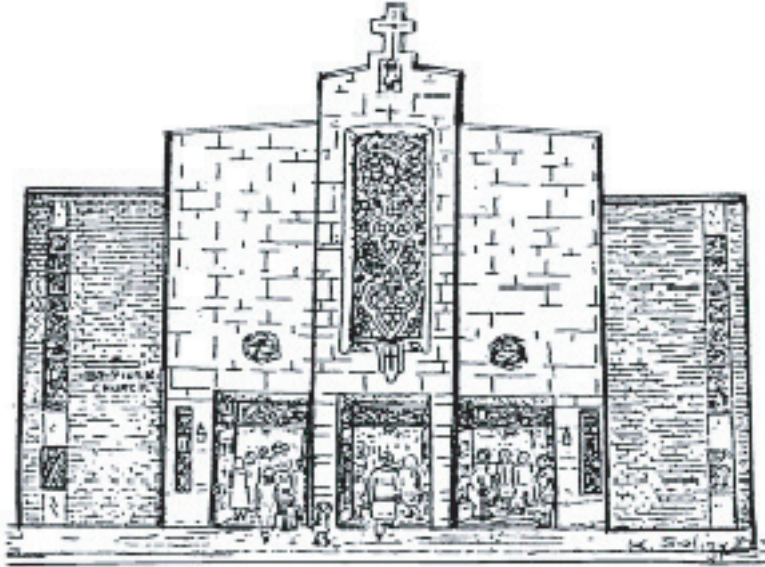


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Mass Schedule

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

Parish Secretary: Vivian Mio

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;
call the office for an appointment.
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
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.

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Children's Liturgy (11 a.m. Mass)

Please Remember St. Pius X Parish in your Will.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Sometimes People See What They Want to See



There have been several cases in the United States of parents refusing to have their children vaccinated against measles. They cite the

rise in the diagnosis of autism in children as one of their reasons. Scientists have not been able to find any evidence that vaccination may be a causal factor in autism.

People can confuse **correlation** with **causation**. Correlation implies a connection between two variables but doesn't mean that one causes the other. For example, in Chicago, in the summer, ice cream sales rise dramatically. So does the murder rate. Just because there is a correlation between the two doesn't mean eating ice cream leads to more murders.

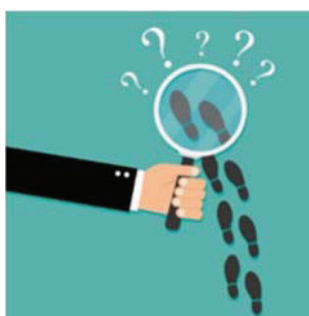
In the past few months, there have been many articles in the news about the sexual abuse of children by priests. Some writers argued that celibacy and sexual orientation were contributing factors – that celibacy and homosexuality were causal factors in the priest abuse of boys.

Of the studies completed so far, none have shown these two factors to be the cause of the abuse. The vast majority of priests, gay or straight, have never crossed the line in terms of inappropriate behaviour.

The only factor true of all priest abusers is that all had made a promise to live a celibate life. That's a correlation.

As for causation, we don't know yet. Sorting out facts from anecdotal evidence can only help us get a clearer picture as to why some people succumb to the violation of relationships of trust.

As difficult as it is to discuss these topics, it's important that we don't shy away from them.



– Fr. Brian

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

8:30am Thanksgiving

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

8:30am † Patrick Lennon

Thursday, March 21, 2019

8:30am

Friday, March 22, 2019

8:30am

Saturday, March 23, 2019

5:00pm † deceased members of the Cunningham family

Sunday, March 24, 2019

9:00am For the people

11:00am † Romuldo, Carmen, Marcelino Sr. Candelario, Luz Pulido, & Rhodora Yurick



ST. PIUS C.W.L. ANNUAL BAKE SALE



Saturday April 6th, 2019
10.00am- 2.00pm

We are kindly asking our parishioners for donations of baked goods such as Cakes, Pies, Muffins, Cookies, Squares, Loaves etc. Donations of baked goods can be brought down to the Church Hall on Friday April 5th between 6.30pm and 8.00pm or on Saturday morning at 9.00am. There will also be coffee and muffins served.

The proceeds from this years Bake Sale will be going to CHARITIES FOCUSED ON HOMELESSNESS.

Thank you for your support.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT

at 7:30pm

(Except Taizé Friday on March 29th)

LECTORS' WORKSHOP



Proclaiming the Word of God

Parishioners **interested** in becoming a lector
At Saturday/Sunday Eucharist
are **invited** to one of two workshops
Tuesday March 19 or Wednesday March 20 at 7:30 pm

Do Lent Well!

How are your listening skills?

The season of Lent is an invitation to practice our listening skills. We take time to listen for God in our lives and we focus on listening to the needs of others. It is through listening that we begin to cultivate openness and openness leads to compassionate living.

Pope Francis talks often about indifference being the opposite of God's love. While God's love moves us out into the world, indifference keeps our hearts locked up and sheltered from the world. There are different paths that lead to indifference, but the result is the same, we keep ourselves closed off from the needs of others.

Calling us to meditate on the example of Jesus, Pope Francis reminds us that compassion conquers indifference and opens our hearts to the wounded world in which we live. Just as Jesus listened to the cries of people who were marginalized and responded compassionately, we too are called to listen and respond to the brokenness in the world.

Do Lent Well this week by practicing your listening skills. Ask God to help you open your eyes and ears to see and hear what is happening in the world around you. Seek out stories that are in the news and from friends and colleagues, that you would normally ignore. Be mindful of those stories that are resonating within you. Take time to reflect on how God is inviting you to respond to that need or situation. Then - act.

Next week: Prayer works!

Blessings, *Paige*



Coming up in March & April...

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| March | - Kindergarten Registration continues at https://soar.tcdsb.org |
| 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) |
| April 12th | Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm |
| April 13&14 | Passion of our Lord (Palm Sunday)
Building Fund Collection |
| April 14th | CWL Meeting after last mass |

SUNDAY READINGS NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24, 2019

1st Reading: *Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15*

God's name is: "I AM WHO AM".

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12*

What is written about Moses is to help us.

Gospel: *Luke 13:1-9*

Jesus tells us to repent.



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