



# ST. PIUS X

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

*We, the people of God at St. Pius X Parish, are a community of believers faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Tradition. We seek holiness through prayer, worship and the sacramental life of the Church. Inspired by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we give witness to the Gospel through education, service and sharing of our time, talent and treasure so that God's kingdom may live and grow in our midst.*

### MAILING ADDRESSES

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1061 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 43068

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday by noon

### PARISH PASTORAL STAFF

Dial (614) 866-2859 for

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Rev. Process Milton Kiocha, AJ,

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## CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS

### SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM • Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

### HOLY DAY MASSES

Evening vigil as announced • On the day at 8:30 AM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

8:30 AM, Rosary follows

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:00-4:00 PM • Wednesday 12:00-12:45 PM

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday from 3:00-4:00 PM, Wednesday from 12:00-12:45 PM during Holy Hour, and by appointment by calling the rectory office.

### WEDDINGS

No date may be reserved until after an appointment with a parish minister at least six months prior to the desired date.

### BAPTISMS

Baptismal preparation classes for parents are held quarterly. Please register with the rectory for a class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month after Mass at 11:30 AM. Please call the rectory to schedule a date for baptism.

### SICK CALLS

Please call the rectory office, (614) 866-2859, and follow the prompts. If you are homebound, please notify the rectory if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

**ST. PIUS X ENDOWMENT FUND #320CL** – Please contact The Catholic Foundation at 614-443-8893 or visit [www.catholic-foundation.org](http://www.catholic-foundation.org) to learn how your bequest of cash, stock, real estate and/or insurance can help our endowment grow, giving our parish perpetual income.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Formal registration to St. Pius X Church is encouraged. New parishioners may stop at the rectory from Monday-Friday between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to register. You may also register directly from our website by completing a secure form or by downloading a registration form and returning it.

# TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

### You are just, O Lord!

#### MASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 12-17, 2023

##### Tuesday, September 12

8:30 a.m. (FMK) Special Intentions for Mark Burger  
by Barb Fersch

##### Wednesday, September 13

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Jean Waibel by John Waibel

##### Thursday, September 14

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Marji McKinnis by the Swisher Family

##### Friday, September 15

8:30 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Drew Miller by The Miller & Staton Families

##### Saturday, September 16

4:30 p.m. (FMK) ✠ Tom Harkins by Maria Harkins

##### Sunday, September 17

8:00 a.m. (FMK) Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. (FMK) ✠ Robert Siren by Regina Siren

#### VOCATION PRAYER

*In every age, Lord, You raise up women and men who are strong in their faith and bold in their actions to give witness to the Gospel. Fill St. Pius with Your Spirit and give us a burning desire to make a difference in our world because of our love for You. Bless our Church with holy and courageous priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, devoted married couples, dedicated single men and women and enthusiastic youth. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

#### PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

For all parishioners who are involved in the Mass on the weekends, please enter your unavailable time in MSP by September 15th for October-December.

There are still several positions available at St. Pius X for the school, for PSR and for a Youth Ministry Leader. Please see the bulletin for more information.

The push is on for SPX parishioners to update your information for the Guidebook and Directory. If you have a new phone number, address, or need to remove adult children because they are over the age of 21 or no longer living at home. The business office is required to keep all records current. The deadline for this is September 25!

#### IN OUR PARISH

**Banns of Marriage:** September 16, 2023 – Audrey Bailey & Joseph Matuska

#### THIS AND THAT...

**"The Word Among Us" (\$2.00) and "Living Faith" (\$1.00) publications** are available in the Rectory Office.

**All Donation Bins** are now located at the side entrance. (Back of church through the double doors by the Holy Family statue. Please do not leave donations in the Narthex/Vestibule.) The donation bins are for very specific causes that are most likely mentioned in the bulletin. It has come to our attention that random items are being left in the bins that should be given to St. Vincent de Paul, which has a box at the back of the parking lot. If you are not donating to the Food Pantry, Coats for Kids (new or gently-used and laundered), Adopt-A-Child School Supplies, JOIN or Military Outreach (when requested), **PLEASE DO NOT** leave your random bags of clothing or housewares in these bins for us to move; take them to the back of the parking lot for SVDP. Thank you.

**Lost and Found** is located in the Narthex/Vestibule near the Quietening Room.

**Emails/Text Messages from Fr. Patrick:** If you receive a message from Fr. Patrick asking for gift cards of any sort, please be aware that this is a **SCAM. DO NOT** respond to it!! These scammers are really good. If you have questions or need clarification, always call the Rectory.

**Donation Envelopes:** Please, please **DO NOT** leave your donation envelopes in the big white mailbox in the parking lot at any time of the day. The locked black mailbox is located on the railing of the front porch next to Rectory's front door that you can use. We are not responsible if the mailman gets your money!  
**New Parishioner Registration:** Register online from SPX Website or visit the Rectory for a registration form. We encourage all who attend Masses to formally register with St. Pius X Church to become a member.

**JOIN Donations:** Any small-size items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, and lotions are always needed and appreciated for the needy. Please use the JOIN donation bin to put your items in.

**JOSEPH'S COAT:** Please consider volunteering your time with this organization to help the needy. Household goods and mattresses, etc., are in great need. Please be a benefactor to Joseph's Coat by visiting [www.josephs-coat.org](http://www.josephs-coat.org) for additional information on how to donate.

**Lending Library:** This library of books is located in the Vestibule/Narthex of the church on the bookcases. Please feel free to take a book to read and return it when finished.

**Can't get to Mass on a regular basis?** Want Communion brought to you at home? Call Leah Kelly at the Rectory at 614-866-2859 to schedule a visit.

**Sr. Maxine will be available by appointment only.** Please call the Rectory to schedule a personal appointment to see her at a time convenient for you both in the Bride's Room of the church.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS X – SEPTEMBER 11-17, 2023

<b>Monday, September 11</b>	Liturgy of Hours	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Women Ablaze (Morning)	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.
	Divine Mercy	Church	6:00 p.m.
	Rosary for the Sick	Church	6:30 p.m.
	SVDP Meeting	Bride's Room	7:00 p.m.
	TMIY (Evening)	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, September 12</b>	Women Ablaze (Evening)	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Respect Life Group	Parish Center, Meeting Room	9:30 a.m.
	OCIA Team Meeting	Parish Center, Room. A	6:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, September 13</b>	K of C Officer's Meeting	Parish Center, Meeting Room	7:00 p.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Knit/Crochet Group	Parish Center, Room A	9:30 a.m.
	Eucharistic Exposition	Sacred Heart Chapel	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:00-6:00 p.m.
	Holy Hour – Confessions	Church Sanctuary	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	OCIA (Formally RCIA)	Parish Center	6:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, September 14</b>	Home & School Meeting	School	6:30 p.m.
	TMIY (Morning)	Parish Center, Room A	6:00 a.m.
	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Red Cross Blood Donation	Parish Center, Room C	12:00-6:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	Liturgy of the Hours	Church	8:00 a.m.
	Rosary	Church	9:15 a.m.
	Wedding Rehearsal	Church	6:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	Young Mother's Group	Church Chapel	8:00 a.m.
	Wedding – Bailey/Matuska	Church	2:00 p.m.
	Youth Group Wall of Money Fundraiser	Church	After Mass
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	Rosary	Chapel	11:15 a.m.
	Youth Group Wall of Money Fundraiser	Church	After Both Masses
	PSR	School	11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
	Holy Hour/Vespers for the Church	Church	7:00 p.m.



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### THE END-OF-SUMMER CARNIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

#### ADULT:

Melissa Sandy	\$5,000.00 Grand Prize Winner
Crystal Karam	Yeti Cooler
Duane Wikoff	55" Samsung TV
Rachel Haswell	Ninja Foodi
Sharon Stout	\$200.00 Amazon Gift Card

#### CHILDREN:

Ara Sigman	\$500.00 Grand Prize Winner
Andre Mayle	Sony PS5 with \$25.00 Gift Card
David Ransom	Air Pods Pro
Shannon Murphy	Camera Drone
Sharon Stout	\$100.00 Amazon Gift Card

We would like to thank everyone from both St. Pius X Church and Seton Parish for participating in the raffle to help make The Carnival a success.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY****September 10th – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "...where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we help them to know that indeed "God is in the midst of them." In the month of August, through your gifts of \$1,812.00, our ministry brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting families providing \$263.68 in food, \$2,502.16 for utility assistance, etc. Please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them. Thank you.

**PARKING LOT NOTICE**

We would ask parishioners to be especially careful in the parking lot while school is in session. Please pay extra attention when arriving for morning Mass and leaving the parking lot at any time during the day. Please follow the cone placements in the lot for parking. Also note that the Preschool driveway is no longer a cut-through during school hours. The driveway and parking lot will be blocked off until the end of the school day. If you must leave a car in the parking lot for several hours, please make sure that you park on the church side of the lot. **Any car left parked on the school side of the parking lot at 1:00 p.m. will be towed!** The safety of our students is our priority. We would ask that it be yours, as well. Thank you.

**ST. PIUS X FIFTH GRADE SEEKING OLDER "BUDDIES"****Informational Meeting for NEW participants on Thursday, September 28th, 1:30 p.m., St. Pius X Parish Activity Center**

The Fifth Grade at St. Pius X is in our second year of Friends Across Time. This program creates opportunities for our students and older parishioners to learn from, and better appreciate, each other's generations. Planned activities will be held once a month (usually Fridays) from 10:30-11:30 a.m. beginning in October 2023 and will run through May. We will meet in the Parish Activity Center at St. Pius X. We have a group of seniors returning from last year, but would love to add more!

- All participants must have completed the Protecting God's Children class and have a background check before you will be allowed to participate.
- Seton Parish is offering this class with fingerprinting on Wednesday, September 20! You can register online at [virtus.org](http://virtus.org). The class says it is for Seton volunteers only, but St. Pius Parishioners are welcome, too!

Please contact Jodie Moriarty at 614-397-1951 or [jmoriarty@spxelementary.com](mailto:jmoriarty@spxelementary.com) with any questions.

**PARISH GERMAN DINNER**

**The Parish and the Knights of Columbus are celebrating Oktoberfest** by hosting a delicious German Dinner on Saturday, September 9 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. The menu consist of German sausage, knockwurst, mashed potatoes, potato salad, hot/cold drinks and a dessert table hosted by the Lady Knights. Dine-in and take-out options are available. Prices are: \$15.00/adult, \$7.00/kids, and \$45.00/family. Cash/check/credit card accepted. *All invited! All welcome!*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:**

Any Extraordinary Ministers who are taking Communion to the sick and homebound, please contact Leah Kelly at 614-866-2859 or [lpkelly1987@gmail.com](mailto:lpkelly1987@gmail.com) with your name and the name of the individual/s you take Communion to. I am compiling a list of Ministry to the Sick for Father Patrick.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT:**

It's coming soon! Our annual women's retreat will be held one day only this year on Saturday, September 30 in the Parish Activity Center. Our Retreat Director will be Sharon Reed. Sharon has been involved with spirituality ministry – retreats for youth and adults, retreats for busy people, days and evenings of reflection – for over 30 years. She completed the SHALEM Program of Formation for Spiritual Direction and has served as a spiritual director ever since. She has also served as a counselor, dean of students, and Vice President for student development at Ohio Dominican University until she retired in July 2021. She has been a Dominican Associate since 2015 and is currently a member of St. Elizabeth Parish in the Columbus Northland area. The theme is "LIVING ON THE THRESHOLD" – How might we begin to recognize the "thresholds" of our lives (and in our days), so that we might take our time and listen inwardly to God's voice until we know it is time to cross that threshold? Might we also learn to recognize and appreciate the present moment before moving to the next one? Join other women as we gather to pray, reflect, discuss, and renew our spirits in the amazing graces that God provides. Come listen, learn, laugh, and love the invitations that await you! There will be talks, small and large group discussion, and quiet prayer. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast and conclude as a group at the 4:30 p.m. parish Mass. Cost for the day is \$15.00 and will include breakfast, boxed lunch and materials. Payment can be made by check or cash the day of the retreat. Reservations are required. Please sign up on the parish website by Friday, September 22. For questions, please call Leah Kelly at the Rectory at 614-866-2859.



SCAN ME

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

**WHEN: Thursday, September 14, 2023**

**TIME: 12:00-6:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Monsignor Funk Parish Center**

1051 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

Hosted by SPX Girl Scout Troop 6378. For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or scan the QR code.

**GUIDEBOOK AND DIRECTORY BEING UPDATED FOR 2024**

The GuideBook and Directory for St. Pius X is currently being updated. Changes will be accepted through Monday, September 25. Please call Business Office/Rectory Office if you have:

1. Changed your address or your telephone number,
2. If you have children who are no longer living with you or are over the age of 21. Any child not living with you or over the age of 21 should register on their own as they are an adult,
3. If you know of someone or a family who is listed in the directory and know that they have moved, please notify the Business Office at 614-866-2859.



**The Armory** invites all men of our parish 18 years of age and older to join us for the 13-week Fall Semester of *That Man Is You!* We are offering two different sessions, each featuring several well-known Catholic theologians and speakers:

### 1. Thy Kingdom Come

*Jesus did not say to the Jews, "I've come to save you from Roman oppression and taxation." Christ did not promise a worldly kingdom. In fact, He said, "My kingship is not of this world..." The kingdom of God is among us. Indeed, it is here now. For where the King is there is His Kingdom. Let us live with an eternal perspective. Claim your royal dignity and inheritance!*

**Monday Evenings, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Starting September 11th in the Parish Family Center**

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### 2. The Light of Men

*There is but one source of all light – Jesus! He is the light shattering the darkness of our day. To be in the light is to allow God's light to shine through you and become manifest in abundant virtue. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it"*

**Thursday Mornings, 6:00 to 7:30 a.m.**  
**Starting September 14th in the Parish Family Center**

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Both programs are free. There will be a video presentation followed by small group discussions. A light snack or continental breakfast with beverages may be provided.

***If you have never been a part of this program or have fallen away, you are welcome to join either group!***

If you have questions, please contact John Zacovic at 614-322-9473 or jzacovic@insight.rr.com. For more information or to register, visit [www.paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you](http://www.paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you).

## September 16-17: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	Sacristan	Lectors	EMHC	Servers	Ushers
<b>Saturday, 4:30 p.m.</b>	Carol Summa	Emerson Summers (1) Michael Barnhart (2) (sub req.)	Cyndi Williams – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Kim Kirkland – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Lenna Sinicropi Adi Vega Nathan Feeney (sub req.)	Jim (1) Beck Tom (3) Haddox Dianne (7) Einstein Paul (10) Siefert
<b>Sunday, 8:00 a.m.</b>	Bob Briggs	Kimberly Favinger (1) Megan Borowski (2)	Valerie Bryan – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Linda Dlugiewicz – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Max Ujcz Adam Rodenkirchen Maxwell Sandy	Dan Ujcz David Dlugiewicz Anthony Kanne Michael Krolkowski
<b>Sunday, 10:00 a.m.</b>	Mary Ann Wingard	Jill Lehosit (1) T.J. Bryan (2)	Wayne Wingard – Ambo Host (EMHC 1) Denise Colucci – Organ Host (EMHC 1)	Samuel Bryan Andrew Bassetti Ryan Bassetti	Steven Frase Ted Habak Gervase Ngalla Dennis Powell
<b>Sunday, 11:00 a.m. (Church Linens) – Susan Pottkotter</b>					



### HAWAII RELIEF

The Most Reverend Larry Silva, Bishop of Honolulu, has requested your prayers for all those affected by the wildfires that have ravaged Maui. Additionally, he has requested support for the Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, to rebuild lives and restore hope by aiding the relief efforts for parish and school communities. To make a tax-deductible contribution, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>.

### SCAMMERS AT IT AGAIN...

Scamming emails have started again, this time with Fr. Patrick. If you receive an email from Fr. Patrick asking you to contact him, asking you for a favor or asking you for gift cards of any sort, please do not answer these emails. As much as everyone wants to please the new pastor, Fr. Patrick **WOULD NEVER** and **WILL NEVER** send an email out to you for these things. Scammers are using bogus email addresses to pose as him. Please pay attention to the email address that the email is coming from. If or when you receive an email from Fr. Patrick, please call the Business Office right away and give the office the specific email address that the email was sent from, so that we can report it.

### POSITION AVAILABLE – YOUTH MINISTRY

St. Pius X Church and School is looking for a dynamic, energetic, faith-filled disciple of Jesus Christ to serve as Director of Youth Ministry to help facilitate the evangelization, formation, and discipleship of middle and high school students grades, 6-12.

Primary responsibilities include coordinating and organizing youth ministry weekly activities and events, retreats, and annual trips (including the March for Life, Gospel Road Work Camp, and the National Catholic Youth Conference). This position is also responsible for the planning and implementation of the parish Vacation Bible School program. Ideal candidates must be actively involved in a Roman Catholic Parish and have a comprehensive understanding of Catholic doctrine. A bachelor's degree or equivalent in theology, youth ministry, religious education, communication, or a related field is preferred, as well as youth ministry leadership experience. Experience with budgeting and marketing a plus. This is a full-time, year-round position, and night/weekend availability is a must. If you are interested, please send résumé, cover letter, and references to Brenda Brammer, Business Manager, at [bbrammer@spxreynoldsburg.com](mailto:bbrammer@spxreynoldsburg.com).

### PSR AIDES NEEDED FOR THE COMING PSR SPX SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

PSR needs an Adult Aide for 5th grade on Sunday mornings from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Anyone who is 18 years old and older and out of High School will need to meet the Protecting God's Children requirements of a Protecting God's Children Class and BCI Finger Printing. If anyone is interested or has any questions, please call De Ann Bukowski's cell at 614-648-9191.

### SPX SCHOOL POSITION AVAILABLE

St. Pius X School is seeking an Intervention Specialist and tutors for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact Lisa Ruth, principal, at [lruth@spxelementary.com](mailto:lruth@spxelementary.com) for more information.

### COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE

Your Knights of Columbus Council 5253 is again heading up the "Coats for Kids" coat drive benefitting St. Francis Evangelization Center in McArthur, Ohio. This has become a year-long collection and thanks to our donation area (side entrance: back of church and through the double doors by the Holy Family statue), you have a drop-off location any time.

As in prior years, we are requesting new and/or "slightly/gently" used and clean cold-weather coats for children of all ages and sizes. Our delivery to St. Francis will be sometime in October.

In 2022, due to your generosity, we delivered over 130 coats to needy children in Southeastern Ohio.

Thank you for your consideration and God bless!!

Scott Banaski  
614-565-4815

### MSP MINISTRY SCHEDULE

For all parishioners who are involved in the Mass on the weekends, we have begun using the Ministry Scheduler Pro, as we did several years ago before COVID. The weekly schedules will now be in the bulletin each week. It is requested that you always use the Sub Request feature if you are unable to honor your scheduled time AND that you continue to enter your unavailable times in MSP. Any questions, please email Cyndi Williams at [cyndiw2000@yahoo.com](mailto:cyndiw2000@yahoo.com).

### AROUND TOWN

#### 2023 PDHC GALA DINNERS "FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS"

##### Lancaster Gala

Thursday, September 14, 2023 at The Tree Church  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner and Program at 7:00 p.m.  
Guest Speaker will be Melissa Ohden –  
Abortion Survivor, Author of  
"You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir"  
RSVP by September 11

OR

##### Columbus Gala

Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Villa Milano  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.,  
Dinner and Program at 7:00 p.m.  
Guest Speaker will be Scott Klusendorf,  
President of Life Training Institute  
and Author of "The Case for Life"  
RSVP by September 18

# Saint Cyprian

(d. 258)

**Saint Cyprian's Story:** Cyprian is important in the development of Christian thought and practice in the third century, especially in northern Africa.

Highly educated and a famous orator, he became a Christian as an adult. He distributed his goods to the poor and amazed his fellow citizens by making a vow of chastity before his Baptism. Within two years he had been ordained a priest and was chosen, against his will, as Bishop of Carthage.

Cyprian complained that the peace the Church had enjoyed had weakened the spirit of many Christians and had opened the door to converts who did not have the true spirit of faith. When the Decian persecution began, many Christians easily abandoned the Church. It was their reinstatement that caused the great controversies of the third century and helped the Church progress in its understanding of the Sacrament of Penance.

Novatus, a priest who had opposed Cyprian's election, set himself up in Cyprian's absence (he had fled to a hiding place from which to direct the Church – bringing criticism on himself) and received back all apostates without imposing any canonical penance. Ultimately, he was condemned. Cyprian held a middle course, holding that those who had actually sacrificed to idols could receive Communion only at death, whereas those who had only bought certificates saying they had sacrificed could be admitted after a more or less lengthy period of penance. Even this was relaxed during a new persecution.

During a plague in Carthage, Cyprian urged Christians to help everyone, including their enemies and persecutors.

A friend of Pope Cornelius, Cyprian opposed the following pope, Stephen. He and the other African bishops would not recognize the validity of Baptism conferred by heretics and schismatics. This was not the universal view of the Church, but Cyprian was not intimidated, even by Stephen's threat of excommunication.

He was exiled by the emperor and then recalled for trial. He refused to leave the city, insisting that his people should have the witness of his martyrdom.

Cyprian was a mixture of kindness and courage, vigor and steadiness. He was cheerful and serious, so that people did not know whether to love or respect him more. He waxed warm during the baptismal controversy; his feelings must have concerned him, for it was at this time that he wrote his treatise on patience. Saint Augustine remarks that Cyprian atoned for his anger by his glorious martyrdom. His liturgical feast is celebrated on September 16.

**Reflection:** The controversies about Baptism and Penance in the third century remind us that the early Church had no ready-made solutions from the Holy Spirit. The leaders and members of the Church of that day had to move painfully through the best series of judgments they could make in an attempt to follow the entire teaching of Christ and not be diverted by exaggerations to right or left.

**Saint Cyprian is the Patron Saint of:** North Africa

SAINT OF  
THE DAY FOR  
SEPTEMBER 11

## PHONES

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Pastoral Minister & Spiritual Mentoring, Sr. Maxine Shonk.....	614-866-2859
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– Joe and Patti Schermer

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