

UPDATE! UPDATE! UPDATE!

IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL IT'S OVER!

Here's the latest from this worried old Pastor about the financial woes at our parish. What you are reading I am writing this past Tuesday, and, for a change, I want to share with you something more encouraging than I have of late, and to say "Thank you!" Since I first made you aware of our "crisis of cash" at St. Pius X a few weeks ago, my mind has been in turmoil. I have the daily worry about paying our current bills on top of our future expenses and our mounting indebtedness to the Archdiocese of Miami. It had all been for me a noxious nightmare. It has made me turn inward and question myself. Everything I have written and said seemed to have fallen on deaf ears. Worst of all is the struggle I have to simply hang on to my trust in God and my trust in you, the people of our parish. I don't like that. If I lose that trust, what else have I got? Well, thanks be to God, I haven't lost that trust! On Monday morning, after the collections were counted, I learned that you had rallied round the cause. Last Sunday's collections were approximate twice what we had received on previous Sundays. PRAISE AND THANKS BE TO GOD – AND TO YOU! This is the response I badly needed to hear. But before I get carried away, I realize that this increase is due in no small part to some very substantial donations from some of our parishioners. In no way can these be counted as part of our Sunday collection. But it sure is a tremendous encouragement to me as Pastor, and, for the first time, I have a glimmer of hope. From the bottom of my heart, I give thanks to you and for you. Since the very beginning, I have urged us to give some serious thought to upgrading our giving to God and to His church. What was good enough even 10 years ago, just isn't doing it today. By now you may have received my mailing to all of

our parishioners. It is intended mainly for our parishioners now up north – to make them aware of what has befallen our parish, and, hopefully, to elicit from them an encouraging and urgent response to our aid. Time alone will tell what good for our parish this may do. Apart from that, I don't have very many options. But, in the meantime, I am grateful and greatly encouraged by the wonderful increase in your contributions last Sunday. We're not "out of the woods" by a long shot. But it's a start! Now we've got to keep the spark alive. What ever about when " the Fat Lady sings," our problem "ain't over 'til it's over." And that's just fine with me! We're all in this together..... and we're not alone! The Lord, for Whom we come here to worship and adore, is with us because He loves us and cares deeply about us. He's counting on us. As we do our part, we can be sure that He'll do more than we can ever expect or deserve. Hang on to that hope and trust! All of my writings on this subject are getting a bit tiresome for you and for me. But, as long as I'm able to share some good news with you, I don't mind it a bit. God bless you!

Father Pat Slevin

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15th

IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Since the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th) falls on a Saturday this year, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has determined that, when this feast falls on a Saturday or a Monday, it is not a holy day of obligation.

PARISH CRUISE

Our Parish has another terrific cruise scheduled to support our Perpetual Memorial Program.

The cruise departs on the new MSC Poesia from Fort Lauderdale on 12/10/09 for 10 nights. Ports include Georgetown, Grand Cayman, Cartagena, Columbia, Cristobol, Panama, Puerto Limon, Costa Rica, and Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Prices start at \$749.00 plus taxes and fees.

Contact Paul Cunningham at 732-854-7137 or paulc@cruiseformycharity.com for more details.

BINGO

Every Thursday

All parishioners and friends of St. Pius are invited to attend **every Thursday**.

Doors open at 5:30PM

Progressive Game

Early bird starts at 6:30PM

Regular Bingo at 7:00PM

Snack Bar serves coffee, tea, hot chocolate, popcorn, hot dogs and a variety of sweets.

BRICK GARDEN

Please consider ordering your bricks for Phase IX, which is now open, as soon as possible. (50 brick orders are needed to place an order).

Take some time from your busy day and come to the Garden. In these turbulent times, it can be a place of calm and quiet. The Garden is there for you and awaits your visit. Thank you for your continued support.

Barbara C. Scerbo, Garden Chairman

For more info...call 954: 563-3735-cell or 954: 610-5641 - BSCERBO1935@AOL.COM.

The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and burns continuously for 7 days. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$10.00. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in the Church in memory of: **Helen & Stephen Jakobowski** and in the Chapel in memory of: **Doris Campbell**.

Prayer Request for the sick...

Helen Keating, Mary Fearon, Mary Reilly, Pat Zades, Elizabeth Santos, Gwen Chintala, Bess Malvarosa, Kate Norakawa and Gloria Wyers

Prayer Requests for the deceased...

James Amsden and Daniel Kerksmar.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Saturday, August 15th at 7PM Join John Miller preaching the word Of God and spreading devotion to the Holy Family in what is now is one of the fastest growing Missions in the Catholic world. "For the Love of God Worldwide:" Meet this man as he moves souls to encounter the love and healing of God in these prophetic times.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI

Collection for the Church in Latin America-Aug.8-9

The proceeds of the annual collection for the Church in Latin America are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin American and the Caribbean. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral agents, catechists, and youth ministers.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY – AUGUST 8th

4:00PM Ben Barba
5:30PM Anthony Nunziato

SUNDAY – AUGUST 9th

8:00AM Mary & Joseph Lostumbo
9:30AM Vincent J. Oliva
11:00AM Chris McDonald
12:30PM Herta & Max Saurel

MONDAY – AUGUST 10th

8:00AM Herta & Max Saurel
9:00AM Fr. Thomas Lavelle

TUESDAY – AUGUST 11th

8:00AM Gertrude McArdle
9:00AM Herta & Max Saurel

WEDNESDAY – AUGUST 12th

8:00AM Intention of Violetta & Giuseppe Sica
9:00AM Herta & Max Saurel & Tom Griffin

THURSDAY – AUGUST 13th

8:00AM Mary Gillan
9:00AM Herta & Max Saurel

FRIDAY – AUGUST 14th

8:00AM Chlora & Desmond Slevin
9:00AM Herta & Max Saurel

SATURDAY – AUGUST 15th

8:00AM Herta & Max Saurel
9:00AM Elizabeth Romano