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**SPECIAL EDITION MAY 3, 2020**  
**OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

*While we miss seeing each other, Let us keep thinking of each other and praying everyday for Everyone's Health and Peace.*

**Please check out New Readings, Prayers/Devotions Inside**  
*I have placed our Parish Directories by the Tabernacles for Personal Prayer and Remembrance of all Members, Families and Friends*  
**Keep Well and Keep the Faith.**

**Prayers, Fr. Brian Johnson**

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**Parish Council Members  
(St. Anthony of Padua)**

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**Other Groups**

<i>Finance Council</i>	<i>Harold Dacus, Chair</i>
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**OFFICE HOURS**

Wednesday	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.



Days	St. Pius X	St. Anthony
<b>No Public Celebration of Masses Until Further Notice</b>		
Let us hold one another in prayer especially for the sick, healthcare workers and caregivers. May God strengthen and protect you.		

Please see calendar inside for Holy Day times & other changes.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 3, 2020**

Dear Parishioners of St. Pius & St. Anthony,

Another week! I wonder how many people have been counting the days by marking an "X" over each day's box on the calendar (it may actually help us keep track of what day it is. Are you all having that problem too, that every day seems like Saturday or Monday! ) Or does anyone have any countdown or count-up tricks to better know what day it is? Is it already May 3? I know such jumbled up times as these 'sheltered-locked down' weeks it is easy for otherwise significant days to pass almost unnoticed (*like how I did I miss a favorite holiday of mine-April Fools-how did that get pulled over me?*)

*Here's a good one: I just heard my classical music station commentator share a joke about the reframing that is needed in these times. He said, "Everyone knows what day this is, it is March the 73rd!"*

I keep in touch and talk by phone with family to catch up on things. We have always had the tradition of gathering one day in a month to celebrate all the family birthdays in that particular month. It seems the majority of our family member birthdays are springtime ones. But as I say it, we are just stacking them up like a cake for a celebration later to come when it is safer for us all to gather. The birthday celebrations are all being put in the '**IN**' box to be had whenever we can. But May brings a lot of extra holiday and special occasions too. I admire folks who are being so creative about observing occasions safely and in revised form (think of high school proms and graduations). People just do the best one can under the circumstances, but isn't that how all good things turn out? Like handling rain on a picnic day, storms over a holiday, or sickness before a vacation. We chalk it up as memorable in its own way. How we adapt now to this may become a story for our future! So, let's keep writing history!

I've made a point of not missing some things this spring. The beautiful dogwood blooms (especially those red and white ones in Mary's Grotto Courtyard, the iris and all the lavenders, snowballs or butterfly bushes!-Not locked down, they still come out for us to enjoy!) They may not last long but I like to note that throughout the spring-summer-fall there seem to come layers of different blooms and colors. I try to take a moment, if not to smell, then at least to look and admire the new growth!

So, we all keep at our duties performing our Christian service responsibly! Continue to stay tuned in to our daily refreshed website with new material and reflections. Also, let's keep our regular prayer meetings going, keeping Wednesday nights & Sunday mornings in our routines as 'church days'!

1) **SUNDAY: LIVE-STREAMED mass at 9:30 am on our St Pius Calvert City Facebook page/channel.**

2) **\*\*ALSO, Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm we will be doing a LIVE-STREAM prayer or teaching in the church for a 25-30 minute session!**

**If I or the office can help with some kind of grocery pick-up or drop-off or other home need, please call me 270-668-7675 or 395-4727.**

Peace and Prayers,  
Fr. Brian

**May 1 Consecration of Americas under the Patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*In trial or difficulty I have recourse to Mother Mary, whose glance alone is enough to dissipate every fear. -St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

Please pray in union with the US-Canadian and Mexican Bishops this intercessory prayer asking for relief, strength and comfort during this time of Pandemic Virus. Our Bishops prayed in solidarity Friday May 1. (Feast of St Joseph, the Worker) to consecrate our land and peoples to God's merciful care under the tender watch and nurturance of the Blessed Mother. Keep in mind, too that Pope Francis has asked all Catholics to offer a rosary a day together as a family throughout the month of May.

**O Virgin of Guadalupe,**

you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.  
You, who faithfully pray and intercede for your children,

You know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.  
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial,  
but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin,  
keeping us always close to your healing and saving Son, Jesus  
in whose name we pray. Amen

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 3, 2020**

**ST. PIUS X**

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> May 4 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Barb Cirrito</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Mary Powell Vangarder</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Brooks Family Members</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Johnny Dossett</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Oren &amp; Margie Francois</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Earl &amp; Shirley Henderson</i>

All Mass Intentions **must** be turned in to the office 30 days prior to the date you want the Mass celebrated.

<b>WEEKLY DONATIONS</b>	
Parish Hall Donation (04/26/20)	\$ 1,155.00
Budget for 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 177,160.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,406.92
Weekly Donation (04/26/20)	\$ 1,415.00
Online Giving (04/26/20)	\$ 1,005.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 150,050.44



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** John Bardsley, Bennett Meisenheimer, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Sister Rosemary, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Jeanette Hayes, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Brooks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Derwood & Pat Doyle, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Kim Bruce, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jim Henthorn, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Tom and Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, JoAnne Carter, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Phyllis Whit, Lanie Pellegrin, Forrest Michael Teeters, Harry Frizzell, Mike Block, Jerry Isaacs and their family and caregivers.



**FOR OUR MILITARY:** Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett and Luke Jablonski.


**St. Pius X Mission Statement:** *We, the parishioners of St. Pius Tenth Church, gather in the name of the Lord to praise God and His Son, Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, thanking them for the many blessings that they have given to us. We gain strength from the Word of God in order to share and celebrate God's love through the sacraments.*

**ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**


<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b> May 4 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Employment Opportunities For All</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>John &amp; Sue Mudd</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Living &amp; Deceased Mount St. Joseph Ursulines</i>

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<b>WEEKLY DONATIONS</b>	
Budget 2019/2020 Fiscal Year (July 2019-June 2020)	\$ 72,100.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,386.54
Weekly Donation (04/26/20)	\$ 810.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 58,873.29



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Sister Rosemary, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, Mr. Driskill, Margeret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Betty Gonzalez, Frances Scott, Alice Blazina and their families and caregivers.



**FOR OUR MILITARY:** Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

**St. Anthony of Padua Mission Statement:** *We, the Catholics of St. Anthony of Padua Parish of Grand Rivers, are united as a faith-filled community to give home and glory to God, to aid each other, and others, on the journey of salvation and to share the Good News of the Gospel.*

<b>Weekly Mass Readings</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12</b>

**Special Thank You:** To our Gardeners, Mr. David Carr who trimmed bushes, mowed and laid down fresh mulch in the Grotto beds, and to Donna Hobbs & Colton who weeded the flowers beds around church.

**Congratulations to Joe Cirrito,** the winner of the Dauphin Island Condo Vacation Raffle. The drawing was held last Sunday at the livestreamed Mass. Congratulations, Joe!

Also, I want to thank the generous contributors **Mr. Larry & Judy Krouse**, who donated the Condominium Prize Vacation Stay! What a gift to help the parish hall fund along and get us closer to its eventual building. Also, I appreciate the enthusiasm and hard work of the ticket sellers who sold over \$3,000.00 worth of tickets. Great Job! -Fr. Brian

**FFY Meeting, (Online thru Zoom )-Wednesday, May 6 @ 6:30 pm. The link will be emailed to FFY parents.**



## FROM THE PASTOR

May 3, 2020  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Jn 10:1-10

Dear St. Pius X and St. Anthony Church,

In today's first reading, Peter delivers his Pentecost Sermon about Jesus' death and resurrection and calls everyone to repentance and baptism in Christ. Acts 2:37 says about the crowd, "When they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" If Peter was looking for a response, he surely got it! **This verse demonstrates the power of a word, or the power of the voice!** Of course, we do not want to become fixated on any craftiness of Peter's voice with his sermon construction (that's too manipulative). Rather, as with every preacher, it is the Holy Spirit of God working in them that convinces, persuades and motivates any listeners. Jesus had said, "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers, and authorities, do not worry about how to defend yourselves or what to say. **For, at that time the Holy Spirit will teach you what you should say**" (Luke 12:11-12). And in Luke 10:16, Jesus called his preachers to trust in Him to provide what is needed in any proclamation, when he told them, "**The one who listens to you listens to me**". Of course this means, IF, they are listening. What I suggest is that Jesus is not recommending that preachers wait until the last minute to prepare (thinking 'Oh, the Holy Spirit will provide the words'), or for preachers to be lazy about not doing the background work of praying and studying the word (thinking 'Oh, if it is not God's Word, it won't matter anyway'). No, Jesus is saying that '*spiritual people hear spiritual things*'. We should be listening always (in everything) for Him. Disciples of Jesus are attuned to the voice of the Shepherd. They are discerners of Shepherd's Word (His Voice). Mostly due to the Word itself, as Hebrews 4:12 teaches, "The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and *able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart*." It 'cuts to the heart'! If you want to dive a little deeper into this spiritual gift of discernment, check out Hebrews 5:12-14, or 1 Corinthians 3:1-3. As Jesus tells us in Mark 4:23 "Let the one with ears, hear!" The Master Jesus is speaking. As disciples, we need to listen!

Which brings us to the gospel today! Jesus is the Good shepherd (John 10:11) and so for sheep to stay alive and thrive, they must keep their ears perked-tilted toward Him! Sheep have to know where their Shepherd is, either directly looking at their shepherd, resting/walking by the Shepherd's side, or at least have ears open to receive direction and sense his/her presence. Without a shepherd, sheep become mutton fast. Those ears and eyes are lifelines for the sheep to the Shepherd. **Really, I hear it.** I mean I hear that in the gospel today, where three times (in verse 3, 4 & 5 of chapter 10) it is stated that Jesus' sheep 'hear his voice'. Okay, I pray we got it! We must listen to Jesus' voice. Yet, tragically, verse 6 says that too often many do not hear God's voice. John 10:6 says that "*Although Jesus used this figure of speech, they (Pharisees) did not realize what he was trying to tell them.*" So, even right here in this text we have the fact demonstrated that some 'are not listening' to Jesus the Shepherd. They don't hear Him

I want to bring us back to the beginning of this reflection by saying again that sometimes it is just the right word, or just the right voice that can cut through everything that might block, confuse or upset, to bring soothing, definition and clarity to whatever is being felt or experienced. Like Proverbs 15:1 that tells us about the power of language to bear fruit in defusing anger, when it teaches that "a gentle answer turns away wrath". Or Proverbs 25:11, that speaks about the most opportune speech, saying that "Golden apples in silver settings are words spoken at the proper time." but above all, God's word and the Shepherd's voice are always on time and always just the right word needed. Isaiah 55:10-11 reminds us that God's word never returns empty, but always bears fruit and effects action (change or results-whatever is needed!). So, we want to know it!

Peace,  
Fr. Brian

## St. Roch and St. Rosalia: A Couple More Saints in Times of Plague

**St. Roch:** not much is known of St. Roch's birth and early life. He lived in the mid 1300's, the eldest son of a wealthy, ruling family. He was born with a birth scar across his chest, that was a striking large red cross. After his parents died when he was only 20, St. Roch handed the leading government position in Montpellier that he inherited from his dad, turned it over to his uncle. Then he donated over his entire fortune to the poor and their feeding care.

He left France, and set out to Italy as a pilgrim, and visited various plague-infested cities, miraculously curing its citizens by his prayer and invoking the intercession of the power of his Cross scar. Everywhere he went, people witnessed the vanishing of the terrible scourge of deadly sickness. The curative powers of praying and looking upon the Cross, that God allowed him to exercise as a healing gift became widely known. Pious tales of St Roch's miracles spread all over Italy.

He eventually succumbed to the disease himself, and he withdrew into obscurity. After a while, he recovered from the infection which killed almost everyone who contracted it. He never wanted to be recognized and honored for his ministry, so the humble saint returned to France in disguise. In times of such high political intrigue between countries and powerful families, he was mistakenly identified as a foreign spy and arrested, eventually dying as a political prisoner. It was only after his death that St Roch's identity was rediscovered, mostly owing to the unique mark of the holy cross on his chest and some letters in his possession. He was given a dignified funeral, and additional miracles followed his death, that further testified to his sanctity in life. By then, the Church's hierarchy revered St. Roch. In 1414, during the Church Council of Constance, a wide-ranging plague broke out in the city, and the Fathers of the Council ordered public prayers and processions in honor of the St. Roch. Through his intercession and the devout prayer of the citizenry, the plague ceased and many of the city residents were spared as the plague immediately ceased."

Here is an old prayer to St. Roch, that is still recited in Italy and France to this day.

### O Blessed St. Roch,

*Patron of the sick, Have pity on those Who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great, When you were in this world, That by the sign of the Cross, Many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, Your power is not less. Offer, then, to God Our sighs and tears. And obtain for us that health we seek Through Christ Our Lord.*

Another less well-known Powerful Plague Saint was **St. Rosalia**, who was born around 1100, but went unrecognized until the 1600's. Rosalia was born into a Norman family descended from Charlemagne. So devout and pious as a child, she decided to devote her life to prayer and sacrifice in a cave on Mount Pellegrino. In her anchoritic cell, she inscribed on a wall: "I, Rosalia ... have taken the resolution to live my days in this cave for the love of my Lord, Jesus Christ." She was hidden away in her devotion to sacrifice, fast and pray. Five hundred years later, when a plague beset Palermo, Italy, St. Rosalia appeared to a hunter, whom she told to bring her bones to the Sicilian city. She revealed where the hunter could find her bones. The hunter followed Rosalia's instructions, and the people of Palermo desperate for healing carried her remains in a holy procession throughout the city three times, and it brought about a miraculous and dramatic end to the plague there. St. Rosalia became the patron saint of Palermo, and a church sanctuary was built where her remains were discovered originally.

This intercessory prayer has been attached to her name as a special prayer to bring comfort to the ill and heal plagues and pestilences. Let us pray:

*O God, Our Father, mercifully look upon Your people who come to You and grant through the intercession of St Rosalia, who turned away from earthly delights to the joys of contemplation, that we may be delivered from all harm here on earth and one day be welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven. St Rosalia, confessor and virgin, we pray to God for our families and friends. Through your powerful prayers, may we obtain health, life and eternal salvation. May our sacred contemplation of Jesus Christ, lead us to good health and keep us safe in your loving care, Through Jesus Christ the Lord, Amen.*