

17 January 2010

**ISSUES, TOPICS, AND CONSIDERATIONS BROUGHT
BEFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL**

SCHOOL GYM FLOOR

The new concrete floor for the gym has finally dried sufficiently and will be officially ready for full use 25 January. This brings to a close an expensive but necessary repair. (Finance Committee)

MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS (NEST)

This winter St. Pius X will provide shelter for the homeless from 17-24 February. Final arrangements and coordination are being completed and a sign-up list for parishioners who are willing to help will soon be available in the back of the church. We appreciate any time and effort that parishioners are able to provide. (Ishya Adams)

PARISH COUNCIL ON THE WEB

The Parish Council section of Pius X website (www.piusxparish.org/church/) contains a photo and the names of parish council members, as well as a brief summary of current issues and topics being considered by the council. This web page also offers everyone an opportunity to communicate directly with the council. Simply click on the icon of a suggestion box on the left side of the page and then send us an e-mail with your suggestion or comment. It is just another handy way for parishioners to let us know what you are thinking. (Parish Council)

MEETING OF REGION I PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

On Saturday, 9 January, members of Pius X Parish Council attended a coordination meeting with members of parish councils from other churches in the Norfolk area. These meetings are an excellent way for members of the various parishes to exchange ideas on programs and activities relevant to our faith. (Parish Council)

NEW MEMBERS OF THE PIUS X PARISH STAFF

We would like to welcome the Parish's new receptionist Mrs. Agnes Prodigalidad and also the new music director Louise Leas. We look forward to their services in support of our Parish.

SANTO NINO NOVENA MASSES

The last of the Santo Nino novena masses was last Sunday, and the novena was a great success with much of the credit due to the efforts of the St. Pius X Filipino-American Group.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sunday 31 January Pius X School will have an open house from 0900 to 1230. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and tour the school. All teachers will be present to talk with you, and members of the school student council will give guided tours. Our school has an excellent reputation and is the least expensive of all the Catholic Schools in the area. Please stop in to see us. (Sr. Linda)

OUTDOOR NATIVITY SCENE

It was noted that St. Pius X does not have an outdoor nativity scene, and in the spirit of "Keeping Christ in Christmas" it was decided to look into options and ways to procure an acceptable nativity set prior to the Christmas season next year. (Parish Council)

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON DC.

It was noted that 22 January was the date for this year's annual March for Life in Washington to support legislation and policies which uphold the pro-life teachings of the Catholic Church. Many parishes travel as a group to support the rally and St. Pius X Parish Council will attempt to coordinate transportation and arrangements for those parishioners who may want to attend the rally next year. (Parish Council)

UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS (USCCB) STATEMENTS

The USCCB has published a significant number of statements and speeches which are applicable to the daily practice of the Catholic Faith. The Parish Council is looking into ways to make this information more readily available to parishioners. (Parish Council)