

# ECHOES



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## A Message from Monsignor

Fall in North Carolina is a particularly beautiful time, and in this harvest season it's appropriate for us to give thanks for God's many blessings. I thank you for the privilege of being your pastor in what has been a difficult year for so many of us. I thank you for the ways in which you have supported one another in the midst of the pandemic, and for your generosity that enables us to continue the mission of Saint Pius the Tenth.



*Reverend Monsignor  
Anthony Marcaccio*

The month of November provides us the opportunity to reflect on those who have inspired us to accept our role in the plan of Salvation. We look to the saints as examples for us and we pray asking their intercession. Throughout this month, we also remember those individuals, those

Good and Holy Souls who accompanied us on our journey of faith. On Thanksgiving Day, we will gather at the table of the Lord and at the tables in our homes, to thank the Lord for all that has been and all that will be, through his Divine Providence. As we count our blessings, let us also be mindful of those who have no food or table of their own.

November is also a critically important month for our country and our Church. In this issue, I'd like to once again share with you the link to the *Pastoral Guidance for Catholic Voters for the Diocese of Charlotte*. We recently shared this through our social media outlets and through Realm as well. It is my hope that these documents, as well as the supporting references, will be a help to you in making an informed decision in the upcoming elections. I would draw your particular attention to the points made by the Bishop in his letter to the priests. These two documents can be found published on the home page of our parish website at: [www.stpiusxnc.com](http://www.stpiusxnc.com).

We take our commitment as faithful citizens seriously. I pray you will take advantage of the privilege afforded to us in this Republic and vote with a formed conscience, that the course of our country may ever closer reflect the City of God for which we long.

With sentiments of esteem and affection, I am sincerely yours in Christ,



### UPCOMING HOLY DAY AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### All Saints' Day

Saturday, October 31

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, November 1

9:00 AM, 11:30 AM

Utilize Sign-Up Genius the week of October 26

#### All Souls' Day

Monday, November 2

5:15 PM Daily Mass

No Sign-Up Required

#### Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26

10:00 AM Mass

Utilize Sign-Up Genius the week of November 23

## Important Mass Schedule Changes

The pandemic has been an occasion for us to examine our Mass schedule, particularly our daily Masses, with regard to the issues of social-distancing and other precautions. Other factors taken into consideration were the times and number of liturgies – such as funerals, senior Masses, etc. – celebrated during the week, the difficulty in coverage of early morning Masses, the elimination of the priest having to Trinate (celebrate three Masses) on a weekday, the availability of ministers for the liturgy, and the convenience of the evening Mass time leading directly into Bible studies, prayer groups, and parish/ministry meetings.

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## Important Mass Schedule Changes

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The Monday evening daily Mass will now be held at 5:15 PM. Tuesday morning Mass will now be at 8:30 AM and will be celebrated with the school community when they are in session. For a safer and more controlled environment for the children, we would ask that you attend in the chapel and the Eucharist will be brought to you there. When school is not in session, all will be invited to attend in the church, following social-distancing guidelines and safety protocols.

Reconciliation continues by appointment. We will notify the parish about resuming regular Reconciliation with a possible change in location. The 7:30 AM Sunday Mass will be resumed when pandemic and social-distancing restrictions are lifted. Please consult the website for Holy Day Mass schedules. With some exceptions, most will be celebrated at 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM, and 7:00 PM.

## Overview of NEW Mass Schedule

### Weekend Masses

- Saturdays 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
- Sundays 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM

### Daily Masses

- Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays 5:15 PM
- Tuesdays 8:30 AM

### First Friday & First Saturday

- First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12 – 5 PM
- First Saturday Mass 8:30 AM

### Holy Days of Obligation

- 8:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
- Check website for specific schedules.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### *Making a difference for life.*

Open to ALL Parishioners! The Knights of Columbus wish to invite you to a Virtual Fraternal Benefits Night to learn about financial and estate planning, Medicare and related coverages, as well as wills and trusts. A panel of financial professionals will speak briefly on each topic and are happy to answer any questions you may have. Please join us for this special virtual night out!

**When: November 18th**      **Where: Virtually hosted by Knights of Columbus**      **Time: 7:00pm**

For more information or to request an invitation contact Grant Holmes at [joinknights@gmail.com](mailto:joinknights@gmail.com).



## Families Helping Families at Thanksgiving

Again this Thanksgiving we are helping families who are having a hard time. Starting now through November, we will collect food in our food cart in the church. Here is a list of what is needed:

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

Bring items listed above (no glass please) and drop in our Church Food Cart, located in the Church near the Choir Room starting now through November 18. If you would like to donate \$10.00 towards the purchase of a turkey and food for a family, please make sure your check is made out to Saint Pius X with Turkey Meals in the memo line and place in the offertory at Mass or outside the Simmons Center in the drop box.

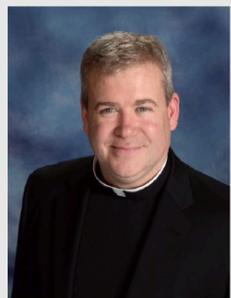
NEW THIS YEAR ~ You can donate for THANKSGIVING MEALS online using Realm, drop down box Thanksgiving meals. Thank you. To make sure everyone stays safe, we will not be able to offer sorting or delivery of the food this year. Questions? Reach out to Ellen and Gary Fennie at [ellenfennie@aol.com](mailto:ellenfennie@aol.com).



## The Giving Tree is Virtual This Year

The need to help others is greater than ever this year. We are helping several nonprofit agencies with \$25.00 GIFT CARDS that the case managers will use to shop for the needs of their clients. More info and how to help is available on the Sign-Up Genius which is located on our website [ww-stpiusxnc.com](http://ww-stpiusxnc.com). After you sign up, simply purchase a gift card from Food Lion, Wal Mart, Target or Amazon and then place it in the offertory basket when you are at Mass or the dropbox outside the front doors of the Parish Office/Simmons Center. Thank you so much for your stewardship. Questions? Email Carolyn at [cpainley@stpiusxnc.com](mailto:cpainley@stpiusxnc.com).

*The Good Shepherd and  
the Culture of Death:  
Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted  
Suicide in our World Today*



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5  
6:30 PM  
ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEATURED SPEAKER

FATHER JEFFREY KIRBY  
PASTOR AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH  
INDIAN LAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Well-known author and speaker, Father Kirby, has appeared on ETWN and Catholic radio. His titles include: *We Are the Lord's: A Catholic Guide to Difficult End of Life Questions*, *Kingdom of Happiness: Living the Beatitudes in Everyday Life*, and *Doors of Mercy: Exploring God's Covenant with You*, and *Lord, Teach Us to Pray*.

*Join us for an informative presentation on  
this most important topic.*

FACE MASKS REQUIRED . ALL ARE WELCOME . NO COST TO ATTEND



FATHER KIRBY WILL HAVE BOOKS FOR SALE  
BEFORE AND AFTER THE PRESENTATION (CASH OR CHECK ONLY)



## Join Us at Adoration on First Fridays

Deacon Bob Morris

The Church has had the First Friday veneration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for many centuries, but it became a formal devotion after Our Lord appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675. He said, "behold this Heart which...loves mankind so deeply."

Over the centuries it has become a much-loved devotion, an opportunity for each person to come into a meditative union with Christ. One time St. John Vianney, known as the Cure of Ars in France, spoke to one of his parishioners, a big quiet farmer who attended the church's daily Adoration devotion. St. John was intrigued by the man's devotion so quietly asked him, "What do you say when you are talking to Jesus." The man smiled and said, "I look at the good God and the good God looks back at me." The man grew into a deeper union with Jesus each day by just quietly, lovingly looking at Him, "the good God."

We encourage everyone to come to First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 12 NOON - 5 PM on the first Friday of ever month, starting this week, November 6.



## The Month of the Holy Souls

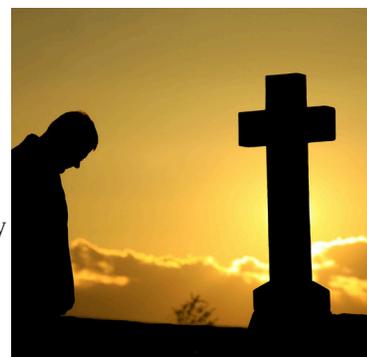
Every November, the Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory, we pray in a special way for those who have passed away. Catholics believe that praying for the dead is worthwhile and important because of our belief in eternal life and the communion of saints.

After a person dies, that person's soul still exists, even if their earthly life is over. Our lives on earth determine, by God's judgment, whether our souls will go to heaven, hell, or purgatory. In the case of purgatory, we believe that such a state is not permanent, but lasts only until the soul is purified and prepared to enter heaven. We can see evidence for this in Scripture, when Judas Maccabee and his army pray for fallen soldiers to blot out their sins (2 Maccabees 12:39-45). Because we, like Judas Maccabee, believe in the Resurrection, we believe it is worthwhile to pray that those who have died may participate in it.

*But how do we know that our prayers will be effective?* The answer is the communion of saints. According to Catholic belief, the communion of saints is "the spiritual solidarity which binds together the faithful on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven in the organic unity of the same mystical body under Christ its head." This means that all the faithful can pray for one another, whether they are in heaven, on earth, or undergoing purification in purgatory. Our prayers as the Body of Christ are living and effective. For this reason, we offer Masses, sacrifices, and prayers to help the holy souls in purgatory reach heaven. Keep in mind that this is not a one-way relationship—they can also pray for you!

We cannot fully understand God's judgment or guess at the fate of the departed. What we can do is pray for the souls of those who have died and are awaiting God's

glory, including those holy souls with no one to pray for them. Our prayers themselves do not save the souls of the dead—it is Jesus' sacrifice on the cross that ultimately allows souls to enter into the Resurrection.



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**PARISH NEWS AND NEWCOMERS**

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**Editors:** Terre Kepler, Lindsay Kohl

Deadline for December Issue:

**Monday, November 16 at 3:00 p.m.**

Email: terrekepler@gmail.com

**Newcomers ~ Welcome!**

Matt & Julie BURGE 27408  
children Dylan, Quinn, & Lily

Ian & Kristi CASTRO 27358  
daughter Carolina

Kathy GIBA 27410

Osinor KAKHU 27407

Bryon & Patty NELSON 27410  
children Katie, Brett, & Matt

Chris & Mika PARTRIDGE 27455  
children Abby & Alanna

Paul & Marcy PFEIFER 27406  
children Jeannie & Philip

Emily QUINN 27408

Evelyn TUCKER 27408

Nate & Ally VALAIK 27408  
daughter Eva

Mike & Kathy WOYAHN 27410

**Baptisms ~ Congratulations!**

Caden Donahue

Carson Novak

**Deaths ~ Our Sympathy**

Rosaleen McClure

Fred Brauns

Marie Taversano

Albert "Al" Waters

**Weddings ~ Blessings!**

Emily Borek & Travis Monticello

Hilda Tajalli & No Giaimo

Julia Brown & Lucas Walker

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