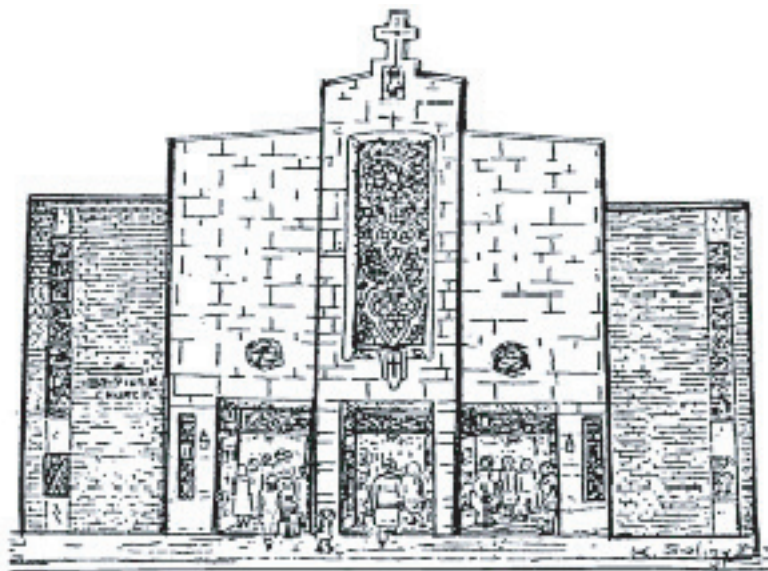


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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Weekdays

Tuesday to Friday - 8:30 a.m.
Rosary and Divine
Mercy Prayer - 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Brian Shea

Lay Pastoral Associate: Paige Souter

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Music Sat 5 p.m.: **Adrian Autencio**
Sun 9 a.m.: **Felix Arifin & Alejandra Ballon**
Sun 11 a.m.: **Brian Weldon**

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
OR By Appointment

Baptism

Please call the office for an appointment.

Marriage

One year's advance notice is required;
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Couples must attend a marriage preparation
course.

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every first Friday of the Month at 9:00 a.m. following
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Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help
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Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Liturgical Musicians, St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Women's League,
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Children's Liturgy (11 a.m. Mass)

Please Remember St. Pius X Parish in your Will.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Ashes Are Signs of Things Left Far Behind

This line from a Lenten hymn reminds me that the Season of Lent is both a journey and a preparation.



It is a journey because the ashes speak of my current state: someone in need of God’s help. The place I am in my life is not acceptable. I have been coasting – to the point where mediocrity

seems normal. My sins have deadened me to the prospect of new life. I am the blind man – I am blind to God’s presence in the everyday events of my life. I am deaf – I cannot hear God’s call to share in his risen presence. I am Lazarus in the tomb – I await Jesus’ command, “Unbind him and set him free” – I look to my brothers and sisters in faith to reach out and remove the wrappings of false culture that have tied me up with its allure. I no longer desire to be in the same place. I want to journey toward God.

Ashes are signs of things left far behind.

The Lenten Season is a time of preparation. It points to Easter. “Eat, Pray, Lent” – What if ‘Lent’ was a verb. How am I going to ‘Lent’ this year? Perhaps, by leaving behind selfishness, secretiveness, lack of transparency, negative thinking – and maybe, during Lenten preparation, I will discover more cupboards that need to be cleaned out.

Eat, Pray, Lent!



– Fr. Brian

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

8:30am † Susan Hunter

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

8:30am † Patrick O’Connor

Thursday, March 14, 2019

8:30am † Patrick Lennon, Carmen & Bruce

Friday, March 15, 2019

8:30am † John Joe O’Sullivan

Saturday, March 16, 2019

5:00pm † Michael Kolek

Sunday, March 17, 2019

9:00am For the people
11:00am † Patrick Buckley



Coming soon...

Liturgical Ministers Lenten Workshops

NOTE: Date Correction



Whether you serve as a Lector, Altar Server, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, or Children’s Liturgy Leader, all are vital to the vibrant and joyous celebration of the Eucharist.

The Liturgical Ministers Lenten Workshops will give us the opportunity to connect the spirituality of ministry with our own Lenten journey. They will also include training on the new Mass scheduling process. These workshops are for current ministers and for those who wish to become a liturgical minister. Please mark your calendars for the following dates.

Please note the corrected workshop dates:

- Lectors:** March 19 or March 20 at 7:30-8:30pm
- Altar Servers:** March 26 or March 27 at 7:00-8:00pm
- Eucharistic Ministers:** April 2 at 7:30-8:30pm

Workshops for **Children’s Liturgy Leaders** and **Ushers** will be held later in the Spring.

Do Lent Well!

Am I supposed to fast? / You want me to volunteer? I have no time for that! / Confession? Not! / HELP! I have no idea what to do for Lent!

Lent is a special time of the year when we focus on deepening our relationship with Jesus and encountering him in new ways. For many people, Lent is a time of subtraction, of doing without in order to make room in their lives for Jesus. But that approach doesn't work for everyone.

If thoughts of Lent cause you to roll your eyes, invokes anxiety, or feelings of ambivalence, then perhaps it's time to reimagine the season the Lent. Consider approaching Lent through the lens of blessing. Lent can be a time to focus on the experience of God's goodness in your life and working to be more loving, compassionate and grateful.

Regardless of the approach that fits best for you, strive to do Lent well. Start by **embracing the longing** to be touched by Jesus and commit to spending time working on your relationship with him.

Do Lent Well this week by taking stock of your relationship: **who is Jesus to you?** Is he like a close friend with whom you share everything or more like a distant relative whom you think about on occasion? Is he like that sweater you used to love and wear everyday but has gone out of fashion and now sits in the bottom of the closet? Do you exercise more often than you talk with Jesus? Obligation, not love, best describes your relationship. Be honest. Then take time to reflect on the type of relationship you want to have with Jesus and find a

creative way to express that longing.

Next week: Cultivating Openness Blessings,

Paige



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT

Friday Evenings in Lent



The Stations of the Cross are prayed **every Friday in Lent at 7:30pm, except Taizé Friday on March 29th**. All are welcome to enter into this prayerful devotion here at St. Pius X!

Did You Make Pancakes?



Were you able to celebrate that ancient tradition of making and devouring delicious pancakes last Tuesday, the day before Lent began?

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons Kevin and Ryan. The boys began to argue who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait."' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you can be Jesus.'

Coming up in March & April...

- March - Kindergarten Registration continues at <https://soar.tcdsb.org>
- March 9-17th MARCH BREAK for our school
- March 10th Building Fund Collection
- March 15th Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
- March 17th CWL Meeting after last mass
- March 19&20th Lectors' Workshop at 7:30pm
- March 21st Confirmation Parents Evening of Reflection at 7:30pm
- March 22nd Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
- March 26&27th Altar Servers' Workshop at 7pm
- March 28th First Communion Evening of Reflection at 7:30pm
- March 29th Taizé at 7:30pm
- March 30&31st Coffee Sunday
ShareLife First Offering
- April 2nd Eucharistic Ministers Workshop @7:30pm
- April 3rd **SPX School & Parish Mass at 9:30am**
Confirmation Session #5 7-8:30pm
- April 5th Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm
- April 6th CWL Spring Sale (details to follow)

SUNDAY READINGS NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019

1st Reading: *Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18*
God makes a covenant with Abram.

2nd Reading: *Philippians 3:17-4:1*
Christ will transform us.

Gospel: *Luke 9:28b-36*
As Jesus prayed, He was transformed.



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