

## Church of St. Pius X

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### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS AND SACRAMENTS

#### **SUNDAY - THE LORD'S DAY**

VIGIL: SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

TUESDAY EVENING: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

#### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Parents must be active, registered members of St. Pius X parish. Arrange preparation for baptism by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.

#### **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Either the bride or the groom must be a registered, active parishioner of St. Pius X parish. Please make an appointment with one of the priests at least six months before the desired date.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 PM

Seasonal Communal Celebrations

By appointment anytime

#### **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK**

Upon request and communally twice a year. Please notify the parish office if anyone in your family is hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home.

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS**

For men interested in priesthood, please call 518-312-9397 or visit [www.albanyvocations.org](http://www.albanyvocations.org)

#### **CATHOLIC BURIAL**

For Catholic Burial Information contact the Diocesan Cemetery Office at 463-0134

### From the Pastor's Desk

With all of the debate surrounding health care reform, sometimes it is good to take a step back and think about some fundamental moral principles from our Catholic tradition that ought to guide our thinking. Archbishop Gregory Aymond, of New Orleans, authored the following statement. You may find it helpful in your own thinking.

“The Catholic bishops in the United States recognize a pressing need for health care reform. Too many American citizens lack basic health care coverage and the cost of health care is becoming prohibitive for many more.

The Lord Jesus, who came to save us from our sins, manifested a great concern for the sick in his public ministry. He also urged us to reach out to the poor and sick in our midst. The Church rightly considers that government has a responsibility to ensure access to basic health care for all.

The bishops do not propose a specific plan or policy. But we set out the following principles to shape public policy:

- We need to develop a plan which ensures access to basic health care for all.
- We need to make sure that the poor and the vulnerable, including legal immigrants, are part of this plan.
- We need to control health care costs so that it is affordable to all.
- We need to make sure that abortion, euthanasia or other immoral activities are not mandated or financed with taxpayer dollars. This includes conscience protection for all providers, whether institutions or individual persons, and for all recipients.

The bishops, without proposing either a public or private sector option, urge that any plan which is developed embrace these principles. Catholics are urged to contact their United States Senators and Representative to ask them to use these principles to evaluate all proposals that are developed.

Strident or shrill rhetoric does not help us to engage in civil and respectful deliberation about a serious social issue with significant moral implications. God grant us the wisdom to discern what is right and the courage to do it.”

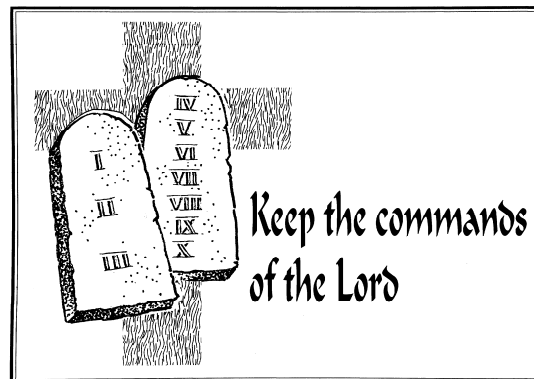
I also refer you to the web site for the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*. You may click on the site designated for the official position of the Bishops' Conference.

President Obama has often said that the status quo is no longer an option. As far as the poor are concerned, that has been true for many decades. It is our poor brothers and sisters who are the primary concern for all of us in the Church. Singularly significant among those poor are women and children.

Please join me in praying that a health care reform bill may be fashioned that makes quality medical care available to the poorest and most vulnerable among us while protecting the rights of every individual to choose the care that most suits his/her needs. As a Church you and I are always challenged to be aware of the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable to which the Gospel calls us, and be willing to sacrifice for the sake of that option.

When Jesus declared: “The poor you will always have with you” he was not calling his disciples to indifference but to action; action that is motivated by his Gospel of love. We pray for all decision makers and for all who have a heavy stake in health care reform. May the Holy Spirit's guidance be experienced in their deliberations and may the common good prevail.

Fr. Farano



### THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of “filler,” various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. What Jesus teaches today is that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

**A Call to Communal Prayer**

**In order to respond more consistently with compassion and prayer beyond our Sunday commitment, the names of those who are seriously ill are printed below.**



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| Marilyn Brizzell   | Michael Smith            |
| Richard Shade      | Stephen Mink             |
| Gustav Hufland     | Ann Boyle                |
| Paul Sullivan      | Abey Varghese            |
| Rose Laiacona      | Joseph Schmidt           |
| Karen Szesnat      | Colleen Clapper          |
| Dominick DeFilippo | Lorie Clapper            |
| Jeanne Fairchild   | John Szesnat             |
| Mark Farrell       | Joseph Pepe              |
| Lisa Pilla         | Robert Owens             |
| Robert Campbell    | James Gaetani            |
| Charles Arthur     | Lauren Dapice            |
| Iris Marini        | John Massimilian         |
| Edward Kosier      | Catherine Reynolds       |
| Joan Morrison      | Sarah McDonough          |
| Patrick Lennon     | Jizziyah Skelly          |
| Miriam Kleinberger | Charlotte Anne Wolfstich |
| Bob Raffaele       | Frank Lent               |
| Gertrude Abele     | John Agrusti             |
| Jennifer Garland   | Marilyn Gradoni          |
| Anne Egan          | John Tomchik             |
| Kym Hynes          | Garrett Garrity          |
| Nathan Natale      | Judy Delaney             |
| Phyllis Cullen     | William Stephans         |
| Joseph Wroblecki   | Elaine Lubiniecki        |
| Maura Mendel       | Terrance O'Donnell       |
| Ed Burnham         | Dawn Burnham             |
| Richard Malinowski |                          |

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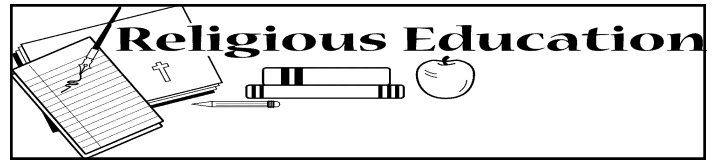


**Coordinator: Brian Evers**  
**Phone: 462-1336**  
**E-Mail: spxyouth@hotmail.com**

**Year I Open House:** will be held on Monday, September 21st at 6:30 pm in the parish center. All schedules, service opportunities and other information will be distributed. A parent should come with the candidate.

**Year II Open House:** will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Schedules, service opportunities and important Confirmation information will be distributed. A parent should come with candidate.

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**Sunday School: Re-Registrations for 2009-2010:** Parents, please don't forget to return your form for next year. Forms and Fee can be sent to: The Religious Education Office, c/o Mrs. Judy Ranalli, 23 Crumitie Rd., Loudonville, N.Y. 12211 or you can drop it off in The Parish Office (circular driveway). One form per Family. There will be extra Re-Registration Forms in the Gathering Area of the Church and in the Parish Office if you are in need of one. Thank You.

**New to the Parish:** If you are new to our Parish and are interested in the St. Pius X Sunday School Program, please call Judy Ranalli /Ann Smith at 465-8068 for registration information. Our program is for children in grades K-8. Classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 AM until 9:50 AM starting in September.

**Teachers Needed for Sunday School:**

**Parents and Parishioners:** As the summer unfolds before us, please take this time to think about becoming a teacher in our Sunday School Program. For the Fall of 2009, we are in need of volunteer teachers in grades: 5, 7 and 8.

We supply easy to follow teaching manuals for each grade level. Please call Judy Ranalli at 465-8068 if you have an interest in joining our Sunday morning teaching staff. Thank you so much!

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Would you like to be a volunteer for the Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry? It consists of approximately an hour of your time every five weeks from mid September through mid June.

At the 10:00 am Mass we celebrate Children's Liturgy of the Word for children from age 4 through Second Grade in the chapel. For children age 7 through 9, the liturgy is celebrated in the Parish Hall. For about 20 minutes during the Mass when the gospel and homily are taking place in the church, the children hear an "age appropriate gospel and homily. We read from the Children's lectionary, say prayers and share with the children the message of Christ. It is a rewarding and enjoyable opportunity.

We are in need of volunteers for the fall of 2008. We have five teams consisting of two adults. Reference materials and supplies are provided. For more information or to volunteer, please call Fran Dennis at 456-6370.

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**PARISH CONVENING Saturday, November 7, 2009:**

**SAVE THE DATE.** Please plan to join Bishop Hubbard for the annual Parish Convening - a day of renewal and nourishment for **all** who minister in the parish: lectors, Communion ministers, RCIA teams, ministers to the elderly and sick, catechists, youth ministers, music ministers, outreach ministers, Catholic school teachers and staff, pastoral council members, pastors, associate pastors, parish life directors, deacons, leaders and coordinators of ministries, and more! **Highlights of the day will include:** a joyful gathering celebration, inspiring keynote by Father Gerald Fagin, SJ from Loyola University, New Orleans -"**Ministering with the Heart of Christ,**" workshops and exhibits.

## PASTORAL CARE NEWS

***“Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.”***

+ In Deuteronomy, Moses teaches the Israelites the importance of observing the Lord's commandments to develop a relationship with Him. *What sabotages your growing relationship with the Lord?*

In his letter St. James demands that the Church become ***“doers of the word and not hears only”***. He recognizes the importance of our actions in building a right relationship with the Lord and His people. It is imperative that we live according to God's word and obey His laws. *Where has your life gone haywire when trying to live out the gospel message?*

In Mark's gospel Jesus clarifies the difference between God's law and human tradition. He wants the Pharisees to set their hearts on His priorities and stop misinterpreting the law and clinging to their traditions. Jesus invites all of us to make our hearts right with Him by forming a new relationship with Him. He wishes to write God's law within our hearts so we will no longer be bound by undesirable human traditions. *What traditions do you follow that keep you from doing or accepting the Father's will?*

**Draw near to the Heart of God  
To Seek a Deeper Relationship.  
And Obey His Voice  
As You Follow His Lead.**

Good News: Thank you to all who helped with the Bereavement Lite-Supper on Thursday August 13<sup>th</sup>. What a blessing you are to me and the parish! Blessings!!!

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER:** In SEPTEMBER please pray **THAT THE WORD OF GOD MAY BE BETTER KNOWN, WELCOMED AND LIVED AS A SOURCE OF FREEDOM AND JOY. (General Papal Intention)**

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER:** The September and October Calendar of the *“Apostolic of Prayer for Priests”* is on the table by the literature rack in the gathering area outside the Chapel entrance.

**Our Women's Scripture Study/Faith Sharing Group** will begin again on Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. If you are interested in joining us on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 AM this coming fall, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 462-1336. The first three weeks will be on Eucharist and we include portions of Fr. Robert Barron's recent DVD. During this time we will decide the direction for this year's sessions.

**PASTORAL CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to provide Sunday morning Communion to Albany County Nursing Home's Catholic residents. Individuals are needed to help out for about 1 ½ hours just one Sunday morning per month. Specifically, volunteers will bring Communion to those in their rooms who are unable to attend the facility Communion Service. This is a very rewarding Ministry, which is greatly appreciated by the senior citizens at the facility. Please consider volunteering for this worthy cause. For more information, please contact Jeanne Pitkin at St. Pius X Parish (518) 462-1336.

**UNDERSTANDING GRIEF AND LOSS**, an Eight-Week Educational Bereavement Support Group will be held on Tuesdays from September 8 until October 27, 2009 at 10:15 until 11:45 AM by St. Pius X Parish. The sessions are adapted from *“WINDOWS: Healing and Helping Through Loss”* and will be held at Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Latham. They will be co-facilitated by Sr. Eleanor Guerin, RSM and Jeanne Pitkin.

The weekly themes include:

Tuesday Sept. 8 - Looking at My Loss...

Tuesday Sept. 15 - What Have I Lost?

Tuesday Sept. 22 - Understanding My Emotions

Tuesday Sept. 29 - How Do I Cope?

Tues. Oct. 6 - Learning from My Own Grief and That of Others

Tuesday Oct. 13 - How Will I Know When I Am Better?

Tuesday Oct. 20 - Healing the Grief ...

Tuesday Oct. 27 - A Time for Remembering ...

There is no fee. However, registration is necessary and limited. Please register before Tuesday September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 by calling Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336.

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**An Evening of Prayer for the Widowed:**

On Friday September 18, 2009 you are invited to Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM in the chapel. (You may wish to arrive at 6:45 PM or earlier for Eucharistic Adoration.) Following Evening Prayer, St. Pius X's Bereavement Committee will formally begin the Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Widows and Widowers. The evening will conclude with a time for refreshments and fellowship. Family and friends are welcome. They need not be members of St. Pius X Parish. If you need more information please call Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336.

**Caregiver Support Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 PM at the Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center MDRC. **RSVP by calling 438-4164.**

### Extra Helpings

The Regional Food Bank **Extra Helpings** program is a community food-buying club. You can purchase nutritious foods at lower-than-retail costs. There is no age or income limit. For just \$20 you receive a variety of meats and fresh produce, plus there are additional specials every month. Everyone is welcome to join and save. For more information call 459-5051.

**Do you know someone who might benefit from a program like this? Will you tell them about it? Do you want to help a senior in your neighborhood or a family struggling with making ends meet? Consider collaborating with the order and pick up of monthly food items. You will be twice blessed.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP:** If you are hospitalized or have a family member or friend who is or will be hospitalized, please inform the Pastoral Care Office at 462-1336. For the past several months St. Peter's Hospital is having difficulties with a new computer system and our information is either incomplete or inaccurate. Your help to determine who is hospitalized at area hospitals will greatly improve our outreach to the sick in our parish. Thank you!



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**I call to you all day long, have mercy on me, O Lord. You are good and forgiving, full of love for all who call to you.**

*Psalm 85*

Come join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Friday** after the 9:00 a.m. mass up through closing prayer at 7:00 p.m. All our welcome. For more information about how to

become a weekly or substitute adorer, contact Peter Ranalli at 482 - 9087 or Margaret Purcell at 453 - 9302.

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**St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry** – 20th Annual Convocation on Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7:30pm at St. Vincent DePaul Church, 900 Madison Ave. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Anthony Chiamonte. Topic: **“Choose Life, Every Day”**, as we continue to serve God and God’s people. For more info. call 453-6760 or stbernards@rcda.org. Lecture is free and open to the public. Join us as we celebrate twenty years!

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**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE:**

The 37TH Annual Marriage Jubilee Celebration sponsored by the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Family Life will be held **October 18th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Clare's Church**, Central Avenue, Colonie New York. Couples celebrating their **25th, 40th 50th** or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Hubbard will celebrate the Liturgy at 1:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the Parish Center immediately following. Please register at the parish office.

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**Thomas Merton in the Mountains:  
13th Annual Silent Retreat:  
"Our real journey in life is interior":**

These are the words of Thomas Merton. Join us, September 11 – 13th as the wisdom of Thomas Merton again becomes our "Adirondack guide" to the heights and depths of silence and solitude amidst the awesome beauty of the wilderness. Walt Chura directs the thirteenth annual silent retreat on the spirituality of Thomas Merton. Co-sponsored by the International Thomas Merton Society and the Thomas Merton Society of the Capital Region.

PYRAMID LIFE CENTER  
Parodox, NY (518) 585-7545  
E-mail: [monicapl@aol.com](mailto:monicapl@aol.com)

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**Christian Works and Service**

The response for the two collections we had last week were overwhelming. The collection for the Lawanga House and Mercy House provided 56 bags and boxes of towels and wash clothes.

The School Supply collection for Holy Family Parish provided 86 bags, two large plastic tubs and one large box. Thank you again for your generosity. May God bless you all.

**Virtus Training Schedule**

All employees of the Diocese and all volunteers who have contact with children must attend the program as a condition of employment or service.

The following Virtus presentations have been scheduled for the coming months. More sites will be added to the list in the near future. Please check with the Diocesan website periodically for an updated schedule. New Feature: Pre-registration for Virtus @ [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)

Sept. 15, 2009 Pastoral Center, Albany 1:00 pm

Sept. 15, 2009 St. Madeline Sophie 6:30 pm

Sept. 16, 2009 St. Anthony's, Schenectady 7:00 pm

Sept. 22, 2009 St. Pius X, Loudonville 7:00 pm

Sept. 28, 2009 St. Thomas, Delmar 6:30 pm

Sept. 29, 2009 Christ the King, Albany 6:00 pm

Oct. 13, 2009 Pastoral Center, Albany 1:00 pm

Oct. 27, 2009 St. Pius X, Loudonville 7:00 pm

Nov. 10, 2009 Pastoral Center, Albany 1:00 pm

Dec. 08, 2009 Pastoral Center, Albany 1:00 pm

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**Christian Works and Service**

The Prayer Shawl Program under the direction of Sister Mavis Jewell of St. Peter's Hospital has distributed to date 1,912 Prayer Shawls. Any one who is interested in the program can contact Sister at [mavisjewell@yahoo.com](mailto:mavisjewell@yahoo.com)

We would also like to congratulate Sister Mavis on recently celebrating her Golden Jubilee as a Sister. May God bless you with many more years of service.

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**Spiritual Practices for Healing and Wholeness** - This ten-week course offered at Maria College includes a myriad of prayer, meditation, creative ritual, expressive art, journaling, tai chi, dream work and practices conducive to stress reduction. Course begins October 7 from 5:30-8:00pm and will be taught by spiritual director and author Jean Roche, R.S.M. For more information, call Sr. Jean at 438-3111, ext. 233.

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**Mark Your Calendar!**

St. Pius X Girl Scout Troop 1639 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Saturday, October 3 from 9-1 in the Parish Center. Call Diane Lazorischak (869-4454) to schedule your appointment today! Just one hour of your time can save up to three lives!



**Blood Drive**

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*Humbly welcome the word that has been planted  
in you and is able to save your soul.*

*James 1:21*

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:** In today's gospel Jesus reminds us it is not WHAT we do but WHY we do it which gives religious significance to our actions. Family life is full of rituals and routines. When they are done "in the Lord" with love, they are holy.

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**Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.)**

The new RCIA Process will begin meeting starting September 13<sup>th</sup> 2009. We will meet every Sunday following the 10AM Liturgy in conference room A from 11:15 until 12:45. In the beginning we will spend a few weeks inquiring about the Catholic Religion, our beliefs, and how our Faith guides us. We then will move on to discussing Scripture, Faith, and how we come to know God in our life.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or who has been Baptized but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation are invited to join the RCIA Process. You may register by calling Maureen F Kelly 458-7048. I look forward to hearing from you.

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**FORMATION FOR MINISTRY 2009-11**

Will begin this fall at the Church of St. Edward, Clifton Park. The Formation for Ministry program is a 2-year program that provides a solid, foundational introduction to theology, Scripture and ministry skills. Through prayer, study, and community formation, participants are called to grow into being more confident and effective ministers for their parish communities. Please contact Carole at 453-6670 or fmp.director@rcda.org for more information.

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**Capital Cardiology Associates** is Holding 5th Annual Brooks Chicken BBQ on Wednesday September 2nd from 3:30-6:00 pm Tickets are \$8.50 for presale and \$9.00 on the day of the event. Presale tickets are available now and can be purchased in advance by contacting Margie @ 292-6093 or Peg @ 292-6074. The BBQ is Located in Corporate Woods at 7 Southwoods Blvd. (Back Parking Lot)

All Proceeds Benefit American Heart Association. We recommend presale to ensure you get to enjoy this delicious BBQ. As we can't guarantee we will have any left!!! Thanks for helping us get the word out to the local residents and workers that they don't have to cook dinner on Sept. 2nd.

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**Parish Picnic**

Please Save the Date for the Parish Picnic on October 4. Would you like to become involved in planning the parish picnic? We will have a brief meeting on Wednesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room B. If you would like more information on the

picnic or the meeting, please e-mail Sue Krosky at [suzanne12211@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanne12211@yahoo.com) or call 783-6755. This is a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances. This is also the same day as the Ministry Fair.

**ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT NEWS**



**SOCCKER REGISTRATION**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009**  
**6:30 PM IN THE PARISH GYM**

This program is for boys and girls from grades two through eight. You must be a registered St. Pius X parishioner or registered in St. Pius X School to participate. There are two different levels:  
 Junior Level - Second through Fourth grades  
 Intermediate Level - Fifth through Eight grades

For those who register on the 11th they will receive their team assignments on Sunday, September 13th. We encourage everyone to register on Friday, September 11th to ensure their child's spot on a team. Late registration may result in your child missing the first practice or first game. **THERE ARE NO TRYOUTS – ALL WHO REGISTER ON THE FRIDAY (9/11/09) WILL BE PLACED ON A TEAM.**

On Sunday, September 13th, the upper grades (5th through 8th) will report to the gym at 1:30 PM and practice until 2:30 PM. The lower grades (2nd through 4th) will report to the gym at 2:30 PM and practice until 3:30 PM. This is an intramural program with all games played at St. Pius on Saturday mornings and one Sunday afternoon game.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Only parents need to attend this registration. The registration fee is \$10.00 (payable in cash or a check made out to ST. PIUS X) which includes a team shirt.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are always in need of adult volunteers as coaches, assistant coaches and concession workers. Please help us to help your child and call the **Parish Athletic Director, Lou Klender at 782-0989 or the Soccer Program Director, Jim McCabe at 869-5368.**

(Please be advised all volunteers **MUST** have Virtus Training before they can begin to volunteer. Please consult the bulletin for more information regarding this training.

**CONFIRMATION CANDIATES (Boys and Girls in 9<sup>th</sup> & 10 grades):** Referee's are needed to referee the games. This is a good way to earn community service hours. Please call Lou Klender at 782-0989 or Jim McCabe at 869-5368.

**KINDERGARTEN and FIRST GRADE PROGRAM:** Our kindergarten and first grade instructional program will begin on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 10 AM. This group does not have to pre-register, just show up on the **19<sup>th</sup>** and report to Jean Buff. This program will run on every Saturday from 10 AM to 11 AM until mid-October.

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**NAVIGATING SENIOR CARE OPTIONS**

**Caregivers' Resource Fair**

Are you an overwhelmed caregiver?  
 Options exist: Come and learn about them!

Thursday, September 17, 2009  
 4:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Location: Avila Retirement Community  
 100 White Pine Drive, Albany, NY  
 RSVP to Susan Fitzpatrick at 640-2106

**Mass Intentions for the week**  
  
**AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 6**

<b>Mon</b>	6:30	Shirley Madden Hirsch req. Her Sister
	9:00	Louis Wittig Jr. req. His Sister, Marian Marion Waleski req. Bob & Betty Raffaele William Simmons req. Bob & Betty Raffaele
<b>Tues</b>	6:30	Catherine S. Britton req. Her Family
	9:00	Victor Imperrale req. The Wesley Family Colleen Rossi req. Christopher & Jacqueline Falvey George H. Moore req. Dick Terlinger
	7:00	Communion Service and Marian Devotions
<b>Wed</b>	6:30	
	9:00	Kevin Clemente req. Peter Stevens Eugene O'Brien req. Mr. Thomas Clemente Sr. Katherine Treffeletti req. The Wesley Family
<b>Thur</b>	6:30	Rosemary Miller req. Peter Haley
	9:00	Elinor O'Brien req. Her Daughter Dorothy Weidmann req. Angelo & Myong-Ja Dora Battiol
<b>Fri</b>	6:30	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe req. Their Family
	9:00	Ben Fuina req. His Sister, Mary Ann Stephen Tracey req. Louis & Lorraine Murray Veronica Sweeney req. Michael Gleason
<b>Sat</b>	9:00	Harvey Gisondi req. Patricia Caulfield Edward W. Dorsey Sr. req. Jim & Jeanne Conboy Edward T. Byer req. Jim & Jeanne Conboy
	5:00	Vigil
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 Noon	

**Eucharistic Ministers & Greeters - Team 1**

**SERVERS FOR September 5/6**

5:00 PM	M. & K. Bouchard, T. & N. Buff, S. Ferritto
8:00 AM	C. O'Keefe, L. Kipper, J. & M. Fitzgerald
10:00AM	K. Thayer, A. Hormorvits, E. & Q. Sorady, A. Jonas
12:00PM	G. Bazinet, A. Leonardo, A. Semmes, M. Amato

**READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 2009**  
**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading:** Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).  
**Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).  
**Second Reading:** Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).  
**Gospel:** Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

**WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
SUN	8/30	Sunday Eucharist	8, 10,12	Church
MON	8/31			
TUE	9/1	AA Meeting Communion Service / Devotions	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Church Chapel
WED	9/2			
THU	9/3	AA Meeting	7:00 pm	Conf B
FRI	9/4	Renew Eucharistic Adoration	7:00 am 9:30 am	Conf A Chapel
SAT	9/5	Vigil	5:00 pm	Church

**Music for Weekend of August 29/30**

Gathering: 620- Lead Me, Lord  
Preparation: 592- Whatsoever You Do  
Communion: 493- Peace is Flowing Like a River  
Recessional: 593- We Are Called

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Beginning on Tuesday, Sept. 8 we will resume our Tuesday evening Mass with Marian Devotions.  
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**ALBANY DIOCESE YOUTH RALLY and  
STEVE ANGRISANO CONCERT -  
Saturday, September 26 - Saratoga**

Steve Angrisano is a popular Christian singer who is always a big hit at NCYC and he is coming to the Capital District this September! The diocese is sponsoring a Youth Rally in the afternoon and the concert will be in the evening. Look for more details in upcoming bulletins.  
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The next luncheon to be held by the St. Pius X PEP Group will be on Thursday, Sept. 3rd at the Ninety Nine Restaurant on Wolf Road. The group will meet at 1:00 pm. Please feel free to join us for what will be a great gathering of good folks and fine food. For more information please call Margaret Charron at 783-6242. Hope to see you there.