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A Message from Monsignor

We begin this month with the feasts of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, and we continue to celebrate a special communion with all who have gone before us in faith throughout November at our liturgies. The teachings of the Church on the Communion of Saints express what we know from our experience: death does not unravel all that knits us together in life. In this month of November, I ask you to spend some time with your Saints. Do you know the whole story behind your patron saint, or the saint for whom you were named? I was recently super surprised, and actually a little disturbed, to hear that our parish's Patron Saint, Pope Pius the Tenth was not as



Reverend Monsignor
Anthony Marcaccio

Italian as I once thought! Pope Pius X was born Giuseppe Sarto, and his family emigrated to Italy from what would be a part of Poland. They took the name "Sarto," which is Italian for "tailor," Giuseppe's father's trade. So, from now on, on our Patron's feast day we should enjoy a meal of both Italian sausage and kielbasa!

Last week, in a marriage preparation session, the groom who is preparing to enter dental school asked me to pray for him that his admissions interview would go well. I asked him who the patron saint of dentists is, and suggested that we should ask their help. I knew the patron saints of doctors, but have always had trouble associating anything about visits to the dentist with the holy and heavenly, even though I have had great and wonderfully kind dentists. So, real quick, we looked up the Saint and found what I expected – a curious, nebulous, more-than slightly-morbid, and fearsome story from antiquity of a female martyr. Quite frankly, I could think of several current dentists that I would first ask to pray for me if I needed intercession, rather than turn to her, because I know them and believe them to be well on the way to heaven because of their kindness, knowledge, professionalism, faith, and gentleness. The point is – the Communion of

Saints is not just about those who have gone before us, but who we are and who we are called to be here and now. Not everyone we consider a Saint has a history written up in a Missal or a printed a holy card. Some Saints' stories, even our patron or name saints are taken right from the pages of our lives. One of my brothers bears the name of my Dad's best friend from time of the Second World War. If you were named for somebody, or if you named your child for ...

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VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE MASS

Monday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m.

All Are Welcome! Veterans Reception Following Mass.

RSVP for Reception to Wendy Barber
at 336-272-4681 by November 6.

Please join our school community as we honor the men and women who have so selflessly served our country.

All Souls' Day Mass
Saturday, November 2
8:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 28
10:00 a.m.

Will you accept the challenge of feeding 150 families this Thanksgiving? Be part of our parish-wide Stewardship of Giving!

Bring the items listed (no glass, please) and drop in our church Food Cart, located in the church near the choir room, **no later than November 10.**



**Stuffing . Cranberry Sauce . Canned Green Beans, Corn, Peas . Canned Sweet Potatoes . Canned Fruit
Instant Mashed Potatoes . Boxed Macaroni and Cheese . Packaged Turkey Gravy**

Future ways to help with dates to include on your calendar:

- Help SORT the food and prepare the bags on **Friday, November 22** starting at 1:00 p.m. in the Simmons Parish Center. No sign-up needed.
- DELIVER a Thanksgiving basket to a family on **Sunday, November 24.** Food can be picked up that day after the 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. Masses. No sign-up needed.
- DONATE \$10 toward the purchase of a turkey. This can be sent to the parish office or placed in the Offertory basket. Please make sure your donation is in an envelope that is clearly marked "Turkey Meals."

Questions? Reach out to Ellen and Gary Fennie at ellenfennie@aol.com.

Students Become Religion Teachers

Mr. Parker's middle school religion classes at St. Pius X School have been busy. Not only are students learning many critical points about their Christian and Catholic faith, but are learning to become teachers of their faith. Mr. Parker encourages students to step away from their textbooks and note-taking to put stewardship in action. He likes to call these classes "Friday Retreats." Middle school students prepare a project to share with younger classes about what they are learning. Eighth grade students presented a lesson on St. Francis of Assisi to our preschool students. Eighth graders also used their previous Friday Retreat days to create games, songs, and crafts to help younger students learn about this beloved saint on his feast day. The encounter was a huge success. Middle schoolers learned the value and reward of being able to share their faith in a meaningful way.

St. Pius X Catholic School celebrated a Living Rosary. Students across all grade levels represented beads on the Rosary, forming a human chain around the church. They led family members, parishioners, and students in the prayers of the Rosary. Organizers, Kat Manzella and Sigrid Couch, created beautiful banners representing the Luminous Mysteries.

It was indeed a holy morning at St. Pius X Catholic School. Our next Living Rosary is scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020 at 8:30a.m. All are welcome.



Monsignor, the Deacons, and the Staff of St. Pius X would like to wish everyone a very happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Warmth and Hope on the Home Front

Dan Allen

St. Pius X Catholic Church, school, and Knights of Columbus Council 11101 successfully partnered to raise funds to purchase coats for community kids in need this year. Our KOC council, led by Grand Knight Glenn Spivey, raised money within the membership. The school, led by Principal Chris Kloesz, had a Stewardship/Dress Down Day with proceeds to add to the coat drive. All efforts allowed us to buy 205 new coats for local distribution. Knights delivered 195 new coats to Backpack Beginnings to stock the clothing pantry. Social workers within schools in Guilford, Forsyth, and Alamance Counties can gain access to the pantry to obtain coats and clothing for children. Our Knights also delivered 10 coats to Caswell County schools for distribution.

Our parish campus endeavors to “know, love, and serve” with community partners like Backpack Beginnings to improve the quality of life for our neighbors. Our parish helps BPB through the year; SPX parishioners drive on delivery routes to local schools, volunteer in the warehouse to provide comfort, food, and to clothe needy children. This is one of several community partnerships and stewardship programs led by Carolyn Painley.

Pictured Top: Leigh Jones, Backpack Beginnings Clothing Pantry Program Chair; Carolyn Painley, SPX Pastoral Associate for Community Life; Dan Allen, KofC Coats for Kids program.
Pictured Bottom: Glenn Spivey, KofC Grand Knight; Brandi Teetor, Social Worker for Caswell County Schools; Dan Allen, Coats for Kids program.





**St. Pius X
Catholic School
Open House
Wednesday, November 6
9:30 - 11:00 a.m.**

St. Pius X Catholic School will be hosting an Open House for prospective pre-kindergarten through first grade families on Wednesday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Please join us to learn more about our caring, safe, and nurturing program and how it will benefit you and your child. You will have an opportunity to meet administrators, visit the classrooms in session, and discuss first-hand with current parents, what it is like to be a part of the St. Pius X School community.

If you are looking for a superior education in a faith-filled environment and a family-oriented atmosphere, we invite you to visit St. Pius X Catholic School and see how we make a difference every day!

Private tours are also available by appointment. Contact the Admissions Director, Jean Navarro, at jnavarro@spxschool.com or 336-273-9865. *Go Comets!*

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... someone special, do you know the story of why? Does your child?

The Holyday of All Saints' is a feast of who and what has been in the past, but also who we aspire to be. So, it's also a forward-looking feast. We look forward to that day of perfect Communion with the Saints and Christ; we look forward with a sure and certain hope to the coming of that day of the Kingdom. But what can we do in the meanwhile? It's been said the best way to honor someone, whether they are officially canonized by the church or just personally held with that same esteem in our hearts, is to imitate the positive qualities of their character and continue the work they were committed to doing while on earth. This month, the feasts of All Saints' and All Souls' are a great opportunity to stop and think of who you would most aspire to be like. Is there a holy and heroic example you could trace the pattern of in my life? And with the feast of All Souls' Day, with some sorrow and our sympathy, think of who you would most want to be with again. Who do you miss most right now?

I promise that thanks to our faith and the hope that comes with Christ's Resurrection, you can experience Holy Communion with both of them – indeed, all of them – in this month of November, when we celebrate the great harvest of souls. May our experience of the Saints, their love, their presence in our lives, along with all God's blessings, make us truly grateful in this season of thanksgiving.

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

Seniors Ministry

Seniors Day of Reflection

Hosted at St. Pius X

Tuesday, November 12th

Presenter: Sr. Mary Hugh Mauldin, RSM, MA

"God in My Life – My Life in God"

Check-In: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Program: 10:30 a.m. – 2:10 p.m.

Closing Prayer Service: 2:20 p.m.

Cost: \$12 per person includes light morning refreshment & lunch.

Deadline for Registration: Monday, November 4

Make checks payable to Catholic Charities.

To Register contact Sandra Breakfield at

704-370-3220 or email

sabreakfield@charlottediocese.org

Monthly Luncheon and Program

Tuesday, October 15

Chapel Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by lunch and a program featuring Deanna Shelton, Fire and Safety

Educator from the Greensboro Fire Department.

Lunch will be a Thanksgiving Feast!

RSVP to Gloria Essa by 336-299-3926

Tai Chi

Every Thursday

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



Special All Saints' Day

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration will begin immediately following the 12:00 Noon Holy Day Mass with benediction prior to the 7:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass



Christmas is Coming and So Are the SPX Socials to Help You Celebrate!



Christmas Craft Making

Thursday, November 14, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sign up and pay at the parish office. \$15.00 for cost of materials to make crafts (wreath, angel, photo frame and Christmas tray) Space is limited to 20.

Cookie Decoration Class by Kelly Jones

Monday, December 2, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Sign up and pay \$5.00 in the parish office. Four different cookies will be provided for you to decorate. If you wish to decorate more, please bring your own cookies. Space is limited to 12.

Cookie and Ornament Exchange

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

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



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 send \$35 check payable to St. Francis Springs Prayer Center (477 Grogan Road, Stoneville, NC 27048)

Bring \$10 cash the day of the retreat as a stipend for the speaker.

(Two double occupancy rooms are available for overnight option for an additional cost; please contact Ann Bauer to make arrangements 336-573-3751).

Crafting for a CAUSE

Caring and Crafting for a Cause

The SPX Community Life Committee invites you to join us as we begin Advent with an evening of holiday fun while we gather to create needed items for donation to the Greensboro community.

Please bring any projects you are working on – knitting, sewing, quilting, plarning, crafting, anything that you make for the benefit of those in need. We will provide the space and time to socialize with holiday music, treats, and fellowship.

Not crafty? No problem! We will have several easy projects that can be completed that evening ... including care bags for the homeless, fleece tied scarves, and holiday goodie cups ... all to be donated to those in need in the Greensboro area.

Wednesday, December 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Simmons Center, upstairs
Questions? Call Mary at 651-788-0751

**Knights of Columbus
FAMILY BRUNCH**
Sunday, November 3
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
YUM!



ROSARY in the CHAPEL
Sunday, November 10
10:15 a.m. between Masses

Join us for the
**GREENING OF THE
CHURCH**
Monday, December 16
at 9:00 a.m.

*“Many Hands Make Light
Work!”*



Ring in the Christmas Season!

Gather a group of friends and family and get in the Christmas spirit! 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 (near Target)
Available in 1 or 2 hour time slots: Slots may be split with friends/family.

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.
1 Hour Shifts

**HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHT BY
VOLUNTEERING TO RING!**

Have you
experienced the
loss of a loved one?

**SEASONS OF HOPE
GRIEF MINISTRY**

Invites You To ...
Coping with Grief during the Holidays

Guest Speaker
Mary Easton, LCSW, Parishioner
*How do I navigate the upcoming holidays?
Should I celebrate or not?
How can I best use the season of Advent to
cope with loss and grief?*

Having the support of others is vital to your healing process. Please join us if you are experiencing grief and sorrow.

Sunday, November 10
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Simmons Parish Center

Call the parish office at 336-272-4681 with any questions and to let us know you are coming.





Pour Out Your Love With Our St. Pius X Giving Trees!

There are approximately 12 days until St. Pius X parish will be gearing up for our annual Giving Tree! Christmas trees will have tags

with items for you to donate to those less fortunate.

First, volunteers are needed in these areas:

- **Tuesday, November 12** at 6:00 p.m. in Mrs. Lyon's 3rd grade classroom. We will be writing tags. There will be a sign on the school door with directions. No sign up necessary.
- **Saturday, November 16** at 4:00 p.m. We will be setting up the trees.
- **Weekends of Nov 16/17, Nov 23/24, Nov 30/Dec 1, Dec 7/8** Monitors are needed to stand near the trees.

On the above weekends, parishioners may choose a tag/s and purchase the gifts. All gifts should be wrapped and gift cards placed in a sealed envelope with the tag attached to the outside of the gift/envelope.

- **Sunday, December 8** All gifts with firmly attached tags need to be returned.

Kindly contact coordinators with questions to sign up to help set up the trees or be a monitor. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Joanne Spillane (spillanejm@gmail.com or 336-202-8884) and Lynne Fly (lynnefly4@gmail.com or 336-324-4100).

Mental Health Resources For Youth

An adolescent mental health program is geared towards parents and those who work with youth and is focused on providing solutions-based information on eating disorders, suicide and self-harm, anxiety and depression, adolescent substance use, and digital/social media addiction. Each topic will have a short Q&A and the audience will have the chance to speak to the presenters afterwards.

Saturday, November 16 from 1:00 -5:00 p.m.
Education Center - Women's Hospital
801 Green Valley Rd. All are invited.



GPCC Open House

Monday, November 4
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 2
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Come learn more about the many ways GPCC

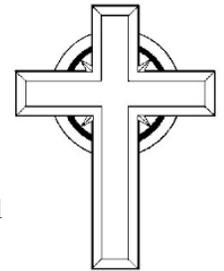
helps women choose and sustain life. GPCC provides support before, during and after pregnancy and can only do it because of people like you! For

Open House Info contact: Morgan Barker at
Mbarker@gsocarecenter.org

GPCC Mentoring Program for New Moms

The Greensboro Pregnancy Care Center (GPCC) is seeking loving, Christian women who can help be a channel of grace for GPCC's new moms. Take a walk with life by mentoring one new mom for one year. Contact Julene Valitutto 336-314-2719 or Kathy Martinek 336-508-8693 for information.

Remembering The Loved Ones Who Have Gone Before Us



During the month of November, Catholics pause to remember our beloved dead on **November 2, All Souls' Day.**

With deep gratitude for their faithful service we pray for:

- Monsignor Hugh Dolan
- Monsignor Lawrence Newman
- Monsignor William Pharr
- Fr. Francis Connolly
- Deacon Ron Steinkamp
- Daughters of Charity who served in St. Pius X Catholic School
- Sr. Celeste Donohue, DC
- Sr. Jane Marie Otterson, DC
- Sr. Constantia Clark, DC

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The Struggle is Real

SPX Healthcare Ministry

This holiday season does not have to be a struggle between healthy eating and falling into the diabetes or hypertension trap. You do not have to gain that extra 10 pounds as you enjoy the holidays with family, Church family, friends and making new friends!

Food is such an important part of our culture, especially during the holiday season when certain foods will trigger fond family memories. Even slight changes to recipes can improve health benefits while maintaining delicious and memorable flavors.

Some healthy suggestions include: Substitute applesauce for oil or cutting half the amount of sugar in the recipe. Break the salt shaker habit; taste your food before adding salt. Other healthy lifestyle habits include taking a walk before and/or after a meal; digestion improves with activity. Take the whole clan on a neighborhood walk! Portion control is key; monitor serving sizes. 1 to 3 bites of any favorite food (think sweet potatoes with honey and marshmallows) are often all that is needed to satisfy a craving.

Your St. Pius X Congregational Nurses may be reached by contacting the parish office. We wish you a very happy and healthy All Saints Day through 2020 and beyond.

Wild About Jesus! *Our 7th grade students began their Confirmation preparation with a retreat filled with group activities, prayer, and a whole lot of fun!*



SUMMER TRIP SIGN-UPS

Catholic Heart WorkCamp (Virginia Beach) . June 14-20

Steubenville Youth Conference (Grades 9-12) . July 10-12

LifeTeen Camp Covecrest (Grades 9-12) . July 13-18

LifeTeen Camp Hidden Lake (Grades 6-8) . August 3-8

SIGN UP THROUGH REALM OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE!

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!



HOW TO JOIN REALM Look for an email inviting you to join our parish community through REALM. If you have not received an email, then we have no email address on file for you. You can request a REALM log-in by providing us your email address. Visit www.stpiusxnc.com/realm to do this, or call the parish office.

DOWNLOAD THE APP After you create a REALM log-in, you can download the “Realm Connect” App! The App lets you easily access your parishioner profile, online giving, parish communications, and event registrations. The App also has a push-notification feature that you can enable to receive real-time updates from your ministry groups. *This App is replacing our old St. Pius X parish app.

ACCESS REALM EASILY From our SPX home page: www.stpiusxnc.com; by direct link at: www.onrealm.org/; stpiusxnc; or by downloading the App.



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THE MAGIC OF *Giancarlo Bernini*

Saturday, November 9 . Catered Dinner & Show *Nursery Available

Sunday, November 10 . Family Dinner & Show

RSVP Required: www.stpiusxnx.com/events

Magician Giancarlo Bernini has astounded international audiences with an incredible magic show experience. He has made multiple national television and radio appearances, including the popular show *Penn & Teller: Fool Us* and *The Jennifer Fulwiler Show*. Giancarlo is affectionately known as the “Catholic Magician” and we are very excited to welcome him to St. Pius X for two special shows in November.



Congratulations to our 2019 Jubilee Pilgrims! *Grant & Christy Holmes, Billy & Peggy Fitzgerald, Eileen Bell, James & Carole Ball, Anne Cooper, Nancy Land, Dawn Hughes, Yajaira Valle, Ray & Bernie Menuey, Bill Schroeder, Lisa Michaels, Laurel Castilla, Steve & Gail Clayton, Miriam Dimond, Robin Felts, Jim & Kathy Galluci, Brian Sutton.* Thank you to our Jubilee Team for all your hard work and dedication to this ministry: *Kelly Jones, Lucy Wellmaker, Sallie Kelton, Matthew Libera, Chris Kloesz, Lisa Stern, Dianne Kaehler, Bruce Szafran, Jeremiah Linn, Adelaide Palermo, Dara Albert, and Steve Mitchell* **SAVE THE DATE for the next Jubilee in September 25-27, 2020**



Room at the Inn

Many St. Pius X parishioners participated in the Room at the Inn of the Triad's (RATI) 20th Annual Banquet. SPX was a major sponsor for this event. 750 people attended and the banquet raised close to \$160,000. RATI was presented with a \$25,000 check on behalf of the Order of Malta. Room at the Inn of the Triad is a licensed shelter for homeless pregnant women in Greensboro offering comprehensive services leading to hope-filled independence. Our church community has supported the mothers and children of RATI for almost two decades! Pictured: Carole and James Ball, Terre and Rick Kepler, Regina and Deacon Bob Morris and Alice and Ben Yorks **Photo: Georgianna Penn**

For as in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to the faith; if ministry, in ministering; if one is a teacher, in teaching; if one exhorts, in exhortation; if one contributes, in generosity; if one is over others, with diligence; if one does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:4-8)

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Urban and Jenny STUDER children Blake, Kelsey	27455
Tommy and Kelly TAYLOR children Trey, Isla	27455
Brian and Melissa TOTTEN daughter Mackenzie	27410

Baptisms ~ Congratulations!Emmett Owsley
Hayes Sherwood
Milo Cone**Funerals ~ Our Sympathy**

Donald Kearney

Weddings ~ Blessings!Emily Miliano and Sterling Hibbs
Elise Eifert and Reed Freeman**Parish Office:**

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