



# Saint Pius X

## Roman Catholic Parish

AUGUST 29, 2021 | THE TWENTY-SECOND 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.

**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.



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28**

3:00pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Raymond Schwendler req. Marcia Sickau

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00am Al Knab req. Clem & Jean Braunscheidel  
10:00am Leonard Higgins req. Linda Mayne  
12:00pm Alfonse Gambacorta req. Paula & Jim Dunn

**MONDAY, AUGUST 30**

1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Maureen Allen req. Carol Gallagher & Family

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 31**

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Melvin Spoth req. Morning Mass Group

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am For the Parishioners

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Louis & Margaret Insana req. Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, ST GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Fr. John Fox req. Est.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

3:00pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Virginia Daigler Harder req. Family

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37  
8:00am Al Knab req. Jacci Reed  
10:00am Uncle Victor & The Michalski Family req. Family  
12:00pm Joyce Giusti req. Julia Higgins

**MINISTERIAL SERVING SCHEDULE**

**4:00PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**LECTOR:** Marlene Killian  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Diane Camp & Joan Costello

**8:00AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**LECTOR:** Presentacion Rivera  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Nora Fiegl & Pasquale Limoncelli

**10:00AM**

**LECTOR:** Jerry Owczarczak  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Maria Gambacorta & Cindy Wielgas

**12NOON**

**LECTOR:** Ashton Joseph  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Aileen Stewart & Kathy Skipper

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

In these uncertain times, please pray for the sick, especially 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 especially the earthquake victims in Haiti, flood victims in Tennessee and those in Afghanistan.

We also remember all those with COVID, those who have passed from this life, all victims of physical and sexual abuse 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.

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## Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ...

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you."



Today's second reading is from the Letter of St. James. We will be journeying with James' Epistle for the next five weeks of Ordinary Time. Some have likened his Letter to the Old Testament's wisdom literature. It is considered a "universal letter" written to the entire early church instead of to a specific community or person. It provides insight to help us in our daily lives of discipleship. Today's reading begins by reminding us of the gracious God who supplies us with "every perfect gift" and in whom there is "no alteration or shadow caused by change."

Knowing the constancy and generosity of God, our gift-giver, we are invited to "humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you." James' metaphor to gardening is apt for the spiritual life. Some of our annual plants in our gardens have already seen better days. To flourish as Christians, we need to nourish and protect the seed of faith that we have received. Yet, this is not all. James continues by invoking us to "be doers" of the word and "not hearers only."

St. Francis of Assisi is famous for stating, "Preach the gospel at all times, and if necessary, use words." While our call to evangelization definitely requires the use of words, this quote – and James' injunction – reminds us that our words mean nothing if they are not supported and lived out by our action. It is not enough to hear the words of God. We must allow these words to become fully rooted within us; when we do, our whole life changes. We become more loving, more giving, humble, more Christ-like. This week let us consider: How do we receive the word of God as the greatest gift in our lives? And after receiving this gift: How do we strive to enact these words in all that we do and speak?

"Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you." If you haven't already begun to allow God's word to touch your life, let me, make a simple suggestion. Take the gospel for next Sunday and sit with for a few minutes each day until you hear it opened for you in liturgy. Take that word and plant it deep inside of you so that it may bear fruit in your life beyond our expectations.

In Christ,

Fr. Rob



## From Lifelong Faith Formation...

It's hard to believe we're getting ready for another year of Faith Formation! I would like to thank Tim Sember for speaking at our Catechist Meeting which was held on August 18. Tim has a Masters in Theology from the Seminary along with many years of experience in Youth Ministry and Faith Formation! We are delighted that he shared his "best practices for extraordinary catechists" with us. He let our teachers know how important it is to "pray and prepare, arrive early, greet at the door, engage and enjoy, and witness." We're all looking forward to an exciting year of learning more about the Catholic faith and building our relationship with Jesus!

We invite all Faith Formation families, Catechists and parishioners to join us at the 10 AM Liturgy on Catechetical Sunday (the third Sunday in September), September 19. The theme this year is "Say the Word and my Soul Shall be Healed." Classes will begin on Saturday, September 18, Sunday, September 19 and Wednesday, September 22. On that first Wednesday, class for grades 7-10 will be in the Church at 7-8 PM as students will be attending a one-man play about St. Joseph. We invite all of our parishioners, family and friends to attend this FREE event!

Hope & Blessings

Pam Rankin

## Feast Day Words of Gratitude...

I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Bishop Michael Fisher and Deacon Timothy Chriswell for celebrating liturgy with us on our Feast Day of St. Pius X. To everyone who served in the liturgy, all of our parishioners, our musician, lector, Eucharistic Ministers, acolytes, ushers, greeters, Knights and master of ceremony. Liturgy was celebrated well and I was proud and excited in the progress we have made in carrying out our ministries. To everyone involved thanks for your dedication and commitment in your service to the Lord.

To all our organizations, working together, we accomplished a major parish social following liturgy by hosting the bishop with a parish picnic. Over a hundred and fifty parishioners were part of the celebration which included wonderful food, conversation and a few moments of socialization among the community. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Altar & Rosary, Ladies of Charity, Queen of Peace Healing Ministry, Eucharistic Ministers, Novena, Senior Group, our staff, Holy Name & Knights of Columbus for coordinating and collaborating with each other to make this a wonderful event. There was excitement, joy and happiness that was generated by everyone involved. I was so proud of all that made this day a wonderful celebration of faith. Our overabundance of food from the picnic was sent to St Luke's Mission of Mercy to assist in their efforts of ministering to the poor and needy. Once again thanks to everyone for making this a moment for all of us to be proud of our faith community.

Fr. Rob

## ST. PAULA WIDOWS GROUP

The St. Paula Widows Group of St. Pius X will be meeting on Tuesday, September 7th 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, September 7th. If you would like additional information, please call Jaci Reed at (716) 433-5010 or email at GrammaJ50@aol.com

## 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. 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.

## DONATE BLOOD THIS TUESDAY!

August 31st, 1:00pm - 6:00pm  
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Walk-ins are always welcome!

## SENIOR ORGANIZATION EVENTS FOR 2021 COME & ENJOY!

**9/1/2021** - 1:00pm Meeting with entertainment to follow.

**10/6/2021** - Communion Breakfast following the 9:00am Liturgy. Liturgy intention for "All Senior Members, Living & Deceased"

**11/3/2021** - 1:00pm Nomination and election of new officers with entertainment to follow.

**12/1/2021** - Christmas Luncheon

## KEEP THE DATES...

Labor Day Liturgy on Monday, September 6 at 9:00am will be celebrated outdoors at the Marian Shrine. A social will follow. Please bring a dish to pass and a chair. All are welcome to join us for the close of Summer.

Vigil for 9/11... On Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM a Memorial liturgy will be offered on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11 at our outdoor monument. This will be our participation in the *September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance* in memory of the 2,997 people killed in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. Bring a chair and join us for this time of prayer for the victims and their family members, as we honor our First Responders and those now serving in the military as protectors

## 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](mailto:coacorner@aol.com).

## ROAD TO RENEWAL

At the Fatima Shrine this Sunday, August 29th, the diocese with Bishop Michael Fisher, clergy and representative leaders from each parish within the diocese will gather for prayer and liturgy as we begin this spiritual component of the sojourn towards the Road to Renewal. From our parish those attending will be Jude Schwendler, Arun Joseph and Fr. Rob. Please keep this process in your prayers as we strive to bring forth a renewal in our diocese, our parish and in each of those called to discipleship. Further information in regards to this process is posted and updated on our website under the Road to Renewal tab.

## ST. JOSEPH IS COMING!

### LET'S PREPARE A TABLE FOR HIM!

Please join us on September 22, 2021 in the Church at 7 PM as St. Pius X Parish welcomes a member of the Holy Family. A St. Joseph impersonator will be telling the life story of Joseph in a live theatrical presentation entitled "God's son...my son". Accompany St. Joseph as he fulfills his call to be a human father to Jesus. From a turbulent and exciting beginning with Jesus and Mary to living a simple hidden life, hear how he strived to protect his family and how he raised Jesus during the hidden years. See how this quiet and silent man put his trust in God's plan for him and lived a life of obedience and action. Witness how he participated in the work of God and trusted in God to faithfully carry out the mission that God gave him. Listen to the Patron Saint of Workers share his words of wisdom and insights into the purpose of work and how work can be a path to holiness. This presentation is free and for all ages.

# The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **READING 1** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people:

"Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

## **READING 2** Eph 5:2a, 25-32

Dearest brothers and sisters:

All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.

He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you

and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this:

to care for orphans and widows in their affliction  
and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **GOSPEL** Jn 6:60-69

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem

gathered around Jesus,

they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders.

And on coming from the marketplace

they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed,

the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him,

"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"

He responded,

"Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines human precepts.

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them,

"Hear me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."



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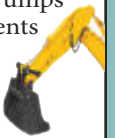
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