

# ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Echoes

MAY 2025

## A Message from Father Cook

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is upon us, and we naturally start to look forward to things we necessarily associate with this time of year – First Holy Communion, graduations, and summer vacations. The lovely weather of this season lends itself to relaxation, and a chance to retreat and recharge. The liturgical calendar of the Church also assumes a more restful rhythm, as the Easter season concludes in June, and we return to Ordinary Time. And although this restful time of year is welcomed and needed, and indeed is a gift from God, we must be vigilant to not allow the practice of our faith to take a vacation. The work of the parish continues

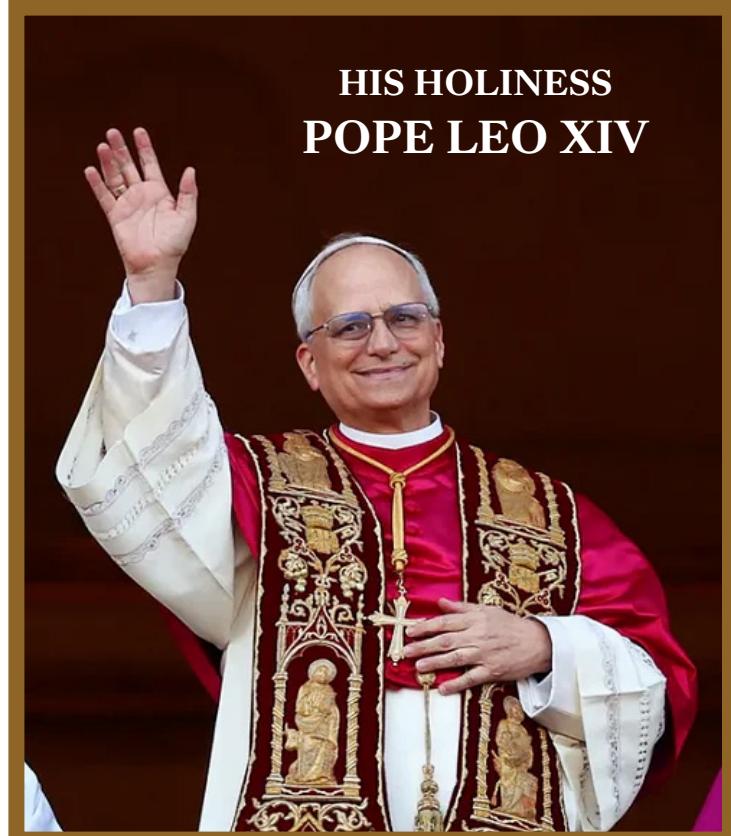


Father Christian Cook, Pastor

through the summer at St. Pius X, and your continued support and stewardship is needed. If you plan to be away from St. Pius X at some point during the summer months, perhaps take care to set up online giving so that your support continues, even when you are away. And if you are making travel plans for the summer months, also make plans to regularly attend Mass wherever you may be. *Our Lord never takes a vacation from watching over us, and we should not take a vacation from growing closer to Him.* I pray that all of us find time for some rest and prayer this summer, as we continue our journey as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the love of Christ,

*Father Cook*



HIS HOLINESS  
POPE LEO XIV

## A Prayer for Our New Pope From Father Cook

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray,

on Leo our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Join us in Rome this October on our Italian Shrines Pilgrimage, including a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV!  
Details on page 7.*

# SAINT PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Sharing the Joy and Hope of Easter in our Community

*Therese Chase, Parish & Community Life/Stewardship*

St. Pius X School and St. Pius X Parish & Community Life teamed up for a heartwarming "Lenten Journey of Hope" creating Easter baskets that brought smiles to 155 members in our community.

The mission was simple but powerful: to surprise and uplift the elderly, the sick and the lonely with a heartfelt gesture of love and kindness. We are incredibly grateful for the St. Pius X parents who donated the treats and for the energy and excitement of the students who filled each basket with prayers, fun activities, vibrant, student-crafted artwork, and heartfelt notes. Together, we were able to share hope and faith during the Lenten and Easter season.

Our wonderful students hand delivered these cheerful baskets to residents at Dolan Manor, Carriage House Senior Living, Pennybyrn, Pathways Center, and Coltrane Group Home. Their joy was contagious. The recipients were not only touched by the thoughtful gifts but especially delighted by the students' visits and warm smiles!

A huge thank you to the SPX-PTO for their amazing generosity in donating the baskets and extra goodies that made the surprise even sweeter. Special thanks to the school parents, Guys Doin' Stuff and Krisan Walker for delivering the baskets with care.

It was truly a joy to partner with St. Pius X teachers Patricia Wilding and Cathy Strader to bring this beautiful "Lenten Pilgrimage of Hope" to life. Thanks to all who made this mission of love such a shining success.



## St. Pius X Catholic School: Society of Saints

*April Parker, St. Pius X School Curriculum Director*

St. Pius X Catholic School Society of Saints assist residents at Dolan Manor, alongside St. Pius X Catholic Church parishioners. The Society of Saints is made up of student leaders from 5th - 8th grade who engage in stewardship and lead spiritual activities at St. Pius X Catholic School. Once a month student ambassadors from the Society of Saints arrive at Dolan Manor to play board games and enjoy refreshments with residents after school. St. Pius X Catholic Church parishioners, termed Angels, provided refreshments and set up games. Students enjoy learning to play and teaching residents various games such as Yahtzee! Students have also engaged in trivia games with the residents, assisted them in learning to use technology, and delivered Easter baskets provided by the school and volunteers from the church.



Many students have gotten to know the residents so well that they exchange gifts when they see one another. Students, as well as parishioners, enjoy these afternoons and express enthusiasm in their partnership with one another.

## Join the Vicariate Youth Advisory Council

If you are a rising Junior or Senior in high school, consider joining the Vicariate Youth Advisory Council. The role of the VYAC is to assist Pastors and the Office for Youth Ministry in identifying needs of youth and strategies to meet their needs by empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, by drawing youth into responsible participation in the Catholic Church, by fostering their personal and spiritual growth, and to share local parish information, events, and initiatives, to plan and organize events and initiatives for the Vicariate in areas of catechesis, community building, evangelization, pastoral care, prayer and charitable services to those in need. If you are interested in applying, go to the following link and complete an application: <https://forms.gle/MByMXYBeATHaZR2F8> Questions? Contact Kat Manzella at [kmanzella@stpiusxnc.com](mailto:kmanzella@stpiusxnc.com).

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## The early years MINISTRY



MAY  
**23**

Family Movie Night  
Simmons Center  
5:30-7:30PM



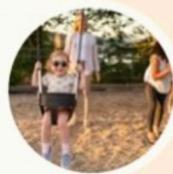
MAY  
**31**

Grasshoppers Game  
Meet Bluey  
6:30PM



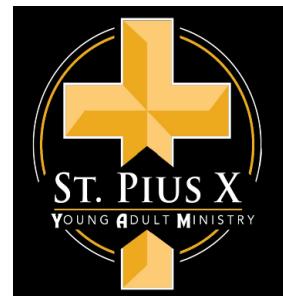
JUNE  
**9**

Playdate in the Park  
in Summerfield  
9:30-11:00AM



Join us for a private tour at Homeland Creamery! **Saturday, June 14 at 10:00 am** \$10 per person (2 & under are free) and guests are welcome! Includes: 20 - 30 Minute Hayride Across The Farm, Sample of Homemade Ice Cream, Visit to the Dairy Education Classroom to Learn About Cows!

To stay up to date, follow "The Early Years Ministry" on Instagram @earlyyearsministryspx or contact Kasey Helms at [kaseywhelms@gmail.com](mailto:kaseywhelms@gmail.com) for more information.



## Young Adult Ministry

Join the Young Adult Ministry - where faith, friends, and fun all come together. Scan the QR code to join our GroupMe for updates, the Summer Schedule, and information as events happen!

May 20 @ 7:00 pm  
Small Groups

May 27 @ 7:00 pm  
Catholic Conversation

June 3 @ 7:00 pm  
Small Groups

June 10 @ 7:00 pm  
Social Event in the SPX Cloister

June 17 @ 7:00 pm  
Small Groups

June 24 @ 7:00 pm  
Rosary Walk

## St. Pius X Seniors Ministry Updates & Events

Register on Realm for the following events! Please see bulletins, weekly updates or contact Alice Yorks [ayorks@stpiusxnc.com](mailto:ayorks@stpiusxnc.com) (336) 727-4681 for additional information.

### THEOLOGY UNCORKED

Thursday, June 5 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
Brian Harvey "God's Great Plan: My Journey to the Catholic Church and Devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary"

**TAI CHI** - Every Thursday 9:30 – 10:15 am with practice sessions on Mondays. Bring a friend!

### SENIOR LUNCHEONS

June 10, July 8, August 12

### MEET & MINGLE

- May 20

### ADULT GAME NIGHTS

June 27, July 25 and August 29

### COMING SOON ...

### SENIOR ACADEMY

7-week Course Beginning in August!

### LAY MINISTRY VISITATION

Be A Blessing!

### CHRISTMAS BUS TRIP

Let's Celebrate the Season in Myrtle Beach, SC!

## THEOLOGY UNCORKED



## Summer Daily Mass Announcement!

Daily Masses will move to the CHAPEL beginning **Monday, June 2 through Friday, August 23**. This includes First Friday Mass and Adoration.



## Knights of Columbus®

The Knights of Columbus Council 11101 is looking for a few good Catholic men to join our Council. If you are looking for an opportunity to get involved or want to know more about us, follow the link provided to find out more: <http://kofc.org/join>

Better yet, stop by at one of our upcoming events and see us in action. Upcoming events (save these dates):

- 1st Sunday Rosary held each month after the 9am Mass.
- Pancake breakfast after 9am Mass on 6/8, 7/13 and 8/10

## Jubilee is Back in 2025!

**Register today for our Jubilee Weekend Retreat  
September 12 - September 14, 2025  
St. Francis Springs Prayer Center**

Join Fr. Cook and the Jubilee team for a wonderful, weekend experience that will allow you to deepen your knowledge, faith, and love of our Lord. Whether you are new to the church or a long-standing member, join us to deepen your relationship with other parishioners and reconnect with God.

Reserve your space early! Registration details are on Realm (scan QR code) and in the parish office. Price is \$145 (parishioner) or \$150 (non-parishioner) and scholarships are available. Includes 2 nights lodging, transportation, and all meals.

For more information contact one of this year's Co-Rectors: Denny Kerns 615-218-6261 or Jocelyn Williams 336-681-2690.



## Columbiettes Finish First Year Strong!

*Cindy Westmoreland, Parishioner*

The St. Pius X #11101 Columbiettes completed their first year of operation strong! Under the leadership of Denese Brito, our President, we started with 32 members in April, 2024. Fast forward to April, 2025, and we have grown to 46 members – an increase of 40% - something almost unheard of in other Columbiette chapters!



Some of our accomplishments for the 2024-2025 year include:

- Assisted the Parish with Monsignor Marcaccio's funeral in July. We were asked to help with seating people, answering questions and being available where needed.
- Helped the Knights with two blood drives – if you tasted any home made desserts at the blood drive, yes, that was us. We are not quite sure if the "donors" ate the most goodies or the Knights did!
- Coordinated the taste testing contest at the Marcaccio Marinara Sauce Taste Testing Contest at the Italian Festival – we had several entries of homemade sauces and more than ten parishioners taste the sauces. We even had a taste testing for the kids! We will expand on this for the upcoming Italian Festival in October, 2025.
- Helped with the Knights Christmas party – our very own Joyce Henigin and Kathy Russell selected the menu and helped organize the Knights Christmas meal.
- Completed a very successful bake sale; with more than 90% participation! This will become our "signature event". Thanks to the generosity of our Columbiettes and the parishioners, we were able to present After Gateway a check in the amount of \$3,000 (see below).
- We finished the year by sponsoring the Valet Service for the inaugural Senior Prom on May 9, 2025.



If you are interested in becoming a member, please reach out to Denese Brito, President, at [denese.brito@ethospathology.com](mailto:denese.brito@ethospathology.com) or Kathleen Kulla, Vice President, at 336-202-5044. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 for social hour and the meeting is 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. and we would love our group to grow!

## Memorial Golf Tournament Success!

On Friday April 25, the St Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 11101 held their 2nd Annual charity golf outing. This year the tournament was renamed the Monsignor Marcaccio Memorial tournament. Approximately 80 golfers descended upon Monroeton Golf Club for this year's event.

After some early questionable weather, the day turned out beautifully.

All were treated to a wonderful lunch and a chance at some really cool prizes but more importantly, they all came together to raise a significant amount of money for charity. This year's charities who will benefit from the tournament are:

- LAMB** program which benefits organizations who help those with intellectual and physical disabilities.
- The St Anthony Bread Endowment Fund** started by Monsignor Marcaccio's family helping needy people with food throughout the community, particularly in the Swannanoa Valley whom our parish has paired with to help with hurricane relief.
- Tunnel to Towers** who helps to build and/or provide mortgages and homes to severely injured veterans and first responders.
- RSVP Fund** which assists seminarians who are working to become priests by supporting them on their journey with funding they do not receive from any other source.



The St Pius X Knights of Columbus would sincerely like to thank the golfers, volunteers, and sponsors. Because of you we raised \$13,000 that will be distributed to these worthy causes. The tournament committee hopes everyone had a great time and is already looking ahead to next year's tournament which they hope to make even bigger and better. Thank you to the St Pius X parish and community for making this event such a success.

## OCIA: Adults, Teens, and Children Seeking Initiation into the Catholic Church



Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church? Have you missed any of your Catholic Sacraments? Have you been away from the Catholic Church for a long time and are now returning home?

**Join the OCIA.** OCIA is the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, (formerly referred to as RCIA). OCIA is a lifelong commitment to the Catholic faith and the new name reflects the progressive nature of this spiritual journey. Let us help you discover, learn, reflect, and build community during this process.

**Summer Inquiry Sessions:** May 18, June 22, August 3 at 10:15 AM in the Simmons Parish Center. Questions? Contact Lindsay Sartorio at [lsartorio@stpiusxnc.com](mailto:lsartorio@stpiusxnc.com)



### PILGRIMS OF HOPE NATIONAL SHRINE BUS TRIP

September 27-29

**Trip Includes:** Charter Bus, 2-Night Stay in Frederick, MD, 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 2 Dinners

**Travel To:** National Shrine

Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, National Shrine of St Elizabeth Ann Seton with Mass, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, St John Paul II National Shrine. **Price:** \$375 pp (double occ.) / \$475 pp (single occ.) Register on Realm or call the parish office. Questions? Contact Scottie Rumley at 336-508-2814 or [scottierumley@yahoo.com](mailto:scottierumley@yahoo.com).



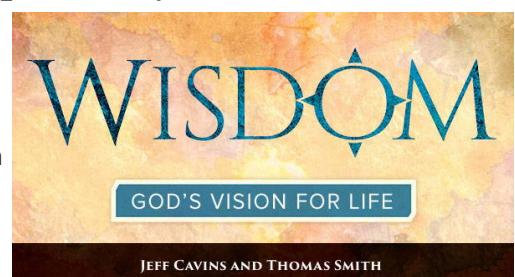
## Summer Study Opportunity: Wisdom

**Tuesday Evenings**

**June 10 - July 29**

**7:00 pm**

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. In this eight-part study, Jeff Cavins and Thomas Smith examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life. Drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible—Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, and Ecclesiastes—Wisdom: God's Vision for Life will teach you how to actively seek sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life.



JEFF CAVINS AND THOMAS SMITH



In everything from friendships to finances, from making decisions to attaining peace of mind, Scripture offers a vision for happiness and well-being. With this program, you will learn how to gather, gain, and grow in wisdom, and you will experience the joy it brings to your life.



## 2025-2026 Program Information

### Faith Formation Grades K-8 First Communion Confirmation



Please visit our website at [www.stpiusxnc.com/faith-formation](http://www.stpiusxnc.com/faith-formation) or scan the QR code here for more information. **Registration is open with Early Bird Discount through June 30.**

**YOUTH SUMMER TRIPS**



**Steubenville Youth Conference**  
July 11-13  
Rising 9th - 12th Grade  
Atlanta, GA



**LifeTeen Camp Covecrest**  
August 4-9  
Rising 9th - 12th Grade  
Tiger, Georgia



# MAKE IT A ST. PIUS X Summer



Join us at St. Pius X this Summer for faith-based and fun activities for all ages! Check out our Faith Formation page and watch the bulletin in coming weeks for more details and registration information!

**Mission Mondays**

Join us for service opportunities each Monday on campus or at a community location! Check out [www.stpiusxnc.com/youth-stewardship](http://www.stpiusxnc.com/youth-stewardship) for details!

**Friday Night Movie Nights**

Join us on **June 13** and **July 18** for a family-friendly, faith-based movie night. Registration info in bulletin and online!

**VBS Summer Nights**

**June 25, July 9, July 23**

Pre-K and Grades K-5, Middle & High School Youth, and Adults  
Outdoor Activities, Crafts, Bible Lessons, and more!

Registration info in bulletin and online!

**End-of-Summer Family Cookout**  
**August 6 - Details Coming Soon!**



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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4**

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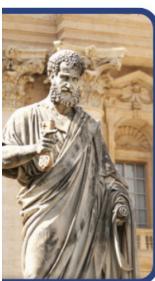


# The Shrines of Italy with Fr. Cook

OCTOBER 13 - 23, 2025  
Optional Post-Tour October 23-27

**What's Included**

- ✓ Round Trip Airfare from desired airport (or land only option)
- ✓ Airport Transportation, Ground Transportation, Transfers
- ✓ 9-nights Hotel Accommodations
- ✓ Admissions and Tours at all Shrines, Catholic Tour Guide
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner Daily, Wine included
- ✓ Daily Mass and Spiritual Activities



**Locations Visited**

Rome  
Monte Cassino  
San Giovanni  
Rotondo  
Monte Sant'Angel  
Lanciano  
Loreto  
Assisi  
Orvieto  
Cascia

Optional Post-Tour:  
Florence  
Padua  
Venice



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Registration  
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# Funerals Baptisms

Lawrence Mann  
Teresita Shah  
Warren Duhaime  
Mark Harvell  
Gloria McNeill  
Redmond J. Loftus Jr.  
Bill McKenna  
Jan Whichard  
Vince Victor

Liliette Garcia-Juarez  
Beckett Herschel  
Jack Lopez-Davila  
Vian Chhetri  
Sophia Miller  
Curtis Caudill  
Elliott Caudill  
Carley Caudill  
Geovanni Romo-Perez

Elsa Perez-Galindo  
Jennifer Waddell  
Bryce Waddell  
Reece Waddell  
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### ECHOES PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### WEEKLY PARISH BULLETIN

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

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# Newcomers

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Will & Katherine BRICTSON	27455	Garrett & Jamie DAVIS children Lily, Chapel, Elwood, Nathanael, Theodore, Nora	27358	Gigi MOREL children Lismary, Manny	27360		
Gerardo FLORES & Nancy CARDENAS children Gerardo, Camila	27265	Jamie D'SOUZA	27358	Craig & Crystal O'TOOLE child Bella	27310		
Christine CHAMPIGNY grandchild Charlie	27405	Rob DONOVAN & Anne FITZPATRICK	27408	Scott & Molly PIERSON	27455		
Jeffrey CHAMPIGNY	27405	Ben GARRISON	27284	Samantha & Reese BLACKWELL child Delaney	27455		
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Joe & Judy CONWAY	27320	Tom & Martha HALSEY	27455	Susan RUBERTI	27358		
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