



St. Pius Calling...

Youth Service Day at Saint Pius X

by Diane Shamory

Our Life Teen and Edge students helped take care of our church on Earth Day. Our students became Cleaning Angels and Gardening Gnomes helping out around the church. Inside our church, the Cleaning Angels flew from room to room dusting and cleaning our windows. Our pews were polished to a nice shine inside the church as well. Outside the church, you could see them rushing around with wheelbarrows full of mulch. Thanks to Bill Houser for providing us with all that mulch! Our Gardening Gnomes took the time to weed around our beautiful flowers and bushes.

Thanks to all the teens for the Service Day help taking care of Saint Pius X!



Hidden Helpers by Carol Parowski

There are many members of our parish that work behind the scenes to make things happen. "Don't let your right hand know what your left is doing" while performing good deeds seems to be their motto. For instance sometime during 2013 or earlier Fr. Dan was putting out feelers to start a donut Sunday tradition at St. Pius X. One day Blondie Lecce happened to ask someone in passing, in almost a whisper, and she may have even mumbled, whether anyone had volunteered yet. Before she knew it Fr. Dan was thanking her for volunteering to head it up. She gathered a wonderful team of volunteers who met several times to plan, canvass stores for pricing and set up shop. For a while there were two Donut Sundays a month with the Knights doing one. Currently the Knights keep this tradition going. This means for every Sunday that donuts "appear" some dedicated and generous person has ordered donuts, set up tables, made coffee, brought everything to the Narthex, and then put it all away, all in the hopes of providing a social time for the rest of us. They are dedicated; we are the beneficiaries.

How many of you enjoy pulling weeds, planting flowers and tiding up your grounds? You know how much time and effort those

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From our Pastor Fr. Pius

Ten years like yesterday! We give God all the glory!

Thanks to all who participated in giving this celebration the dignity it deserves.

May God grant us many more fruitful years ahead.

Enjoy reading and have a great Summer.



10th Anniversary

By Edna Cravitz

Ten years ago on May 24, 2008, a dream came true for the parishioners of our church when Bishop Kevin J. Rhoades dedicated the newly built St. Pius X Church at 112 Fairview Drive in Selinsgrove.

On Sunday, June 3, 2018, Bishop Ronald Gainer celebrated Mass in honor of the tenth anniversary of the new St. Pius X Church, and, due to the generosity of our faithful parishioners, another dream came to be as the

Bishop blessed the church's new stained-glass windows.

"The stained-glass windows are beautiful," stated parishioner Angie Marcinek. "I love the way they represent the Holy Sacraments and The Holy Spirit."

After the Mass, the congregation gathered outside

in front of the church where Bishop Gainer blessed the three



mosaic-glass windows. These transom windows represent the Holy Trinity.

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things take. Again we have dedicated members of our parish that keep Mary's Garden beautiful for any of us to stop by for meditation. They plant those bulbs and annuals which soften the rocks that line the entrance driveway and put up all the flags to honor our service members and celebrate our nation.

The same is true of our Cleaning Angels who faithfully do each individual task that combines with everyone else to manage the big job of keeping our church sparkling. Bob and Elaine Sauter and Beth Kapsar keep the schedule organized and the process on track for the many angels involved.

How about the money counters? Those volunteers who help with the record keeping and unfolding all those origami dollar bills. They're also hidden helpers.

"Hidden helpers" will all be rewarded by the Father who sees all things. However, it would be a good practice to say a prayer for our hidden helpers and stop to say "thank you" when you happen to see one in action.

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“The Mass was wonderful,” stated another parishioner, Margie Kardohely. “I was struck by the serenity, the holiness, and the spiritualism. Our Bishop, the Most Reverend Ronald Gainer, is very down-to-earth and family oriented. You can see he’s a Holy Man.”

Thanks to our generous contributors, a joyful dinner celebration followed the Mass in the social hall which was transformed into a beautiful setting decorated with pink table coverings, luxurious flower displays, and topped off with a very-generously-filled candy dessert table. Parishioners also enjoyed guest speakers, Mike Schlenker, Joyce Seno, and Dennis Van, and piano music and singing by the talented Vic Boris. Some of the guests enjoyed kicking up their heels a bit, including Father Pius.

A heartfelt thank you and blessings to Bishop Gainer, Father Pius, Donna Politza (parish council chairperson), Dianne Hartman (anniversary committee chairperson), Vic Boris (entertainment), and the entire anniversary committee for a glorious tenth anniversary celebration. We are all truly blessed!



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Why Catholic?

Why am I a Catholic? A great question. I could answer that I am a Catholic because I was born the middle child of parents of Irish and Italian ancestors living as part of the community of Holy Name of Jesus parish in Brooklyn. Yes, I have an accent and an attitude and a case of middle-child syndrome. That is only part of the story.

I went to Holy Name Elementary School and St. Brendan’s High School. Taught by and influenced greatly by the Sisters of St. Joseph for twelve years. I loved learning about Jesus and Mary. Going to Mass and singing all the old hymns was amazing. They never failed to touch my heart. They still do. I sincerely thought about going into the convent. Then reality set in.

I was not convent material. God had other plans for me in the form of a husband and four children.

Then something changed in me. My love of God and Mary never changed but I drifted away from the church. For a very

long time I was not part of any church community. Circumstances brought my family here to Pennsylvania and to St. Pius X Church. Some very special St. Pius members showed me the way back to church. I will always be grateful to them.

So to answer the question, look at the statue of Jesus above the altar on the right side. You will see Jesus extending His hand toward us. That hand had me by the scruff of the neck for all those years I was away. Jesus pushed me in the right direction. Sometimes that hand held me back from certain things. That hand protected me and showered me with love all those years.

My answer is I am Catholic because Jesus never gave up on me. His hand never let go of me.

-Diane Curley

