Saint Pius X

Roman Catholic Parish

AUGUST 1, 2021 | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgical Schedule

Liturgy
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Weekdays 9:00 am

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:00 pm or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
First Fridays 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Rosary
Weekdays 8:30 am

Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Open Daily 7:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mission Statement

St. Pius X Parish, a Roman Catholic Faith Community, affirms that we are gifted with many diverse talents. We are called to use these talents to respond to the needs of others through prayer, action, outreach, hospitality and stewardship. Guided by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, we share our faith by personal witness to the Gospel through acts of charity, justice, mercy and forgiveness.

BAPTISMS: Congratulations! A new child is a blessing! Parents, please call the office four months prior to the anticipated birth of the child to schedule a Baptismal class to learn more about this most important sacrament. As you prepare to have your child baptized, begin to pray about who would be good and holy Godparents to help your child grow in the faith. A Godparent in the Catholic tradition is someone who participates at Liturgy regularly, has been Confirmed, and lives a life in accord with the Catholic Church. All prospective Godparents must receive a letter of approval from their pastor.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: Is the Holy Spirit calling you to become Catholic? Call the Parish Office for more information.

CARE OF THE SICK: Anyone seriously ill or entering the hospital in anticipation of surgery may receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Best wishes! Couples seeking a Catholic marriage, please contact the Pastor at least six months prior to a planned wedding day. Attendance at a marriage preparation program (Pre-Cana) is required.

EUCHARIST TO THE SICK AND SHUT-INS: If ill or shut-in, please call the parish office if you wish that the Blessed Sacrament be brought to you.

JOINING OUR PARISH: New members and families are warmly welcomed. Contact the parish office to register, and please introduce yourself to the pastor when you join us for Liturgy. Know that you are always welcome and we are blessed to have your presence.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: One of the great ways to live out our call as disciples is to help others grow in the faith. Being asked to serve as a Godparent or Sponsor for Confirmation is a great honor and responsibility. As we raise our children in the tradition of the Church, it is our duty to set a good example for them. Prospective Godparents and Sponsors are to be individuals who regularly participates at Liturgy and have been Confirmed. For those who are married, their marriage must be validly recognized by the Catholic Church. For those who have children, their children must be enrolled in Faith Formation at St. Pius X Parish. Please call the office to request a letter.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, VIGIL
3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Stanley & Clara Szymanski req. Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;
Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 /Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
8:00am Lisa Stang req. Family
10:00am Evelyn Cassidy req. Family
David C. Knoop req. Lynn Knoop–Knutsen
12:00pm Beckie Ryan req. Kari Colangelo & Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 2
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Communion Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Communion Service

Family of Parishes
Optional Mass Times

St. Mary's of Swormville
7:00am & 9:00am

St. Gregory the Great
7:00am; 8:00am & 12:00pm

Good Shepherd
8:00am M,T,Th & F
7:00pm Wed.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, FIRST FRIDAY
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Communion Service
12:00pm - 3:00pm Adoration
1:30pm Rosary
2:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, VIGIL
3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Mary Ellen Olesko req. The Olesko Family
Donna Stevens req. Jerry Stevens
Maryann Dawson req. Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;
1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
8:00am James & Estelle Coakley req. Jay Coakley
Marlene Pridgeon req. Husband Tony and Daughters
10:00am Joseph Muhitch req. Don Hamed
12:00pm For the Parishioners

MINISTERIAL SERVING SCHEDULE

4:00PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 7
LECTOR: Larry Costa
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jane Johnson & Lydia Stang

8:00AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 8
LECTOR: Presentacion Reyes
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jean Braunscheidel

10:00AM
LECTOR: Dave Wielgas
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Pauline Campagna & Joyce Frayer

12NOON
LECTOR: Bonnie Hall
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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In these uncertain times, please pray for the sick, especially Michael Stang, Msgr. George Yiengst, and our Holy Father Pope Francis as he continues to recover from surgery.

Pray for those confined at home, medical personnel, first responders, the military and those whose livelihoods are in jeopardy.

We also remember all those with COVID, those who have passed from this life and the friends and benefactors of St. Pius X Parish.

PRAYER FOR RENEWAL IN BUFFALO

Holy God of love and mercy, living in our hearts, sanctify and transform us in our mission of renewal. Unite our minds, hearts, and spirits in accord with your holy will. As Jesus calls us friends, may we encounter and accompany one another as family, seeking out and embracing any of your loved ones who we have overlooked, wounded, or driven away.

St. Joseph, Pray for us! Amen

INTENTIONS FOR PRAYER

Since the earliest days of our Church, the faithful have gathered to offer prayers for healing on behalf of all those who face any number of struggles. Here at St. Pius X, devoted members of our Queen of Peace Ministry gather before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the needs of our community. If you would like to be included among their intentions, please contact the parish office so we can offer prayers for you! All requests will be kept confidential.

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

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Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ…

"My Father gives you the true bread from heaven…"

Unity has been on my heart these last several weeks as I've turned to the Lord in prayer. What unites us? What brings us together? In what do we find our oneness?

Distinct though we are, perhaps it is our shared story which draws us together. As Americans, what might that story be? Maybe it's the landing at Plymouth Rock, Washington's crossing of the Delaware River, the framing of the Constitution, or Lewis and Clark's expedition westward. Perhaps none of these, though, can fully encapsulate the essence of our American identity.

Let us consider those events against our first reading this weekend, which comes from the Book of Exodus. This miraculous sign of manna from heaven demarcates but an episode in the great Jewish story of liberation from Egypt. This story of the Exodus, that is, God's deliverance of His Chosen People from Pharaoh's chains of slavery circa 1250 BC, is *the story* which unites the people of Israel. For the Israelites, nothing could be more unifying than recounting the harrowing escape from Egypt at Passover, passing through the Red Sea dry-shod, gathering sustenance in the form of manna from heaven, receiving the Law inscribed in the tablets, and finally arriving in the Promised Land. So profoundly important is that story of the Exodus that the crowds gathered around Jesus in this weekend's Gospel—roughly thirteen centuries later—continue to speak of that tremendous story in which they find their unity as a people.

As Christians, perhaps we might ask ourselves: what is our story of unity? What is it that unites us as children of God, that transcends time and space, that draws us into one Body of Christ? Surely it is Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, for it is He who is sent down from heaven by the Father Almighty to walk among us, transform our humanity, and so draw us back to the heavenly homeland. Just as the freedom from slavery in Egypt remains so important for our ancestors in faith, so too do we celebrate our own freedom from the bondage of sin and death in the passion, death, resurrection, and glorification of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

It has been said by a wise theologian that religion is not so much humanity's quest for God but God's quest for humanity. God is love, as we read in the Letter of St. John. And in His great love, He created us to be in communion with Him—that is, to be one with Him. By our own sinfulness, we cut ourselves off from the love of God. But His love never fails to pursue us as He draws us back to the eternal glory of sainthood for which we were always created. Because of the love of the Son, we have been set free. Having passed through the waters of Baptism in which we were cleansed of that original sin, we find ourselves in the desert like the Israelites. On this, our earthly journey towards the Promised Land, God continues to send us Bread from heaven, even more powerful than the bread which nourished the physical hungers of the Israelites. This Bread which we receive is Jesus Christ Himself, really, truly, and substantially present; through the Eucharist, the hungers of our souls are nourished. And as we gather to partake of this One Sacrifice of the Mass, we are drawn together as brothers and sisters in holy communion journeying towards the New and Eternal Jerusalem.

It is the Body of Christ which unites us. Through Him, with Him, and in Him, may we one day return to our Father in heaven.
C.J. Wild

Words of Gratitude:

It's hard to believe that our seminarian C.J. Wild has already finished his ten week assignment here at St. Pius X. It has been truly a blessing having him as part of our staff as a role model and sign of hope for the church. I know for myself, his enthusiasm, openness, dedication and deep spiritual life has challenged me to grow into what we as priests are called to be, another Christ. I would like to thank all of our parishioners for showing C.J. the many blessings and challenges of shepherding a faith community. His presence here has broadened our perspective, enriched and strengthened our hope for renewal in the church. I hope and pray that under my mentoring and your assistance, we have shown C.J. that it is possible to fulfill his deepest desire to enter into the call of service in the community. As I mentioned before I have never seen a candidate so radiant and enthusiastic about learning the role of priesthood. We were and are truly blessed and enriched by his presence. - Fr. Rob

Words From the Shepherd…

Once again, our sincere gratitude to C.J. for his enthusiasm, commitment and deep spirituality that has embraced our community. Know of our prayers, support and encouragement on following your dream towards priesthood. Our community is looking to you to bring renewal and new birth as a sign of hope for the Church.

We express our gratitude to everyone in ministry who attended our formation sessions: Hospitality - Greeters and Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Your presence enhances and enriches our Eucharistic celebrations. Know that you are greatly appreciated in your role of ministry at the Lord's table.

For everyone involved in our Family Day of Faith with St. Joseph: our Faith Formation Coordinator Pamela Rankin, Mary Palmer- friend and primary mover, CJ, our carpentry workers, our youth, parish organizations and especially our families and children who participated in the event. Thank you for your support and encouragement in this endeavor.

We thank all heads of our Parish Organizations who met last week to plan and prepare for the visitation of Bishop Michael Fisher on Saturday, August 21st at the 4:00PM Liturgy on our patron's Feast Day. That as a community we may use our giftedness to welcome the bishop and show the hospitality of our parish.

I ask for your prayers upon our Steering Committee that the Holy Spirit may guide and lead them in their discernment in creating a Pastoral Parish Council to direct and assist in the leadership role in the community.

Beginning today, I will be taking some days of rest and prayer as our scripture mentioned a few weeks ago. There will be a daily Communion Service offered during the regularly scheduled liturgy time. I look forward to celebrating liturgy with you again next weekend. Let's keep one another in our prayers.

In Christ,
Fr. Rob

FROM LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Family Day of Faith with St. Joseph was a huge success!! We appreciate all of the support from the parents and children in attendance at this fun and faith-filled event. Thank you to all of our outstanding volunteers: Anna Arbutina, Marcia Arbutina, Amelia Beck, Jean Braunscheidel, Joan Costello, Gianna DiPasquale, Julia DiPasquale, Betty Eichhorn, Nora Fiegl, Brady Mentkowski, Frankie Meyers, P.J. O'Connell, Anne Marie Poland, Dhara Salman, Sienna Solazzo, C.J. Wild, Amanda Woleben and Fr. Rob Wozniak. Our gratitude goes out to the St. Pius X Altar & Rosary Society for providing the St. Joseph Table Luncheon and to Lynn Knutsen for donating votive candles! A special thank you to Mary Palmer for joining forces with us and sharing her talents!

Just a reminder, please register your child (ren) for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year!

Hope & Blessings,
Pam Rankin

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL STEERING COMMITTEE

A tremendous way to serve the parish is to help our family plan for the future. To help evaluate the current state of affairs at the parish and look towards the future, St. Pius X will be forming a steering committee in anticipation of launching a parish pastoral council. This steering committee will be comprised of motivated and dedicated parishioners who care deeply about increasing the impact of our ministries. *Semper reformandum*—just as the Universal Church is "always reforming," so, too, must we! Please contact Father Rob for further information.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Since the earliest days of our Church, a great corporal work of mercy has been to visit those who are sick. This can be a graced moment for those whose injury or illness might prevent them from joining our community for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in person, and it is a great act of charity to bring the Eucharist to those who pray with us from a distance. Because the liturgy is a prayer not celebrated by one person but by a community, it is most appropriate to remember as a community those who cannot join us physically. For all who take Holy Communion to the home-bound, we ask you to place your open pyx on the credence table in the sanctuary along with a note of how many Hosts you will need. Then, following the reception of Holy Communion, we will call you forward to receive the pyx before praying over you as a community so you can immediately take the Blessed Sacrament to the ill members of our community.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please come and join the Queen of Peace Healing Ministry on Friday, August 20 at 12:00pm for the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to join our ministry on the third Friday of every month as we remain committed to praying with those who are in need of God's healing and peace.

ST. PAULA WIDOWS GROUP

The St. Paula Widows Group of St. Pius X will be meeting on Tuesday, August 3rd in the Father Weber Center at 10:00 am. Widowhood shows no favoritism. It strikes us all regardless of age, religion, income bracket and ethnicity. Talking, sharing stories and comparing notes amidst tears and laughter allows our healing to begin. There is no registration or commitment. Attend when you feel the need. There is no time frame on grieving. Those leading this group have all experienced the loss of a husband. They have felt the pain and heartache that never seems to end. If you are a widow continuing to struggle with the pain of grieving, accepting, understanding and letting go of a husband, please join us on Tuesday, August 3rd. If you would like additional information, please call Jacci Reed at (716) 433-5010 or email at GrammaJ50@aol.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

How do you get to become familiar with the people at St. Pius X? Simple, you join an organization!
The Knights of Columbus are actively seeking new members! If you are a Catholic man over 18 years of age, please contact Membership Chairman, Daniel Hartman at 716-445-5544 or by email at: coacorner@aol.com .

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

READING 1 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and
Aaron. The Israelites said to them,
"Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of
Egypt,
as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread!
But you had to lead us into this desert
to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses,
"I will now rain down bread from heaven for you.
Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion;
thus will I test them,
to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites.
Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh,
and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread,
so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp.
In the morning a dew lay all about the camp,
and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the
desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground.
On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?"
for they did not know what it was.
But Moses told them,
"This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.
What we have heard and know,
and what our fathers have declared to us,
we will declare to the generation to come
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength
and the wonders that he wrought.
R. **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**
He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained manna upon them for food
and gave them heavenly bread.
R. **The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**
Man ate the bread of angels,
food he sent them in abundance.
And he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountains his right hand had won.
R. **The Lord gave them bread from heaven. .**

READING 2 Eph 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters:
I declare and testify in the Lord
that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do,
in the futility of their minds;
that is not how you learned Christ,
assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him,
as truth is in Jesus,
that you should put away the old self of your former way of
life,
corrupted through deceitful desires,
and be renewed in the spirit of your minds,
and put on the new self,
created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

ALLELUIA MT 4:4B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
One does not live on bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Jn 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were
there, they themselves got into boats
and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus.
And when they found him across the sea they said to him,
"Rabbi, when did you get here?"
Jesus answered them and said,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
you are looking for me not because you saw signs
but because you ate the loaves and were filled.
Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life,
which the Son of Man will give you.
For on him the Father, God, has set his seal."
So they said to him,
"What can we do to accomplish the works of God?"
Jesus answered and said to them,
"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."
So they said to him,
"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?
What can you do?
Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written:
He gave them bread from heaven to eat."
So Jesus said to them,
"Amen, amen, I say to you,
it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven;
my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.
For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world."
So they said to him,
"Sir, give us this bread always."
Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of life;
whoever comes to me will never hunger,
and whoever believes in me will never thirst.".

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