St. Pius X Catholic Community

February 24, 2013 **Second Sunday of Lent**

LENTEN MISSION
February 25-27, 2013

Lent: renewing my life through hope in the resurrection of Jesus

Father Gerald Watt, C.R.

Monday, February 25
8:00 AM - Holy Rosary + 8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM – Mission:
JESUS, OUR LIFE AND RESURRECTION
Eucharistic Prayer Service

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Tuesday, February 26
8:00 AM - Holy Rosary + 8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM - Mission:
JESUS, HEALER OF THE BROKENHEARTED
Reconciliation Service

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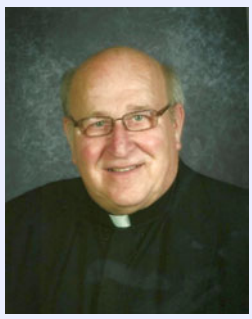
Wednesday, February 27
8:00 AM - Holy Rosary + 8:30 AM Mass
7:00 PM – Mission:
BEING FAITHFUL TO JESUS IN EVERYDAY LIFE
Holy Mass



Father Gerald Watt, C.R. is a priest of the Congregation of the Resurrection and was ordained in 1967. He has served in both educational and pastoral ministries. At one time he was director of his Congregation's Clinic in southern Mexico where he also treated patients. Father "Jerry" is bilingual and preaches in Spanish and English. He also represents Catholic Relief Services as a "Global Fellow" and gives talks for CRS. Father Jerry is Senior Priest in residence at Holy Trinity Church in Westmont, IL.

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WELCOME TO

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MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Pius X Church, a faith community in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet, Illinois, accept the challenge to restore all things in Christ through the use of our gifts and ministry. Guided by the Father, nourished by the Eucharist, and inspired by the Holy Spirit we embrace all through our commitment to worship, education, service, and stewardship.

LEMA DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Nosotros las personas de la Iglesia de San Pío X, una comunidad de fe Católica de la Diócesis de Joliet, Illinois, aceptamos los desafíos de restaurar todas las cosas en Cristo, por medio de nuestros talentos y ministerios. Guiados por el Padre, nutridos por la Eucaristía, e inspirados por el Espíritu Santo; unidos y comprometidos todos nosotros por medio de nuestros dones, educación y servicio.

Pastor:
Father George Zieba, CR

Deacons:
John Chan, Ron Knecht,
Larry Lissak, Tom Rachubinski

Hispanic Ministry Pastoral Assistant:
Fr. Fernando Cuevas, CS

Pastoral Care: Sr. Pauline Schutz, OSF

School Principal: Daniel Flaherty

Youth Ministry - Director: Gina Wiedman

Faith Formation - Director: Dee Sulla

Music Ministry - Director: Ryan Rump

Hispanic Ministry - Coordinator / Secretary:
Laura Mora

Business Manager: John Matyasik

Administrative Assistant: Donna Cooper

Parish Secretary: Pam Matyasik

Maintenance Director: Sallie McGinn

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School: 630-627-2353
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Convent 630-627-5810

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Anticipation of Sunday
Misa en Español: Sábado 7 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:30 AM
Mass interpreted in sign language:5 PM Sat.
Holy Days: see previous Sunday Bulletin
Weekdays: 8:30 AM Monday through Friday
Saturday: 8:30 AM First Saturday of each month

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the first and third Sundays at the 11:30 AM Mass. No Baptisms are celebrated during Lent. Parent preparation is required. The parent meeting for Baptism is generally on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. Please call the Parish Office for more information (630-627-4526).

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Parish Office at least 6 months before your desired wedding date, to check availability.

FUNERALS

Arrangements should be made at the Parish Office before publication in the newspaper.

SICK CALLS

Homebound because of sickness or age, please call the Parish Office (630-627-4526) to arrange a visit with a Minister of Care or a priest.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office for arrangements.

Because of HIPAA Privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish without family consent. If you are hospitalized and would like a priest or minister to visit or have your name added to the Prayers of the Faithful, your family should notify the Parish Office.

INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH

For questions and instruction in the faith or to become a part of the RCIA process (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), call the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM—12:30 PM; 1:00 PM—4:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM—12:00 PM; 12:30—3:00 PM

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! You are invited to come to or call the Parish Office to register. Forms are also available on the website.

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

If you are interested in one of our many ministries or wish to volunteer time or talent, please contact the Parish Office or see our website for more details.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you have a prayer intention that you would like the parish to pray for, write it in the Book of Prayer in Church.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

Due **ten** days prior to bulletin date. Attach Word file and email to bulletin@stpiuslombard.org. Please put a contact name and phone number on each article indicating the date(s) you would like the article to run. Every effort will be made to see that your request is granted.

As a general rule, we encourage using "bulletin space" instead of a separate insert whenever possible——this saves the cost of printing. The following guidelines should be observed if an insert is necessary:A proposed insert must be submitted for approval prior to bulletin insertion weekend. Approved inserts must be delivered by Thursday to the Parish Office.

Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life:
www.vocations.com or call 815-834-4004.
Support Serra Vocations at the monthly Vocation Mass and dinner at St. Petronille Parish in Glen Ellyn. Please call 630-932-8098 for information.

Choir Corner

Upcoming Rehearsal Schedule

Rehearsals are on Thursdays in the church unless noted.
February 28 5:00 pm: Praise!
7:00 pm: Adult Choir

We are always happy to welcome new members to the choir! We are especially in need of men's voices, but all are welcome. Ability to read music not necessary, just the desire to sing. Please come join us, even if it's just to try it out! Adult Choir sings at the 9:30 am Sunday Masses.

We are also looking for a few additional voices for our more contemporary group: Praise! Because this group is smaller it is better suited to those who have a little more singing experience, but of course all are welcome! Praise! sings at the 11:30 am Sunday Masses.
rrump@stpiuslombard.org

LITURGICAL NEWS

Liturgical Calendar

Monday **February 25-Lenten Weekday**
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
8:30 am †Evelyn Quinn by Ray Niccolai
7:00 pm Lenten Mission-Eucharistic Prayer Service

Tuesday **February 26-Lenten Weekday**
Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
8:30 am †Ray Knoll by family
7:00 pm Lenten Mission-Reconciliation Service

Wednesday -February 27-Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
8:30 am †Michael Vrona by Rita Vrona
7:00 pm Lenten Mission-Holy Mass

Thursday **February 28-Lenten Weekday**
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
8:30 am †Elenore Cummings by family
†Joseph Jablonsky by family
In thanksgiving for Pope Benedict XVI

Friday **March 1-Lenten Weekday**
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
8:30 am †Ralph LoCoco by Michelle LoCoco
(Grade School participation)
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday **March 2-Lenten Weekday**
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
8:30 am †Bill Mueller by Sarah Giovenco
11:00 am First Reconciliation (Hispanic Ministry)
3:30-4:30 pm Reconciliation

Vigil—Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm †Michael Raymond by family
7:00 pm Misa en español

Sunday **March 3**
Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
7:30 am †Leslie Murray by Jerilyn Kucera
9:30 am †Georganna Schmitt by Bob & Rosanne Ripper
11:30 am †Nicholas Wagner by Peg Regan

St. Pius X Prayer Chapel

The Prayer Chapel is open Sunday through Friday evenings, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Please come and adore Him. Use Door #8 on east side of church building. Would you like to sign up for an hour per week in the Prayer Chapel? Please contact our leaders to pledge your hour.

Sunday	Estelle Soger	630-627-8310
Monday	Cathy Monckton	708-646-8067
Tuesday	Michelle LoCoco	630-620-6283
Wednesday	Linda Chan	630-941-8918
Thursday	Ceil D'Acquisto	630-627-9472
Friday	Carol Gawenda	630-833-3211

Ministry Schedule — March 2/3

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Altar Servers
Schedules were not available for print
Check your email this week.

Saturday 7:00 pm Español	**Acolitos:** H. Cruz, D. Morgan, M. Gamboa, H. Serna **Ministros:** V. & J. Ortega, F. Garcia, G. Rivera, M. Lagunas **Hospitalidad:** A. Mora, M. Vergara, G. Ruiz, R. Segura **Lectores:** L. Serna, S. Mondragon

Greeters

Saturday, March 2—5:00 pm — Sr. Pauline Schutz
Sunday, March 3
7:30 am — Pat & Mary Knoll, Dick Hakes
9:30 am — Therese Brossard, Kathy Litos
11:30 am — Please volunteer

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Are you looking for a way to help out our parish and make a difference? The Liturgy of the Word for Children is looking for people to assist the Catechists during the 9:30 Mass. You can sign up for as often as you like. It's a fun way to work with the children of St Pius X. During Mass, children ages 3 to 3rd grade are welcome to come, so sometimes we have quite a large group. Our catechists could really use an extra set of hands to help manage the children. The Liturgy of the Word for Children provides the younger children of the parish who attend Sunday Mass with their families the opportunity to hear and respond at their age level. Thank you for your consideration! Please contact us for more details. This might be the perfect opportunity to share your time and talent! Contact: Parish Office 630-627-4526 or Jina Hoffmann at 630-519-4565 or at: jjbhoff@sbcglobal.net

the following parishioners and friends who are ill:

McKenna Tyszkiewicz
Eileen Blaney
Kevin Blaney
John Johnson
George McAloon
George O'Connor
Lena Munaretto

St. Pius X RCIA

Ashley Hernandez is a Candidate in the St. Pius X RCIA Program. Ashley was baptized at St. Isidore Catholic Church in Bloomingdale. She will need to complete her Sacraments of Initiation; Eucharist and Confirmation, as well as receiving First Reconciliation.

Ashley lives in Villa Park with her parents, and two brothers. Her brother Kevin is also a Candidate in the RCIA Program, while her other brother Daniel is a third grade student in the St. Pius X Faith Formation Program. Ashley attends Willowbrook High School, where she is a freshman. She volunteered at her school to help with the Eighth Grade testing day. She is also involved in 'Sabor Latino' which is a dance program celebrating her Latin heritage. "I would just like to help others. I like the feeling of making people happy."

When asked why she joined the RCIA Program at this time, Ashley responded: "I wanted to become religious…I needed to learn about Jesus. I barely knew much about Jesus and stories because I had stopped attending church at a young age." Because of that reason, it isn't a surprise to learn that Ashley's favorite part of RCIA is the "…history and actual story of Jesus...And who Jesus was." She described her thoughts about the RCIA class in this way: "I feel like we are a small family who discuss Our Father."

Ashley is looking forward to Confirmation, because she will be sealed as an adult Catholic. "I'll remember that forever."

Please pray for Ashley, and all the participants of the RCIA Program. And don't forget to greet our RCIA Participants when you see them. Let them know that they are welcomed into our Parish Community!

St. Joseph — "A father"

In the first days and weeks of Jesus' infancy, Joseph, like all new fathers, must simply have watched, loved and protected the tiny bundle; his heart breaking whenever the child cried.

Saint Joseph taught Jesus to say "Father!" – addressing not only him but also the eternal Father. Like any father, he would teach the boy to walk and talk and work and love and pray. What awe must have come over him as he watched his Son learn to pray the Psalms, take part in the Passover meal, or read the story of God's intervention in the History of the Chosen People.

Joseph, a carpenter, provided for his family's needs by the work of his hands and the sweat of his brow. In his carpenter shop Jesus learned a trade – how to create, organize, plan, build, focus and persevere at a project.

In the frustration and joy of finding Jesus in the Temple, Mary and Joseph were met only with the words, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" (Lk 2:9) How those words must have struck Joseph with both pride and sorrow. Jesus, who had been entrusted to him to raise and teach and love, was growing up. He would need to let go and place this precious boy into God's hands. Joseph could not shield him, nor protect Jesus forever.

Joseph was a hidden person who gently, firmly and wisely prepared Jesus for his ministry on earth. It is because Joseph had done his job well that Peter, James, John and the other apostles saw in Jesus something that made them drop their nets, leave their homes and give their lives over to following him and living in his presence. Joseph is an intercessor for all of our parenting needs.

Excerpts from: St. Joseph, Help for Life's Emergencies
By Sister Kathryn J. Hermes, FSP 2009

Everyone is invited to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph!
Join us for our annual St. Joseph's Day Table

Sunday, March 10
12:30 – 3:30 PM

St. Pius Social Center

Donations benefit St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Program

You Can Win This Beautiful Handmade Quilt!

Be sure to stop by and see the fine workmanship that went into the making of this beautiful quilt.

This quilt, which measures 63" wide x 72" long, was handmade by a relative of one of our parishioners and graciously donated to help support the St. Vincent de Paul Assistance Program here at St. Pius X.

This labor of love will be raffled off at the St. Joseph's Day Table on Sunday, March 10 in the Social Center. Winner need not be present.

Raffle tickets will be available for
$3 each or 4 for $10 after all Masses.

PARISH NEWS

Our Stewardship of Sharing

Weekly Financial Report

Weekly Contributions ~ February 2013

First Week Offering (thru 2/6/13)	$12,156
First Week E-Share (electronic giving)	10,917
Second Week Offering (thru 2/13/13)	10,510
Second Week E-Share	1,634
Third Week Offering (thru 2/20/13)	9,157
Third Week E-Share	2,597
Budgeted Income for February	**$59,385**
Amount needed to reach February budget	**$12,414**

Year-to-Date
July 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013

Revenue	**442,035 thru January 31**
Budget	**460,230 thru January 31**
Deficit	**(18,195)**

Please consider St. Pius X during your estate planning.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministries to the people of God.

Year of Faith: October 11, 2012—November 24, 2013

Catechism Corner: "Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation." [CCC, n. 1440]

Diocesan webpage for Year of Faith: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yearoffaith/

Year of Faith family page: http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/year-of-faith/year-of-faith-family-resources.cfm

The Vision of Hope
Congregation of the Resurrection

In 1999, the Congregation of the Resurrection created a new document entitled the "The Vision of Hope". This document focuses on the theological, as well as the practical, dimensions of what it means to be a community of hope. This year we will focus on the Congregation's concept of this "Vision of Hope" and the related texts of the Order, and what this means for everyone who participates in this Resurrectionist spirituality.

The vision statement of the "Vision of Hope" states:

Ourselves enlivened by hope, we, Resurrectionists, will awaken and nourish hope in others by - being community:

- *"Our Congregation must be a model of Christian community in which people are one in heart and mind" (Mission Statement).* Therefore, sacrifice, personal discipline, and the setting aside of personal agenda are necessary for the religious to become more active members of their local houses and to advance the common good of the Congregation.
- We foster hope and a sense of Resurrectionist identity by assisting one another to live more deeply the paschal mystery.
- The common life makes visible our charism and is a sign of hope to contemporary society which is seeking the experience of community to remedy situations of isolation, alienation, and individualism.
- An expression of a strong common life is that hospitality which invites our own Resurrectionist brothers and others not only into our home but also into our lives of faith, and ultimately attracts new members to our Congregation.

This Week's Calendar of Events

Monday-February 25		
Daisy #1906	3:15 pm	Martha Room
Lenten Mission	7:00 pm	Church
Tuesday-February 26		
Lenten Mission	7:00 pm	Church
Wednesday-February 27		
Girl Scouts #835	3:15 pm	Martha Room
Lenten Mission	7:00 pm	Church
Thursday-February 28		
Daisy #51464	3:15 pm	Martha Room
Friday-March 1		
Grade School Mass	8:30 am	Church
Stations & Simple Supper	6:30 pm	Church/Martha
Saturday-March 2		
CCW Spring Craft Show	9 am—3 pm	Social Center

V.I.P. Seniors

Please join all of us for Mass at 8:30 am on Tuesday, March 12. For our Lenten meeting, we will meet after Mass in the Martha Room for a Continental Breakfast. That day we will make our reservations for the April V.I.P. luncheon!

Questions? Call Sr. Pauline at 630-627-5810.

Spring Craft Show

St. Pius X Council of Catholic Women needs your help. On Saturday, March 2, we are holding a Spring Craft/Vendor Show from 9 am to 3 pm in the Social Center. We are looking for a variety of helpers: •can you bake for the bake sale table? •help at the raffle table? •work in the kitchen? or •help with take down at the end of the show? ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE GREAT FOR OUR PARISH 8TH GRADERS, as well as other ladies and men in our parish. Please contact Carol at 630-495-2647 to volunteer. Thank you in advance.

knights of columbus present

festa italiana

food fun fellowship
tickets prior to festa
adults $10.00
children 5-12 $5.00
under five free

it's back and better than ever!
saturday april 27
4 pm until 8:30 pm
social center

proceeds to benefit parish assistance fund for
sacred heart and saint pius x
please bring a non-perishable food item for the
saint vincent de paul food pantry
for sponsorship opportunities please call dan sulla 630.854.1536

Stations of the Cross and Simple Suppers

Please join our parish community for Stations of the Cross this Friday at 6:30 PM followed by a Simple Supper of soup, bread and water. Each week a different parish organization prepares the meal and serves the community. This week, the Elizabeth Ministry is hosting.

This beautiful tradition at St. Pius X brings us together in our Lenten mission to engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Free will donations will be collected to benefit our St. Vincent De Paul Society.

If you have any questions, you may contact Leanne Newman at 630-638-8509 or newman.leanne@sbcglobal.net.

More Help Needed!

It's that time again….
And we could use your help!

The St. Joseph's Day Table committees are busy putting this year's Table together, which will take place on Sunday, March 10.

We're looking for Able-Bodied Volunteers to assist Sunday morning & afternoon, March 10th, carrying food and supplies from cars/kitchen/social center and teardown. *Involves some heavy lifting & bending*

Please consider helping out – Contact:
Jeanette Reynolds: 630-627-1657, bostonjan43@comcast.net

PLEASE BAKE FOR THE ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE SWEET TABLE — MARCH 10th

The St. Joseph's Day Table Committee is looking for bakers to make our St. Joseph's Day Sweet Table a big success. As you can see from this photo our bakers have been very generous with their efforts. Our Community boasts many wonderful bakers. Won't you please consider bringing a baked item to share at this joyous celebration? Baked goods can be dropped off at the Social Center after 8:00 am, the morning of the event.

For questions or further information, contact Nancy Snead at 630-629-3201 or email at timnancyhome@gmail.com.

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Spelling Champion Advances to Regionals

Congratulations to eighth grader, Rich M. who advanced to the **Dupage County Regional Spelling Bee** at Monroe Middle School in Wheaton.

Rich was one of three finalists to move on from the **Private and Parochial School Spelling Bee**. He correctly spelled a total of sixteen words, with his winning word – *economics*. This is Rich's second time advancing to this level, his first time being in 2011.

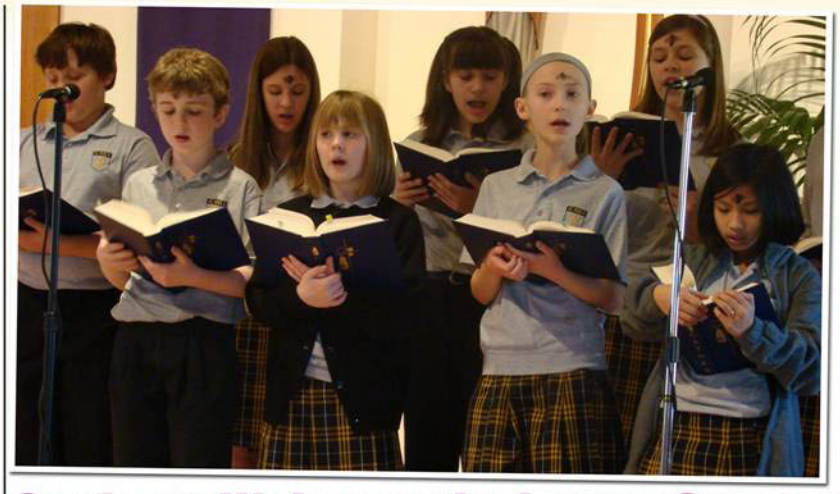
Rich, who plans on attending Fenwick High School after graduating from St. Pius, acknowledges that, while his favorite subjects in school are history and algebra, he also enjoys spelling. He is very excited about going to the regionals once more.

When asked to reveal his most challenging word in past competitions, Rich answered, "*hors d'oeuvre*." (That is a tough one!)

"Rich has been working hard for this spelling bee competition," says his dad, Ricardo. "We feel very confident and very proud of his accomplishments!"

"We are honored to have Rich represent our school at the regionals, " said Principal, Daniel Flaherty. "We wish him the best of luck in the competition."

Since the spelling bee was held on February 20th, it was not known at presstime how Rich did in the competition. We will report on his placement in next week's Knightlife.



Students Welcome the Lenten Season

Students, school parents and parishioners observed the beginning of their Lenten journeys last week during a special Ash Wednesday Mass.

St. Pius Alumnus Returns to Inspire

Mrs. McMahon's eighth grade literature class received a special treat last month when they were visited by St. Pius alumnus, Kevin Pohl. Kevin, who graduated from St. Pius in 2004, was invited to guest teach on the subject of "Film as Literature." He shared his knowledge on how screenplays are structured and the literary elements that are essential in any film.

After graduating from St. Pius, Kevin went on to Willowbrook High School where he pursued his interest in writing and the arts. He was able to visit the Canadian Film Festival when one of his high school short films won an award. After graduating high school, Kevin went on to Columbia College in Chicago, to pursue a degree in Film and Video. He graduated in 2012 as valedictorian of his film class and hopes to attend USC, UCLA, or NYU for his masters program.

"I'm humbled when our alumni wish to return to their roots in the hopes of inspiring our future graduates," commented Principal, Daniel Flaherty. "We are very grateful to Kevin for sharing his time and expertise with us," added Mrs. McMahon. "My students and I greatly enjoyed his visit."

MINISTERIO HISPANO

Misa en Español	Sábado 7:00 pm
Sacerdote	Fernando Cuevas
Coordinadora de Ministerio Hispano	Laura Mora
Coordinador Educación Religiosa	Abraham Rodríguez

Bautizos
1er. Y 3er. Sábado del mes

Matrimonios, Visita a los enfermos, Quinceañeras e Intenciones de misa
Favor de hablar a la Rectoría para mas información

Horario de Oficina	
Miércoles	9:00 am—1:00 pm
Jueves	12:30 pm—4:00 p.m.
Teléfono	630-627-4526 X203
Email	spxhispano@aol.com

JESUCRISTO TRANSFORMA NUESTRA VIDA

La fe de Abraham, modelo de confianza en Dios. El texto pone de relieve que no es que Dios lleve contabilidad de las obras buenas de los hombres y que Abrahán acreciente su haber con otra obra buena. Según comenta Pablo, Abrahán fue tenido por justo sólo por la fe en la promesa o por su confianza en Dios y no porque hiciera alguna obra buena según la ley. La alianza tiene aquí un carácter de promesa. En realidad, es Dios el único que empeña su palabra y se compromete con Abrahán y su descendencia. Por eso el patriarca está dormido en el momento culminante, y ve en sueños cómo Yahvé, simbolizado por la humareda y la antorcha, pasa por medio de los animales descuartizados. Los buitres que espanta Abrahán son sus enemigos y los de su descendencia.

Tabor y Calvario. La transfiguración, que el evangelista sitúa como un alto en el camino que sube a Jerusalén, no es otra cosa que una anticipación momentánea de la última meta y como un aliento para seguir caminando. Los tres discípulos que serían testigos del abatimiento de Jesús en Getsemaní, fueron elegidos antes para ver su gloria en el Tabor. La blancura de los vestidos de Jesús y el nuevo aspecto de su rostro no son más que la manifestación de la dignidad y la gloria que le correspondía como Hijo de Dios. Moisés y Elías, representando a la Ley y los Profetas -todo el Antiguo Testamento-, conversan con Jesús de lo que aún ha de cumplirse en Jerusalén. Toda la historia de la salvación culmina en Jesucristo, pero el momento de esta culminación es la hora de su exaltación en la cruz. El Tabor no se explica sin el Calvario. Jesús les manda que callen lo que han visto hasta que todo se cumpla y el Hijo del Hombre resucite de entre los muertos. A pesar de que sólo hace seis días desde que Jesús les había anunciado su pasión y muerte en Jerusalén y había reprendido precisamente a Pedro porque intentó torcer su camino, éste sigue sin entender nada. Piensa que ha llegado la hora de disfrutar el triunfo. Pedro se mueve ni más ni menos en la misma línea en que se movía el tentador del domingo pasado. El domingo pasado hablábamos de tentaciones de Jesús. Hoy hay que hablar de tentaciones de Pedro. Sigue habiendo muchos Pedros que desean un Dios vengador y triunfador. Pedro concibe a Jesús en términos del omnipotente que puede y debe imponer su mano. Pedro no entra por Jerusalén, por el camino de la Cruz

Invitación a escuchar a Jesús. La "nube", o la "columna luminosa", es en la Biblia el símbolo de la presencia de Dios. Aquí aparece como respuesta a la proposición de Pedro. De la nube sale la voz de Dios. El signo de la nube es interpretado por la palabra. Y la palabra confirma a Jesús como enviado de Dios, como Hijo que ha venido a cumplir su voluntad. A él deben atenerse Pedro y sus compañeros. Lo fascinante y lo tremendo de la presencia de Dios, de la teofanía, se advierte en las palabras de Pedro y en el temor de los tres discípulos al ser introducidos dentro de la nube. La voz de Dios, al final del relato, tiene de todo menos de omnipotente y poderosa. No es una orden; es una invitación: “Escuchadle”. Nosotros también somos invitados a escuchar la Palabra de Jesús y a ponerla en práctica. Debemos bajar al llano y demostrar la transformación que la oración, el contacto con Dios, obra en nuestra vida.

Por José María Martín OSA

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Communication from the Bishop

Restoring the Church and Building the Future
Support the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This Collection supports essential unmet pastoral needs in Central and Eastern Europe and areas of Central Asia formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions.

Less than 100 years ago, the country of Slovenia did not exist on any map. As a new country, it fell to the harsh rule of Communism and state-sponsored atheism, from which its people suffered for many decades. Today, with help from the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, the city of Ljubljana is home to Project Bethlehem, a safe, low-cost housing center where young women are able to live while they attend university. The Salesian Sisters of St. John Bosco run the center and provide programs for Catholic formation, personal growth, and leadership, all based on Church teachings.

In Romania, the Archdiocese of Bucharest is able to educate over 38 seminarians at the inter-diocesan seminary of Iasi with support from the Collection. Romanian Catholics no longer live in the shadows and worship in secret. Instead they are looking toward a brighter future of the Church after 70 years of Soviet rule. For them, the Collection has encouraged the seminarians to be a beacon of hope for the faithful in the region.

Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, where ***your gifts are restoring the Church and building the future.*** Last year, our diocese donated $75,728.41.

God bless you.
Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon
Bishop of Joliet

For more information on the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the projects funded by the Collection, please visit *www.usccb.org* (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe").

Collection at St. Pius X will be next weekend, March 2/3.

THE 2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL — *"THE LORD SUSTAINS HIS PEOPLE"*

Bishop Conlon's mailing asking for a pledge to the 2013 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is in the hands of many of our parishioners. If you have received the mailing, please respond as soon as possible.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is "The Lord Sustains His People." God constantly gives to us. His grace is ever present. His blessings are abundant. We can demonstrate our gratitude to God and help build the kingdom of God in our own parish and our own diocese by making a generous gift to the CMAA.

The Appeal not only funds the operations of the diocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. Please answer the bishop's request and make a generous pledge. All pledges can be paid in 10 monthly installments. Thank you in advance for your support.

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