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know,
love,
& serve.

Wishing You and Yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
From the Clergy and Staff at St. Pius X Catholic Church

A Message from Monsignor

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas - so the popular seasonal song goes - and so it is at Saint Pius the Tenth. But it isn't the holly on the door and toys in every store that makes it look like Christmas here. It's the love lived, the gifts of God shared, and the search of our modern day Magi who find Christ hidden



*Reverend Monsignor
Anthony Marcaccio*

in the least of our brothers and sisters. The spirit of Christmas adorns our parish far more beautifully than any seasonal decoration. I take this opportunity to thank you for sharing your gifts with us to further the great mission, which together we are accomplishing for the spread of the Gospel and the Glory of God. It is the same Glory that shone that night of the Incarnation, when Christ was born in Bethlehem, the

very same Glory that shines when Christ is reborn in our hearts. When you lift someone up in prayer or through your kindness, when you contribute in support of our ministries, when you do your very best to welcome and respect the Divine Spark of Life in each person, you make Saint Pius a place of light in a world that is sometimes frightfully dark. And yes, it begins to look a lot like Christmas. A person once said: *Christmas isn't so much about opening presents; it's about opening our hearts.* Thanks for opening yours at Saint Pius.

Merry Christmas,

DECEMBER & JANUARY MASSES

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9

7:00 a.m. Daily Mass

For 2019, this Solemnity is transferred to Monday and the usual Holy Day of Obligation does not apply.

Bambinelli Blessing Weekend

December 14-15

Bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass for a special Advent blessing.

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Children's Mass

Prelude Music by Davis Kelton and the Grimsley High School

*Madrigals beginning at 4:15 p.m. *Nursery Available*

8:00 p.m. Mass

Prelude Music by SPX Music Ministry beginning at 7:15 p.m.

12:00 midnight Mass

Prelude Music by SPX Music Ministry beginning at 11:15 p.m.

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Mass

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1

10:00 a.m. Mass

Holy Day of Obligation

Please remember ...

We rely on your contributions at this time of year to meet our annual budget. Your

end-of-year gifts are much appreciated and necessary to fund our ministry.

**A SEASON OF
GRATITUDE.
A SEASON OF
GIVING THANKS.**



Calling All Alumni of St. Pius X School!

Join our Alumni Association! Register on our school website www.spxschool.com under the tab for "Programs."

Whether you're a recent or not-so-recent Alumni, this group is for everyone. Stay up-to-date with Alumni events and Stewardship opportunities.

Celebrating Our Alumni: Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 7 - Alumni Day at the Basketball Games Support St. Pius X as they take on IHM at home in the Connolly Athletic Center. Wear your SPX or Comets gear! Game times: 9:30 a.m. JV Girls; 10:45 a.m. JV Boys Gold; 12:00 noon Varsity Girls; 1:15 p.m. Varsity Boys Gold.

Saturday, January 4 - Alumni Reception after 5:00 p.m. Mass Join us after Mass from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the SPX Alumni Auditorium for an Alumni Reception. Enjoy the company of old classmates, visit the school, and learn more about our Alumni Association. Open to all SPX Alumni in high school and older.

Help Us Plan and Prepare for Events!

Would you like to help us plan, prepare, or run any of our upcoming events? Contact April Parker aparker@spxschool.com or Kate Wahlberg dkwahlberg@aol.com.

Monsignor Goes to Washington

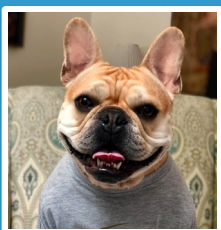
On Tuesday, November 19, Monsignor Marcaccio was honored by the invitation of a friend and fellow Catholic, NC Senator Thom Tillis, to open the daily session of the United States Senate with a prayer. The video of Monsignor's prayer is available for viewing online on our St. Pius X Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stpiusxnc or directly on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/JTxxvsMreDwA>. *Amen and God Bless the USA!*



The babies in Bethlehem thank you for your generosity and commitment to life. Ambassador Bowe, the staff, and the families send their gratitude and prayers for your contributions and interest in the work of Holy Family Hospital.

Pictured clockwise from bottom left: Ambassador Bowe brought handmade OliveWood rosaries from the Holy Land; Warren Duhaime had a little fun at dinner; Ambassador Bowe spoke about the Holy Family Hospital at Mass; Monsignor Marcaccio, Deb Ritzel, Ambassador Michele Bowe, Lindsay Kohl, and Pat Spivey after the dinner hosted by the Knights of Malta.

HAVE YOU JOINED OUR ST. PIUS X "REALM?" Our database has been updated and now allows for parishioners to log into their own, secure account to view/update profile information and much more. Here is a list of just some of what you can do in REALM: Manage your profile; Customize your communication options; Search for and join ministry groups; View and manage your giving history; Register for programs and events; and more! Visit www.stpiusxnc.com/realm for more information.



Tater Marcaccio

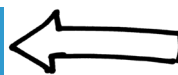
Added by St. Pius X Catholic Church on Nov 19, 2019

Info

Groups

Giving

Pathway



BE LIKE TATER! You can add a profile or family picture and update your contact information easily through REALM. Manage your privacy settings, email, and text options. Help our parish staff keep our records up-to-date! *When the year is over, you can even print your own giving summary to see how many "bones" you've buried!*

New Faith Enrichment Courses Begin in February at St. Pius X -- Sign Up Today!

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
with Ben & Alice Yorks
February 4 - March 2

Living Your Strengths

Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
with Tita Wofford
March 3 - 24

SIGN UP BEGINNING DEC. 1

Register Today Online at
www.stpiusxnc.com/current-courses
or Call Parish Office 336-272-4681
Look for more details in the Bulletin!

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

TWO Class Options

- 1) Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
with Deb Ritzel & Beth Abram
 - 2) Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
with Martha Harvey & Dan Curran
- March 4 - April 1

Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life

Thursdays 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
with Deb Ritzel & Therese Chase
February 6 - March 26

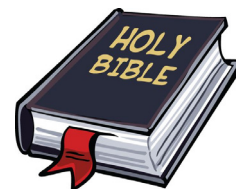
ALSO COMING SOON ...

The 99 Masterclass: Leadership Formation for Evangelization

Monthly beginning in January 2020

Rediscover the Saints

Lent 2020



Welcome
Joe Farris

Catholic Speaker & Evangelist
St. Pius X Parish Advent Mission

Church Fully Alive - Part 1

Monday, December 9

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Church Fully Alive - Part 2

Tuesday, December 10

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Located in the church.

No RSVP Required.

Nursery Available Both Nights.



SLOW DOWN this Advent Season and join your fellow parishioners for a very special two-night Advent Mission. Joe Farris is a well-known Catholic Speaker and Evangelist who has been featured by Dynamic Catholic and LifeTeen. His humility and humor are unmatched, and his passion is contagious. Discover how to bring your faith to the forefront of your life this Advent, and watch our Church become more **Fully Alive!** Friends and guests are welcome. This mission is open to all youth and adults of our parish and community.

SPX Confirmation students may earn spiritual hours for attending!



UNPLANNED MOVIE SCREENING

Saturday, January 11 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Simmons Parish Center, Main Hall

Sponsored by the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus

Join us for dinner and a special screening of the movie, UNPLANNED, the true story of Pro-Life advocate Abby Johnson.

Cost is \$5 per person. Please register early, space is limited. Call the parish office or register online at www.stpiusxnc.com/events. Youth Movie?

**The Nursery will be available with advance RSVP.*

Please note that this movie is rated R by the MPAA due to its graphic and intense nature. For more information visit: <https://www.pluggedin.com/movie-reviews/unplanned-2019>.

CALENDAR CLIPS: Clip It! Post It! Do It!

Seniors Ministry

Monthly Mass and Luncheon

Join us **Tuesday, December 10** to share in the Christmas Spirit and welcome Catholic Speaker and Evangelist Joe Farris. Reservations are required.

11:00 a.m. Chapel Mass
Followed by Lunch and Presentation

RSVP Gloria Essa: 336-299-3926

Tai Chi

Every Thursdays
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

\$4 drop in donation



Gentle Yoga

Every Thursday
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Please bring either a yoga mat (if you are not using a chair) or a large bath mat or beach towel.

\$4 drop in donation

Please note that there will be NO TAI CHI or YOGA on December 26 or January 2, and there will be NO Mass or Luncheon in January.

Mary's Sons Apostolate Pray with Us!

Thursday, January 2 to Monday, January 6

Mary's Sons is an apostolate established by lay Catholics in our diocese whose mission is to promote prayer, support, and love for our priests. Mary's Sons purchases personal kneelers each year for the men who will be ordained priests from our diocese. St. Pius X will host the kneelers for **Deacons Jacob Mlakar and Jonathan Torres** from **Thursday, January 2 through Monday, January 6.** They will be located in the church. You are invited to pray on the kneelers for each one of these men and write your well wishes in their personal journals. The kneelers and journals will be presented to them as gifts upon their Ordination in June 2020.

Mary, Queen of Heaven, pray for our Priests.



St. Pius X Socials Cookie and Ornament Exchange

Monday, December 16
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

See bulletin for more information or RSVP to Alice Yorks @ alicef81@aol.com or 336-280-1223

SAVE THE DATES - Upcoming 2020 Socials!

Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance
February 15, 2020



Santa Re-Gift B.I.N.G.O.
January 17, 2020



Greening of the Church **Monday, December 16** **at 9:00 a.m.**

"Many Hands Make Light Work!"



The Season of Music!

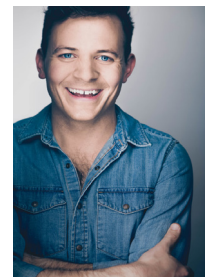


Grimsley High School Madrigals
"Carols & Cocoa"
Sunday, December 8
3:00 p.m.

Concert in the church followed by a reception in the Parish Center.

Concert Pianist
Richard Valitutto
Sunday, December 22
3:00 p.m.

Concert in the church followed by a reception in the Parish Center.



Sunshine Club Christmas Dance

Friday, December 6

To donate or volunteer, visit our website at www.stpiusxnc.com. Sunshine Club is listed under Outreach Ministries. Follow link to the Sign-Up!

WINTER IS COMING

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR EMAIL, OUR PARISH SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS @STPIUSXNC, THE LOCAL NEWS, OR OUR PARISH WEBSITE HOME PAGE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT OFFICE CLOSURES AND CANCELLATIONS. **PLEASE BE SAFE & STAY WARM!**

Crafting for a CAUSE

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Join the SPX Community Life Committee for an evening of holiday fun. Bring any projects you are working on and we'll provide the space and time to socialize with music, treats, and fellowship. We will have several easy projects available, too. Join us in the Parish Center on **Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Questions? Call Mary at 651-788-0751



Knights ROSARY in the CHAPEL

Sunday, December 8

at 10:15 a.m. in between the Masses

Seasons of Hope

meets for six consecutive weeks at Saint Pius X Catholic Church

February 16 to March 22

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and is invited to bring a guest. Please join us. To register please call the St. Pius X parish office at 336-272-4681, ext. 104.



Knights of Columbus FAMILY BRUNCH

All families are invited to
Brunch with St. Nicholas
Sunday, December 15
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

During the regular Faith Formation time (10:15 - 11:15 a.m.) there will be a special visit from St. Nick, a photo opportunity, and a special Christmas craft. *Please join us!*



First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 6 One hour time slots from **Noon - 7:00 p.m.** (With a break for daily Mass at 5:15 p.m.) Enter through the chapel door. Come for as long as you can!



Giving Tree Gifts Due December 8!

On **Sunday, December 8**, all gifts are due with firmly attached tags. Please drop them off in the church before or after all Masses during the weekend of December 7/8.

Calling All Women

St. Pius X Women's Retreat

at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center

Retreat Director: Richard Collings

*Mystics' Experiences of Meditation-Inspired
Action and Growth in the Love of God*

Saturday January 11, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. with Mass starting at 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45 includes lunch.

Please contact Ann Bauer for more information or to make arrangements 336-573-3751.

**Salvation
Army Bell
Ringers**



**REGISTER TO
RING**

To sign up, please contact Ann Robinson with SPX Community Life at 336-273-5426 or email AnnRobinson@triad.rr.com. Location: Harris Teeter on Lawndale Dr.

Friday, December 6 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 7 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Available in 1 or 2 hour time slots (may be split).

The Smiling Face of Stewardship

Carolyn Painley

Many of you know Gloria Monahan as the smiling face behind our Parish Center reception desk. Gloria was most generous of her time this past spring and summer as a “Volunteer Minister of First Impressions” before Erin started the job in August. While serving in that role, Gloria let me know daily how much she loved helping in that role. This past month, I asked Gloria a few questions about her stewardship. What surprised me the most is that her answers did not reflect the First Impressions role that she so clearly loved! Gloria is most called to serve with her granddaughter Lucy at our monthly Sunshine Club events. Thank you Gloria for making us aware that is our privilege to live our stewardship with family and friends.



Gloria and her granddaughter at the 2019 Night to Shine.

What gift of yours is God using in this ministry? Bringing love and conversation to those with special needs. We also prepare food and small gifts for the Sunshine Club participants **How is this ministry positively impacting those being served?** The Sunshiners have hours of fun and fellowship with their friends here. **How has God blessed and taught you through serving in this ministry?** This ministry helps me realize that it is not ‘things’ that make you happy and that everyone is loved and fits well in God’s plan. **Why would you encourage others to serve at Saint Pius?** My granddaughter has learned to give of herself and that she has special talents to share with others.

In closing, Gloria stressed that our community is stronger because we have many ministries in which to show others God’s love and to work together to **Know, Love, and Serve.**



The 8th grade students at St. Pius X School hosted their annual Veterans’ Day Tribute Mass on November 11. This Mass has become a tradition for our parish and community, and we are blessed to be able to honor the men and women of our United States Armed Forces in such a special way. Pictured from left to right: Bugler Jay Callaham (USA) stood at attention with our student flag-bearers; guest speaker Greg “Gunny” Costello (USMC), father of 6th grader, Gianna, spoke about his calling to serve; the Color Guard from the 82d Airborne at Ft. Bragg presented the colors at Mass.

St. Pius X School Visits Belmont Abbey

April Parker

During vocations week, Mr. Parker’s 8th grade classes from St. Pius X School visited Belmont Abbey College. They enjoyed touring the campus and eating the delicious food in the student dining hall, but the highlight of the trip was the discussions they engaged in with monks, seminarians, and other university professionals. Father Elias, a Benedictine monk at Belmont Abbey, explained to the students what being a Benedictine is all about, his reasons for choosing to enter the order, and how his life has been blessed by this choice. Following Father Elias, students were able to speak with seminarians from St. Joseph’s Seminary, who reiterated their own choices in choosing to become priests. The final highlight was the surprise opportunity to speak with Belmont Abbey’s men’s and women’s lacrosse coaches who presented a different, but impactful spin on vocations. The coaches talked to the students about the academic and spiritual requirements of players they look for as they recruit from our local Catholic high schools. After this trip, many young minds were redirected to the opportunities and depth of spirituality available at this Catholic college that is so close to home.



St. Pius X Catholic School 8th grade students on the campus of Belmont Abbey.

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PARISHIONER NEWS

Newcomers ~ Welcome to Our Parish!

Bill & Raye BEITZELL	27409
daughters Isabella, Julianna, Theresa	
Humberto & Laurel CASTILLA	27455
children Anne, Daniel, David	
Eoin & Heather COLLERAN	27455
daughters Aoibhin, Saoirse	
Emer COLLERAN	27455
Jim ENGLISH	27405
Julia FERGUS	27403
Jake & Gina HOPKINS	27265
Nick & Brittany KING	27284
Danielle LESTER	27215
Fran LOZANO	27358
Michael & Kimberly MANN	27455
son Parker	
Rod & Linda MOORE	27406
Matthew 7 Jenna MORRONE	27455
Luis & Millie MUNOZ	27408
Michael & Amber MUNOZ	27455
daughter Ava	

Donna NGUYEN	27409
Gloria O'CONNOR	27282
Matthew & Stephanie SARNECKY	27265
sons Mason, Harrison	
Ronda SORTINO	27410
Fred & Shirley VAN MAELE	27455
Linda VAN MAELE	27455

Baptisms ~ Congratulations!

Emilia Cirigliano	Cecelia Gobbo
Parker Mann	Claire Strickland

Funerals ~ Our Sympathy

Susan Jarrell Edwards
William Edward Richardson
James Russell Holt

Wedding ~ Blessings!

Whitney Gillon & Ben Kordsmeier

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