

# Saint Pius Calling



## ADORATION

A-dore : love and respect (someone) deeply. Some common synonyms of adore are reverence, revere, venerate, and worship. While all these words mean "to honor and admire profoundly and respectfully," adore implies love and stresses the notion of an individual and personal attachment.

Ad-o-ra-tion is the same as adore in definition. Adore is the verb and adoration is the noun. Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating back to the early days of the Church. It involves exposing a consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament, allowing people to sit and pray in the presence of Jesus Christ. But what makes praying during Eucharistic Adoration any different than the prayers you say throughout your daily life?

True, you can pray to God anywhere. God is omnipresent, which means He is everywhere at all times. As the Word of God [says in Proverbs 15:3](#), "The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." God is always near, and thus, you can always enter into His presence in prayer.

God is also omniscient, which means He knows everything, including your thoughts. King David [says in Psalm 139:1-4](#),

"Lord, You have probed me, you know me.; You know when I sit and stand; You understand my thoughts from afar. You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways You are familiar. Even before a word is on my tongue, Lord, You know it all."

God's omnipresence and omniscience are both wonderful truths that Catholics can take comfort in every day, whether at home, work or worshipping at your local parish. But Eucharistic Adoration differs from your daily prayers in one key aspect. The body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, are substantially present in the Eucharist. In other words, when you participate in Eucharistic Adoration, you pray and worship Jesus in a more intimate, present and real way.

Through the faith, commitment and sacrifice of parishioners at St. Pius, we have an adoration chapel that is open

24 hours/day from  
Monday morning till  
Friday Morning.

This is a huge gift  
and one that is  
available to any-  
one anytime.

When exposed,  
Jesus can never  
be alone. (who  
would leave him  
since he is really  
present?) We cur-  
rently have 95 time  
slots of one hour each  
that require someone to  
make a commitment to be  
there with Jesus.

Our goal is to have two people  
committed to each time slot.  
This allows flexibility when  
someone has a conflict and  
cannot make it, their partner is  
there. We currently have 4  
open slots with no one to fill  
them except the substitutes  
that sacrifice their time for  
Him. We also have 7 people  
who do more than one hour  
which technically means an  
open slot.

We are asking for your help to  
fill the slots and help reach a  
goal of two people in each slot.  
You can join someone in a slot  
or take your own. The Grace of  
Adoration is open for you.  
Please contact the Parish  
Office or Rachel Dock  
(570.490.6208) for more  
information.

GOD BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY!

PRAY FOR AN INCREASE IN  
ADORATION AND ADORERS.

March / April  
2023

## Upcoming Events

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## WELCOME AND CONGRATULATIONS

Easter is a time of great celebration. One of the most important fruits of the resurrection are the sacraments. This year, our

parish welcomed 3 adults into the Church through OCIA (RCIA). Eleven students from our Religious Education classes received their First Holy Communion and

nine students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In addition, we had seven families join the parish and five children received the gift of the sacrament of Baptism. What an awesome year God has blessed us with.



### Anne Lasch



It almost feels like Anne needs no introduction...she has been attending Mass with her husband, Don, for many years. In fact, she has been adding her melodious voice to our choir for quite some time and very much enjoys singing! But this introduction is due to Anne's full communion with the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil, April 8, 2023. Anne grew up in Sunbury and is a 1971 graduate of Shikellamy High School. She has been caring for others as an RN for 48 years, and continues even today working one day/week. Her favorite hobbies include cross stitch, crochet, and knitting, so much so that she started a prayer shawl ministry at her former church. Anne enjoys spending time with their four adult children and seven grandchildren. Saint Anthony of Padua is her favorite saint because he is the patron saint of the lost; she feels especially drawn to help the poor and the poor in spirit. Anne is ready to help whomever comes her way by the grace of God. She strives to live peacefully. Her favorite quote: 'That which is in me is greater than that which is in the world.' (adapted from 1John 4:4).

### Melissa Clark



Melissa grew up in Abington Twp, PA and currently lives in Middleburg with her husband Matt and younger son David. (The reader might remember Matt and David's introductions in the May/June 2022 Newsletter.) Melissa also has two older sons and is blessed with seven grandchildren. Her current work as a Home Health Care Aid requires a mountain of graces and uses much of her energy. It is a bit different than her prior experience as a wild edible forager and selling to five-star restaurants. It is also a bit different than managing a stand at the Plumsteadville Farmer's Market filled with her homemade jams, pastries, and other goodies. While her current work is fulfilling, it leaves little time for crafting, gardening, and reading Jane Austen. Melissa is still studying the saints, and her current favorite is our Blessed Mother due to Mary's sacrifices and also due to helping Melissa in her faith journey. Saint Faustina is a strong runner up! Her favorite quote is 'Never Give Up.' Although Melissa has already attained a few superpowers, one that she desires is to fly!

### Susan Jarrett

The Catholic Church welcomes Susan Jarrett into Her mystical body! As a bit of background, Susan returned to the area after being away for an extended period of time. The astute reader might credit this as two homecomings! May God bless Susan and her family.

## NEW FAMILIES

We wish to welcome the following parishioners to our St. Pius X Parish Family:

Frank and Doreen Svencer

Scott and Samantha Deibler

Matthew and Christina Ross

Michael and Paige McNichol

Michael and Danielle Briskey

Eric and Tanya Balatincz

Thomas and Samantha-Jo Rynearson





FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

We are truly a blessed parish. Over the last few months twenty

of our children have received sacraments of either Confirmation, First Reconciliation, or First Holy Communion. As they prepared for their sacraments, you could see that they were interested in knowing more about Jesus and our faith. They came to Mass and our religious education classes and grew closer to God as they learned about our Catholic faith as witnessed in our faith

community, teachers, family, and friends. Congratulations go out to our youth as well as our prayers.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

## GOD'S INFINITE LOVE AND UNFATHOMABLE MERCY ???

Is "Anything" more powerful than God's infinite love and unfathomable mercy???

The answer is that "Nothing" is more powerful than the Love and Mercy of our Great God. He makes this very clear in His awesome message of Divine Mercy that He communicated to the world through St. Faustina Kowalski in the early 1900's. My wife Joyce, son Brian and I have been going to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy since 1999. When our churches closed due to Covid in 2021, the National Shrine had also announced that it was closed and there would be no public celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy. But we felt strongly that we needed to be there even if there was nothing. So, in 2021 we reserved our motel and went to Stockbridge, MA. As it turned out, hundreds of people had the same idea and the Marian Priests stationed at the shrine were hearing confessions from inside their cars and we were only a few among those hun-

dreds who came to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy at the National Shrine. The grounds are beautiful with life sized imported Stations of the Cross, a Grotto of Lourdes, and many small shrines and statues outdoors. It was awesome to see that with the public celebration cancelled, the power of God's Mercy still drew people to this celebration.

Last year, 2022, they had an abbreviated version of the Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy, including Mass and the Chaplet.

And this year for the first time since 2020, the Great Feast of Divine Mercy was celebrated in full force with busses from all over, and the whole hillside full of pilgrims who travelled distances to come to this great shrine to celebrate this great

feast. The Shrine church was open and full of people coming to praise God's mercy. The large Adoration tent, Confession tent, and Gift tent were back in full scale operation. Hundreds of volunteers and Marian Shrine staff all worked hard to ensure safety and assistance. Father Don Calloway led off the speakers and, by the Grace of God, the public celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy at the National Shrine is alive and growing....and "Nothing is more powerful than the awesome Love and Mercy of our God". I encourage all to read St. Faustina's Diary "Divine Mercy in My Soul" which contains the entire message of Divine Mercy as communicated to her by Jesus, Himself. Also, it is a beautiful shrine and only about 5 hours of driving away. Why not check it out?

God Bless, Michael Seno





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### Our Mission

We the members of Saint Pius X Christian Community seek Christ who is our life and has revealed Himself to us. We praise Him by providing a spiritual environment so that all may follow in His footsteps. The realization of the Body and Blood of Christ through the celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the most important part of our journey. To be one with Christ through the Holy Eucharist is the ultimate expression of the faith.

Visit our Web Site for  
more information.  
[www.stpiusXparish.net](http://www.stpiusXparish.net)

## RECENT BAPTISMS



### Isabella Addison DiCola

Baptized December 17, 2022.  
Parents: Daniel and Danielle DiCola

### Ophelia Louise Ettinger

Baptized February 4, 2023.  
Parents: Jordan and Glenda Ettinger

### Antonio Luca Castro Alvirena Elena Blair Castro Alvirena

Baptized March 4, 2023  
Parents: Christian and Karolina Alvirena

### Matthew James Clark

Baptized April 22, 2023  
Parents: Matthew and Melissa Clark

## PRAYER FOR THE SPREAD OF PERPETUAL ADORATION

Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins.

We need your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness.

May we obtain this through prayer and our union with the Eucharistic Lord.

Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Eucharistic Adoration. We beseech You to spread Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Help us to spread the glory of Your Son through Perpetual Adoration. Amen

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