

St. Pius X Parish
Fall 2010 Adult Religious Education Offerings

The Shroud of Turin

Thurs Sept. 23, 7- 9pm

The Shroud of Turin is a centuries old linen cloth that bears the image of a crucified man, a man that millions believe to be Jesus of Nazareth. Is it really the cloth that wrapped his crucified body, or is it simply a medieval forgery, a hoax perpetrated by some clever artist? Modern science has completed hundreds of thousands of hours of detailed study and intense research on the Shroud and we know more about it today than we ever have before. Mr. Don Messier from St. Pius X Parish has become an expert in the Shroud of Turin. Don will present a multimedia talk on this fascinating piece of Church history. Don has been invited to give this presentation around Vermont and in several other states in the Northeast. Appropriate for adults and older children.

Virtus – Protecting God’s Children

Thurs Sept. 30, 6:30-9pm

Virtus is a program designed to help all adults become aware of the dangers and challenges associated with protecting children from sexual abuse and exploitation. It's designed to help adults become sensitive to situations which may endanger children, gives insight to the tactics that sexual predators may use to entrap children as well as the signs that children may exhibit if being abused. While this program is required of all catechists, parish employees, or anyone who works with youth (if not already having completed the program within 5 years), it is also an excellent opportunity for parents, grandparents, family members and all concerned adults to become informed in this very important area. Mr. John McMahan from Holy Family/St Lawrence Parish will facilitate this session being held at our parish. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Michele Scilla at: email: stpiusred@together.net or 878-1182 to register and for additional information.

Catholic Perspective on End of Life Issues

Thurs Oct. 7, 7- 9pm

Deacon Peter Gummere from St. John the Evangelist in St. Johnsbury is a recognized expert in Bioethics and End of Life Issues. Deacon Pete will explain the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive documents which are used to communicate your wishes about your own health care in the event that you are unable to communicate yourself. The Vermont Catholic Advance Directives comply fully with Catholic teaching and are valid under Vermont's Advance Directive law. This is an area which we may tend to neglect but which people should prepare themselves beforehand. Deacon Pete will also discuss Church teaching on assisted nutrition and hydration, as well as questions pertaining to physician assisted suicide.

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Our Lady in Our Journey of Faith

Thurs, Oct. 28, 7- 9pm

"All generations will call me blessed": The Church's devotion to the Blessed Mother is an important part of Christian worship. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin Mary has been honored with the title of Mother of God, to whose protection we can fly in all our times of danger and need. The Church rightly honors the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. Msgr. Richard Lavalley, pastor of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Winooski and one of our diocese's best known speakers will present a class exploring our Blessed Mother's unique role in our journey of faith and in our relationship with God. Appropriate for adults and older children.

Family Spirituality for Advent, Lent & Beyond

Thurs Nov. 18, 7- 9pm

Faith begins in the home. Deacon Ivan Hawk from Holy Cross Parish in Colchester will discuss a variety of approaches for couples and families to grow in their faith and their Christian spirituality during Advent, Lent and through-out the year. This is a great opportunity for couples and for the entire family to grow in their relationship with God and with each other. Deacon Ivan will also discuss ways for couples to keep God at the center of their marriage and for parents to help keep God at the center of family life. Deacon Ivan holds a Doctorate of Ministry Degree in Family Catechesis from Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Connecticut. Appropriate for adults and older children.

Advent Retreat

Sun. Masses, Mon, Tues, & Wed Dec 11-15, Times TBD

Advent is a special time of year when we wait in joyful expectation to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Unfortunately in our modern times this season of prayer and preparation has become hectic and commercialized. In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for the coming of our Lord, plan on taking some time out of your hectic schedule to participated in our Advent Parish Mission. Fr. Raphael Bonanno, OFM and a team of Franciscan brothers and sisters from the Franciscan Ministry of the Word in Boston aided by some of our own parishioners will be presenting this Advent Retreat. Appropriate for adults and children.

For additional information on any of these classes, please call the St. Pius X Parish office at 878-5997 or Deacon Gerry Scilla at 878-0639 or email: gscilla@myfairpoint.net