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Our Lord has written the promise of Resurrection, not just in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.
Martin Luther





"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it will be recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity."

St. Mother Teresa



FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus entreats His Apostles: "Remain here and keep watch with me." (Matthew 26:38).

Jesus' words echo down through the centuries and His invitation to us is the same. The very same Jesus who took to Himself a human nature, died to reconcile us to the Father, and rose again promised to remain with us always, a promise He keeps in the Eucharist. On the first Friday of each month, we have a special invitation to spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. There is no special agenda, nothing in particular that you "have to do." You can come for 5 minutes or stay as long as you like. It is simply a time to draw close to Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance. It is an opportunity to accept His invitation to remain and keep watch with Him.



MONTHLY ROSARY

First Sundays at 10:00 am in the Chapel

Join the Knights of Columbus with your prayer intentions. God Bless and *Vivat Jesus!*



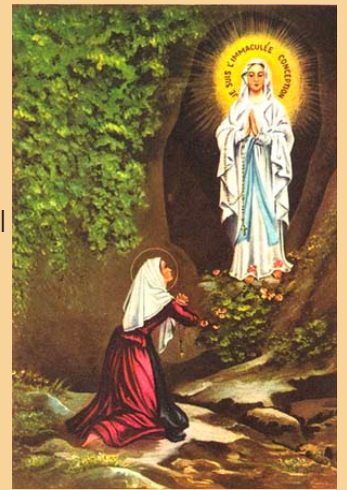
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Every First Friday from 12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.

www.stpiusxnc.com/adoration

THE ROSE AND OUR MOTHER, MARY

The symbolism of the rose assumed a Marian association in a privileged manner through two themes: the rose as a symbol of love and a devotion to the Rosary. The influence of the Song of Songs led to the rose symbolizing the mystical union between Christ and his Church, or between God and each member of his people. Because Mary was honored as the model of our union with God, the rose became a privileged symbol of the union between Christ and Mary. The Litany of Loreto includes the title for Mary, "Mystical Rose." Our Lady of the Rosary is Our Lady of the roses, because the flowers are the symbols of greeting offered to the Mother of God. Often times, the scent of roses can be associated with the Blessed Mother, and you will often see roses planted or placed near her statues. Yellow roses are also associated with the apparition of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, France in 1858. These yellow roses appeared on Mary's feet and she told a young girl named Bernadette that she was the Immaculate Conception.




DONUTS, COFFEE, & CONVERSATION

JOIN US: APRIL 21 AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE CLOISTER!

DID YOU KNOW THAT APRIL IS A MONTH DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS!

As of mid-March, the following books have been collected and donated through the Knights of Malta Lenten Book Drive:

- Books Behind Bars - Charlottesville, VA (200 books)
- St. Francis - Greensboro (200 books)
- Guilford County Juvenile Detention Center (75 books)
- Colbert-Lauderdale Attention Home, AL (380 books)
- Utah State Correctional Facility (250 books)
- Guilford County Jail - Greensboro (3,000 books)
- Forsyth Detention Center (25 books)
- Prison Alliance - Raleigh, NC (130 books)
- Jamestown Public Library (300 books)
- Greensboro Urban Ministry
- Sanctuary House
- Dolan Manor
- Estimated total books collected (3,500-4,000)

Thank you to our Volunteers: Clint Festa, Bob Buccini, Tim Rice, Jim Hoffman, Silvia Rodriguez, Leah Necas

"It is with thankful hearts and humble gratitude for your sharing in our efforts to help at-risk and disadvantaged children. ... The Attention Home Program is truly humbled by your kindness and so grateful for your giving. Your service has shown us the true meaning of giving and commitment."
-Teresa Robertson, Executive Director, Attention Homes of NW Alabama



DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL 2024 - ONE BODY IN CHRIST

Thank you to all those who have given to the Diocesan Support Appeal. We have reached \$145,611 in pledges or 69% of our goal, with 288 total donors. *We need to raise an additional \$66,389 to meet our DSA parish assessment of \$212,000.* Your gifts great and small will have a far-reaching effect throughout our Diocese. Your pledge to the DSA is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational and social service ministries of the diocese. You may complete a pledge envelope and return it at Mass or to the Parish Office, use the QR code here or go to charlottediocese.org/dsa to make a gift online.



Donate Today!

NEWS FROM SPX CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NOW ENROLLING
For the 2024-2025 school year!



www.spxschool.com

NOW HIRING!

Middle School Math Teacher & Substitute Teachers

For more information, look online under "About Us" >> "Employment Opportunities"

Why should you enroll your child at St. Pius X Catholic School?

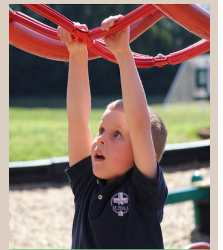
A loving and supportive environment where all children can learn and succeed.

Academic excellence grounded in Catholic Faith and Virtues.

A focus on the development of the whole child.

A family-based school community.

Opportunities for all students to work together for spiritual growth and service to others.



For questions about admissions or to schedule a tour, contact Amy McKee, Director of Admissions, at amckee@spxschool.com. Financial Aid info can be found online under "Admissions" >> "Affordability"

**NATIONWIDE INVITATION
TO PRAYER FOR THE
PROTECTION OF LIFE**

The USCCB has asked Catholics to begin a campaign of daily prayer to St. Joseph for the protection of women and preborn children. The prayer campaign began March 25 and will continue through June.

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life —especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.



St. Joseph, defender of life,
pray for us!



**Summer Programs
Children & Youth**

INFO COMING APRIL 15!

www.stpiusxnc.com/faith-formation



Please watch the bulletin and our website for information about registrations for our 2024-2025 formational programming.

**Faith Formation (Grades K-8)
First Communion Prep
Confirmation Prep
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation)**

Discounted Early Bird
Registration from May 1-31!



GREENSBORO AREA ULTREYA REUNION

"For I long to see you ...that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith." (Romans 1:11-12)

DeColores all Greensboro Area Cursillistas! Mark your calendars to attend our FIRST Greensboro Area Ultreya Reunion right here at St. Pius X, Sunday afternoon, May 19th. We will gather at 3:00 pm for some hors d'oeuvres and social time, followed by our Ultreya Reunion to begin around 3:45 pm. Deacon Ralph D'Agostino from St. Leo's in Winston-Salem, our Spiritual Advisor for the Cursillo Movement in the Charlotte Diocese, and John Moloney from St. Therese in Mooresville, who leads the Cursillo Parish Ambassador Program, are our expected speakers.

We hope to see many of you as we gather for our first Ultreya fellowship here at St. Pius X and will be introduced to other Cursillo brothers and sisters in Christ! If you should have any questions, please contact Bill and Mary Wells, our Ultreya contacts, at wtwmew@yahoo.com. You can also contact Vivian Essa, our Parish Ambassador, at viv@essainc.com, if needed.



FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH - JOIN US!

Stebenville Youth Conference

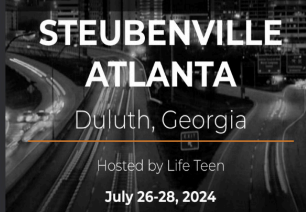
WHAT TEENS ARE SAYING:

"Each time I go I fall in love with Christ all over again."

"The Conference changed my heart."

"I saw my faith in a new light."

"To see so many young Catholics like me was life changing."



**STEBENVILLE
ATLANTA**

Duluth, Georgia

Hosted by Life Teen

July 26-28, 2024

**JULY 26-28
STEBENVILLE
ATLANTA**

**Register Today
on Realm. Only
\$50 Deposit
and Fundraising
Available!**



"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." - John 1:5



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

April



DATE	EVENT
2 TUE	Small Groups 7:00-8:30pm
9 TUE	Catholic Conversations 7:00-8:30pm
16 TUE	Small Groups 7:00-8:30pm
23 TUE	Social See GroupMe for more information!
30 TUE	Small Groups 7:00-8:30pm



Join our
GroupMe to
learn more!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

May

DATE	EVENT
4 SUN	Brunch After 11:30 Mass
7 TUE	Small Groups 7:00-8:30pm
14 TUE	Catholic Conversations 7:00-8:30pm
21 TUE	Small Groups 7:00-8:30pm
28 TUE	Social See GroupMe for more information!

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Golf Tournament

Save the Date

Tournament
proceeds will support



LAMB
FOUNDATION OF NC
Helping People with
Intellectual Disabilities since 1974

RSVP Support for
Vocations



Tunnel Towers
Foundation
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Friday May 3rd

OAK HOLLOW
GOLF COURSE

For more information
Contact: Jim Duffy - 336.500.3852
jpduffy64@gmail.com

BLOOD DRIVE



APRIL 17

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Simmons Parish Center

Sign Up for an Appointment Now!

www.redcrossblood.org





**JOIN US FOR
AN ADULT
BEACH PARTY
DINNER AND
DANCE**

**Saturday April 27
6:00 – 10:00 pm**

Tickets \$30.00 per person
or Reserve a Table of 8 for \$250.00

Includes Appetizers, Dinner, Dessert,
Adult Beverages, and Dancing!
Featuring Favorite DJ Mike and a few
Surprises!

RSVP & Payment Required by April 19
Contact the Parish Office or Register
through Realm. Questions? Contact Alice
Yorks at ayorks@stpiusxnc.com.



SENIORS & ADULT SOCIALS

Look out for information for the following
exciting events and opportunities. Check
the bulletin and Realm for registration info!

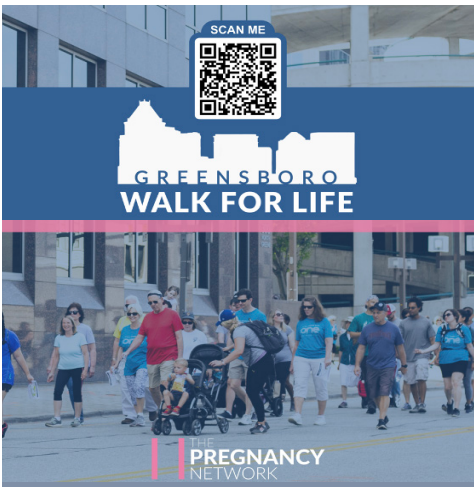
- Tai Chi Thursdays
- Line Dance Lessons Wednesdays in April
- Walk and Talk in the Park Wednesdays
- Senior Academy Tuesdays in June/July
- Lunch with Monsignor April 9
- BINGO at Dolan Manor April 11
- Senior Luncheon April 16
- Game Night April 19
- Spring Fling April 27
- Lunch with Monsignor May 7
- Box Lunch and Babies May 16
- Senior Luncheon May 21
- Ice Cream Social at Dolan Manor June 6
- Theology Uncorked June 13

Questions? Contact Alice Yorks at ayorks@stpiusxnc.com or 336-272-4681 ext 106.

SENIOR ACADEMY

The Guilford County Sheriff's Office is offering a free, 6-week Senior Academy for adults ages 50+ to identify and address issues facing older adults.

- June 4: Prevention & Safety
 - June 11: Fraud & Scams
 - June 18: CarFit for Seniors
 - June 25: Health & Fitness
 - July 9: Domestic Violence; Neglect/Abuse/Assault
 - July 16: Graduation Ceremony
- For more information and details, see our registration page on Realm or contact Alice Yorks at ayorks@stpiusxnc.com.



TPN'S WALK FOR LIFE!

**Saturday, April 20
Center City Park
Registration 9 am / Walk 10 am
Family-Friendly 2-mile walk, kids activities, and hot dog lunch.**

For more info or to join, contact SPX team leader, Julene Valitutto at julene@homeismyoffice.com or 336-314-2719.

Come walk for moms in need at The Pregnancy Network's annual "Walk for Life." TPN provides hope and life-giving services to mothers and unborn children here in the Triad. Join us in our pro-life efforts here at SPX!



**AN EVENING OF
LIFE AND LOVE:
CELEBRATING
WALKING WITH
MOMS IN NEED AT
ST. PIUS X**

In this month of May, join us for an Evening of Life and Love on Monday May 13th at 6:00pm as we celebrate St. Pius X's pro-life efforts of walking with moms in need through our community life partner, Room at the Inn.

Marianne Donadio, director of marketing for Room at the Inn will share the good news of the life-affirming programs Room At the Inn provides for new mothers and their unborn babies.

The evening will also feature Angela Baalman, Assistant Professor of Clinical Sciences at the Fred Wilson School of Pharmacy, a graduate school within High Point University. Angela will present on the pharmacotherapy concerns regarding bioethical issues surrounding the beginning of life.

Register for this special event on REALM or contact the parish office.

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please contact Georgianna Penn at peacesofgod2@gmail.com. (Hosted by the SPX Respect Life and Purple Hat ministries.)



The Nurse's Corner

WHAT DOES POLLEN HAVE TO DO WITH IT?

Are you coughing? Sneezing? Experiencing red, itchy, or watery eyes? Research shows that since 1990, pollen season starts 20 days earlier and is 21% stronger. Warmer temperatures and changing precipitation affect the growth of many pollen-producing plants. Changes in climatic conditions lead to increased carbon dioxide in the atmosphere which accelerates super-pollinator plants. The result is a longer, more concentrated pollen season.

Allergic rhinitis is the medical term that describes hay fever or seasonal allergies. This is an immune response to an allergen (pollen) that stimulates our body's histamine response to rid the body of the allergen. Common sources of allergic rhinitis are pollen, animal dander, and dust mites. For most people, it is an inconvenience. Individuals with asthma or other chronic lung conditions are at a higher risk for complications of this inflammation. You will want to urgently notify your medical provider if you experience any difficulty breathing or chest pressure/tightness as these symptoms are a medical emergency.

If your medical provider approves, there are over-the-counter products that can help with seasonal allergy symptoms. People with high blood pressure or other chronic health conditions should always check with their medical provider before taking any over-the-counter medication.

Here are examples of things you can do that may help with allergy symptoms:

- Avoid mowing the lawn or gardening, or wear a face-mask if you must be outdoors.
- Keep the windows and doors shut when pollen counts are high.
- Change your clothes and shower at night.
- Take a long-acting antihistamine, like Zyrtec or Claritin (or a generic brand), if your healthcare provider approves.
- Use a saline nasal spray to help moisten nasal passages.

While Spring weather can be a challenging time, the beauty and warmth of the season are worth planning for. Have fun!

MAY IS PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARENESS MONTH

Physical fitness is important for everyone. Being able to move comfortably & efficiently affects your quality of life. If you are already active, then great. If you are more "couch active" or have medical limitations, then check in with your doctor to make sure there are no limitations or what those limitations might be.

Most importantly for anyone wanting to be more active, take it slowly & build your activity in small, progressive steps. Unintentionally, you may "overdue it," but remember to rest and recover before you get back to your favorite activity/activities.

Choosing what to do is the easy part. All movement counts from cleaning the house, walking your dog, and dancing to your favorite music. These activities & many more can get your heart rate up a little faster. Ask Alexa, Siri, or Google to play your favorite music, then get moving. Do not worry about what others say, but rather enjoy the strange looks as you dance across the kitchen. Health.gov says "Move your way." Everything counts!

Physical fitness guidelines recommend 150 minutes of moderate exercise every week. That's about 22 minutes per day. This moderate exercise can be anything that gets your heart pumping a little faster. If you like it, then do it. Even virtual reality activities will get your heart rate accelerated. Have you tried Gorilla Tag? Kids love it and some adults, too.

Getting active does not have to cost money. If you are a tech junky, try a wearable device to track your fitness trends. Many devices remind you to stand up, stretch & walk around a little every hour.

Remember:

- See your medical provider before starting a new fitness program.
- Move in a way that makes you smile.
- Let injuries rest & fully recover.
- Go solo or join a group. Both are therapeutic.
- Physical fitness is for the body, mind, and spirit!
- Just move!

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For the full articles and more from our St. Pius X Healthcare Ministry in the coming months, please visit: www.stpiusxnc.com/blog.

NEWCOMERS . BAPTISMS . WEDDINGS . FUNERALS

NEWCOMERS - WELCOME!

Annemarie HELLEVIK	27358	Ben & Kathy WALRAVEN	27310
Stan & Irene ACKERS	27405	Bob HILL	27106
Vicki ARMSHAW	27263	Gonzalo JASSO-PEREZ & Gudelia HERNANDEZ-MARQUEZ	
Daniel & Tori BROUSSARD children Blaker, Elijah, Grant	27410	Teodulo HERNANDEZ-ROSALES child Aaron	
Arturo CAMPERO-GONZALEZ & Dayana CAMPERO-FERRO children Nico, Federico	27455	young adults Ashley, Leslie	27406
Ernesto & Holly CHOW child Isabella	27455	Greg LaROCCO & Reyes GAMEZ child Sofia	27377
Edgardo CINTRON-DIAZ & Monique CARRENO child Gabriela	27215	Jake & Nicole McLAMB child Giuliana	27214
Michael & Alina CRONAN	27310	Sean & Jane McNULTY	27358
Matt & Stephanie EVELAND children Nora, Will	27455	Brian & Alana MOSER	27360
Ray & Deb EVELAND	27377	Jan & Jocel OLSON children Dean, Moraine	27405
Bryce FEY	27410	Stephen & Mary ONYEDIBE children Prisca, Saint	27405
Kyle & Pamela GOLDEN child Edith	27410	Jesse RECTOR & Maria CABEL child Aoife	27301
Tep & Nancy GUINASSO	27455	Jamie Leigh SIMAAN	27358
Drew & Kassidy HACKETT children Wade, Georgia	27265	Tony & Nahla SIMAAN	27310
Chuck & Karon HAWK	27410	Jacqueline SMITH child Kennedy	27357
		Aaron & Patty SNIDER children Paisley, Nora, Oliver	27298

WEDDING - CONGRATULATIONS!

Julianne Britt & Carlos Simmons

BAPTISMS - BLESSINGS!

Orion Johnson	Alaina Cockrum
Isabella Colcord	Izekiel Levins
Aoife Rector	Tyler Colcord
Matthew Zapata-Zambrano	Reagan Davis
Ellis Ballentine	Codey Fritz
Finn Ballentine	Robert Hill
Miles Ballentine	Ashlynn Roth
Naaman Ballentine	Sheila Webb
	Desanni Whitter

DEATHS - OUR SYMPATHY

Michael Schlosser
Sherry Kelly
Robert Murray, Sr.
Kevin Proehl
Philip Koch

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