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28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME October 11, 2015

OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

October as *Domestic Abuse Awareness Month* is supported by the Catholic Bishops of North America. It is equally supported by our Pastor, Father Earl Smith, SJ. Domestic abuse is very often a topic we are uncomfortable talking about, or even admitting that it exists, especially in our own family or circle of friends. But it does exist, in all social, economic and ethnic groups, and even in our parishes. The following information is taken from *When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Responses to Domestic Violence Against Women*. *

Domestic violence can include physical, sexual, psychological, verbal and economic abuse. Battering, name-calling, insults, threats to kill the woman or children, destruction of property, marital rape, and forced sterilization or abortion are examples of such abuse.

Women make up about 85% of the reported cases of domestic abuse. The greatest threat to women usually comes from intimate partners - a current or former husband or boyfriend. This also has serious repercussions for children in the home. Sometimes, the children are also beaten, and are more likely to develop drug and alcohol addictions as well as become abusers themselves.

What does Scripture and Church teachings say about domestic abuse?

- Some women believe that the Bible says it is wrong to leave a marital relationship, while men believe that the Bible says that women should be submissive to them. What Scripture does teach us is the equal dignity of men and women and any relationship between them should be based on love and mutuality.
- Some men use Ephesians 5:22 about women submitting to their husbands to justify their behavior, but a more complete reading of Ephesians 5: 21-33, really talks about the mutual submission of husband and wife out of love for Christ.
- Sometimes male abusers also use Scripture to insist that their victims forgive them. Then, the victim feels guilty when she cannot do so. Forgiveness does not mean forgetting or ignoring abuse, or giving permission for the abuse to continue.
- Sometimes the abused woman sees the abuse she is suffering as a punishment for a past deed that she committed, or that it is "God's will." This image of God is the opposite of the way that Jesus treated women in his ministry. Remember how Jesus treated the woman caught in adultery, or the woman with the hemorrhage.
- This resource stresses that *no one is expected to stay in an abusive relationship*. Some abused women believe that the church teaching on the permanence of marriage requires them to stay in an abusive relationship.

* taken from www.usccb.com

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
October 18**

You could read/discuss/pray with your family, with friends or by yourself.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11
Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16
Psalm: 33
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

SAINTS SPEAK

This Thanksgiving Weekend we are encouraged to pray a prayer of gratitude. We pray for various good reasons as explained by St. Theresa of Avila. Let us grow more able and willing to let God give graces that gives evermore full life [and is therefore in accord with God's will.]

Our good Jesus tells us to ask for specific things in prayer. Couldn't he instead have ended the Lord's Prayer quickly by saying, 'Father, give us what is good?' When we speak with an omniscient God, there should be no need to say more than this. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus placed himself in his Father's hand. 'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will, but yours be done.' (Luke 22:42)

We are not as resigned to God's will as Jesus was. He needs to teach us to ask for things we want in order to give us time to reflect on their value. We may not receive precisely what we request, but something better. This may leave us disappointed because we do not think we are rich unless we have what we want in our hands.

If the Eternal Father gives something to you, do not throw it back in his face. Consider your requests carefully. If you think it may not be valuable, don't ask for it. Ask the Lord to inspire your requests. Sometimes we come to see that we have an appetite for unhealthy food.

St. Theresa Avila, The Way of Perfection
(This is a practical guide for persons who are serious about an active prayer life.)

OUR 'PIUS' SMILES

In these days of high finance, it is interesting to note that Noah was the first financier. He was able to float a company when the whole world was in liquidation.

Tal Bonham, www.JoyfullNoiseletter.com

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
FOR THE WEEKENDS OF**

September 26 and 27: \$3,497.87

October 3 and 4: \$4,736.91

Thank you for your continued generous support.

FR. EARL DREAMS

It is no surprise to church going parishioners that we have a great need for renewed leadership at St. Pius X Parish. I am pleased to reassure everyone that under the discerning eye of our Parish Council Chair, Dr. Michael Collins, this has begun to happen. Our Parish Council is presently small in number and for the moment others are unable to become members of it (for a variety of good reasons). Therefore, a decision has been made to suspend all efforts to hold Parish Council elections sooner rather than later. What then can be done?

I've decided to ask five parishioners including Fr. Wayne Bolton to act as resource persons whose purpose is to help me discern parish priorities during this coming year 2015-16. It is hoped that this body of persons will help me identify items requiring further attention and implementation. Parish Council remains as the primary advisory body for parish governance. An expanded Parish Council is under review. In time key areas of parish life will be more ably supported so that all aspects of parish life are represented.

Father Earl Smith, SJ
Pastor

CARD GAMES

The Elder Ministry Committee would like to know if parishioners are interested in playing Bridge or Auction in the morning or afternoon? If you are, please contact the **Parish Office - 754-0170** or email stpiusx@nl.rogers.com and leave your name, phone number and email address. More details later.

ST. BONAVENTURE'S COLLEGE DINNER

We invite Alumni to the 2015 St. Bonaventure's College Dinner on October 15th. It will be held this year in the St. Bonaventure's College. Tickets, \$40., each are available at St. Bonaventure's College Office or by **telephone - 726-0024** or **on line** contact jcummings@stbons.ca.

Mass will begin at 6:30 pm with a reception in the Aula Maxima at 7:00 pm followed by Dinner.

The Alumni honored are Gary Mooney - 1960 and Charlotte-Anne Malischewski - 2008.

OCTOBER 19 - VOTING DAY

Voting day for the federal election is **Monday, October 19.**

Elections Canada website: www.elections.ca
St. John's East Office Tel# 1-866-201-2988

General Information

Hearing Impaired: 1-800-361-8935

Accessibility Questions: 699-3343

Looking for workers for Election Day:
1-866-201-2988

**LITURGY OF THE WORD and
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS**
Calling All Parents: Registration

Our Liturgy of the Word programs for children and youth and our sacramental preparation programs for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation will resume on **October 11**.

JAMAICAN FESTIVAL

Next **Sunday, October 18**, the Religious Education Committee will be hosting the annual **Jamaica Festival** in the **Parish Hall** beginning at **12 noon**. There will be the regular attractions along with a bake/craft sale. Please mark your calendars, come enjoy the fun and learn more about this foreign mission project.

Calling All Bakers

We will be having a bake/craft sale during the Jamaica Festival. We are asking for donations of preserves, baked and any homemade goods from our fabulous St. Pius X bakers and crafters. **Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular office hours or to the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 17 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm and before the 11 am Mass on Sunday, October 18.**

Thank you for continuing to support this project.

DIRECT GIVING

St. Pius X Parish is now offering you the opportunity to make your offering directly from your credit card or chequeing account. Convenient and simple, Direct Giving eliminates the need of cash on hand or the concern of not making your offering while on vacation. Just complete the Direct Giving form available on the parish website or at the Parish Office and place it in an envelope and place the envelope in the collection basket or return it directly to the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU ...
FROM CANADIAN JESUITS INTERNATIONAL**

The Director of Canadian Jesuits International, Jenny Cafiso, has sent a word of gratitude to our Parish for the gift of \$1,015. which was allocated to Trudeau Jesuit Solidarity Fund.

ARCHDIOCESAN SURVEY

Thank you for your responses. To date we have received over 1000, from across the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese is still in the process of analyzing the data, and has enlisted some help from MUN. In the coming months more information about the results will be forthcoming. Thank you for taking the time to participate in this survey.

BELVEDERE ORPHANAGE FUND

Assistance from the Belvedere Orphanage Fund is available for email orphans/half-orphans who are in need. The conditions for assistance are: the recipient must be a female orphan or half-orphan; must be in need - need is to be interpreted broadly and not confined to education; must be 18 years or younger. Persons beyond 19th birthday are ineligible. Application must be made through a member of a religious congregation or a parish priest. The party making application for the recipient must verify that she is a needy orphan/half-orphan.

Completed application forms should be received by **October 15, 2015** to Secretary to Board of Directors, Belvedere Orphanage Fund, Sisters of Mercy Generalate, PO Box 1757, St. John's, NL A1C 5P5.

LIFE AND LIGHT CAMPAIGN

As a response to St. John Paul II's warning against the 'culture of death' and the Supreme Court of Canada's decision on Euthanasia, join the Life and Light Campaign to pray for the prevention of Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide and the end of Abortion in Canada. Beginning October 2 and every Friday evening **Mass will begin at 6:20 pm and Holy Hour (with Rosary immediately following Mass) at Corpus Christi Church (260 Waterford Bridge Road).**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
- OCTOBER 18**

World Mission Sunday is on **October 18** this year. This is a worldwide collection for the missionary church that provides emergency aid when disasters, strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on **World Mission Sunday**.

**BIBLE STUDY ON
"ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM"**

The Bible study will be held **Tuesday evenings** beginning **October 20** after the **7:30 pm Mass**. The first session will be held in **St. Pius X Parish Hall**.

The format of the study is a series of talks shown from a DVD series featuring Jeff Cavins from EWTN. Father Bill Browne, SJ, who holds a PhD in scripture, will be the spiritual director and Marguerite Broaders will facilitate.

Registration is free and all are welcome. Those who wish to use a study set with binder can purchase them www.sunrisemarian.com the cost is \$40.41CAD.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Oct. 11	8:30 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Youth Mass - Church	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon.	Oct. 12	9:30 am 1:00 pm 7:30 pm	Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel Mass	Jennifer and Keith Peddigrew; and Erna Gard Debbie Sharpe
PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ... In observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday				
Tues.	Oct. 13	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Mass	Special Intention John Doyle
Wed.	Oct. 14	9:30 am	Mass	Patrick Maguire
Thurs.	Oct. 15	9:30 am 7:30 pm	Mass Choir Practice - Church	Patricia Davis
Fri.	Oct. 16	9:30 am	Mass	Keith and Jennifer Peddigrew; Robert Bursey
Sat.	Oct. 17	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Thomson Family 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun.	Oct. 18	8:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Mass Mass Jamaica Festival - Parish Hall Youth Mass - Church	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEBSITES: Three to recommend are:
www.jesuits.ca www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm
 Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm
 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
 Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: *Second Sunday* of the month. **Time:** 1 pm in the Church.
 Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) **ONE MONTH** in advance
PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: *Call the Parish Office for more details.*

MARRIAGES: By appointment **SIX MONTHS** in advance
Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:30 pm;
TELEPHONE: 754-0170 **FAX:** 754-1963 **E-MAIL:** stpiusx@nl.rogers.com

CHAIRPERSON OF PARISH COUNCIL: 726-7236
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: 747-5874 or 753-6997