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A New Year at St. Pius X Brings New Blessings!



On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Holly and Luke McDaniel celebrated the baptism of their daughter, Emma Rose, with big sister Ellie, aunt Abby Barber, and godfather Dan Allen (top). The new liturgical year saw a special Advent Bambinelli Blessing (bottom right). Parishioner Timothy Parish extinguishes the Advent candles after Mass (bottom left).



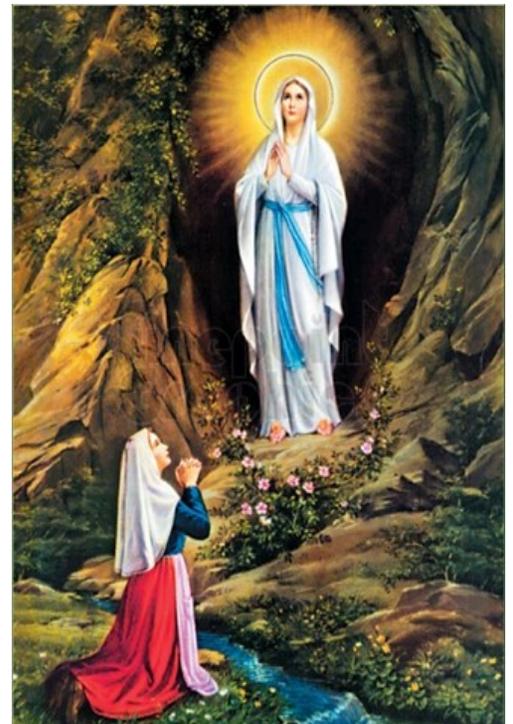
A New Year's Prayer



Thank you Lord, for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should, as I enter into each new day. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. This year ahead is empty; help me fill it with good things. As each new day is filled with joy, allow me to see the happiness it brings. Amen.

World Day of the Sick and The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Pope John Paul II introduced this celebration as a way for believers to be in solidarity with those who are sick, suffering, and those who have grown weak under the burden of years. We pray for healing and strength for those who carry their crosses. We will offer the *Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick* following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 8, the Saturday before the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes and the World Day of the Sick. A special blessing will also be given with water from Our Lady's Shrine, a place of healing and hope, for all the sick and all their caregivers present.





A group of Wolf Scouts in Pack 244 at St. Pius X created "Cups of Cheer" for 25 children at one of the local Boys and Girls Club locations. This act of service was a part of their Council Fire adventure.



The hearts of the residents at Hall Towers were very full after receiving their Giving Tree gifts from the parishioners at St. Pius X.

Caring And Crafting for a Cause 2019

Mary Schwartz

On December 4, Saint Pius X parishioners gathered in the Simmons Center to spend an evening doing their favorite crafts and helping others at the same time. In the festive atmosphere, our talented parishioners knitted and crocheted baby items for the Women's Hospital and Room at the Inn, sewed port pillows and face masks for Kisses4Kate, tied fleece scarves for the IRC and Boys and Girls Club, tied doggie blankets for Guilford County Animal Shelter, put together personal care kits for women, and compiled Blessing Bags of necessities for the homeless. It was the 4th year of getting together to aid those in need in our community...and the Community Life Committee is already planning for the next Caring and Crafting for a Cause event.

Valentine's Dinner Dance
STEPPIN' OUT IN
FLAPPER STYLE

Saturday, February 15
6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Simmons Center

Tickets on sale in the Parish Office
\$25 Single; \$40 Couple or
Reserve a table for \$170

The evening includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, music with our favorite DJ, and many surprises.

Adult beverages will be available.

For more information see the church bulletin or contact Alice Yorks at 336-280-1223 or alicef81@aol.com

Child Care Available 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. by registering at the parish office.



Gloria Essa, Warren Duhaime and Dolores Ahrens welcome guests to the December Seniors Luncheon. Our next luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, February. Join us!

Author Stacy McAnulty Visits St. Pius X Catholic School

April Parker

All grade levels at St. Pius X School learned so much from the visiting author Stacy McAnulty, author of *Lighting Girl*, *The World Ends in April*, and *Earth*.

Middle school students enjoyed learning the unique art of writing, during their hour long session with Stacy. The author used real-life students as examples of how to interest and hook your audience, as well as to emphasize the biggest dos and don'ts when it comes to the use of proper grammar. Stacy also led students in a discussion of how to research the topic you want to write about with credible sources, along with some of her own misadventures in writing.

The intermediate grades got the inside scoop on how Stacy wrote her books, as well as a first-hand look at her newest books to hit the market in the next few years. Students learned how real-life events kindle an author's imagination, and how one close encounter can ignite the spark for a new book idea.

Primary grades loved learning about Stacy's own children and pets which serve as inspiration for some of her books. These students also saw the step-by-step process authors and illustrators go through when publishing a book. At the end of the day, many students and teachers would have to admit that they were inspired to write their own books!



Exploring the Delicious Dishes of Spanish Culture

April Parker

The students at St. Pius X School 8th graders recently participated in a Spanish Speaking Countries Food Project led by Spanish teacher Kat Manzella and English teacher

Liz Gardiner. Students researched a dish from a Spanish speaking country. After researching the country and the origins of the food, students got their creative juices flowing. Within cooperative groups, students used their research to create elaborate recipe cards and a brief summary of their research written in both English and Spanish. Then, they met as a group and actually prepared the dish to bring to school on Tuesday, December 11 when each 8th grade class presented their work to the other class during a Spanish Foods' Festival held down stairs in our new DeJoy Primary Center. Administrators and other middle school teachers were invited to attend and sample the food. Students learned many elements of history, math, and English, as well as how different cultures spread to other countries around the globe.

Vision 2025 Update

The 2025 Vision Committee would like to thank all those parishioners who recently participated in the parish survey. 632 surveys were completed and work has begun to compile the data gathered from them.

As the committee moves forward, the next step in the process will be Listening Sessions with small groups of parishioners at various locations, dates and times. These opportunities for you to share some time with fellow parishioners and provide more input will help the committee be more successful in presenting the optimal vision document for SPX's future.

Over the next several weeks, you will find sign up information for the sessions in the bulletin. Please be on the lookout for the announcements and choose a date, time and location that works for you. Our goal is to accommodate every parishioner who wants to share their thoughts and dreams about St. Pius the Tenth Catholic Church.

We look forward to seeing you at one of the Listening Sessions, and we wish you a Blessed and Happy New Year!

Joyce Markwell, *Chair*; Ben Davis, Betty Coleman, Mike Mode, Colleen Terry, Gary Fly, Joe Adamczyk, Kathleen Allen, Kathy Schaftlein, Martha Harvey, Pat Spivey

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and He will establish your plans.*

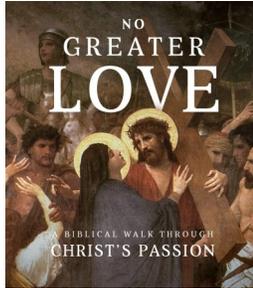
Proverbs 16:3

A Special Lenten Study Opportunity

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion will be offered three different times during Lent. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage.

Register for daytime and evening options at:

www.stpiusxnc.com/current-courses



DAYTIME

WEDNESDAYS 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
March 4 – April 1
Deb Ritzel, Beth Abram

EVENING

WEDNESDAYS 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
March 4 – April 1
Martha Harvey, Dan Curran

ABBREVIATED VERSION

SUNDAY COFFEE TALK
March 1 – 29 from 10:15—11:15 a.m.

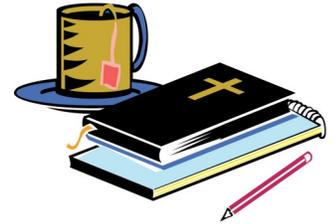
St. Pius X Purple Hat Ministry

Georgianna Penn

Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 4:30 p.m. in the Simmons Center as we knit tiny purple hats for newborns in awareness of Shaken Baby Syndrome. Hats are donated to Cone Health Women's Hospital and distributed during parenting classes along with information about the Period of PURPLE Crying. The PURPLE Cry Program is an evidence-based abuse prevention education program. Research shows that infant mortality rates have decreased by 30% in hospitals which implement this program! We hope you will join us in this life-affirming and life-saving

NEW ADULT STUDY CLASSES STARTING SOON!

Classes held in the Parish Center



TUESDAYS 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Romans: The Gospel of Salvation

February 4 – March 24: Ben and Alice Yorks

TUESDAYS 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. **Living Your Strengths: 4-Part Workshop**

March 3 – 24: Tita Wofford and Carolyn Painley

THURSDAYS 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life**

February 6 – March 26: Deb Ritzel, Therese Chase



Lenten Retreat

With Catholic Musicians

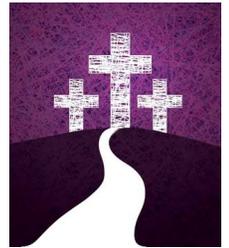
Sarah Heart and Steve Angrisano

Sunday and Monday, March 1 - 2
7:00 p.m. in the Simmons Center

Sarah Hart and Steve Angrisano will lead the parish in a Lenten Retreat. Come join us for music, prayer and fun to guide us through our Lenten journey.

There is no registration required and no charge for this event. ALL are welcome!

The nursery will be available for young children.



From the Stewardship Committee

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT –

Instead, discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that is designed to help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you'll receive a short inspirational video that will help you ...

- Find areas of growth
- Build better habits
- Spark a lasting change

To sign up, go to <http://dynamiccatholic.com/BestLent>

CALENDAR CLIPS ... *CLIP IT! POST IT! DO IT!*

SAVE THE DATE

**Annual MARDI GRAS
School Float Parade and Potluck**

“Fat” Tuesday

February 25—6:00 p.m.

See the bulletin for details.



Seasons of Hope: A Support Group for the Bereaved

Have you, a family member, or a close friend suffered the recent loss of a loved one? If feelings of isolation, emptiness and heart break are now overshadowing joy in life..... You are not alone! Our parish recognizes the unique responses each of you may now be experiencing and we invite and encourage you to attend the 2020 session of Season of Hope! This Christ-centered support group, created by a nationally acclaimed hospice specialist more than a decade ago, will once again be offered at St. Pius X parish.

Whether you are grieving and struggling with finding ways to cope with your sorrow, seeking a deeper meaning for your grief, or simply need consolation, your participation at Seasons of Hope will comfort you through the Church's teachings and offer fresh ways to cope with your sorrows. For those who are weary of feeling alone, please join us at the 2020 session of Seasons of Hope, where you will be offered comfort beyond measure!

Register by calling the parish office: (336) 272-4681
Simmons Parish Life Center, St Pius X Catholic Church

Dates: Sunday, February 16 – Sunday, March 22

Time: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Mary Schwarz for questions or additional information. 651-788-0751



Are you Italian-American?

If you are of Italian descent or are married to an Italian, consider joining the Italian American Social Club of Greensboro.

- Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Planned social activities during the year
- Meetings take place at: First Friends Meeting
2100 West Friendly Ave. Greensboro



For More Information:
Call JoeBasile
336-885-2268



Join Us!

**Seniors Luncheon
Tuesday, February 18**

Chapel Mass at 11:00 a.m.
Followed by lunch and a program.

RSVP to Gloria Essa 336.299.3926 no later than
Friday, February 14. Reservations are required.

**Theology Uncorked
Thursday, February 27**

6:00—7:30 p.m.
Simmons Center



Wine and Heavy Hors d'oeuvres

Registration Required
Contact 336-272-4681

ADULT GAME NIGHT

Friday, February 28

7:00—9:00 p.m.

Beverages and Snacks provided!!!
Watch the bulletin for details for this and
other social opportunities.

Line Dancing is Back

Not just country ,but to all kinds of music!

Wednesday February 5, 12, 19 and 26.

See the bulletin for more information

Questions: Alice Yorks

336-280-1223 or
alicef81@aol.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Lenten Retreat Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus "Blessed, Broken, and Scared"



Open to all – males and females! Knights, SPX parishioners, non-parishioners, and guests are welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required. Sign up online at www.stpiusxnc.com/events, on the Realm app, or contact the parish office at 336-272-4681.

Saturday, March 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Simmons Parish Center, Main Hall

\$5 Registration fee to cover meals – pay in advance or at the door.

Donuts and Coffee available at 8:30 a.m. Retreat talks will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. A light lunch will be served. Retreat concludes at 3:00 p.m.

Talks and Discussions Will Include: The reality of our brokenness, the infinite mercy of God, the great masquerade, true Christian friendship, the call to become Eucharist

Speaker: Brian Pusateri

Brian is a Catholic lay evangelist. Brian is the author of 4th Day Letters and founder of Broken Door Ministries. Come and learn the secret to living closer to Christ through true authentic Christian friendship. *A Free Will offering will be collected during the retreat for Broken Door Ministries.*



Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses weekend of February 15 and 16



February is Heart Healthy Month! The Health Ministry is offering blood pressure checks after all Masses the weekend of February 15 and 16. Come meet our Cone Congregational Nurses and other members of our Health Ministry in the Nurses Office, located in the Simmons Center, near the Nursery and Nicodemus Room. Guidelines for blood pressure readings have changed and they will have information about that as well.

New Newcomer Coordinators

Kim Lewis

Kathy and Doug Faison were new parishioners themselves when I first met them! They attended one of our first Newcomer dinners ...and shortly thereafter joined our Ministry!



If you have ever had the pleasure of volunteering with "The Fabulous Faisons," you **know** they are THE "dynamic duo!" They each possess a servant's heart! From set up to clean up and all things in between (Doug makes an *amazing* feta+bread appetizer the *entire* New Member team loves!), and they do it all humbly, with love and grace.

"We offer the gift of smiles and welcoming attitude to help others feel as welcome at SPX as we felt when we first attended many years ago. We try to introduce them to parishioner neighbors with similar interests to help them assimilate," Doug said. "All new members bring their gifts and are essential to making SPX a place where everyone can grow, thrive and find common interests," Kathy explained.

When asked how God has blessed them through their stewardship, Doug replied, "We generally attend the Saturday p.m. Mass, so we don't see people from the other Masses. Yet through this ministry we have met new friends who attend the other masses."

"We hope to impact those being served by being an example of the SPX vision to know, love and serve. The goal is to know about SPX and how we show our faith through actions; showing our love for God by spreading His example of welcoming all and by helping others find their place at the SPX faith table," Kathy said.

Finally, when asked about encouraging fellow parishioners to get involved in the various ministries offered at SPX, they responded, "All ministries at SPX have a personality! There is something for everyone. Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? Join the music ministry! Do you prefer organizing events? Get involved with the Crop Walk or Thanksgiving meal ministry! Do you enjoy sharing our faith with others? Sign up to help with RCIA or faith formation classes. There are *so* many opportunities to reach out and help others!"

Many thanks to Kim Lewis who has led Newcomers since its beginning, and because she makes it so much fun and is so engaging, everyone wants to help. Congratulations, Kim...a Star Steward for sure!!!

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Everyone is invited to this ministry. Please call the office for dates and details.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 at 3:00 pm

Email: terrekepler@gmail.com

PARISHIONER NEWS

Newcomers ~ Welcome!

John and Katherine BERUBE 27455

Michael and Shenon BONE 27455

Jacob BOWEN 27405

Chad and Lauren COOK
son Carter 27455

Lauren REYNOLDS
son Grant Hinshaw 27360

Larry and Jan KEINER 27410

Todd ROURKE 27405

Jim and Lucy SCHIERMEYER 27455

Baptisms ~ Congratulations!

Luke Thaxton

Emma McDaniel

Seavy Villier

Violet Muse

Lyla Williams

Weddings ~ Blessings!

Drew Hackett and Cassidy Sparks

Matthew Eyler and Lindsey McLauren

Sebastian King and Victoria Allred

Funeral ~ Our Sympathy

Cathy Harkey

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