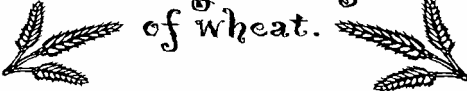


Unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
earth and dies, it
remains just a grain
of wheat.



It is our hope that no one feels like a stranger in this house of worship. May each of us be open to friendship and acceptance as God's children. Welcome!

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A TRULY GLORIOUS AND GOLDEN JUBILEE

Last Sunday has to become one of the red-letter days in the history of St. Pius X Church. It was the liturgical celebration of the **Golden Jubilee** of our parish at the 12:30PM Mass. The Archbishop of Miami, Archbishop John Clement Favalora, was the Celebrant of the Mass, with 14 local pastors and priest friends as con-celebrants. This was the first time that the Archbishop had seen the renewal of our church building. He was totally delighted with it and was most effusive in his praise. He reflected that, before this, our church was old – and it showed it; and now it is bright and beautiful – and, as a community of faith at St. Pius X, we're young again! That was like music to my pastoral ears! That's exactly what I had in mind when we embarked on this program **"To Renew All things In Christ,"** at our church in May of last year. To me, this was further affirmation that the Lord is with us – and has been with us throughout our renewal of our House of God, and, trustingly, will continue to be with us and bless us and guide us in the on-going spiritual renewal of ourselves. Even after 52 years in the Priesthood, God never ceases to amaze and encourage me. So also, I might add, does Archbishop Favalora. His kind words to me about what he saw here at our parish and his reaction to my homily on this occasion I will always cherish. Particularly pleasing to the Archbishop was our new and beautiful statue of **"The Pieta"**, which he blessed during the Mass. All who were present at the Mass were delighted and inspired by the singing and the music during the Sacred Liturgy. Our Choir never sounded better, and the decision to enhance the music with a number of talented instrumentalists was a stroke of genius. Our thanks to Kristen and all in our Music Ministry. You did St. Pius X proudly! The same goes for the Lector, Eucharistic Ministers, Acolytes and Ushers. We've got a great team here at St. Pius! And let me say a special word of praise to all who prepared the church, got rid of some more junk, and had the place looking extra good. Then too, there were the good ladies and volunteers, who took care of all details for the reception, following the Pontifical Mass. The refreshments, food and fellowship were magnificent and worthy of this special occasion. As usual, you excelled! The warmth of the welcome for Archbishop Favalora and the visiting priests, as evidenced by the frequent rounds of applause, made everyone feel appreciated and at home. I know that I speak for Father Harry Ringenberger and Deacon George Sutcavage when I tell you how happy and

grateful and proud we were, and still are, with the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of St. Pius X Church. This is a great parish and you are a good and holy people. We are blessed in God's call to serve you; and we give thanks to God for you and for all who were present, who participated, or in any way made this usually-once-in-a-lifetime-experience truly GOLDEN! May the spirit of sheer happiness and joy that pervaded our parish celebration continue to show itself each time we gather in our House of God to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as we give praise and thanks to God, from Whom all of our blessings come. May He continue to watch over, bless, guide and protect us, as, together, we progress along our pilgrim way. Gratefully,
Father Pat Slevin, Pastor



TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE March 28-29 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL** **#3080**

The **Knights of Columbus** will be having their annual Tootsie Roll Drive for handicapped children. The Knights will be at the doors of the church after all Masses and will speak at the Masses.

Music Ministry News



Well the Concert Series is over now and what a season it was! We finished the year with quite a bang by having our very last concert coincide with our 50th Anniversary Celebration last Sunday. Both events proved to be incredible successes for all those involved. Our Anniversary Mass was one of the most wonderful experiences that I have ever had at this church and I'm sure many would agree! The concert brought in record numbers and profit which made me very happy as well! It was a beautiful day with many blessings poured out upon us! This brings us to this week's news. This weekend just happens to be **Music Ministry Weekend**. This is the one weekend of the year where our very gracious Pastor, Fr. Slevin, allows the **second collection of every Mass to be given to the Music Ministry**. This is our largest fundraiser in addition to the Concert Series. It allows us to continue to bless this church with beautiful music all year long. I understand that as parishioners you have been stretched a little far this year with all of the various fundraisers, renovations and charities. I am only asking that if you enjoy our music here at St. Pius X, you will find it in your hearts to give whatever you can to keep our little program running in the future. I love being a part of this parish and now with all of the improvements, we have even more of which to be proud. So, with your help we will keep the high standard that we have been able to build. Like I have pointed out in previous years, we are the only Catholic Music Ministry that I know of that raises its own budget through the hard work of its volunteers, and the parish itself. This is an amazing feat and one in which we can all take pride. I continue to be grateful and humbled by your amazing support and generosity.
Thank you from all the Music Ministry of St. Pius X!
God Bless You!
Kristen DiNonno, Music Director

GARAGE SALE

Stop In After all Masses
Saturday, March 28 – Sunday, March 29

Everyone is invited to stop in the Parish Hall and take a look at what we have for sale.
 There might be something you need!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Sincerest congratulations to **Genevieve Nelson** who is celebrating her **104th Birthday** on **March 29th**. Genevieve has been a devoted member of St. Pius X Church for many years. May God grant her continued long life and good health.

St. Pius X Woman's Club Meeting, April 13, 2009 (10:00AM until 12:00noon). We are having a Baby Shower for Respect Life. Our speaker will tell of the new program Earn While You Learn (EWYL) which was started and has been quite successful in educating new parents.



Respect Life will place a playpen in the back of church during the entire month of April. New mothers are in need of maternity clothes and new or clean used baby items. Please be generous as in the past. If you have any large items, such as cribs, strollers, please call 954: 565-8506.



Every Thursday.... Doors open at 5:30PM
 with food and refreshments being served.
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.
 Volunteers are always welcome.
 Come join a great crowd and have some fun too!

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: **Coughlin & Grillo Families**, and in the Chapel in memory of: **Giuseppe Mastice.**

Prayer Request for the sick...

Stephen Toal, Anthony L'Abbate, Marilyn Ortenzio, Randy Schertler, Peggy Pedowitz, Tom Fullerton, Steve Fullerton, Mary Elizabeth Catanzaro, Ida Antanaricz, Isabela Hurtado, Ron Banas, Joe Kelly, Diana Butler, Elizabeth Cornett, Jim McNamara, Roy DuSell, Ron Pihulic, Judy Keenan, Mary Shields, Chris Jarvis, Lillian Bogard, Rose Gugolita, Paul Pascuzzo, Gloria Wyers and Florence Demchur.

Prayer Requests for the deceased...

Rose Pauline Papa, Charlie Wyers and Judith Dermody Duffy.

EASTER FLOWERS

The beautiful Easter flowers and plants, used in the church to enhance our Easter celebrations, are provided through the generous donations given by parishioners in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you wish to make such a memorial, use the Easter Flower Envelopes available on the table at the church entrance.



Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY – MARCH 28th**
 4:00PM **Vennard & Baldini Families**
 5:30PM **Lupe Beam**
- SUNDAY – MARCH 29th**
 8:00AM **Timothy Mahoney**
 9:30AM **Catherine Scapanda**
 11:00AM **Cecelia Adams**
 12:30PM **Jean & Peter Oddo**
- MONDAY – MARCH 30th**
 8:00AM **Domenico Lenoci**
 9:00AM **Jean Pilicastro**
- TUESDAY – MARCH 31st**
 8:00AM **Edwin Weber**
 9:00AM **Loretta Murray**
- WEDNESDAY – APRIL 1st**
 8:00AM **Helen Organ**
 9:00AM **Carolann Andrews**
- THURSDAY – APRIL 2nd**
 8:00AM **Kathryn Seaman**
 9:00AM **Helen Maude Conroy**
- FRIDAY – APRIL 3rd**
 8:00AM **Coughlin & Grillo Families**
 9:00AM **John Marro**
- SATURDAY – APRIL 4th**
 8:00AM **Intention of Gini Woodman**
 9:00AM **Rita & Charles Horkan**

Daily Mass is a Great Way to Start the Day...

Lenten Schedule

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:00 & 9:00AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
 EVERY FRIDAY AFTER THE 9:00AM MASS
FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR: APRIL 3RD - AFTER the 9:00AM Mass, including Stations of the Cross.

Also, all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence-No meat.