



ECHOS



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER COOK

Every year, I am amazed with how quickly summer seems to come to a close. With the summer capstone of our Italian Festival, we enter into fall; the hours of daylight start getting shorter, we set our clocks back, and we settle in for some of the most beautiful liturgies of the Church year. We start by honoring All the Saints of Heaven, and then turn our attention to praying for all the Souls of the Faithful Departed in the month of November. As December comes along, we honor the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady and enjoy the season of Advent, all in preparation for the culmination of the season at Christmas.



Fr. Christian Cook, Pastor

Christmas is my favorite liturgical season of the Church calendar, and we all know how much Monsignor Marcaccio loved Christmas. For many of us, the festive joy and excitement of Christmas this year will be mingled with a certain sadness in missing his presence. But one thing we know about Msgr. Marcaccio is how much he loved being the pastor of St. Pius X, and guiding you all to live the spirit of giving of your time, talents and treasure to this beloved parish.

It is in the tradition of Msgr. Marcaccio that, while we will miss him especially during the Christmas season, we continue to be good stewards of the gifts God has given us through the parish of St. Pius X.

We seek to know our Lord more closely so that, just as with any relationship, we come to love Him. And when we come to love anyone, we want to serve them. When we first come to know and then love our Messiah, we then desire to serve Him. Monsignor Marcaccio certainly taught all of us how to do that by the witness of his life in this parish.

And now we have the opportunity to continue that great tradition of coming to know, love and serve the Lord at Pius! This edition of Echoes will share stories of those giving their gifts of time, talent and treasure to God through our parish, and I encourage all of us to commit, or re-commit, to being good stewards of the blessings we continue to reap at St. Pius X.

I am so blessed to be a part of the Pius Family; I have been greeted so warmly by your prayers, your smiles and gracious welcomes, and by your love of me. I cannot thank you all enough! As we both mourn and celebrate during this season of holidays, be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Father Cook

LITURGICAL CALENDAR & MASSES

November 23

Taizé Prayer Service
Following 5:00 pm Mass

November 28

Thanksgiving Day
10:00 am Mass

December 9

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
8:30 am and 7:00 pm Masses

December 15

Bambinelli Blessing Weekend
Bring your Baby Jesus figurine to
Mass for a special blessing!

December 24

The Nativity of the Lord
5:00 pm Mass (nursery open)
8:00 pm Mass

December 25

The Nativity of the Lord
12:00 am Midnight Mass
10:00 am Mass

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
10:00 am Mass

IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES

give thanks,

FOR THIS IS THE WILL
OF GOD FOR YOU IN
CHRIST JESUS.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP UPDATES

Mary Ealley, Stewardship Committee Chair

Our St. Pius the Tenth Stewardship Ministry Open House on the weekend of October 26th and 27th was a huge success! The Simmons Center was beautifully decorated for Oktoberfest with white and blue pennants and festive signs. The menu included bratwurst, sauerkraut, mini pancakes, soft pretzels, German potato salad, delicious desserts and more! The room was buzzing with conversation and fellowship. There were even 2 hand painted Oktoberfest frames that kids or adults could place their faces in for a fun photo!

The various ministries had beautiful displays and wonderful representatives greeting parishioners. Each ministry had representatives who explained the details and mission of the ministry and parishioners could sign-up to get involved or learn more. Stewardship Team representatives handed out gift discernment guides after all Masses the previous week. These guides assist with discerning our gifts and how we might share them in our parish and community. If you didn't have an opportunity to pick up a guide, please stop by the Parish Office.

Thank you to Fr. Cook for supporting our event. We also thank our lay witness speakers, Doug Faison, Emma Linn, Megan Thomas, and Olivia Mosca who shared their inspiring and beautiful stewardship journey at Mass, our ministry leaders and representatives, and all involved in planning the event, preparing or donating food, assisting with set up, serving and clean up! Our heartfelt appreciation to all. It was a wonderful team effort!

The rewards for stewardship are many and go beyond new friendships. We are deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith. We are so grateful to all who signed up for a ministry or who requested more information. A ministry representative will be contacting you soon with more information. Please make sure your REALM profile is set to "receive emails" and that your contact information is up to date. You made this our most successful Ministry Open House yet!



Thank you to all of our parishioners and school families that made our collection efforts for Hurricane Helene relief so successful, and thank you to everyone that visited our stewardship fair to learn about our many, wonderful ministries!



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY CORNER

Kat Manzella, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry

It has been a fast-paced 4 months filled with travel, camps, praise & worship, and a lot of planning. I could not be more pleased with the response to our efforts to jump start the Youth Ministry program. My first order was to get to know what groups were active and what I could do to help promote the programs. I quickly realized that, although some of our groups were moving along and self-sustaining, there were some voids that needed to be addressed. A decision to split Youth Ministry into various age groups was the most significant change and remains a work in progress.

Our Young Adults Group (21-39) - This is a phenomenal group of spirit filled young professionals that love to gather in worship and have fun as well. Their tag line reads it all: "FAITH FILLED FRIENDSHIPS." Angela, Rachel, and Hannah have steered the group gracefully by scheduling worship, scripture studies, and Catholic conversations that seek out a better understanding of our theology and traditions - all of this while alternating weeks with devotions and social events for fun and fellowship. They attend Holy Day Mass together and meet for dinner. What a beautiful way to evangelize! There are few parishes in our area that make this type of gathering available to this age group, but at St. Pius X we are blessed to have them and they always welcome new members.

Youth Ministry High School Vicariate - In late summer I put a call out for high school students interested in helping in an advisory capacity to jump start a new group. I had 4 of our SPX best step up, Danielle, Olivia, Jack and Grace. We decided to split the high school students and early college age years into their own organization, and I am proud to announce our new ministry the YoungYAMS-(high school – 21). This group quickly mobilized, began attending vicariate meetings had their first pillowcase fundraiser at the Italian festival and planning new and fun events for the upcoming months. We have a launch date of January 18th for this age group that will include Mass and a bonfire. YYAMs will be selling more Prayer Pillows, Christmas Wreaths, and Dewey's cookies in the coming holiday months to support their programs. I hope if you see them out there, you will support their efforts. If you have high school age kids... save the date and encourage them to attend. The more we have, the better it will be.

That brings us to **Middle School** and what to do? Most of these kids participate in sports and attend faith formation and confirmation classes. Their lives are busy with a lot of activities, but there needs to be more. I know we have a hole in this area when it comes to spirit-filled fellowship. We have some ideas and suggestions, but we need a couple of parents willing to step up and help steer this group and the events we would like to have for them. We all know that many hands make light work, so please let me know if you might be able to collaborate with me on this.

With the events of the recent months and the loss of our beloved pastor, I cannot say that it was easy to move forward. Father Cook has been a Godsend and supportive of all our efforts and we are so lucky to have him. I have been blessed with new friendships and it has been such a privilege to get to know your kids, to teach them, to travel with them and get to know their hearts. It gives me joy and hope for our Church. I am looking forward to continued growth in these ministries and to see our rooms filled the voices of our youth in community and worship.



Our Young Adult Ministry is thriving with stewardship at the Italian Festival, spiritual leadership from parishioner Neil Rochette, and social events like this one at TopGolf!

If you are interested in serving with our youth ministry as a stewardship opportunity, especially with our middle school group, please contact Kat Manzella at kmanzella@stpiousxnc.com.



OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE IS COMING SOON!

Look for the gift tags after Mass, starting the weekend of November 23-24. Each tag represents a specific individual and, in many cases, this may be the only gift they receive at Christmas. Although we will never meet the recipients, know that your generosity and love are felt and truly appreciated.

The individuals we serve are represented by these agencies: *Camden Place, Room at the Inn, After Gateway, Backpack Beginnings - Irving Park, Caring Services, Dolan Manor, Delancey Street, The Servant Center, Triad*

Health Project, St. Mary's, Coltrane Home, Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem, and St. Pius X Special Requests.

Please return your gift, wrapped and with the Giving Tree tag securely attached on the outside, no later than December 8. If your tag is for a gift card, please place it in an envelope and secure the Giving Tree tag to the envelope. Please contact Joanne Spillane with any questions at (336) 202-8884 or spillanejm@gmail.com. Thank you!



JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS!

Your choir is open to students in grades 1-8. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the church. Re-CHOIR-ments are simple: the ability to match pitch, follow instructions, and attend weekly rehearsals. For more information, email Francine at fbritto@stpiusxnc.com. We will soon be preparing for Advent and Christmas!



**NOVEMBER 23
FOLLOWING THE
5:00 PM MASS**

JOIN US FOR A TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

We invite you to spend an hour with us experiencing the calm of Taizé community prayer, song, and contemplative meditation as we prepare for Advent. A short reception will follow in the Parish Life Center. Taizé (pronounced TAY-zay) singing is distinctive. The chant-like prayer during the candlelit service is one of its trademarks. Taizé music highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer. We look forward to seeing you there!

AN EVENING OF CAROLS & CHEER - BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE SPX LITURGICAL AND MUSIC MINISTRIES

Join us for an evening of music, games, food, and cheer! Hors d'oeuvres, dinner, and adult beverages will be served. Don't miss the fun!

Friday, December 13 at 6:00 pm following the evening Mass.

Registration is necessary. Sign up on Realm or call the parish office by Monday, December 9.

**THE BEST WAY
TO SPREAD
CHRISTMAS
CHEER
SINGING LOUD
FOR ALL TO
HEAR**

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM OUR MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

Please use the left and right-side main entrance doors to the church for weekend Masses. The center doors will be closed. The reason for this is to accommodate our handicapped visitors. For weekday Masses, the center door will be open as usual. Thank you for your understanding!

ST. PIUS X SCHOOL ATHLETIC FIELD UPDATE



Dear Parishioners,

We are very excited to announce that construction of the synthetic astroturf athletic field at St. Pius X Catholic School is well under way. The athletic field is a multipurpose field that will improve the safety of our school children and also serve to enhance the beauty of our campus. We expect construction to be complete by year-end, weather permitting. We are grateful to all of the generous donors who have stepped up to support this effort. Many individual donors have contributed, providing the resources needed to complete construction. The field will be named the Parr Family Athletic Field in recognition of the long-time support the Parr family has shown our community and, in particular, the substantial gift made by the Parr Family to cover a large portion of the cost of the athletic field.

We also want to thank our facilities committee and school principal who gave their time and talent to seeing this project through. Our appreciation and thanks are with Principal Antonette Aguilera, Todd Dandrea, Tom Flanagan, Tom Martin, Pat Parr, Greg Seifert and Walt Kulla.

SENIORS MINISTRY: UPCOMING EVENTS

Please see the bulletins, weekly parish updates, or contact Alice Yorks at ayorks@stpiusxnc.com or (336) 272-4681 for additional information.

Senior Masses and Luncheons

Tuesday, November 19 - Creative Aging Network

December 15

Dinner Theater "Elf" by St. Pius X School

January 21

Tai Chi for Seniors Presentation by Eric Reiss

Let's Do Lunch! Fun and Fellowship at K&W Cafeteria

December 3 (with Father Cook!) & January 7

Meet & Mingle

December 10 - Christmas Merry & Ornaments

January 19 - Surrender 2025

Adult Game Night

January 24 - Seniors Re-Gift Bingo

In the Works ... Please Stay Tuned!

It's not too late to become a Dolan Manor Angel! Informational meeting coming soon in November!

Theology Uncorked - January & February Dates TBD

Senior Academy - Repeat of our popular 7-week course!

Lay Ministry Visitation - Be a Blessing

Senior Prom - A Night in Parish Dinner & Dance (Complete with King & Queen Court!)

Senior Bus Trip ... and many other surprises!



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YOUTH MINISTRY WREATH SALES

Look for pre-sale information soon! Sales after Mass will be during the weekends of Nov. 30-Dec. 1 & Dec. 6-8.



YOUTH STEWARDSHIP WITNESS: OLIVIA MOSCA

One of our parishioners and a member of the Youth Ministry High School Vicariate, Olivia Mosca, recently gave a lay witness talk at Mass during our Stewardship weekend.

For those of you I haven't had the chance to meet, my name is Olivia Mosca, and I'm a senior at the Early College at Guilford. My family—including my parents, Bridget and Pasquale, and my two brothers, Tyler and Domenic—have been members of Saint Pius for over 14 years. I am truly blessed to have grown up in this beautiful church, surrounded by such a faithful and loving parish community.

The people I've met and time I've spent here have deepened my faith and taught me what it means to be a steward of God—though I'm still learning and growing with every new experience. Stewardship is showing gratitude for the time, talents, and treasures that God entrusts us with every day by using them generously to serve Him and others. My stewardship journey began on the St. Pius X altar in fourth grade, when I followed my big brothers' lead and became an altar server. I remember how excited I was to take on a more active role in the Mass, even if it meant being assigned to hold the heavy Roman Missal almost every time—since I was always the shortest server in my group. When I reached high school, getting involved with our church and local community brought me a lot of peace and helped me open up about my faith, especially coming out of the pandemic when I'm sure a lot of us felt restricted in terms of volunteering. One of my most transformative experiences was attending Catholic Heart Work Camp for two summers with our youth group.

During these mission trips, we joined other Catholic teens from across the country in a week of service, volunteering with local organizations in the communities we visited. We did things like build wheelchair ramps and mailboxes, paint houses, and pack food for those in-need. My favorite part of the week was the last day when we invited the people we served to have dinner with us as we shared what our work groups had accomplished. I was touched by their gratitude and humbled to learn how much our help had impacted their community.

Beyond the service aspect, the spiritual side of these trips and other Catholic conferences I've attended, like Covecrest and Steubenville, emphasized to me that stewardship is more than a singular act of gratitude but a way of life. I realized the importance of setting aside time out of my busy days to pray. Whether it be a simple "thank you" for my meal, praying a rosary, or going to Eucharistic Adoration, the time I spend with God reminds me that each day is a gift.

Most recently, I was invited to represent Saint Pius as a member of the Vicariate Youth Advisory Committee, through which we are planning events to connect Catholic youth across the piedmont. Monsignor always had a gift for touching the hearts of young people and a vision for strengthening the teen ministry at our parish. We're launching a new youth ministry this January and it's so exciting to be part of an effort where I can lead the way for more teens to get involved. I'd like to personally invite all high schoolers to become active participants in our upcoming activities.

I encourage each of you to reflect on the gifts God has given you and prayerfully consider how He is calling you to serve. In serving others, we open our hearts to receive His grace and a joy that fills our lives with purpose. With each small act, we take a step towards a life lived in gratitude to Him.

LET NO ONE HAVE CONTEMPT FOR YOUR YOUTH, BUT SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE, IN SPEECH, CONDUCT, LOVE, FAITH, AND PURITY. (1 TIMOTHY 4:12)



Olivia Mosca is pictured along with other youth ministry participants at the Italian Festival. The Youth Ministry sold "Prayer Pillowcases" to help fund their activities.



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KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Mr. Brian Harvey



Thank you for "serving as an inspiration to our parish, community, and council by supporting and strengthening Catholic, family life."



WHO ARE THE COLUMBIETTES AT ST. PIUS X?


In 1939, Monsignor J. Francis McIntyre, at that time Chaplain of the New York Chapter Knights of Columbus,

and who later became Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, California, seeing great numbers of women coming out of a rally at Madison Square Garden, conceived the idea of a ladies organization to work with the Knights of Columbus. The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women, are comprised of affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils. A Columbiette Auxiliary is in existence only with the consent and approval of the Council with which it is affiliated. One of our purposes is to aid our Council spiritually, socially, and financially. In our logo, the blue circle represents the World, the white cross represents Christ's love for us, and the golden rays represent our zeal to serve God through the mediums of Faith, Hope, and Charity, symbolized by the three white stars. Our patronesses are the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Therese the Little Flower, and St. Joan of Arc.

The Columbiettes Auxiliary at St. Pius X is comprised of Catholic women, age 18 and older. We are led by a group of officers and meetings are held once monthly. We support the Knights of Columbus Council in their endeavors, hosted the "Marcaccio Marinara Contest" at the Italian Festival, and are in the process of planning our own fundraisers and social events for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025! We support various, local organizations through our charity - such as After Gateway, Room at the Inn, and St. Anthony's Bread Endowment. Please look for information soon about how you can participate in our upcoming events. If you are interested in becoming a Columbiette, please inquire with Danielle Pavoni (membership committee) at dmp50529@yahoo.com.

Columbiettes Auxiliary #11101

- President – Denese Brito
- Vice President – Kathleen Kulla
- Secretary – Bernie Menuey
- Financial Secretary – Kate Pierson
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- Sentinel – Molly Kaiser



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Wednesday, November 20
9:30 am - 6:00 pm

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Save the Dates!

December 8
 January 12
 10:00 - 11:00 am

Knights of Columbus Sunday Morning Rosary

Join us in the chapel each Sunday at 10 am for the Rosary. All are welcome!



NEWCOMERS . BAPTISMS . WEDDINGS . FUNERALS

NEWCOMERS - WELCOME!

Julian ALZATE & Stephanie AVALOS
children Zoe, Jian 27406

Joe & Amy ARCENEUX
children Joseph, Rachael, Harper 27455

Jon & Ashley BETHEL
child William 27410

Brian & Lori BOIES
children Helen, Julie 27408

Joanne BOWERS 27455

Allen & Michele BROWN 27537

Mark & Tara WHEELIHAN
children Taylor, Tristan 27358

Jeff & Elena CARLSON
child Marianna 27455

Michael & Anne CARLSON 27407

John & Kathy CARR 27410

Spencer & Sabrina CARR 27410

Jose LOPEZ & Maria HERNANDEZ-LEON
children Ana, Maria, Pia, Jose 27265

Jason & Guisselle CHANDLER
children Alexander, Lexie 27410

Alex & Jen CHIARAMONTI
children Joseph, Caroline 27455

Lois CROMWELL 27408

Maria CROMWELL 27408

Christopher & Tiffany DICKE 27410

Rafaelina FORD 27401

Nita GREENLEE 27419

Chris & Ashley GRAY
children Camden, Taylor 27284

John & Luiza HOLLAND
child Liam 27408

Ana HONTANILLA 27405

Jason & Cindy HUFF
child Emma 27410

John & Sheryl JAGACKI 27405

Mari JASSO
children Eduardo, Alexa 27405

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child Jonathan 27407

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children Elena, Max 27313

Gonzalo & Ashley LOPEZ-DAVILA
child Jack 27455

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child Lainey 27455

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child Ruby 27408

Vivian MASON 27408

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child James 27358

Donald & Barbara NATELLA 27455

Trevor NATIONS 27455

Lisa CROMWELL 27455

Josh RATHBURN 27401

Scott & Angela OCHS
children Zach, Charlie 27358

Marcella OLIVEIRA
child Bryan 27455

Ethan & Stacy PASCHAL
children Kinsley, Griffin, Hendrix 27370

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children Charlotte, Luck 27301

Nadia PIZANA-RIVERA
child Naeli 27405

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children Colton, Bryah,
Nolan, Kennedy 27358

Mary DeFRIEST 27401

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children Garrison, Roman 27455

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children Amelie, Julian 27358

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Bill & Laura VARY 27403

Pat VOLPE 27455

FUNERALS - OUR CONDOLENCES

John Quagliano
Marjorie Sullivan
Paul Bagnasco

WEDDINGS - CONGRATULATIONS!

27358 Crystal Valente & Evan Thomes
Lyndsey Kelley & Paul Galbo
27455 Catie Payne & Alex Vincent
Deanna Smith & Daniel Harris

BAPTISMS - BLESSINGS!

27370 Mattia Cardenas Hunter Jones
27301 Audrey Hager Adelyn Pelchat
Jack Grimes Maverick Saffari
Andrew Dowdy Killian Rios
27405 Owen Bustle Lucia Lehman
27405 William Buchanan

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