



# Echoes

NOVEMBER 2025

## A Message From the Editor

As we prepare to enter the holidays and the sacred season of Advent, I am grateful for the many ways our parish continues to grow in faith, community, and service. This quarterly mailing highlights several important initiatives and opportunities unfolding in the months ahead, and I'm excited to share a few updates with you.

First, you'll find information about our **Faith in Action Annual Fund**, which strengthens every corner of parish life: our people, our ministries, and our campus. Your generosity will allow us to remain a vibrant, welcoming community rooted in the mission of Christ, carrying on the wonderful legacy left to us, and we are excited to share how this fund will support our priorities in the coming year.

You'll also see a preview of **upcoming parish events**. These gatherings are designed to bring our community together, deepen relationships, and support the good work happening across our campus. From formation opportunities to festive celebrations and parish-wide fundraisers, there will be many ways to connect, give back, and grow with one another.

As our parish continues to expand, you'll notice we have had some **staffing adjustments** that better reflect our needs and position us for the future. We are blessed with a talented team committed to serving you, and these updates will help us offer even stronger support to our ministries and families.

This issue also introduces a **freshened visual identity** for St. Pius X, including updated logos, a revitalized website, and enhancements to our online presence. These improvements aim to reflect the beauty, energy, and hospitality of our parish while making it easier for you to find information and stay connected.

Finally, we are pleased to share our newly revised **Ministry Guide**, outlining the many ways you can get involved, share your gifts, and deepen your discipleship. Whether you feel called to serve, to learn, or simply to participate in the life of our parish, there is a place for you.

As you explore this newsletter and the materials enclosed, I invite you to pray with us, journey with us, and stay engaged in the exciting months ahead. May the Advent and Holiday seasons fill your homes and hearts with peace, hope, and renewal!

With gratitude,

*Lindsay M. Sartorio*

Director of Faith Formation & Evangelization

## Advent & Christmas Schedules

### THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 27  
Mass at 10:00 am

### NO DAILY MASS

November 28

### ADVENT BEGINS

November 29-30

### BAMBINELLI BLESSING WEEKEND

Third Weekend of Advent  
December 13-14

Bring your Baby Jesus figurine to Mass  
for a special Advent Blessing!

### NO DAILY MASSES

December 15, 22, 23, 26

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### *Christmas Eve Vigil Masses*

Wednesday, December 24  
4:00 pm\*, 8:00 pm, 12:00 midnight  
\*nursery open

#### *Christmas Day Mass*

Thursday, December 25  
10:00 am

### ADORATION & BENEDICTION

December 31 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

#### MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1  
Mass at 10:00 am

## Parish Office Schedule

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday & Friday November 27-28  
Monday - Friday, December 22-26  
&  
Thursday, January 1



Sign up online to receive Father Cook's Sunday homilies right to your inbox.

## What is Stewardship?

Alice Yorks

Director of Parish Life

Someone recently asked me what "Stewardship" means at St. Pius, and it led me to reflect on our community. It means receiving God's blessings with thankfulness and offering the blessings back to him, with love, by sharing our time, talent and treasure. It truly is a way of life at St Pius—one rooted in gratitude for the gifts God has given us.

YOU embody this beautifully through your prayers, service and support of the church and ministries.

The Stewardship Ministry Open House held the weekend (October 25–26) was an inspiring event. So many of you, not only showed up but actively engaged with our ministry leaders. In the spirit of James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above"—Three hundred and nineteen of you responded by stepping forward to share your gifts and serve in one or more ministries. A heartfelt THANK YOU to each of you and to the Stewardship team and all the ministry leads who worked tirelessly through the weekend.

Watch for our "Stewardship Snippets" throughout the year to see the positive impact of your generosity in action!

*"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost."*  
-St. Francis of Assisi

## Faith, Fellowship, & Family

Aaron Bennett, a Catholic Convert who was Confirmed through RCIA in the spring of 2022, shared his story of faith and stewardship last month during Mass. Aaron is a Trust and Estate Attorney with the law firm of Carruthers and Roth, P.A. and he resides in Greensboro with his wife, Cydney, and their three children, Anders, Isaac, and Clara. Aaron's faith journey inspired his wife to follow in his footsteps into the Catholic Church in 2023, and then his parents in 2024. Aaron credits their family conversion to experiencing the love of this parish, and seeing all of the positive impacts of the Catholic faith being lived out in their family. Here is a small excerpt from Aaron's talk that we want to share with you all:

*Like many of you, my days and nights are busy - but I make a concerted effort to practice stewardship as a way to give back to God - because he is the source of all of the blessings in my life. I give time to God through prayer, through fellowship with the 5AM Thursday Men's Group, and through Sunday Morning Coffee Talk. And, I've found ways to offer service to others and this church as a member of the Parish Council and providing financial support.*

*Since embracing stewardship, my prayer life has deepened. I'm a better husband, father, son, and attorney, and it's drawn my family closer through shared service and gratitude. My message is one of thanks and encouragement. Thank you for your stewardship, which unknowingly drew my family in, and let us experience God's presence profoundly.*

*If you're not yet involved, I humbly invite you to step forward in faith. We can walk in and out of these doors each Sunday, nourished by the Body of Christ, but through deeper engagement in stewardship, this parish can truly restore our weary souls, strengthen our shared community, and empower us to embody the virtues that draw us closer to God's boundless love.*

**Greening of the Church  
Monday, December 15  
at 9:30 am**

Join us to decorate the church for Christmas. Must be able to lift, bend, climb, and squat!



## Save the Dates for SPX Seniors!

Please see church bulletins for more information and how to register!

- Tai Chi (December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29)
- K&W Lunch (December 2, January 6)
- Christmas Bus Trip to Myrtle Beach (December 5-7)
- Meet & Mingle (December 9, January 13)
- Christmas Party (December 16)
- Senior Luncheon (January 20)
- Dolan Manor Angels Devotion (December 10, January 10)
- Game Night "Santa Re-Gift Bingo" (January 23)
- Designer Bag Bingo (January 24)

*ADVENT by CANDLELIGHT*  
*Hope lights the way ...*

HOSTED BY:  
REGNUM CHRISTI  
NORTH CAROLINA

A beautiful, festive evening among friends to focus on the true meaning of the Blessed Season. Each table is thoughtfully set and decorated around the Advent Candle Wreath. Enjoy light hors'douives, dessert and drinks as you listen to our guest speaker, Wake Forest Chaplain, Fr. David McCanless, guide us into meaningful preparation for the coming of Our Lord!

December 4, 2025  
St. Pius X Catholic Church  
Simmons Parish Center  
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Scan to Register by November 30.  
\$10 suggested donation per person.  
Nursery care for children who  
register in advance. Advent wreaths  
available for purchase. A portion of the  
proceeds supports St. Pius X Youth  
Ministry.



**SPX**  
**YOUNG & MARRIED**

12/7/2025 SPM CASUAL DINNER PARTY  
1/18/2025 SPM Social House & Mizumis

Are you a young married couple and looking for social opportunities with other young, married couples in the parish?

Contact Isabel to connect with our new ministry!

RSVP: Isabel 517.803.7818

**DESIGNER BAG BINGO!**

An afternoon of FUN, FELLOWSHIP, & FASHION!  
January 24, 2026  
Details on Realm!


## Christmas Social Events

**DECEMBER 2**  
Cookie Decorating

**DECEMBER 15**  
Christmas Treat & Ornament Exchange


ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH INVITES YOU TO JOIN SPECIAL GUEST ORDER OF MALTA AMBASSADOR MICHELE B. BOWE, GCM

**HOLY FAMILY HOSPITAL Mass & Benefit Dinner**

DECEMBER 6  
5 PM MASS  
6 PM DINNER  
SATURDAY

"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."  
Matthew 25:40

*Love thy neighbor.  
Be the difference.*  
[www.stpiusxnc.com/holyfamily](http://www.stpiusxnc.com/holyfamily)

**BREAKFAST With St. Nicholas**

Join us for a heartwarming morning filled with joy, laughter, and holiday cheer! Bring the kids and enjoy a pancake breakfast by the Knights of Columbus, kids' crafts, and photos with St. Nicholas!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14  
AT 10 AM  
SIMMONS PARISH CENTER


**PARISH Christmas PARTY**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16  
SIMMONS PARISH CENTER

REGISTER ON REALM!



*More events on back page ...*

## Baptisms

## Weddings

## Funerals

Mhalani Morin  
Kate Grimes  
George Brown  
Margaux Brown  
Pierce Brown  
Autumn Kuhn  
Lakelynn Kuhn

Keon Nzekwe  
Misia Sliwinski  
Matthew Bitonti  
Harlowe Perry  
Isabella Chow  
Eloise Royal  
Emilia Bresson

Kayla Thomas & John Halk  
Gina Perotta & Carson Moore

Shirley Waters  
Jeanette Meadows  
Rick Beavan  
Roderick Moore  
Isaac Kohl  
Kathleen Morrison  
Anne Powers Sestak  
Nora Morin  
Marsha Baird  
Vicky Proehl

## Newcomers

John & Liz AGNEW	27284	Emma & John GRIMES children Jack, Katie	27410
Mike ANDREWS & Soraya MARTINEZ child Sophia	27408	Dan & Jessica GUTOWSKI children Grace, Vivian	27215
Mike & Annette BAGNOLI	27455	Barbara HAUGHEY	27455
Alex & Melissa BAKAYSA	27455	Emily SANTAMARIA	27405
John BARREIRA & Katie BROWN children Eleanor, Raelyn	27455	Alice HIXON	27405
Thomas & Birgit BAUR children Theresa, Antonia	27408	Dan KINSEY	27408
Matthew & Stephanie BETHEL children Abigail, Maddie	27455	Marty & Sara LECHNER children Calvin, Willa	27455
Sean & Patricia BORGIO	27405	Ricardo LOPEZ	27258
Biana BRESSON	27253	Mike & Jayne MALINSKI	27410
Dominick & Samantha BRESSON child Emilia	27616	Dennis & Sue MANCHESTER	27410
Madalyn & Chris BROWN children Pierce, Margaux, George	27408	Bryan & Sarah MATTHEWS children Macson, Tyson, JJ	27410
Edmundo CEPEDA & Gilda GUTIERREZ children Edmundo, Mariana, Cristy	27310	Daniel & Patti McARAW	27455
Marc CHIURCO	27410	Ellen McBRIDE	27410
Tim & Judy CLONTZ	27358	Gabriel MOLINA	27455
Jim & Bernadette COLLINS	27410	Jerry & Michele MOORE	27410
Jason & Emily CONDRASKY children Elaine, Weston, Caroline	27410	Doreen MORIN	27292
Bonnie CORNWELL	27455	Shawn MORIN	27292
John & Maggie CRUM child Theo	27215	Kevin & Debbie MURRAY	27410
Henry & Jenna DANIS	27408	Kassidy NEUNER	27410
Istref DAUTI & Engi KABA	27301	Jude NZEKWE & Peace OKAFOR child Keon	27401
Bruno DeOLIVEIRA & Thais HEKAVEI child Julia	27455	Robert & Heather PACKO child Penny	27215
Andrew & Kara DELK children Kinley, Kyla, Kallie, Kelsey	27239	Abraham PAREDES & Tatiana OLVERA children Victoria, Maximiliano	27358
Marielle de ETAGES child Amalia	27455	Jackson & Georgia PARISEY	27410
Ruth & Daniel DeSALVO	27405	Joy PARKER	27301
Jeff DiBELLO child England	27258	David & Amelia PELLICANE children Travis, Trent, Kinsley	27357
David & Alex DREIER child Cooper	27357	Glenn & Patty PIECHOWSKI	27405
Alisa EL LAKKIS	27455	Ed & Sandy RANISZESKI	27410
Cheryl FIELDS	27455	Mike & Karen SPEAR	27410
AJ & Eileen FILLOY child Caris	27310	George TELLO & Lindsay WOLAK children Vivienne, Julianna	27408
Richard & Mary FLICK	27406	Mike & Jeni THOMAS	27410
Nino & Hilda GIAIMO child Aurelia	27410	Colin & Brooklyn MORRIS	27282
		Bob & Valerie VAN ETEN	27455
		Karl WILLIAMS & Ceci MONCLA child Ré	27455
		Matt & Jennifer WOODLEY children Michael, Molly, Mackenzie, Joseph	27103
		Shirley WYZGA-JOHNSON	27410

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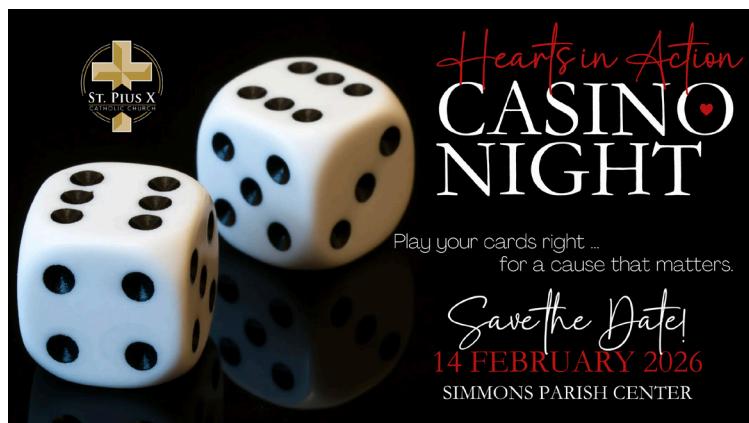
### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

**Weekly Submission Deadline:** Fridays, One Week Prior

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## 2026 Events & Speakers

Please look for registration information online and in the bulletin in the coming weeks! New spring study information coming soon as well! Questions? Contact the parish office.



### SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR Faith in Action INAUGURAL BALL

WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF

Mr. Louis DeJoy  
& Dr. Aldona Wos

2026 FAITH IN ACTION HONOREES



SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026  
6:00 PM  
GREENSBORO COUNTRY CLUB



**JASON EVERT**  
Catholic Speaker & Evangelist

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 11, 2026

**SAVE  
THE  
DATES!**

# SPEAKERS

AT  
SAINT  
PIUS  
X



**BRADLEY BANNING**  
Catholic Country Recording Artist

SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
MARCH 7-8, 2026