



Saint Pius X

Roman Catholic Parish

AUGUST 15, 2021 | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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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.

EUCCHARIST 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.



MINISTERIAL SERVING SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, VIGIL

3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Deceased Religious req. Eberhardt Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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 Marlene Pridgeon req. Husband Tony and Daughters
10:00am Vladmir Barberich req. Family
12:00pm Roger Novits req. Novits Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Queen of Peace Healing Ministry

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Paul Ketterer req. Family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
8:30am Rosary
9:00am For the Parishioners

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, ST. JOHN EUDES, PRIEST

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Joseph Muhitch req. Jude Schwendler

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, ST. BERNARD, ABBOT & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 /Mt 22:34-40
8:30am Rosary
9:00am Leonard Higgins req. Julia Higgins
12:00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, VIGIL

Bishop Michael Fisher - Celebrant

3:00pm Reconciliation
4:00pm Stanley & Clara Szymanski req. Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
8:00am Columbine Pellerite req. Shannon & Tony
8:50am Novena to the Blessed Mother
10:00am Andrew & Lottie Strenk req. Joanne & Cheryl Skop
12:00pm Vincent J. DiCioccio req. Suzanne Liolos

4:00PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

LECTOR: Larry Costa
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Lynda Davidson & Kevin Harbison

8:00AM SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

LECTOR: Barb Crage
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Betty & Bill Eichhorn

10:00AM

LECTOR: Vicky Woodworth
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Pauline Campagna & Joyce Frayer

12NOON

LECTOR: Ashton Joseph
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Audrey Omilian & Barbara Voigt

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

In these uncertain times, please pray for the sick, especially Michael Stang, Msgr. George Yiengst, and our parishioners in nursing homes, assisted living centers and in the hospital.

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...

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



For the last three Sundays, John's gospels have focused on the feeding of the five thousand and the Bread of Life discourse. Next Sunday, we will consider the crowd's response to Jesus' proclamation, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven." Today we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption with Luke's gospel of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth. There was nothing about her appearance to suggest that she would be with child. Yet, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the joyful leap of her own child in her womb, Elizabeth pronounces that she is in the presence of the "Mother of my Lord."

In this moment of salvation, the eternal and infinite God has come to dwell in the womb of a young Jewish woman. In her visit to Elizabeth, Mary bears the life of God and becomes a portable tabernacle. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us, "For the first time in the plan of salvation and because his Spirit had prepared her, the Father found the dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men" (721).

As the model of discipleship, Mary offers us the ideal of what we are called to be – those who bear Christ to the world. In the Eucharist, we consume the body and blood of our Lord and also dedicate ourselves to be living tabernacles. On today's feast, we celebrate Mary's assumption into heaven. We are confident in her prayers that we might one day join her in heaven as members of the Body of Christ.

On this the Feast of the Assumption, along with my home parish in Black Rock of Buffalo, we join the universal church as we celebrate how "Mary is taken up to heaven while a chorus of angels exults." In Mary, the model disciple, we also find God's blueprint for each of our lives; that we might bear Christ to the world and then live with Him forever in the kingdom of heaven.

It is through Mary that we too come closer to the Lord. Mary, we pray that through your example and intercession, we too may be faithful to your Son and come to share in His glory for all eternity.

Mary, blessed are you who trusted and believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. Help us your children, to imitate your faith, so we too will become faithful servants of your Son. And at the end of our lives, we too will come to that unimaginable inheritance of the angels and saints in heaven's realm with you, our mother, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mary lead us closer to your Son here on earth and beyond.
In Christ,
Fr. Rob

From Lifelong Faith Formation...

As we continue to prepare for the 2021-2022 Faith Formation year, we will be having a Catechist Meeting on Wednesday, August, 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Weber Center. We're pleased to have Tim Sember joining us as our guest speaker! Tim has a Masters in Theology from Christ the King Seminary along with many years of experience in Youth Ministry and Faith Formation. He is "seeking to make a difference in the lives of others" and is "delighted to meet the Catechists at St. Pius X Church." This will be a wonderful opportunity for our catechists to "Inspire, Imagine and Ignite!" Catechist manuals and student books for "Finding God" (published by Loyola Press) will be available to take home so our Catechists can start planning their lessons!

Please remember to send in your Faith Formation registration as soon as possible!

Hope & Blessings,

Pam Rankin

Words from the Shepherd...

I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to many individuals for their achievements which were accomplished during this hot summer season. First of all, to Jim Trimper Sr. and Jay Coakley for coordinating and offering our Communion Services last week during my few days away from the parish. For the anonymous individual who has enhanced our St. Pius X Shrine, whitewashing the statue and landscaping the area. To Jean Braunscheidel for attending to our many flowers and gardens around the complex. Also, for everyone who provided refreshments and participated in our first social the last weekend of July, and finally to everyone who participated in our liturgical ministry formation session. All of these are signs of new life emerging here at the parish. Liturgy is beginning to resemble the days before the pandemic yet we still have a way to go, without restrictions until we achieve that goal.

We are looking forward to Bishop Michael Fisher's visit on our Paternal Feast Day on Saturday, August 21st celebrating our 4:00 PM Liturgy followed by a Parish Picnic. Finally, thanks to all of our organizations and ministries who are coordinating this event. As you can see, we have much to be thankful for at St. Pius and especially to each of you our parishioners. Enjoy this time of refreshment and rest.

QUEEN OF PEACE HEALING MINISTRY

Join Fr. Luke Uebler from St. Mary's Swormville for our next regularly scheduled Healing and anointing Mass on **Monday, August 23rd** with Reconciliation at 6:30pm., the Rosary at 7:00pm, and Mass at 7:30pm..

Following Mass there will be individual intercessory prayers for healing. You are also invited to visit us at our website at:

www.queenofpeacehealingministry.org

ST. PIUS X FEAST DAY LITURGY & PICNIC

Saturday, August 21st

Come and celebrate Liturgy with Bishop Michael Fisher at the 4:00pm Vigil Liturgy on Saturday August 21st. This Liturgy will be followed by a Parish Picnic. Please call the office at (716) 688-9143 with the number of those who will be attending this event. Thank you.

SENIORS

Wanted! New members to join the St. Pius X Seniors. Married, single, widowed, divorced. Our goal is to provide members with activities and enjoyment through spiritual, social, recreational and educational means. Please join us for our first meeting on September 1st at 1:00 pm in the Fr. Weber Center. For further information call Connie Rudes at (716) 639-0810

BOOK CLUB

We are planning to resume Book Club on Monday, September 13th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fr. Weber Center. Our book is [The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window](#) by Jonas Jonasson. It is an incredibly funny story. You are welcome to join the discussion or just listen to our review and enjoy yourself. Please plan to join us.

PARISH HALL

Organizations and groups scheduling an event in the parish hall, please check the monthly calendar on our website www.stpiusxgetzville.org for available dates and times. Call the office if you wish to add an event to the calendar.

DONATE BLOOD!

Tuesday, August 31st, 1:00pm - 6:00pm
1-800-RED-CROSS or
go online to: www.redcrossblood.org

THE STAIRCASE

St. Gregory invites you to bring your lawn chairs, blankets and enthusiasm to our Ministry center for a free outdoor showing of "The Staircase" Wednesday, August 25 at 7:30pm, starring William Petersen, Barbara Hershey and Diane Ladd. If the weather is nice, we will watch outside. If the weather is inclement, we will move it inside.

The story centers around the Sisters of Loretto in Santa Fe, 1873, with the construction of a chapel. Unfortunately the architect dies before access to the choir loft is built. Legend states that seeking guidance and help, the Sisters of Loretto pray a nine-day novena to St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Carpenters. On the final day of the novena, a mysterious man appears with only a hammer and a carpenter's square. He builds what is now known as the miraculous, free standing, spiral staircase made with rare wood not native to the American Southwest with only simple tools and wooden pegs. Some believe it was St. Joseph himself!

AUGUST NOVENA DATE CHANGE

Please note that the August Novena has been rescheduled to **Sunday, August 22nd directly after the 8:00am Mass.**

The monthly novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is a short prayer service offering you an opportunity to consecrate yourself to The Blessed Mother and to seek her intervention. This novena has been responsible for countless miracles throughout the world. Experience your own miracle at the next novena!

Treat yourself to a 15 minute visit with our all powerful and never failing Blessed Mother!

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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS OCTOBER 24, 2021

The Diocese of Buffalo wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50th, 60th and 70th wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life.

Bishop Michael Fisher cordially invites couples who celebrate their Golden, Diamond and Platinum Anniversaries of Marriage in 2021 to a special Mass at St. Joseph's Cathedral on Sunday, October 24th at 10:30 am.

During the Mass, couples will renew their marriage vows. Following Mass, the opportunity to take photographs with the anniversary couples will take place in the Lady Chapel. This Chapel is located to the left of the main altar. Brunch will follow at St. Anthony of Padua Church Center, 160 Court Street, Buffalo, N.Y. behind Buffalo City Hall

You need not attend to receive a scroll from the Bishop. If you are interested (attending Mass or just receiving the scroll), please contact the parish office at (716) 688-9143. Please be prepared to give the number of people who will be attending the Mass and brunch.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

READING 1 Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened,
and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun,
with the moon under her feet,
and on her head a crown of twelve stars.
She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky;
it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns,
and on its heads were seven diadems.
Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky
and hurled them down to the earth.
Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth,
to devour her child when she gave birth.
She gave birth to a son, a male child,
destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod.
Her child was caught up to God and his throne.
The woman herself fled into the desert
where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:
"Now have salvation and power come,
and the Kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Anointed One."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 45:10, 11, 12, 16

R The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear,
forget your people and your father's house.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty;
for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy;
they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

READING 2 1 Cor 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.
For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits;

then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father,
when he has destroyed every sovereignty
and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death,
for "he subjected everything under his feet."

GOSPEL Lk 1:39-56

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months
and then returned to her home.

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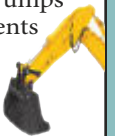
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