The Diocese of Columbus welcomed Bishop Robert J. Brennan as its 12th Bishop in an installation held at St. Joseph Cathedral in Columbus on Friday, March 29, 2019. His appointment was formally announced on January 31, 2019, by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, papal nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Brennan was born on June 7, 1962 to Robert and Patricia in the Bronx, New York. The oldest of five children, Bishop Brennan has two brothers and two sisters and 14 nieces and nephews. He earned a bachelor’s degree in mathematics and computer science from Saint John’s University, Queens, New York, studied for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York, and was ordained on May 27, 1989 by Bishop John R. McGann. On May 27, 1996, then Father Brennan was named Honorary Prelate to His Holiness Pope John Paul II with the title of Monsignor and in 2002, Reverend Monsignor Brennan was named vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Bishop Brennan has vast administrative experience and has served on several diocesan boards including the Directors for Catholic Health Services of Long Island and the Bishop’s Advisory Committee for Catholic Education. He is bilingual and plans to continue his work with the Latino community. Vocations will be another important focus for him.

We offer Bishop Brennan our prayers as he begins his work as the shepherd of the Diocese of Columbus. May Christ walk with him daily as he works to lead us to a richer and deeper faith.
Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 31, 2019
Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her!

MASSES FOR APRIL 1-7, 2019

Monday
8:30 a.m.  (FDY) ﬀ  All Souls in Purgatory
by Marilou Harmeyer

Tuesday
8:30 a.m.  (FDY) ﬀ  Nancy Rathburn
by Mike and Patti Rathburn

Wednesday
8:30 a.m.  (FMK) ﬀ  Geoff Campbell
by Tricia and Greg Canfield

Thursday
8:30 a.m.  (FMK) ﬀ  Mass Intention for Mike Bergman
by Bergman Family

Friday
8:30 a.m.  (MDF) ﬀ  Russell Interrante
by Stan and Sandy Michnowicz

Saturday
5:00 p.m.  (FDY) ﬀ  Mary Jane Stalica
by Judy Cafmeyer

Sunday
8:30 a.m.  (FDY) ﬀ  Robert Cadegan
by Diane Cadegan
10:15 a.m.  (FMK) ﬀ  Living and Deceased
Members of the Parish
12:00 p.m.  (FRM) ﬀ  James Paul Steinke
by Patty McMenemy

NEWLY REGISTERED: Adam, Cathy and Holden
Bowman; Jenarius, Abongjoh, Terah and Kayla Taku;
Elvis, Sylvie and Prince-Declan Nkwenya

IN OUR PARISH

LITURGY OF THE HOURS will be held every weekday,
beginning at 8:00 a.m., before the morning Mass from Ash
Wednesday until Holy Wednesday during Lent.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: The St. Pius X Pictorial Directory
is in. For those people who had their pictures taken for this
book, you may pick them up in the Rectory from 9:00 a.m.-4:00
p.m., Monday through Friday, or call the Rectory for options.

ST. PIUS X PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 7 – 9:15-11:00
a.m.  St. Pius X and Father Andrew H. Hohman Council
Knights of Columbus will host All You Can Eat Pancake
Breakfast on Sunday, April 7, after the 8:30 and 10:15 a.m.
Masses in the NEW Msgr. David R. Funk Parish Family
Center, Rooms B and C. Homemade special recipe pancakes,
two varieties of sausage, home fries, fruit and hot and
cold beverages will be offered. Please come and eat a great
breakfast and enjoy fellowship with old friends and new
friends. Adults, $5.00 and Children, $4.00.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: April 14, Palm Sunday, articles due
April 3/April 21, Easter Sunday, articles due April 10. These
bulletins are submitted two weeks early.

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,
Fr. Hohman Council 5253 Knights of Columbus is in
the middle of the 77th Annual Ohio State Charity Super
Cash Bonanza Campaign. Proceeds from this Campaign
go towards Altar Server awards, Rosaries for all First
Communicants, awards for our annual Essay Contest,
Saint Vincent de Paul, Matching Funds to support the
Diocesan Religious Education Department, School Tuition
Assistance and Scholarships to Hartley, St. Charles and
Newark Catholic High School as well as many other
charitable causes.

If you wish, you have an opportunity to support us
next Sunday After All Masses by the purchase of Super
Cash Bonanza Charity Tickets. The cost per ticket is
$5.00 each and checks can be made out to K of C Council
5253. Your assistance in making this year’s campaign the
most successful one ever, will help us meet and exceed
our commitment to the various charities proposed in
our council budget. Thanking you in advance for your
support of our many worthy programs.

Grand Knight Tom Vollmer

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

For the Week of March 24, 2019:

Budget Requirements:  $ 20,000.00
Actual Offertory Received: $ 9,712.05
Weekly Surplus (Deficit):  ($10,287.95)

**EFT (Debit) Program:  $ 816.00
Envelope Offering:  $ 7,733.50
Cash Offering:  $ 1,162.55
Total Offering:  $ 9,712.05

Debit Program Participants:  43
Envelopes Used:  249

For the Month of February 2019:

MTD Budget Requirements:  $ 80,000.00
MTD Actual Offertory Received: $ 56,231.17
MTD Surplus (Deficit):  ($23,768.83)

YTD Budget Requirements:  $ 731,000.00
YTD Actual Offertory Received: $ 740,729.58
YTD Surplus (Deficit):  $ 9,729.58
Capital Campaign Update – Total Numbers as of March 27, 2019

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Capital Campaign Accomplishments:

- A New Latchkey building that is clean, safe and warm for all of our Students here at St. Pius X Church and School to use daily.
- A New Youth Ministry Center that gives our treasured youth a place to gather, learn and live their Faith.
- A Storage Area that saves the Church, School and all Ministries over $12,000.00 each year so they can spend these hard earned funds in their programs and ministries.
- Six Additional meeting rooms for our Parish and Ministries. Having access to state-of-the-art Audio Visual Systems to teach young and old about our Faith in Jesus Christ.
- A Commercial kitchen that can feed 300 with ease. Many events scheduled the next few months like Pasta Dinners, Fish/Shrimp Fries for Lent, and Pancake Breakfasts on various Sundays after the 8:30 and 10:15 Masses.
- A New Revenue Stream for our Parish to help defray all new operating costs for our New Build.
- We have been so very successful with our Capital Campaign, another Parish in the Diocese has met with us to see the best way to run their Capital Campaign.

On December 23, we announced our new goal for our “Continuing To Renew All Things In Christ” Capital Campaign. That goal of $4,064,672 left us with $449,617.00 to raise. In 12 weeks, we have received pledges and gifts totaling $159,464.00 toward this new goal or a balance of $290,153.00. We have also received over $2.6 million in cash for the Campaign. Thank you all very much for your continued generosity. I discussed with Joe Neville from Guidance In Giving in our monthly call if there is something else we can do, Joe said our Parish is his model for one of the most successful Capital Campaigns he has had the privilege of being involved with. He encourages all of our Parishioners who have been involved with pledges to extend their pledge period. If you finished a three-year pledge, to try to extend for another three years. If everyone who finished up their Phase I pledge did that, he said we could start on construction of the Narthex expansion April 1st. Please review your pledge time frames and extend if at all possible. Please review the architectural renderings of our Narthex expansion in the bulletin last week. This insert provides additional information on just what this expansion will look at.

Father Dave, John Beyer and the Campaign Staff are asking all of our parishioners and friends to do three things. First, please continue to pray for the success of our Capital Campaign. Second, please be generous with your continued pledges. And third, continue to be an Ambassador by becoming informed and involved, enthusiastically sharing this information with as many people as you can, and encouraging others to become involved, and inviting others to attend our functions in the New Hall. The Fish/Shrimp Fry last Friday was a huge success and funds raised are used to support our Seminarians. The next events in the New Parish Center are the last Shrimp/Fish Fry on Friday April 5 and the St. Pius X Pancake Breakfast on April 7. We have heard from 697 of our 2,059 registered families for Phase I. We have heard from 441 families out of 1,930 families registered at St. Pius X for Phase II. If you have pledged toward Phase I, thank you. If you have pledged toward Phase II, thank you again. If you have not pledged, please prayerfully consider a sacrificial pledge for Phase II. If you are able to increase the length of time for your pledge, please respond via email to jbeyer@spxreynoldsburg.com or drop a note in the offertory. We have asked all of our parishioners to extend their pledges from 2 or 3 years to 5 or 8 or even 10 years. Many of you have listened and have done this. Thank you. This is why we continue to make weekly strides. Please consider extending the years on your pledge. If every registered parishioner gave $150.00, we could start on the expansion.

If you ever notice any issue with your Capital Campaign billing statement or update letter, please give John Beyer a call at the Parish Office and these will be updated immediately.

Please continue your support of our Church and School by your prayers and offertory tithing during our Capital Campaign build. Please be thankful for all that we have here at St. Pius X Church and School.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL: This week we encounter Kumba from Sierra Leone, who, through her education, is providing hope for her family and community. How has education given you opportunities in life? How do you use your education for the common good? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. Keep up with your donations. Only a couple more weeks!
**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE: APRIL 6-7, 2019**

### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – H: (2) – Pulpit side/ H: (2) – Organ side C: (3) – Pulpit side/ C: (3) – Organ side

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### LINEN MINISTRY: Shirley Fix

**10:15 A.M. LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Valerie Bryan  
**12:00 P.M. LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Judy Cafmeyer
### THIS WEEK AT SAINT PIUS X – APRIL 1-7, 2019

#### Monday
- **Liturgy of the Hours**
  - Church
  - **8:00 a.m.**
- **Rosary for the Sick**
  - Church
  - **6:00 p.m.**
- **Eucharistic Minister**
- **Refresh Training**
  - Church
  - **7:00 p.m.**
- **Parish Council Meeting**
  - Parish Center – Meeting Room
  - **7:00 p.m.**
- **TMIY Evening Session**
  - Parish Center – Room A
  - **7:00 p.m.**
- **K of C Women**
  - Parish Center – Room B
  - **7:00 p.m.**

#### Tuesday
- **Liturgy of the Hours**
  - Church
  - **8:00 a.m.**
- **K of C**
  - Parish Center – Room A
  - **7:00 p.m.**
- **Choir**
  - Church
  - **6:00-9:00 p.m.**

#### Wednesday
- **Adoration**
  - Church
  - **7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.**
- **Liturgy of the Hours**
  - Church
  - **8:00 a.m.**
- **Holy Hour with Reconciliation**
  - Church
  - **12:00-1:00 p.m.**
- **Senior Luncheon**
  - Parish Center – Room A
  - **1:00-4:00 p.m.**
- **Divine Mercy**
  - Tabernacle
  - **6:00 p.m.**
- **No Greater Love-Video Series**
  - Parish Center – Room A
  - **6:30-7:30 p.m.**

#### Thursday
- **That Man Is You!**
  - Parish Center – Room A
  - **5:45-7:15 a.m.**
- **Liturgy of the Hours**
  - Church
  - **8:00 a.m.**
- **Children’s Choir**
  - Church
  - **5:15-5:45 p.m.**
- **Adult Faith Formation**
  - Parish Center – Room A
  - **7:00 p.m.**
- **RCIA**
  - Parish Center – Meeting Room
  - **7:00 p.m.**
- **New Creation**
  - Church
  - **7:00 p.m.**

#### Friday
- **Liturgy of the Hours**
  - Church
  - **8:00 a.m.**
- **K of C Fish Fry**
  - Parish Center
  - **5:00-7:30 p.m.**
- **School Musical “Annie”**
  - Gym
  - **7:00 p.m.**

#### Saturday
- **School Musical “Annie”**
  - Church
  - **1:00 p.m.**
- **K of C Charity Ticket Sale**
  - Church
  - After Mass

#### Sunday
- **K of C Charity Ticket Sale**
  - Church
  - After Mass
- **K of C Pancake Breakfast**
  - Parish Center
  - **9:15-11:00 a.m.**
- **PSR**
  - School
  - **5:00-6:30 p.m.**

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**WE NEED YOU!** The St. Pius X Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) seeks interested parishioners to serve on the Council. The Council acts as an adviser to our pastor to identify and meet parish needs and to act as a liaison to one parish standing committee (Athletic Association, Spiritual Life, Home and School, Stewardship, etc.) or an outreach ministry (Joseph’s Coat, etc.).

The commitment involves attending a day-long retreat in August and one monthly Council meeting from September through June and the monthly liaison meeting. Usually, meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the parish family center. This is your opportunity to become involved in our parish life and various activities offered throughout the year to give our parishioners a greater sense of community. Please prayerfully consider submitting an application for this wonderful opportunity to serve God. The term of office is three years. It’s amazing how quickly three years can go by! The Council is made up of your fellow parishioners who like to have a little fun, too.

If you have any questions, please email our Secretary, Cyndi Williams, at cyndiw2000@yahoo.com. Applications may be completed on the parish website at [http://www.spxreynoldsburg.com/](http://www.spxreynoldsburg.com/) and click the “Pastoral Advisory Council Application” under Trending/Quick Links. Submit your application electronically or print it out and turn it into the parish office. We look forward to learning of your interest in joining the Council. **Applications are due by April 30, 2019.**

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Please join your fellow parishioners in washing the pews and other general cleaning in the church as we prepare for Easter. We will meet on Monday, April 8, at 9:30 a.m. after morning Mass and the Stations of the Cross. Please bring a bucket and cloths for washing and drying.
2019 WOMEN’S RETREAT: The Women’s Retreat Planning Team is looking for new members to join them in planning the upcoming Women’s Retreat scheduled for September 20-22, 2019. The team meets monthly with the first meeting on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bride’s Room at church. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Leah Kelly at 614-866-2859 for additional information.

CONNECTIONS, ST. PIUS NEWLETTER...The May 2019 edition of Connections, the parish newsletter, is being compiled. Please submit articles to Carol McGlone at carol.a.mcgclone@gmail.com or to the rectory, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The deadline for the next issue is Friday, April 19, 2019.

ATTENTION, ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Father Dave and Father Milton are requesting that ALL Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion attend a training session, prior to Holy Week. The session is being held to update and clarify proper procedures and protocol regarding: 1) The distribution of the Eucharist at Mass, and 2) the appropriate process for acquiring and bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. The training is scheduled for Monday evening, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! K of C WOMEN’S CLUB ROCKIN’ ROBINS – CARDS AND GAMES NIGHT: The St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Women’s Club announces our annual Cards and Games Night, which is themed “Rockin’ Robins.” The event will be held on Tuesday, April 9, from 7:00-10:00 p.m., at the Msgr. David R. Funk Parish Family Center at St. Pius X, 1051 Waggoner Road. Tickets will be $10.00, which will include a buffet of assorted refreshments, sandwiches, appetizers and desserts. Basket raffle, 50/50 raffle and more. We welcome contributions for our themed basket raffle such as gift cards or crafted items. Contact Tina Banaski at 614-296-4965 or tinamarieb@msn.com.

EARLY BIRD TICKETS FOR THE K OF C LADIES GAME NIGHT will be sold on March 30/31, after all Masses. Gather a group of friends to enjoy an evening of socializing, raffles, good food, and game playing on April 9 in the new parish center. Early Birds can get a reserved table of 4 for $35.00 or a table of 6 for $50.00. Single tickets are $10.00 each.

ST. PIUS X/KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRIES – APRIL 5: St. Pius X Parish and Father Andrew H. Hohman Council Knights of Columbus will present our 2019 Lenten Fish Fries in the NEW Msgr. David R. Funk Parish Family Center. The menu will include one of the main entrees of shrimp, baked un-breaded Icelandic cod or deep fried battered Icelandic cod or Marcos cheese pizza. Side dishes will include French-fries, fresh from batter deep fried hush puppies, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, fresh coleslaw, hot and cold beverages and desserts. Due to rising food costs, we have had to adjust our pricing in order to be able to support our seminarians and other charities. Thank you. Adults, $11.00, Seniors, $10.00 and Children, $5.00. Serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

EASTER FLOWER DONATION REMINDER! If you would like the names of your loved ones to appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please have your flower donations in to the Rectory by April 9. The Easter bulletin will be submitted on April 12. Names submitted after April 12 will not appear in the bulletin.

BEST LENT EVER: Looking for a daily Lenten reflection? Join Dynamic Catholic’s BEST LENT EVER. It’s a free daily email program that will guide you on an incredible journey toward the best version of yourself. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, you will discover ways to transform your life in forty days. Go to dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever to sign up.

CARRY THE CROSS
“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34 (RSVCE)

ATTENTION! Men of St. Pius X. Why not join the St. Pius X Men’s Ministry for a unique praying of the Stations of the Cross on Holy Saturday, April 20th, from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We will meet at JFK Park in downtown Reynoldsburg. Our challenge is to assist each other to carry a 10X6 foot Cedar Cross over an 8-mile round trip course from JFK, through Huber Park and Blacklick Woods along bike trails and sidewalks. Men, young and older, if you feel up to the challenge for a morning filled with prayer, hymns and fellowship, then mark your calendars now. Contact John Zacovic at jzacovic@insight.net or 614-322-9473 if you have any questions. Be sure to bring some water.

2019 ST. PIUS X ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: ____________________________

High School: ____________________________

Please answer all questions and return to Craig Smith at CraigCSmithJr@outlook.com by Friday, April 12, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Winner will be determined by a vote of Athletic Association members.

1. List all high school academic achievements including GPA, awards, and scholarships.
2. List all athletic accomplishments including sports played, awards, and honors.
3. List all sports played at St. Pius X (include years played, example: basketball 4-8).
4. Describe how athletics have played a role in your development as a person.
5. Describe how your participation in athletics at St. Pius X led to your success in high school. Were there any coaches who aided in your success?
This Lent, join in our parish-wide study from Formed.org, Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist. You can watch from home, meet with parishioners on Thursday evenings to watch and discuss, or both! Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and its members. The Eucharist is the crescendo of the entire history of salvation.

- Week Four: March 31-April 6; group meeting Thursday, April 4 in the Parish Center
- Episode 3: Bread for the Journey

The Thursday evening gatherings will begin at 7:00. Thursday participants may order workbooks for $5. If you would like to be part of the Thursday evening gatherings, email spxparishaff@gmail.org with the names of those attending and the number of workbooks you would like to order. But you need not attend on Thursday evenings to participate. You can watch and reflect at home, and share your comments with the parish community, on Formed.org.

NOT ON FORMED YET?

IT’S EASY AND FREE TO REGISTER!
1. Go to spxreynoldsburg.formed.org.
2. Click Register, then enter your name, email address, and desired password.
3. You’re ready to access the inspiring and engaging content at formed.org.

The optional Thursday evening gatherings will begin at 7:00. If you would like to be part of the Thursday gatherings, email spxparishaff@gmail.org with the names of those attending and the number of workbooks you would like to order.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. Get daily videos from esteemed Scripture expert, Dr. Tim Gray, delivered right to your inbox. Don’t miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. Sign on to formed.org and sign up for the daily reflections! Haven’t signed up for your free FORMED account? Register at spxreynoldsburg.formed.org.

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS brings together young adults in their 20s and 30s from across the city for speaker events, panel discussions and networking to foster Catholic identity, encourage community and inspire a call to action. Mark your calendars for our April events! Join us on Saturday, April 6th, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., for YCP Columbus’ first biannual St. Joseph Saturday, a Lenten Retreat. Then on April 27th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Kevin Lowry will speak at our monthly Executive Speaker Series. Both events will be at The Jubilee Museum (57 S. Grubb Street, Columbus, OH 43215). Find us at www.ycpcolumbus.org or on social media to stay up-to-date on future events! Interested in donating to or volunteering with YCP Columbus? Send an email to info@ycpcolumbus.org.

EDUCATION IMPROVES LIVES! Tutors are needed for adults seeking basic education skills, GED preparation, or English as a Second Language. The Dominican Learning Center will hold its next Tutor Training Workshop on Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue, Columbus, 43206. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and hold a high school diploma. Materials are free to tutors. To register, please call 614-444-7330, ext. 1 or email dlccolumbus@oppeace.org. To find out more, visit www.domlearningcenter.org.

JOSEPH’S COAT NEEDS YOU! Joseph’s Coat’s mission is to answer God’s call to love and serve our neighbor by providing clothing, household goods and furniture to those who need them. We need your hands and hearts to support this effort. We are a family of volunteers helping families in our community. Please join us! Here are two ways to serve:
- HIGH PRIORITY – We need volunteers on Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to Noon and Thursdays, 6:00-8:00 p.m., to check out clients after they shop. There is no money involved, all is free to our clients. We only count the items chosen. You get many “God Bless You” from our grateful clients.
- Join us by volunteering to sort clothing donations. Times: Tuesday or Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Wednesday or Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. To learn more, please call Michele Hamsher at 614-863-1371 and leave a message under volunteer or email mahamsher@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES INVITES YOU TO OUR NEW SPANISH/ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB. Do you want to practice or learn how to speak Spanish? OR is Spanish your first language and you want to learn more English? This club is for you! Join us Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30 a.m. at the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, located at 409 Industry Drive, Columbus, 43204, for this FREE interactive Spanish/English immersion club. Our facilitator leads the conversation with a general topic and we speak both Spanish and English to learn from each other. Come once or as often as you can! Open to adults of all backgrounds. No registration required. For questions, contact Ramona Reyes, Director of Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, at 614-340-7061 or email Julie Naporano, Director of Development, at jnaporano@colcss.org.

AROUND TOWN

REYNOLDSBURG UNITED METHODIST CHURCH on Graham Road is pairing with Save My Starving Children to sponsor One Feeds One on April 26 and 27. This community event will hand pack 120,000 meals for children all over the world. Volunteers are still needed for two-hour shifts. For more information or to register, go to www.reynoldsburgumc.com/onefeedsone or contact Chris Vollmer at 614-626-2476.
SPRING PLANT AND FLOWER SALE
ST. PIUS X CHILDREN’S CENTER

Foertmeyer & Sons Greenhouse is providing us with fresh premium products at a good price. All products received just in time for “Mother’s Day.”
This fundraiser will help the Children’s Center purchase updated supplies for our classrooms. Please consider a beautiful hanging basket, potted plant, or a flat of flowers, for that special “Mom” in your life.

You may order online starting Thursday, April 4, 2019. It is easy and convenient!
1) Visit fundraiseit.org
2) Click Online Shopping
3) Enter the following web code:
   St. Pius X Children’s Center Web Sale Code: 4EA73
4) Place your orders using Visa or MasterCard
If you would like to place an order by check (made payable to St. Pius X Children’s Center) or cash, please contact The Children’s Center (Sharon or Natalie) at 614-577-0826.

Deadline for orders are Thursday, April 18, 2019
Products will be ready for pick-up at the Children’s Center on Sunday, May 5, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thank you in advance for helping support our school!
SAINT OF THE DAY FOR APRIL 3

Saint Benedict the African (1526-1589)

Saint Benedict the African’s Story: Benedict held important posts in the Franciscan Order and gracefully adjusted to other work when his terms of office were up. His parents were slaves brought from Africa to Messina, Sicily. Freed at 18, Benedict did farm work for a wage and soon saved enough to buy a pair of oxen. He was very proud of those animals. In time, he joined a group of hermits around Palermo and was eventually recognized as their leader. Because these hermits followed the Rule of Saint Francis, Pope Pius IV ordered them to join the First Order.

Benedict was eventually novice master and then guardian of the friars in Palermo—positions rarely held in those days by a brother. In fact, Benedict was forced to accept his election as guardian. And when his term ended, he happily returned to his work in the friary kitchen.

Benedict corrected the friars with humility and charity. Once he corrected a novice and assigned him a penance only to learn that the novice was not the guilty party. Benedict immediately knelt down before the novice and asked his pardon.

In later life, Benedict was not possessive of the few things he used. He never referred to them as “mine,” but always called them “ours.” His gifts for prayer and the guidance of souls earned him throughout Sicily a reputation for holiness. Following the example of Saint Francis, Benedict kept seven 40-day fasts throughout the year; he also slept only a few hours each night.

After Benedict’s death, King Philip III of Spain paid for a special tomb for this holy friar. Canonized in 1807, he is honored as a patron saint by African Americans. The Liturgical Feast of Saint Benedict the African is April 4.

Among Franciscans, a position of leadership is limited in time. When the time expires, former leaders sometimes have trouble adjusting to their new position. The Church needs men and women ready to put their best energies into leadership—but also men and women who are gracefully willing to go on to other work when their time of leadership is over.

Saint Benedict the African is the Patron Saint of: African Americans.