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ASH WEDNESDAY & LENT

Ash Wednesday
February 17

Masses 8:30 a.m., 12:00 noon, 7:00 p.m.

Attendance will be done by sign up only.

Please look for an email or check our website on Monday, February 15 for the link.

Reconciliations

At this time Reconciliation is by appointment only. Additional hours of Reconciliation will be announced.

Welcome to Deacon Richard Pinto

After retiring from our floor covering business in Rockaway, NJ, my wife, Helen Ann, and I recently moved to Greensboro from Morristown, NJ to be closer to some of our family. After attending Mass at several churches in the area, Helen Ann and I felt St. Pius X was perfect for us. I met with Monsignor Marcaccio to inquire whether or not he had need of an additional deacon at St. Pius X. He advised me that he would contact the Bishop and I am pleased that Bishop Jugis has given authority for me to serve as a Deacon here at St. Pius X.



I was ordained a Deacon in 2001 for the Diocese of Paterson, NJ where I served in two parishes and a Carmelite Monastery. Along with being Director of Formation, Helen Ann and I mentored Diaconate classes for ten years. At that time, in the Diocese of Paterson, wives were permitted to attend all classes with their husbands. In addition to being involved in the formation of new deacons, my duties included assisting at Mass, baptisms, wakes, funerals, gravesides, marriage prep, weddings, assisting with annulments, Exposition & Benediction, morning and evening prayer, Coordinator of the RCIA process, and many other duties assigned to a deacon. I was also chaplain at a local nursing home and celebrated prayer services at the county nursing home.

Being a deacon is a special grace and I enjoy all the aspects of this ministry especially when I see the smiles and the unconditional love parents show while seeing their children being baptized. I feel privileged to be able to bring Eucharist to the elderly, sick and homebound and to spend time listening to them and sharing our faith.

Along with being a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Helen Ann was involved in various ministries. She prepared the weekly bulletin at one parish, and coordinated the senior citizen luncheons and trips along with assisting me as coordinator of the RCIA process for over 25 years.

My wife and I look forward to being part of St. Pius X parish.

--Deacon Rich Pinto

WE WISH YOU ALL A FRUITFUL AND PRAYERFUL LENTEN SEASON, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME **DEACON RICHARD PINTO** TO THE ST. PIUS X FAMILY. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE HIM WITH US AND PLEASE LOOK FOR HIM AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING MASSES.

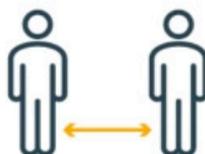
Are you interested in signing up for a Realm Account to receive parish emails or set up online giving? Look for a "Realm Quick-Start Guide" published on the parish website at:
www.stpiusxnc.com/realm



CASES ARE RISING.
ACT NOW!



WEAR A MASK



STAY 6 FEET APART



AVOID CROWDS

Join us for camps this summer! REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

We are created for great things. We are meant to live with a joy that penetrates the darkness of this world. We desire more from our relationships and experiences. We want to live a bold life. We crave a love that will never leave us. *We are meant to experience life.*

Summer camp with LifeTeen is an incredible opportunity to bring your teens into an incredible experience of life. For over 15 years, we've provided experiences at summer camp where your middle school youth and high school teens are able to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships with other teens from your parish, and encounter God working in their lives. This is the summer that you begin to experience a bigger and better life than you ever thought possible.

- **Covecrest: July 12-17** Covecrest is a camp for high school students! Tucked away in the North Georgia Mountains, Covecrest is a peaceful and powerful camp that will always hold a place in your heart.
- **Hidden Lake: August 2-7** Hidden Lake is a camp for middle school students. A breathtaking lake featuring a blob, zip-line and more is just one of the many features that make Hidden Lake an incredible camp location.

Want more information about these camps? Go to <https://lifeteen.com/camps/summer-camp/>



Seniors' Ministry Updates

Vaccine Information

Updated information on vaccine registration can be found through the following websites:

- <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines>
- <https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/human-services/health-department/coronavirus-covid-19-info/covid-19-vaccine-information>
- <https://www.conehealth.com/covid-19-information/covid-19-vaccine-information/vaccine-wait-list/>
- <https://www.wakehealth.edu/Coronavirus/Vaccine>

In addition, the following phone number has been provided: 877-490-6642. Call back time is lengthy (2-3 days).

Tai Chi Classes

For those interested, the following Tai Chi classes are being offered in our community for Seniors:

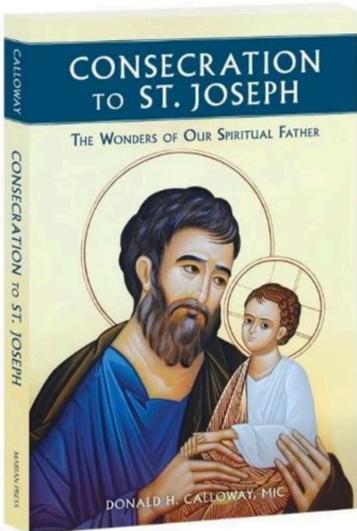
- Lake Daniel - Tuesday 11:00 a.m. (as long as it is above 35 degrees and not raining) \$7 Donation (Eric Reiss Instructor)
- Prolific Park - Thursday 8:30 a.m. Free membership provided for those participating in Silver Sneakers. These classes are held in a very large room with plenty of room to distance.
- Mary Perry Ragsdale YMCA – Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m. *Requires a \$30 in addition to the membership which is free with Silver Sneakers (Eric Reiss instructor for the Monday and Wednesday class).

Walt Edwards attends each of these classes and has offered to answer any question you may have. He can be reached at 336-215-9541. Thanks Walt!

St. Pius X Zoom Bible Study

Consecration to St. Joseph by Donald H. Calloway

This is a 33-day program with 20-30 minutes of daily reading beginning on February 15 concluding with Consecration on March 19, The Solemnity of Saint Joseph.



The book (and newly available audio book) are both available at www.shopmercy.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-the-wonders-of-our-spiritual-father.html

Weekly Zoom meeting time(s) to be announced.

RSVP to Martha Harvey at marthaharvey214@gmail.com. Participants are advised to order the book right away as it may become hard to find in this newly declared "Year of Saint Joseph."

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY

St. Pius X School Alumni Plaques

Be the first to reserve your Alumni Plaque to be displayed in our Alumni Auditorium!

Each purchased plaque will provide new curriculum resources and technology for our PreK- 8th grade classes.

\$50.00

2 X 3 inch plaque - Alumni Name & Graduation Year

\$100.00

3 X 5 inch plate - Alumni Name, Graduation Year, University or College attended & business or occupation

With your donation, a pennant flag from the college or university you attended will be hung in our Alumni Auditorium to inspire future generations.

The Comets Are Soaring at St. Pius X School

April Parker

Students at St. Pius X School have been enjoying the community of in-person learning since August. With health and safety protocols in place, students are thriving, which has been made all the more evident by recent mid-year benchmark assessments.

St. Pius X School uses Dibels Reading and EasyCBM Math assessments to monitor students' progress multiple times throughout the school year, as well as administering an additional yearly Terra Nova and InView standardized test. Since August, class overall composite scores have increased by as much as 90 points. Students needing intensive support in reading and math have decreased by half and students performing above grade level have increased so much that several classes have over half of the class performing above grade level both in reading and math.

As well as mid-year benchmarks in the areas of reading and math, teachers also assess writing three times a year using narrative, opinion, expository, and persuasive writing prompts and grade level appropriate writing rubrics. Teachers keep on-going reading, math, and writing portfolios on all students from PreK - 8th grade, carefully monitoring growth as students progress through grade levels each year.

St. Pius X School has a wonderful Student Assistance Team which meets weekly to evaluate underperforming students and to plan intervention. Our school uses specific reading and math products such as Read Live, as well as after school programs such as Math Boost & Title I Tutoring, to remediate students and bring them up to grade level through individualized and small group classroom instruction. Our Academic Enrichment team, staffed by Sigrid Couch and Lisa Sullivan, works tirelessly to identify students with identified learning disabilities so that each student may receive additional support through individualized instruction within the Academic Enrichment room several times a week.

During the spring of 2021 our teachers will be participating in intervention training in reading, math, and writing to support our efforts to help each student attain the goal of reaching grade level achievement. This professional development in turn will be disseminated to our Instructional Assistants and to our parent population, as well, so that we can work together as a school community to help all students succeed. St. Pius X School looks forward to soaring this spring semester with even more student success and accomplishments.

In Person, In Christ

April Parker

St. Pius X School students have completed the first half of the school year. The school has been thriving with in-person classes since August.

Many protocols have been put in place to keep students and teachers safe, such as desk shields, masks, continuous cleaning after each class, extra hand-washing routines, and socially distanced lunches. Students and staff are thankful to be back on campus. With fun middle school motivational breakfasts, weekly STEM labs, safe holiday celebrations, fun writing competitions and stewardship opportunities, students are excited about the new things they are learning, as well as spending time with their peers.

St. Pius X School does have a remote option for students and families who feel safer learning from home. With the use of our Learning Management System platform or LMS, these students and any other students who may need to stay home to proactively quarantine during sickness, students are able to Zoom live with their classes and keep up with their work remotely.

St. Pius X School is blessed to have two full time nurses on staff each day to monitor illness. Each morning, students drive through carpool for a temperature check and then off to class for a fun day of learning. Temperature checks are repeated during the day as well.

As we pray the Angelus each day at noon, our school continues to ask for Mary's intercession for the health and well-being of our teachers, students, and community, that we may continue to thrive in an environment of Christ's love and blessings.



For SCHOOL INFORMATION and ENROLLMENT INFORMATION, please visit www.spxschool.com or call 336-273-9865.

On Scout Sunday, Troop 244 Says *Thank You!*

Not even a pandemic could stop Boy Scout Troop 244 from working with St. Pius X Church, their sponsoring organization, St. Pius X School, and the local community. In 2020 the Scouts of Troop 244 learned how to adapt and overcome. Overnight camping and outdoor service projects provided a much-needed outlet during this stressful year of self-isolation.

As a sponsoring organization, St. Pius X provides meeting facilities, encouragement, storage for troop trailers/gear and other support as needed. Troop 244 strives to be a “Boy Led” troop. The youth provide leadership to oversee their patrols and troop, decide what activities they are interested in and play an active role in how to best implement those activities. Trained adult leaders and volunteers ensure activities and outings are safe and meet all BSA and Diocese protocols.

To advance in rank a Scout needs to perform complete a number of rank requirements, Merit Badges, and service hours. Troop 244 decided their service hours should help St. Pius X and their local community. Though there were numerous service projects, several stand out.

- “Scouting for Food” canned food collection for the those in need (26) hours
- Tyler Martin and Jimmy Belcher completed their respective Eagle projects and all requirements and earned the Rank of Eagle Scout
- Buffalo Lake Shoreline Conservation and Cleanup (81) hours
- Carson Hill’s Eagle Project provided the addition of a Long Jump Area for SPX Track and Field activities (251 hours)
- Weeding, Cleaning, and Spreading of Mulch and Playground Equipment Installation to prepare the DeJoy Center playground areas for incoming students this Fall (94) hours
- “Trunk or Treat” Halloween Event at SPX School (46) hours

Each summer Old North State Council offer Scouts a weeklong overnight camping experience at Cherokee Scout Reservation (CSR). In 2020, because of the pandemic, all week-long summer camps were cancelled. The Troop 244 youth and adult leadership knew the value and benefit of this experience and took it upon themselves to organize and staff their own ten-day CSR camp program. Troop 244 was one of only three troops out of over one hundred in the Council to undertake such a monumental task. (29) Troop 244 scouts attended this safe and successful camp providing a much-needed outlet for the youth and adults alike. All Troop activities are conducted under strict BSA, Council, Troop and Diocesan COVID-19 guidelines which met or exceeded CDC guidelines.

As youth mature it is necessary to continue to challenge them. In 2019, twelve Scouts from Troop 244 participated in a high adventure at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico, backpacking over (80) miles in twelve days. Continuing in this tradition, twelve Scouts will again experience a Philmont high adventure in June 2021. To help offset the cost of this trip, Troop 244 is holding a raffle. **1st Prize:** August 1-8, 2021 Vacation at Hilton Head 3 Bed / 2 Bath Condo * Full Kitchen * Daily Golf for Four **2nd Prize:** YETI Tundra 65 Hard Cooler **3rd Prize:** \$100

Raffle tickets are \$50 and only (150) tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held April 11, 2021. Anyone wishing to purchase a ticket or make a donation should please contact Committee Chairperson, Jim Schiermeyer at james.j.schiermeyer@gmail or 931-808-1459.

Scouting is not only about advancement in rank and completing merit badges. The goals of Scouting and Troop 244 are: Character Development, Citizenship training and Opportunities (Good Turns), Personal Mental, Physical and Emotional Fitness, and Leadership experience

Any youth in the fifth grade or eleven years old or older is eligible to participate with Troop 244 and previous membership in the Cub Scouts is not required. If you would like to learn more about Troop 244 or join us for adventure, learning outdoor skills, and challenges visit our website, https://greensboro244.mytroop.us/front_page. In addition we are always looking for parish members and others within our community to assist with our Merit Badge and additional teachings. If you have an interest in helping please reach out to Liz Pendergrass to learn more. Troop 244 is thankful for your prayers and support as the youth of our parish journey to adulthood.



St. Pius X Parish and Community Life Updates

Thanksgiving Turkey Meals Bountiful this Year

Thank you St. Pius X parishioners, the ministry team led by Ellen Fennie, and our community case managers for helping us deliver Turkey Meals to families this past Thanksgiving. Our outreach was so generous we were able to help parish families with Christmas food, toys, and treats for the children.

Christmas Giving Tree Ministry Different and Successful

Just like Thanksgiving meals, our annual Christmas Giving Tree ministry went very well! Your outpouring of gift cards to help the case managers and volunteers of the nonprofit charities we help were able to use the gift cards to shop for their clients. Thank you Lynne Fly and Joanne Spillane for leading this effort. We were able to meet all of the targeted community needs, a little over 360 households.

Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Cart Donations

Even with reduced Mass attendance, you helped us donate 11,909 pounds of food this past year! Our school donated another 1,386 pounds. Our Drive-Up and Fill the Food Cart Events were fun and successful. This past year Greensboro Urban Ministry served 22,210 households and 37,487 individuals. Shown here are members of Guys Do'in Stuff volunteers, along with church staff and parishioner Mary O'Neill.

Room at the Inn - Respect Life Outreach

The Respect Life Outreach Ministry delivered prayer shawls to Room at the Inn. Prayers for the families, mothers, and babies were abundant as the many shawls were crocheted by a parishioner who donated them.

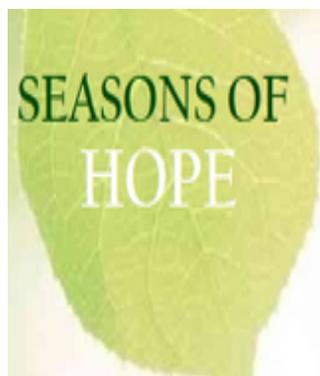


“The meaning of life is found in our response to God’s offer of love. And that response is made up of true love, self-giving and service.”

-Pope Francis



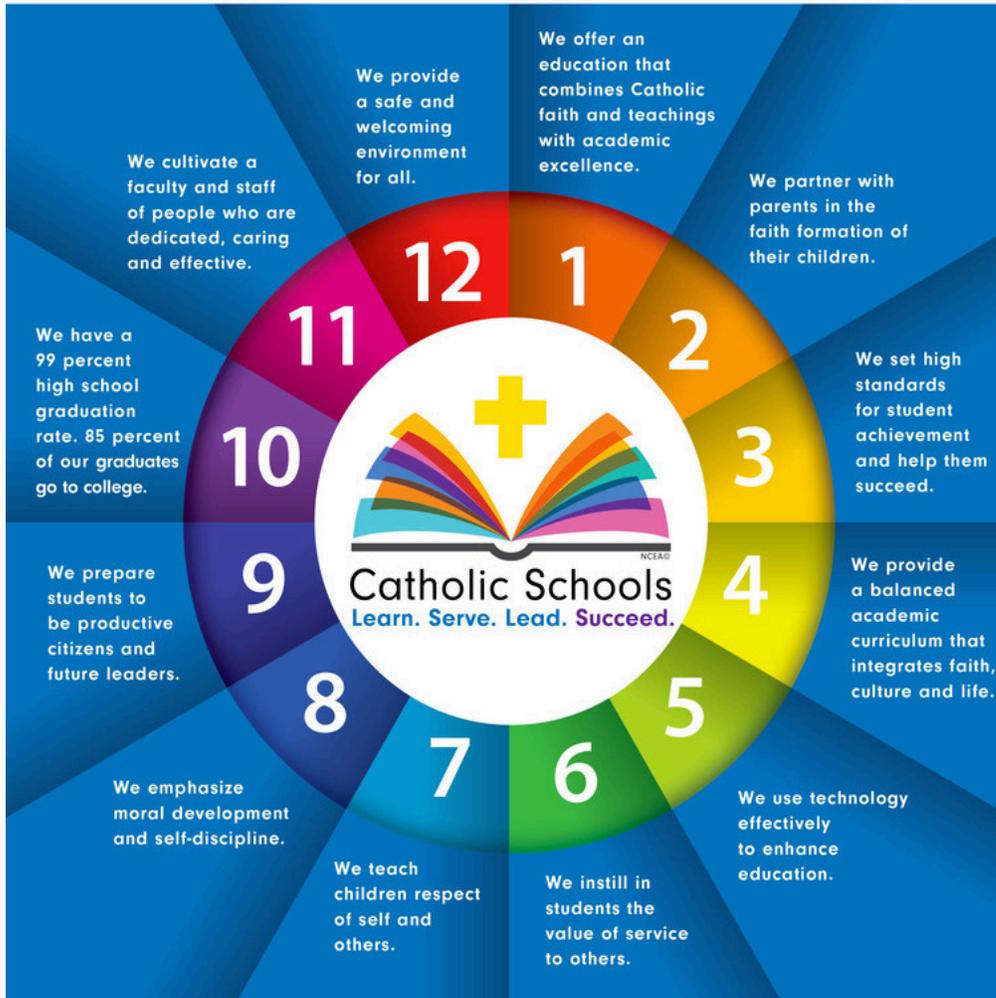
Pictured from top to bottom: Thanksgiving meals were packaged up and delivered this year; Many gifts were purchased and wrapped for one of our community partners, After Gateway and St. Pius X Cub Scout Troop delivered gifts for the Greensboro Boys & Girls Clubs at Salvation Army; Members of Guys Doin’ Stuff and the Knights of Columbus have assisted with our successful GUM Food Drives; Prayer Shawls were delivered to Room at the Inn.



Seasons of Hope at St. Pius X

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed, and that they shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope offers the bereaved an opportunity to share in God’s love. With the support of your faith community, we can help you give voice to your unique journey of grief and find healing and spiritual growth. This year we are unable to come together for a 6-week program, however we understand that the Seasons of Hope journey may be helpful to you. Until we can come together safely as a group, ministry volunteers will offer grief journals and individual support. For more information, please phone the Parish Office, 336 272-4681, x104.

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Year-End Giving Statements Mailed

For those that gave to St. Pius X this past year, you will receive your summarized giving statement in the mail this week. If you need an itemized statement, please log into your Realm account and look under the Community > Giving tab to view or print. You can also sign up for online giving this way, if you are not doing so already.



Coming Soon to SPX!

Faith Formation Podcast

Have a topic suggestion? Email faithformation@stpiusxnc.com.

Staff Social Media Takeover

Get a look into the daily life of our SPX parish staff and clergy.

Lenten Mini-Retreats

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry will be hosting both Virtual and Live mini-retreats.

Virtual VBS

Look for upcoming information about a new and fun way that we'll be doing VBS this year!

Spring Sacraments

Please keep our First Communicants, Confirmation Candidates, and RCIA Catechumens and Candidates in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation this spring.

Please follow us on social media!

St. Pius X is on YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Facebook. Search us or use the handles below to find parish updates, videos, and other information that we share from time-to-time. In this virtual world, it's one of the best ways to stay in touch!

- **Facebook** @stpiusxnc, @spxncyouth
- **Instagram** @stpiusxnc, @spxncyouth, @spxncyoungadult
- **Twitter** @stpiusxnc
- **LinkedIn** @stpiusxnc
- **YouTube** "Saint Pius X Catholic Church in Greensboro"



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NEWCOMERS - WELCOME!

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Eric & Amy BENSON 27410

Paula KASTANEK 27455

Mark & Mary REYNOLDS 27408

Justin & Jillian RICHARDSON 27455
children Brody, Brooklyn, Bryce

John & Lourdes VOYTAC 27455

BAPTISMS - CONGRATULATIONS!

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