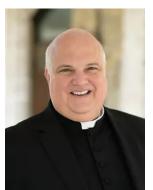
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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR

Lent is an Old English word that means "spring," and this has truly been the case at Saint Pius X. Through your dedication to the three Lenten themes of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we have witnessed much growth, the flowering of your faith-filled efforts



Reverend Monsignor Anthony Marcaccio during these past several weeks.

I am happy to report in this *Echoes*, that soon you will be seeing some turning of the Earth and construction on our campus at St. Pius X. During the pandemic, our school put up a large, outdoor tent, donated by the Boy Scouts, in the unused grassy area between the Connolly Athletic Center and the DeJoy Primary Education Building. This tent was used frequently during Covid for extra-curricular activities, outdoor classroom space, and athletics. Students and teachers enjoyed the fresh air while being shaded from the sun. Our

families, our scouts, and our sports teams used the space to gather during and between sporting events and other activities. After a particularly violent storm, the high wind rendered the tent unusable and it had to be taken down. The benefit of the tent planted the seed in the mind of the Lemnios family, who came forward with a generous offer to donate the construction of a permanent facility, an outdoor open-air pavilion, in the same unused space. Mike and Christine Lemnios are a long-time St. Pius X parish and school family with three boys – Connor, Austin, and Charlie. We are so grateful for this major gift which will entirely fund the construction of the pavilion. This will be a wonderful complement to the proposed track and turf improvements which I have previously written to you about, and which are outlined in this issue of Echoes as well.

In addition to the pavilion and field improvements, we were able to install additional playground equipment for the DeJoy Primary Education Center! This new set of safe and durable outdoor equipment complements what we had for our youngest students and parishioners. This set was donated by Phil & Charisse Kleinman, in loving memory of Philip and Frances Daly.

And lastly, it takes light to grow, and so I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued contributions to the Capital ...

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PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK LITURGY SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Weekend . April 1-2 Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass Sunday Masses 7:00*, 9:00, 11:30 am

> Monday . April 3 Daily Mass 5:15 pm

Tuesday . April 4 Because of the Chrism Mass in Charlotte, there will be no Daily Mass on April 4.

Holy Thursday . April 6 Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Good Friday . April 7 Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm Veneration of the Cross 7:00 pm

> Holy Satuday . April 8 Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday . April 9 Masses at 7:00*, 9:00, 11:30 am

*Please note the time change to 7:00 am.

SAVE THE DATES

ADULT and YOUTH Vacation Bible School June 26-30 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm

EARLY-EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION Faith Formation & Confirmation

Help us plan for next year! Early registration discounts available.

Registrations will open after Easter. Please watch the bulletin for details!

Interested in helping? Email Lindsay Sartorio at <u>lsartorio@stpiusxnc.com</u>.

A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR (continued from page 1)

... Improvements and Building Fund. We will be upgrading and augmenting the lighting on and around our campus. This will serve to enhance the aesthetics, security, and safety of the entire property and facilities.

Aside from your generosity of treasure, which has enabled us to fund many much-needed capital improvements, you have demonstrated your commitment to our Mission to *Know, Love, and Serve* during this Lenten Season. You came together as a parish community to be nourished with knowledge, and to have your Catholic identities strengthened through adult formational opportunities. You have promoted a culture of charity by your donations to feed the poor and by supporting events such as the Knights' Fish Fry and the Youth Ministry Potato Bar. And you have grown in devotion to the Lord by taking advantage of additional prayerful opportunities for Adoration, Reconciliation, and Stations of the Cross.

Thank you for all the ways in which you've been able to cultivate a Holy Lent, so that Easter Joy may blossom at St. Pius X. On behalf of all of us at

St. Pius X, we wish you the blessings of Holy Week and the hope and gladness that come with Christ's Resurrection at Easter!

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SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL GALA 2023

A great time was had by all, and for a great cause: A New Field for our Family of Faith.

On March 18, at the Greensboro Country Club, school families, staff, parishioners, parents of alumni, and even parents of future SPX students enjoyed a wonderful evening of excellent food, silent and live auctions, music, and dancing in support of the coming field and track project on our campus.

In consultation with the Saint Pius X Parish and Finance Councils, the school administration, and our School Board, we have determined that the optimal solution to the poor soil and problematic drainage and flooding problems would be to install a superior, synthetic (AstroTurf) field and a 2-3 lane Rekortan (permeable surface) track on which our students and parish community will be able to play, exercise, and enjoy outdoor activities for decades to come.

This year's Gala, *Going for the Green*, was a major fundraiser dedicated to this important project. Be on the lookout for more information regarding the layout and design of this new field for our Family of Faith.



Clockwise from Top: The new playground structure behind the DeJoy Building is in place; The Lemnios Family (Mike, Christine, Connor, Austin, and Charlie); Samantha Jones and "Turf" the puppy

enjoy some face-time with Monsignor at the

Gala; the Gala Committee did an amazing job of creating an atmosphere of fun and festivities for the biennial school fundraiser; and a watercolor rendering of the proposed track and turf projects behind the Connolly Athletic Center off of Cornwallis Avenue.











DEAR TATER

WRITE IN TO ECHOES AND ASK TATER YOUR QUESTIONS!

Given the success of Tater's Kissing Booth at Valentine's Day (and the fact that French bulldogs have been voted the most popular breed in the United States), as the Editor of Echoes, I have asked Tater to be our newest columnist and member of the editoral staff!

-- Lindsay Sartorio

Dear Boys and Girls,

Do you have a special question for me? Well, now you can write me a letter or an email and ask me anything you want! Do you want to know more about Catholic "Dog-ma?" Do you wonder about why we do certain things at Mass? Or are you just curious about what I do with all of my free time as a "very good boy?" Here's a hint: It's not all snacks and belly rubs!

I often wonder about things myself - and there is no such thing as a small or silly question. For example: When I get to heaven, can I sit on God's couch? Also, are there mailmen in Heaven? If there are, will I have to apologize? Are the fire hydrants in Heaven made of gold? Are the cats in Heaven nice to the dogs?

Drop your question into one of the baskets at Mass, or have mom and dad help you send an email to <u>echoes@stpiusxnc.com</u>. Just make sure to include "Dear Tater," and Lindsay will make sure it gets to me ... in between my naps, of course!

I paw-sitively promise to answer all of your important questions. And who-knows? Your question might just be featured in an upcoming edition of our *Echoes* newsletter.

After all of the animals were created, one of them was left sitting curiously, looking up at the sky. Kindly, the Father said to him, "I've left off naming you until the end. At last, I've turned my own name around and decided to call you *DOG*, my friend."





WELCOMING NEW CATHOLICS AT THIS YEAR'S EASTER VIGIL

Pictured above are Matthew Anderson and his wife, Lindsay Kruska, with Monsignor Marcaccio. Matthew and his three boys, Miles, Owen, and Davis will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Along with Matt and his boys, please pray for the following men, women, teens, and children that will be celebrating their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 8:

Cydney Bennett, Anders Bennett, Brian Bridgeford, Donna Bridgeford, Lauren Bridgeford, Katie Casey, Daniel Lopez, Joshua Cornelius, Melinda Dickey, Brandy Gabutti, Gabrielle Gabutti, Oscar Gil-Perez, Samadhi Gil-Perez, Ashley Gil-Perez, Marianne Guillen, William Guillen, Leah Hostetter, Shane Hostetter, Josh Hurley, May Moore, Alexandra Ortowski, Gloria Saffari, Matthew Saffari, Selena Saffari, Georgina Saffari, Bryan Snyder, and Andrew Tewksbury.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

St. Pius X's Music Ministry welcomes ALL prospective adult singers and seasoned musicians.

THIS MAY BE YOUR MINISTRY ...

* If you love to sing
* If you can match pitch
* If you are a seasoned musician
* If you are able to attend our weekly rehearsals

COME AND JOIN US!

Contact Francine Britto at <u>fbritto@stpiusxnc.com</u> for a very informal audition and placement.



SUMMER YOUTH CHOIR WORKSHOP

Dates coming soon! During the Summer, there will be a choir workshop welcoming youth singers and instrumentalists (intermediate level) All are welcome!







@spxncyouth @spxncyoungadult



SPX Young Professionals

Young Adult Ministry JOIN US! Young Adult Ministry meets each Tuesday 7:00-8:30 pm in the Simmons Center. All are welcome. Follow us on social media or inquire about being added to the GroupMe text.

Youth Ministry TRIP SPOTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE for Catholic Heart WorkCamp and both LifeTeen Camps - Covecrest and Hidden Lake. We also need CHAPERONES! Check with Matt for more information.

THANK YOU to all who came out and supported the Potato and Salad Bar fundraiser. It was a huge success! All of the proceeds will help offset our rising transportation costs this summer.



STEWARDSHIP - IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MONEY

When you hear someone talk about Stewardship, do you immediately think, "I guess I'll be getting out my checkbook?" Although using our parish envelopes regularly is one form of stewardship, that is really just the tip of the iceberg. In second grade faith formation, we were recently talking about

reasons to go to Mass. Our class of smarties had beautiful reasons like praising God, being thankful for the sacrifice Jesus made, learning about God, etc. But we also talked about how nice it is to see friends you know and to be part of a community of faith. Just like with any friendship, you have to put in some time and energy to develop that sense of belonging. Even if you only have a few hours occasionally, you could sign up for Adoration on First Fridays or help with set up or clean-up for events. If you have a green thumb or like to work with your hands, consider

assisting with Facilities or Grounds & Garden. There are many more ideas on the parish website under Parish & Community Life. This is a great time to discern where you should use your time and talents to strengthen your connection with God, enrich the parish and deepen your friendships with other members of our family in faith.

Pictured at right: Martha and Brian Harvey, Kathy Harvell, and Kathy Gallucci were great stewards in action at a recent dinner event.





JOIN US AT JUBILEE

September 29 - October 1

Join us for a weekend of faith renewal, friendship, and fun with fellow SPX parishioners at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville, NC.

Come and enjoy the peaceful surroundings as you strengthen your faith

and spiritual life. The Jubilee team will be there to help facilitate a meaningful and enjoyable experience for you. Dress is casual and relaxed, and delicious meals are provided. Give yourself the gift of Jubilee 2023!

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JUBILEE

Former attendees (Pilgrims) say....

"Friends have you heard about Jubilee, and wondered what it's all about? I am so thankful to tell you that Jubilee truly changed my relationship with our Lord and led me to friendships in our community that I did not have before. I had no idea what to expect of the weekend, but I believe the Holy Spirit was nudging me to go. Are you feeling the nudge? Please listen to your heart, you will not be disappointed. The Jubilee Team has prepared a weekend at the beautiful St. Frances Springs Prayer Center led by the Holy Spirit that is peaceful, prayerful, and fellowship filled. You will always cherish your Jubilee Experience."

"What started as a weekend to get away for myself turned into so much more. Jubilee is a weekend for renewal, learning and growing deeper in your faith. I came away from the weekend with a renewed sense of peace and filled with the love of Jesus. I also found a new community of friends and love seeing them at Mass."

Space is limited! You can sign up on Realm by scanning the QR code below, or fill out a registration form at the parish office. For more information contact Patricia Gillispie <u>patriciajgillispie@gmail.com</u> or Denny Kerns <u>dlkerns30@hotmail.com</u>.















Just a few photos from Jubilee 2022 - parishioners enjoying a group discussion and hospitality, as well as photos from the beautiful campus at St. Francis Springs.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

May 5 and June 2 from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. (No Adoration on April 7 - Good Friday)

"I look at God, and He looks at me." St. John Vianney, a French priest in the 19th century, observed a frequent visitor to his parish, a humble farmer, who would sit and simply gaze upon the Tabernacle. Curious to learn why, the priest asked him what he did during this time. The farmer's simple response sums up so beautifully what has drawn the faithful to Eucharistic Adoration up and down the centuries. We come simply to be in the presence of the One who, as St. Alphonsus de Liguori said, "loves us beyond measure."



For some, Eucharistic Adoration may mean stopping in for a few quiet moments in the midst of a hectic afternoon. Others may feel called to spend an hour, or even longer. Some adorers choose to reflect on Scripture, engage in Lectio Divina, pray a Rosary or the Liturgy of the Hours, study the faith, journal, or even sketch. Or they may, like the humble farmer, simply rest in the gaze of Jesus, present - Body, Soul, and Divinity, in the monstrance. There is no reason to feel awkward or nervous. Jesus knows you and loves you. And He delights in spending time with you! Jesus calls to us: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28) Come, be with the One who loves you beyond measure!



Monthly Rosary

April 2, May 7, June 4



The Knights of Columbus will lead parishioners in praying the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary after the 9 am Mass on the first Sunday of each month in the chapel. Please join us with your prayer intentions. God Bless and Vivat Jesus!

Sisters of Hope

Please join us for friendship and sharing. If you have lost a spouse or are alone and want to spend some time in a common atmosphere, please join us on the 2nd Friday of each month. Next gathering:

Friday, April 14 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm Simmons Parish Center

Sharing each other's company for a short time once a month may be just what you're looking for. We share our news, resources and have fun! Questions? Contact the parish office or Anne Cooper at 215-837-8859.

Socials Ministry GAME NIGHT

April 28 @ 7:00 pm No Game Night in May

RSVP on Realm and check out what we're playing each month! Parish Center - Snacks provided. Questions? Contact Alice Yorks at <u>alicef81@aol.com</u>.



SENIORS MINISTRY

TAI CHI April 20, 27

Meet at 9:30 am in the Simmons Center

SENIORS MASS & LUNCHEON Tuesday, April 18

11:00 am Mass followed by a Luncheon Advance RSVP Required. Please contact Gloria Essa at 336-299-3926 or you may register on Realm Registration deadline is Friday, April 14.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Final Senior Mass and Luncheon of the Season will take place *Tuesday, May 16.* Watch the bulletin and other parish communication for details.

SENIORS "LET'S DO LUNCH"

Tuesday, April 25

Join Monsignor at K&W Cafeteria at the Friendly Center location at 3200 Northline Avenue. Meet at 11:30 am for a casual luncheon get-together. After getting



your lunch, look for the reserved SPX tables! No reservations are necessary. Please note: this is in addition to our monthly Senior Luncheon.

SPX CAMPS presents SUMMER CAMPS 2023 COOKING PREK/K **SPLASH CAMP SPA** BASKETBALL **CLUBHOUSE** LEGO SEWING SOCCER ART TECH CHESS REGISTER AT SPXCAMPS.COM USE CODE EARLYBIRD2023 FOR DISCOUNT!

You're Invited to The Wizard of Oz

The Wizard of Oz will be performed by 6th - 8th grade students at St. Pius X Catholic School on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 pm, and Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 pm.

Tickets may be purchased on our school website



beginning April 17. Our 3rd - 5th grade production of Beauty and the Beast was standing room only, so you won't want to miss this beloved musical!



Walk for Life 2023 Saturday, April 29

LeBauer Park in Downtown Greensboro

Registration is at 9 am and the Walk begins at 10 am.

Join fellow St. Pius X parishioners for The Pregnancy Network's "Walk for Life 2023." The Pregnancy Network helps women choose life by providing spiritual support, free ultrasounds, parenting classes, mentorship and more. Call team leader, Julene Valitutto, for more info, at 336-314-2719.



CALLING ALL Newly(ISH)-weds!

Did you get married <u>in the last 5 years</u> at another church or somewhere outside of the parish? Help us to help you!

We're collecting the names and contact information of couples that

are relatively new to marriage and hoping to plan some social and community-building events.

Save the Date for May 20 at 6:00 pm! New Couples' Social & Games with Monsignor

If you're interested in being counted in on the fun, send a quick email to Lindsay Sartorio at <u>Isartorio@stpiusxnc.com</u> with your names and wedding date. We look forward to hearing from you!

NEWCOMERS . BAPTISMS . WEDDINGS . FUNERALS

NEWCOMERS - WELCOME!

Creighton ABRAMS	27410
Nichole BALTAZA & Nicholas GOMEZ	27214
Larry & Cynthia BASEL	27407
Marl & Sara BULMER child Callie	27284
Darrin & Barbara CERMINARO	27357
Rebecca CERMINARO	27410
Michael DOERR	27410
Mike & Vanessa DeSANTI child Derek	27405
Mariteresa Ann DOUGHERTY	27455
Daniel & Sarah FLORES children Ada, AnneMarie	27410
Nicholas HERNANDEZ-GUEVARA	27409
Michael KIRBY	27203
George LAMOUREUX	27406
Chris LEE	27455
Matt & Rachel MARTIN children Emily, Allison	27358

Cybelle McFADDEN	27410
Preston & Rebecca NELSON child John, Sophia, Henry	27410
Gabe PASQUALUCCI	27455
Andrea ALMANDOZ	27455
Zach & Jocelyn SHEETS children Cameron, Joseph, Adelyn	27215
Scott STAUBACH & Megan THOM/ children Kate, Shelby, Henry, Wells	
Brendan & Kate STRINGER children Cali, Colby, Bodie, Brady	27410
Lupita VILLARAN	27409
BAPTISMS - CONGRATULATIONS Joy Wyatt Joseph Dowdy	51
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Bob Wangelin

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PARISH BULLETIN

Weekly Submission Deadline: Fridays, One Week Prior Email: <u>bulletin@stpiusxnc.com</u>



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