



# Saint Pius X

## Roman Catholic Parish

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 | THE TWENTY-THIRD 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, 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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, LABOR DAY**

Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Margaret Insana req. Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Johnny von der Empten req. Paul von der Empten

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Charles & Salvatore Falcone req. Sandy Falcone

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST**

Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Leonard Wyse req. Wyse Family

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42  
8:30am Rosary  
9:00am Claude Rathbun req. Family  
6:00pm Baptism Lydia Diana Robinson  
7:00pm Vigil 9/11 Memorial Liturgy

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

3:00pm Reconciliation  
4:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Frank Schenk req. Daniel Schenk & Family

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35  
8:00am George & Mary Laschinger req. Ann Gregoire  
10:00am Roger Novits req. Novits Family  
12:00pm Peter Carbone req. Family

**MINISTERIAL SERVING SCHEDULE**

**4:00PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**LECTOR:** Elizabeth Ehrmann  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Jane Mayer & Lynda Davidson

**8:00AM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**LECTOR:** Dave Enders  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Betty & Bill Eichhorn

**10:00AM**

**LECTOR:** Dave Wielgas  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Kathy Skipper & Cheryl Malzan

**12NOON**

**LECTOR:** Bonnie Hall  
**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Sam Battaglia & Audrey Omilian

**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 especially those we remember on the 20th Anniversary of the September 11th attacks on our Nation.

We also remember all those with COVID, those who have passed from this life, especially, the 13 members of the military killed in the bombing at Kabul Airport; all victims of physical and sexual abuse and the friends and benefactors of St. Pius X Parish.

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL IN BUFFALO**

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church.

In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people closer to you.

Continually bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care.

Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church.

This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

"And immediately the man's ears were opened."



In 1955, St. Teresa of Calcutta founded the Missionaries of Charity, an order of religious sisters that seek to care for the dying and destitute of the world. In her book *In the Heart of the World*, Mother Teresa describes her spirituality: "Seeking the face of God in everything, everyone, all the time, and his hand in every happening; this is what it means to be contemplative in the heart of the world. Seeing and adoring the presence of Jesus, especially in the lowly appearance of bread, and in the distressing disguise of the poor." So often, it can be difficult for us to recognize Jesus in the people in front of us, especially if their "distressing disguise" is one of poverty or of mental or physical illness. And yet, with these 'poorest of the poor', we find the beloved of God.

In the second reading, St. James urges the early Christian community to examine their habit of treating the rich and poor differently. He accuses them of making "distinctions" based on social class and thus becoming "judges with evil designs." James points to God's habit of choosing "those who are poor in the world" as the ones who are "to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom." Throughout salvation history, God invited the vulnerable and powerless to be His greatest collaborators – from David, a lowly shepherd boy, the youngest of seven brothers who becomes the king of Israel, to Mary, a young peasant woman who bears the son of God to the world.

In today's gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man by using the word "Ephphatha" meaning "Be opened!" We might also make this our prayer, that in everything our Lord might open our senses to find and serve Him in all those we meet.

As we approach the end of Summer and the beginning of the Fall season, let's keep our focus upon seeing God in everything, everyone, and all that we do. Let us strive to work together so as to re-immerge from a difficult year and bear fruit that will produce the quality of the kingdom being present in our midst. I look forward to collaborating with all our groups and organizations striving to bring us back to life in living out our mission. Thank you for all that you do for the parish.

In Christ,  
Fr. Rob

### LABOR DAY LITURGY

Our Labor Day Liturgy on Monday, September 6th 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.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

In celebration of the Labor Day Holiday, all parish offices will be closed on Monday, September 6th and reopen on Tuesday, September 7th. In case of emergency, please call 688-9143.

## From Lifelong Faith Formation...

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, teachers and families the best of luck as we head back to school this week! I'm praying for a healthy and happy year full of faith, kindness and friendship!

Prayer for a New School Year (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops): Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart; you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways. At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy: bless the students, teachers, and staff of our school, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus. Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge; deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

We invite all Faith Formation families, Catechists and parishioners to join us at 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

### SEPTEMBER 19TH NOVENA

The monthly Novena in Honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal will be prayed on Sunday September, 19, 2021 directly after the 8am Mass. Although we were unable to meet in August, please be assured that your prayers will not go unanswered. Our Blessed Mother is available 24/7. All you need to do is to call on her!

This novena prayer service is very powerful since it unites us with Our Blessed Mother who acts as our intercessor. Please join us for the September novena: all are welcome to enjoy this short 15 minute visit with our all powerful and never failing Blessed Mother!

### VIGIL 9/11 MEMORIAL LITURGY

St. Pius X, faith community would like to invite you and all our local 1<sup>st</sup> Responders to join our 9/11 Memorial Vigil Liturgy on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in front of our church. This remembrance liturgy is being offered for the 2,997 people killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York City, Arlington, Virginia and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Bring a friend and 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 protecting and defending our nation and world. All are welcome.

## BOOK CLUB

Our October 4th book, Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heart-breaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps. Please join us on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. in the Father Weber Center as we delve into this beautifully written story that will resonate with you and that you will remember for a very long time.

## LADIES OF CHARITY

Ladies of Charity will not be resuming the monthly food collection after Masses. We will continue to send gift cards to our needy families. If you would like to donate a gift card, please drop it into the collection basket or mail to the parish office. Thank you to everyone who has already donated gift cards during this difficult time. Our families are very appreciative God Bless you and your families for your generosity.

## 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.

## 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.

## PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY...

As the sun rises to bring in the new day: We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward. We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day. We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes. We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest: We remember those who work in the night. We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day. We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work. We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign!

We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## SAVE THE DATE: ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Diocese of Buffalo and the Office of Pastoral Ministries wishes to honor couples who will observe their 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and recognize the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice, challenges and comforts in daily married life. This will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral on Sunday, October 24. If you would like to be part of this celebration, please call the parish office at (716) 688-9143!

## FIAT

St. Gregory the Great Parish invites you to join us for "FIAT", Saturday, September 11th at 7:00 pm, in the church. Open your heart to the Lord and allow Him to make you a channel of His peace. Our guest speaker will be St. Gregory the Great parishioner, Beth Courtney who will talk about the Most Holy Fruit of 'Peace'. Come, for a solid faith filled talk, great music, prayer ministry and most importantly, time with our Lord before the Eucharist. All are welcome!

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## **READING 1** Is 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:  
Be strong, fear not!  
Here is your God,  
he comes with vindication;  
with divine recompense  
he comes to save you.  
Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,  
the ears of the deaf be cleared;  
then will the lame leap like a stag,  
then the tongue of the mute will sing.  
Streams will burst forth in the desert,  
and rivers in the steppe.  
The burning sands will become pools,  
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

R. (1b) **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,  
secures justice for the oppressed,  
gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

R. **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;  
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.  
The LORD loves the just;  
the LORD protects strangers.

R. **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,  
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.  
The LORD shall reign forever;  
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

R. **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

## **READING 2** Jas 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality  
as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.  
For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes  
comes into your assembly,  
and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in,  
and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes  
and say, "Sit here, please,"  
while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my  
feet,"  
have you not made distinctions among yourselves  
and become judges with evil designs?  
Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters.  
Did not God choose those who are poor in the world  
to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom  
that he promised to those who love him?

## **GOSPEL** Mk 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre  
and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee,  
into the district of the Decapolis.  
And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech  
impediment  
and begged him to lay his hand on him.  
He took him off by himself away from the crowd.  
He put his finger into the man's ears  
and, spitting, touched his tongue;  
then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him,  
"Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!" —  
And immediately the man's ears were opened,  
his speech impediment was removed,  
and he spoke plainly.  
He ordered them not to tell anyone.  
But the more he ordered them not to,  
the more they proclaimed it.  
They were exceedingly astonished and they said,  
"He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



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