

ST. PIUS V CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Mother Church of African American Catholics in Jacksonville, Florida"

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020



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.

Please remember St. Pius V Catholic Church in your will and final estate.

Welcome to St. Pius V Catholic Church, the Mother Church of African American Catholics in Jacksonville, Florida. Founded in 1921, our parish continues to proclaim the word of Jesus Christ for which it was founded in the spirit of love and in the spirit of giving. We are proud of our heritage! Happy St. Pius V Feast Day!

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Rev. Bernardine Eikhuemelo
Pastor

Today's Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

CHURCH OFFICE

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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

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday: 8:00 AM

Thursday: 8:00 AM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

CONFESSION

Saturdays: by appointment



Sunday, April 26, 2020

Offertory \$1,182.00

Sunday, April 19, 2020

Offertory \$3,900.00

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

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 10 AM, on Tuesday. 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.

Happy
EASTER!



Easter Message From the Pastor

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The Corona Virus and Parish Life 6 – Easter Season

And just like that, we are in the month of May, the beginning of the fourth week of the Easter season. Mostly, we are not the wisest about how life and our activities are going to fully return to normalcy. The good news is that, gradually life is so to speak picking up, but we are still a ways from what we are used to. As I mentioned in this space some weeks ago, I am confident that, we will be mostly back before this resurrection season is over.

As Catholics, the month of May is traditionally that of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To that effect, two major things of note have taken place in the last week. Pope Francis issued the following letter:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25 April 2020, Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist”

Secondly, just a few days ago on Friday May 1st, the bishops of the United States and Canada re-consecrated both countries to the care of the Blessed Mother Mary. Through her most powerful intercession, may we overcome all challenges now and in the future. Amen. The two prayers Pope Francis referenced in his letter are available here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-04/letter-on-the-month-of-may-full-text.html>

Have a blessed week everyone!

Fr. Bernardine





MASS INTENTIONS

May 3rd **10:30 AM** + Father Denis O'Regan
May 6th **8:00 AM** The Parishioners of St. Pius V,
 Crucifixion and Holy Rosary
 Parishes
May 7th **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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK OR HOMEBOUND



Thomasena Bell, Willie Bell, Sylvester Bossard, Aja Fisher, Richie Fluker, Lovie Gardner, Leonard Goggins, Will Grissett, Brenda Harris, Mildred Hunter, Maudella Hymes, Gwendolyn Lockett, Glen Mills, Casslena Mobley, Michel Pettis, Sonya Sprott, Carolyn Thompson, Robert Trotter, Mary Walker, 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

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" (Acts 2:38)

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline, and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

WORD OF LIFE

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

USCCB Respect Life flyer quoting Pope Francis' "Day for Life Greeting"

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DID YOU KNOW?

What the Church teaches about Mary actually sheds light on the Church's teaching on Christ, and what the Church believes about Mary is based on what the Church believes about Christ. Everything in Mary's life points to Jesus. For this reason, the Church's teaching on Mary does not take away anything from Christ, but actually increases devotion to Him. (CCC 487)



RECONSECRATE OUR NATION TO OUR LADY

Parishioners, you are invited to participate in Renewing the Consecration of the United States to the Care of Our Blessed Mother.

Go to: <http://usccb.org/about/communications/consecration.cfm>

THANK YOU

Our community changed lives this Lent, and CRS Rice Bowl wants to say THANK YOU! Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl at the rectory or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

TRULY GRATEFUL

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, calls and support as I recovered from my knee surgery. I am truly grateful for the love of my St Pius V faith community.

May the Grace and Peace of Christ remain with each of you.

~ Regina Taylor-Murphy

Announcements

The sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:4, NRSV



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Below is the update for *Renew All Things in Christ*, captured through April 19, 2020.

Challenge Goal: \$400,000.00
 Minimum Goal: \$350,000.00
 Amount Pledged: \$449,370.56
 Amount Paid: \$178,209.67
Balance Due: \$271,160.89



GET CONNECTED



Get connected with your St. Pius V's Church Family by visiting St. Pius V Facebook page, Zoom or YouTube for Sunday Mass streaming live at 10:30AM. Also, visit the church website or my-Parish App to stay informed about our parish.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Don't forget! Please mail in, drop off, or pay online your weekly tithes, offerings and contributions. Thank you in advance for your continuing support!



ONLINE GIVING

Thank you to the twenty-four donors who have come onboard and signed up with ParishSOFT Giving. Your gifts and participation are blessings to our parish. This convenient giving option is available on our church website <http://stpiusjax.org/>. Just click on the Give Online link. You can use ParishSOFT Giving for your regular offertory or the Capital Campaign. When you participate your gift will transfer directly in the parish account. When you create a login your gift and pledge history will be stored, so you can access it any time.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED



As part of the "[Walking With Moms in Need program](#)," launched by the U.S. Catholic bishops in March, the diocesan Office of

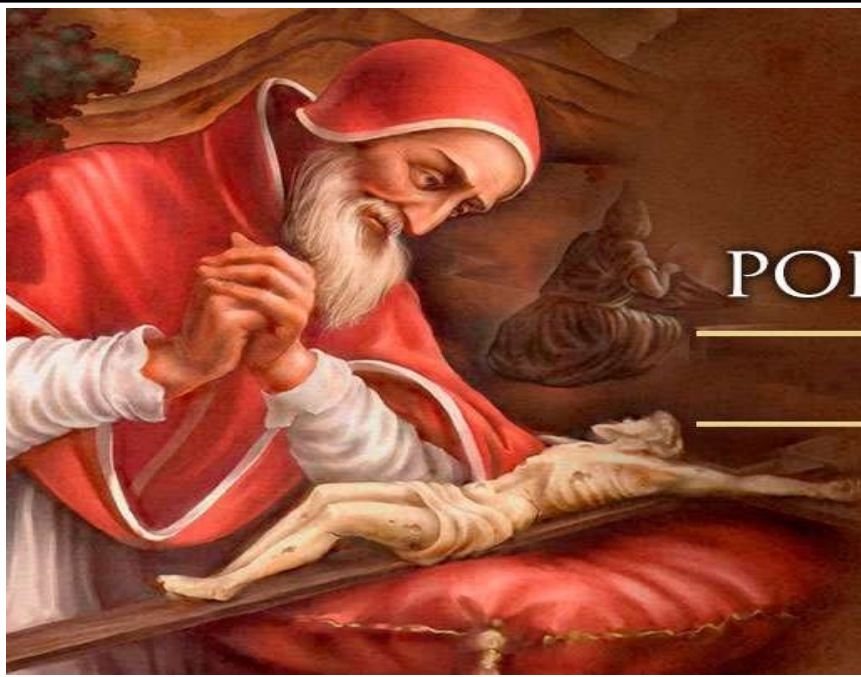
Human Life and Dignity is seeking help for mothers and infants who are struggling during the COVID-19 crisis. Consider purchasing diapers and baby wipes the next time you are at the store. You can drop them off at any area Catholic Charities food pantry, area food bank or pregnancy center. For more information, email May Oliver at moliver@dosaf.com.

A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION TO ST. MARTIN DE PORRES DURING THIS COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Dear St. Martin, threatened by the Corona-19 virus, we seek your assistance. As a healer, you know that the best medicine is to always trust in the Father's mercy. Nevertheless, you provided natural remedies. Help us to follow the directives of our health care officials. Please lead us in calling upon the Holy Spirit to protect those who are vulnerable, to cure those who are infected, and to welcome into eternal life those we've lost. We make our prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Risen Savior. Amen.



~ NBCC



POPE ST. PIUS V

April 30th

FEAST DAY OF ST. PIUS V

Pope of the Rosary

Pope from 1566-1572 and one of the foremost leaders of the Catholic Reformation. Born Antonio Ghislieri in Bosco, Italy, to a poor family, he labored as a shepherd until the age of fourteen and then joined the Dominicans, being ordained in 1528. Called Brother Michele, he studied at Bologna and Genoa, and then taught theology and philosophy for sixteen years before holding the posts of master of novices and prior for several Dominican houses. Named inquisitor for Bergamo, he was so capable in the fulfillment of his office that by 1551, and at the urging of the powerful Cardinal Carafa, he was named by Pope Julius III commissary general of the Inquisition. In 1555, Carafa was elected Pope Paul IV and was responsible for Ghislieri's swift rise as a bishop of Nepi and Sutri in 1556, cardinal in 1557, and grand inquisitor in 1558. While out of favor for a time under Pope Pius IV who disliked his reputation for excessive zeal, Ghislieri was unanimously elected a pope in succession to Pius on January 7, 1566. As pope, Pius saw his main objective as the continuation of the massive program of reform for the Church, in particular the full implementation of the decrees of the Council of Trent. He published the Roman Catechism, the revised Roman Breviary, and the Roman Missal; he also declared Thomas Aquinas a Doctor of the Church, commanded a new edition of the works of Thomas Aquinas, and created a commission to revise the Vulgate. The decrees of Trent were published throughout all Catholic lands, including Europe, Asia, Africa, and the New World, and the pontiff insisted on their strict adherence. In 1571, Pius created the Congregation of the Index to give strength to the Church's resistance to Protestant and heretical writings, and he used the Inquisition to prevent any Protestant ideas from gaining a foothold in Italy. In dealing with the threat of the Ottoman Turks who were advancing steadily across the Mediterranean, Pius organized a formidable alliance between Venice and Spain, culminating in the Battle of Lepanto, which was a complete and shattering triumph over the Turks. The day of the victory was declared the Feast Day of Our Lady of Victory in recognition of Our Lady's intercession in answer to the saying of the Rosary all over Catholic Europe. Pius also spurred the reforms of the Church by example. He insisted upon wearing his coarse Dominican robes, even beneath the magnificent vestments worn by the popes, and was wholeheartedly devoted to the religious life. Pope Clement beatified him on May 1, 1672, and Pope Clement XI canonized him on May 22, 1712.

~ Catholic Online

St. Pius V, pray for us!

THE BOWMAN-FRANCIS MINISTRY TEAM INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM AT THE

VIRTUAL MEMORIAL CELEBRATION FOR *Reverend Chester P. Smith, SVD*

SUNRISE: MAY 3, 1959 SUNSET: APRIL 8, 2020

During this livestream event we will celebrate and remember our beloved Fr. Chester's life and legacy. As a part of this celebration, we are compiling 45 second video remembrances and birthday wishes (for Frs. Chester & Charles) from people all over the diaspora.

We ask you to help us by submitting a high-resolution video, photo memory or a short written message using the link below.

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020
3PM EST (2PM CST; 12PM PST)

Click [HERE](#) to view the Virtual Memorial

OUR GUEST CO-MINISTRANT TODAY:
REV. KENNETH HAMILTON, SVD, PH.D.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: FR.CHESTERVIRTUALMEMORIAL@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO OR PICTURES [HERE](#) BY MONDAY, APRIL 27TH TO BE INCLUDED.
ALSO, IF EMAILING YOUR VIDEO DIRECTLY, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR FULL NAME, CITY, STATE AND CHURCH.