicly reading from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, announces to his attentive listeners, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." He doesn't just mean a physical hearing does he? Rather, it is a faithful and trusting reception of what we hear and then putting it into practice. Like the Israelites we want to live our own "Amen" to God's Word. We can, with the help of the Spirit Jesus gives us. When we fail, that same Spirit will assure us of the forgiveness Christ continually offers us.

Jesus is in Nazareth, his hometown. He has been teaching there and Luke tells us he "was praised by all." In their synagogue he draws on verses from Isaiah for his inaugural speech to describe the works that will characterize his subsequent ministry. He will open the eyes of the blind, not just the

physically afflicted, but he will give the wisdom of God to the unenlightened. Luke's gospel and his subsequent volume, the Acts, will show how people rejected the sight, the "glad tidings," Jesus was offering.

The Spirit will also empower Jesus to free people from the bondage imposed by sin and he will give meaning to people's lives. At this point the reaction to Jesus is positive, but that will change soon enough. In fact, those in the synagogue will question, "Where did he get all this? Is this not Joseph's son" (4:22). A few moments later they will try to kill him for stepping out of line and challenging their narrow religious attitudes (4:28-30).

Jesus was announcing a "year of favor" to those before him. In the Torah (Lv. 28:8-55) every 50th year there was to be a jubilee, a graced time, when debts were dissolved, slaves set free and property returned to its rightful owners. The jubilee year came to be seen as a symbol of the Messiah's anticipated arrival to declare the reign of God. Jesus was the fulfillment of God's promise to send an anointed one empowered with God's very Spirit.

What Jesus began was to be continued by us, his Spirit-anointed community, the church. We are to carry on the mission he inaugurated that day in the synagogue. If we take to heart the word we have heard, then we must put flesh on those words our own words and actions: giving sight to the blind and ignorant; freeing those oppressed in any way and relieving the burden of those indebted to us.

There is an opportunity for celebration in today's readings. Can we hear what they are announcing to us? God is blessing us. Hearing that, we respond by giving thanks at this Eucharist, determined to share that blessing with our neighbor. How shall we do that?

Soon Jesus will call his first disciples (5:1ff) to help him in his mission to "catch people." That task has also been entrusted to us who have received the same Spirit Jesus had. First, our own sins are forgiven and we are set free. Then, in response to what has been done for us, we set out to proclaim jubilee by our own lives – setting captives free by forgiveness and raising up the lowly. We don't know whether Jubilee was actually practiced by the ancients; but through Christ and the Jubilee he has proclaimed over us, we are a Jubilee people. It is our manner of living. Now, ours is his work of justice, proclaiming by word and action "glad tidings to the poor." Which means we will respond whenever we meet a person being degraded, held down, cast out, or dehumanized in any way. Look around to see with the eyes the Spirit has given us; listen with ears anointed by that Spirit; see and hear the urgent needs of people and, empowered by the Spirit, do something.





With Gratitude



**ROSANN KELLY**

It is always good to say Thanks and to live in Gratitude:

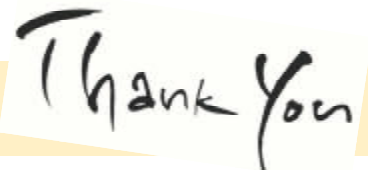
To Miss Rosann Kelly: Thank you for your many years of faithful service to St. Pius X Parish Family. It has been a pleasure to have you serve as our parish administrator these past seven years. I have always admired your responsibility and dedication to the job as well as your deep faith.

I am particularly grateful for your diligent service during the pandemic these two years. Through a very challenging time for us all, the community of St. Pius X has been blessed by your presence and support.

I am happy that you are moving on to a new chapter of life. I pray each day that your joy will increase during this new season and that God's blessings abound. Along with the parish family, I extend my prayerful best wishes that you may find peace and happiness in the next chapter of your life.



**RAY LUDWIG**



How do you thank someone for his tremendous and continued dedication to a very special ministry? Ray Ludwig is such a person. As Treasurer of St. Vincent DePaul, Ray dedicated many years of his life in helping our neighbors in need.

When not balancing the books and writing out checks, Ray also visited our neighbors and befriended some. The gift of service leads to a life of love.

We are very saddened to lose him but know that if we call upon him to pick his brain on a certain matter, he would be available.

On behalf of the St. Vincent DePaul Society conference at St. Pius X Church, we wish Ray and his wife Linda leisurely days filled with love, joy, health, and peace. May God Bless you and keep you always. THANK YOU!



St. Kilian Parish in Farmingdale is seeking a part-time rectory Cook to work 20-25 hours per week, Monday through Thursday and Saturdays; 4 to 5 hours per day.

Responsibilities include:

- *Planning, preparing and serving dinner*
  - *Shopping for meals, kitchen needs*
- *Appropriate cleaning and sanitizing of kitchen, dining room, pantries and appliances*
- *Accommodating dietary needs of the priests*
- *Planning, preparing and serving of special occasion meals and event*



Please send cover letter/resume to Ed Fronckwicz, Business Manager, St. Kilian Church, (516)249-0127 or email [edwardf@stkilian.com](mailto:edwardf@stkilian.com)

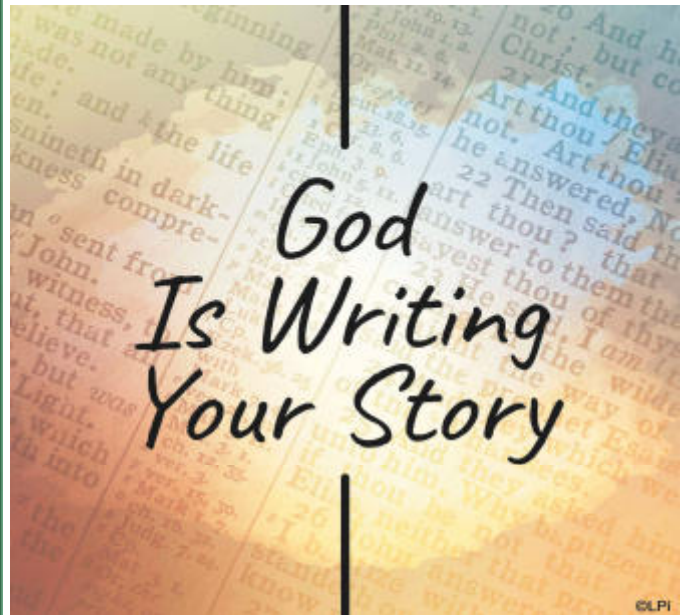


### *The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*

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.





## Week at a Glance

### 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

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

### Worship for Sunday January 29/30

*(Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

### Saturday, January 29

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

### Sunday, January 30

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Chux

12:00 Fr. Valentine *Dcn John assisting*

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting Game Night in the School Building from 6-8 p.m. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be having Rosary Night open to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith Formation Students at 6 p.m., followed by a speaker and discussion on "Living Your Faith As A Teenager". Then, on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 18-26<sup>th</sup>, 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Drive-thru Pick up will be on Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dosman101@gmail.com)) or Steve Rhoads (516-314-4678 / [srroads25@yahoo.com](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> 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/h9UvqPzaxxEEDyan9> Again, for questions, please contact via phone/text/email Brian Dossie (516-661-0166 / [dosman101@gmail.com](mailto:dosman101@gmail.com)) or Steve Rhoads (516-314-4678 / [srroads25@yahoo.com](mailto:srroads25@yahoo.com)).







## St. Pius X Senior Club

Lou Fabiano, President

### NEXT MEETING

**Date:** February 15, 2022  
**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.

- February 8, 2022 - **CANCELLED**
- February 15, 2022-Regular Meeting @BCC-10am-TBA
- March 8, 2022-Regular Meeting @BCC-10am-Paul Effman Trio
- Marc 15, 2022-Regular Meeting @BCC-10am-Joe Sledge-Veterans Administration-Speaker
- April 12, 2022-Regular Meeting @BCC-10am-Albert Mulan, violinist

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 [stpiusxcolumb@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusxcolumb@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](mailto:dosman101@gmail.com)) or Steve Rhoads (516-314-4678 / [srhoads25@yahoo.com](mailto:srhoads25@yahoo.com)) with any questions

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Marc Cashman, Grand Knight

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- Jan 27: Social Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
- Feb 3: Officers Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
- Feb 10: General Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1

For information, contact Marc at [marccashman@yahoo.com](mailto:marccashman@yahoo.com)





## St. Pius X Parish

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(mailing address)

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Telephone (Faith Formation): 516-822-8348

E-mail: FrVal.STPX@gmail.com

Website: www.stpiusxrc.com

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

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

Emergency: 516-661-5117

### 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.

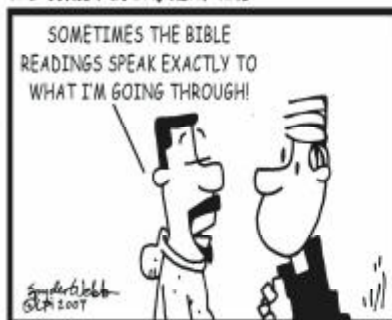
**Marriage:** Engaged couples must contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

**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.

3RD 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.

### Visit our Website!

Check the parish website to stay current with parish activities and events [www.stpiusxrc.com](http://www.stpiusxrc.com)

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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.

## Parish Staff

### **Clergy**

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