## ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Mother Church of African American Catholics in Jacksonville, Florida" 2110 Blue Avenue Jacksonville, Florida 32209 Phone: (904) 354-1501 FAX: (904) 354-7240 Website: www.stpiusjax.org

#### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019



## **Mission Statement**

The Mission of St. Pius V Church family is to know, love and serve God and to share and build upon our rich Catholic African American legacy and culture. We proclaim Jesus as Lord through worship and service, education and social ministries.

### Parish Ministries/Organizations

629-1664

463-2392

358-1866

997-0508

713-1968

768-9155

751-6397

751-0956

235-9313

504-9952

382-5183

713-1968

713-1968

463-6994

765-9738

557-4937

765-3768

751-0956

625-1053

751-0956

Administrator/Religious Ed.Ms. Regina Taylor-MurphyAdult/Family MinistryMrs. Endya FreemanAltar Rosary CouncilMrs. Angela MyersAltar ServersMr. Athanase Jones

Annulment Companion Bereavement Committee Bruce Seldon Gym Project Building Maintenance Choir - 5:00 PM Adult Choir - 10:30 AM Adult Choir - Wee Folk Choir - Youth Counters Extra-Ordinary Ministers Finance Council ICARE Jr. Dgtrs. of Peter Claver Jr. Knights of Peter Claver Knights of Columbus

Mrs. Endya Freeman Mrs. Angela Myers Mr. Athanase Jones Mrs. Leah Mills Mrs. Shirley Mills Mrs. Anethette Durham Mr. Alexander Hice Mr. Nezzar Battle Mr. Paul Witkowski Mr. Roy Wilson Mrs. Leah Mills Mrs. Leah Mills Mrs. Deirdre Clayton Mrs. Brenda Battle Dr. Mark Dawkins Ms. Joanne Thayer Mrs. Janice Hice Mr. Ricardo Stallings Mr. Alexander Hice

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies of Peter Claver Lectors/Commentators Lawn/Landscaping Parish Nursing

Pastoral Council Prayer Group RCIA Respect Life Sulzbacher Center Ministry Scouts - Boy Scouts - Cub Sound System Engineer St. Bernadette Council Stewardship Committee Ushers - Adult Ushers - Junior Welcome and Outreach Youth Ministry

997-0508 Mr. Athanase Jones Mrs. Claudine Pannell-Goodlett751-7060 Mrs. Tameiko Allen Grant 233-1455 Ms. Selena Mendez 450-2899 Mrs. Tinye Dawkins 764-2248 Mrs. Ta'Kiesha Franklin 541-0263 Ms. Joanne Thayer 765-3768 Mrs. Shirley Mills 768-9155 509-7493 Sr. Elise Kennedy Mrs. Gloria Mendez 707-9203 Mr. Cyril Traeye 363-3915 Mr. Martin Jackson 655-6151 Mrs. Mona Norris 924-1364 Mr. Roy Wilson 382-5183 Mrs. Mitzi Ellis 230-2058 Mrs. JoAnn Buggs 765-1223 Ms. Patricia Wilson 930-8386 945-8881 Mrs. Lisa Axelson Mrs. Anethette Durham 751-6397 Mrs. Mary Granger 768-8062

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Rev. Bernardine Eikhuemelo Pastor

#### CHURCH OFFICE

Phone: (904) 354-1501 / FAX: (904) 354-7240
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM
Appointment with the Priest: Call the office
Business Manager: Ms. Karen Kincade
Secretary: Ms. Selena Mendez
Bookkeeper: Mr. Cyril Traeye

#### **GUARDIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Phone: (904) 765-6522 Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM - 3 PM Head of School: Sis. Dianne Rumschlag, SND Principal: Sis. Cynthia Shaffer, SND Principal: Therese Jackson

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday:	8:00 AM
Thursday:	8:00 AM
Saturday:	5:00 PM
Sunday:	10:30 AM

#### CONFESSION

Saturdays: 4:30 PM or by appointment

**Baptism:** Parents who have registered for three months or more are required to attend Baptism preparation classes. Please call the Rectory office to schedule your class.

**Bulletin Announcements:** All items for the Church Bulletin are due to the Rectory Office by 2 PM, on Wednesday. Bulletin announcements must be brief and written by the submitting ministry or entity. Please email announcements to

spvsecretary@outlook.com or drop them off at the Rectory Office Monday-Friday 10 AM - 3 PM.

**New Parishioners:** St. Pius V Catholic Church wishes you a warm welcome to our parish. Registration forms are on the religious articles display counter. You may bring or send your completed form to the Rectory or drop it in the collection during Mass. Thank you.





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

#### "The Narrow Gate"

As a child, whenever this passage was read, I always had in mind a stampede, an image of people gathered in front of an entrance, all trying to squeeze through this narrow door – as if an instance of survival of the fittest. Afterall, "…many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough." Of course, this is about spiritual fitness. The image of the narrow gate and entrance into God's eternal glory is one that challenges us to reflect: how prepared are we, or will we be, when that moment comes. What will it take?

The *Catechism* reminds us as follow: "Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus' word: The word of the Lord is compared to a seed which is sown in a field; those who hear it with faith and are numbered among the little flock of Christ have truly received the kingdom. Then, by its own power, the seed sprouts and grows until the harvest. (CCC, 543)

"The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble hearts. Jesus is sent to 'preach good news to the poor'; he declares them blessed, for 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' To them - the 'little ones' the Father is pleased to reveal what remains hidden from the wise and the learned. Jesus shares the life of the poor, from the cradle to the cross; he experiences hunger, thirst and privation. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom. (*CCC*, 544)

"Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: 'I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.' He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father's boundless mercy for them and the vast 'joy in heaven over one sinner who repents'. The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life 'for the forgiveness of sins'.(*CCC*, 545)

"Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to 'know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven'. For those who stay 'outside', everything remains enigmatic."(*CCC*, 546)

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine



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August 24th	5:00 PM	+ George & Hazel Lillienthal + Debbie Alexander (Rosemary Alexander)
August 25th	10:30 AM	+ Father Denis O'Regan
August 28th	8:00 AM	The Parishioners of St. Pius V, Crucifixion and Holy Rosary Parishes
August 29th	8:00 AM	+ Father Denis O'Regan

If you are interested in having someone remembered in a mass intention, please contact the Church Office at 354-1501. The suggested mass stipend is \$10 or more.

#### MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday, August 17, 2019 32 Sunday, August 18, 2019 85

> **STEWARDSHIP** August 17th/18th



Offertory \$2,306.81

Lord, we are grateful for ALL you have given us!

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK OR HOMEBOUND



Sylvester Bossard, Aja Fisher, Robert Furlough, Lovie Gardner, Leonard Goggins, Will Grissett, Brenda Harris, Mildred Hunter, Maudella Hymes, Gwendolyn Lockett, Mariano Mendez, Glen Mills, Carmina Ortagus, Michel Provers Pettis, Norris Reid, Marguerite Seldon, Ella Simmons-Healing Sonya Sprott, Carolyn Thompson, Robert Trotter and Nathan Walker.

Please contact Fr. Bernardine at 354-1501 if a loved one is in a hospital or nursing home. Medical Emergency Only call (516) 557-8769.

#### STEWARDSHIP AWARENESS SUNDAY

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." (Luke 13:30)

Our standards in society are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "what have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

#### WORD OF LIFE

"The Church affirms the inviolable dignity of every person, regardless of the duration or extent of the person's incapacity or dependency. Nothing diminishes the unchangeable dignity and sanctity of a person's life, or the obligation to protect and care for it."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

#### **DID YOU KNOW OUR FAITH?**

The First Commandment parallels Jesus' words, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37)

Both of these also echo the solemn call found in Deuteronomy, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord." God loved us first, the commandments are our response to that love. (CCC# 2083)



#### Announcements **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Below is the update for Renew All Things in Christ, captured through August 18, 2019.

Challenge Goal: \$400,000.00 Minimum Goal: \$350,000.00 Amount Pledged: \$437,628.56 Amount Paid: \$121,927.27 Balance Due: \$315,701.29



#### FATHER BODDIE SCHOLARSHIP

2019-20 School Year applications for the Father Boddie Scholarship are now being accepted. Details and eligibility requirements are on the applications which are available in the church on the religious articles display counter. Deadline for submission is Sunday, September 1st.

#### SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY THANK YOU

Our Safe Have Sunday was a big success! St. Pius V extends a tremendous "Thank You!" to all who made Safe Haven Sunday and to all parishioners for their support of the education and awareness on the issues of pornography at our Sunday celebration. Again, thanks to our parish community for your openness to the topics of the internet safety and the dignity of the human person in light of the pornographic culture. Just because Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our homes safe is havens is over. Stay informed at family.dosafl.com and learn more about how to protect and guide your family and friends.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER for the Care of Creation

Next Sunday, September 1st, is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The "Season of Creation," is from September 1st through the Feast CRE Day of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4. During this



time, parishioners are encouraged to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for his wonderful world he has entrusted to us and pardon our sins made against the world. On September 1st, you are encouraged to wear green.

**2019 BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE** 

The **2019 National Black Catholic Men's Conference** will take place October 10-17, 2019, in Los Angeles, CA. The theme of this year's conference is "Man Up" Taking our Rightful Place. Register at www.bowmanfrancisministry.com. The cost is \$150.00 for Adults, \$75.00 for College Students, and \$65.00 for Youth ages 10-17. For more information, please see brochures on the religious display counter.

#### **THANK YOU**



Thank you to Brenda Harris, Deborah Perron and Jhova Aybar members of the St. Bernadette Council, for providing the lovely floral arrangements on the Altar Flowers Altar for August.

#### **BASA SUMMARY REPORT UPDATE**

Below is the update for the parish on the 2019 Bishop's Annual Stewardship Appeal, captured through August 18, 2019.

2019 Goal: 86 Donors Current Donors: 61 Percent of Family Participation: 31.77% Amount Pledged: \$17,448.00 Amount Paid: \$12,130.00 Balance Due: \$5,318.00



# **THE NARROW GATE.** MATTHEW 7:13



Monday, August 26th Nothing Scheduled

Tuesday, August 27th 8:00 AM

Mass at Crucifixion

Pastoral Council, Library

School Mass, at Holy Rosary

Mass, Church

Wednesday, August 28ht

8:00 AM 6:30 PM

Thursday, August 29th8:00 AMMass, Church

Friday, August 30th 9:00 AM

Saturday, August 31st 4:30 PM 5:00 PM

Sunday, September 1st 8:30 AM 10:00 AM

10:30 AM

Confession, Church Vigil Mass, Church Mass at Crucifixion

Rosary Recited, Church Mass at Holy Rosary Mass, Church



MINISTRY SCHEDULE: August 31st/September 1st			
Mass	5:00PM	10:30 AM	
Altar Servers	Unavailable	Unavailable	
Lector	Karen Kincade	Tameiko Allen Grant Yvette Stallings	
Commentator	Janice Hice	Rick Stallings	
Extra- Ordinary Ministers	Sister Rea Emily Morton	James Breaker Loretta Breaker Mary Granger	
Ushers		Patricia Wilson Jhova Aybar Carlos Breaker	
Counters		Endya Freeman Julie White	

#### WEEKLY MASS READING

Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	The Passion of the Saint John the Baptist 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 6:17-29
Friday	1 Thes 4:1-18; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	BVM 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14