

**NOVEMBER 29, 2015**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Monday, November 30, 7:30 am**

Paul E. Tortorella

**Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 am**

Louis Neri, Jr.

**Thursday, December 3, 7:30 am**

People Of The Parish

**Friday, December 4, 7:30 am**

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**Saturday, December 5**

5:00 pm Margaret Wolfe

**Sunday, December 6**

7:30 am Agustin & Fermina David Family

9:00 am Joseph Serafini

10:30 am Territo Family  
Jack Cavanaugh

12:00 pm Mehri Walsh

**Celebrant Schedule** – December 5-6

5:00 pm Fr. Peter

7:30 am Fr. Peter

9:00 am Fr. Peter

10:30 am Fr. Mark

12:00 pm Fr. Mark

**SHARING OF OUR TREASURE**

Thank you for your support and generosity!

**Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the weekly collection will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.**

Next Weekend's Second Collection is for  
*Project Faith*

All contributions for the year 2015 must be received by  
**Thursday, December 31, 2015**  
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.

**Pray The Rosary**

Please join the Knights of Columbus and Rosarians after the 9:00 am Mass in the Church, this Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> to pray the Rosary.

**First Friday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am in the Church on *Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>*. The US Bishops have asked us to pray at Eucharistic Holy Hours for life, marriage and Religious Liberty. All are welcome to spend some time with the Lord in prayer.

**MEMORIALS**

**Sanctuary Flowers** in memory of Joseph Serafini requested by Friends from The Bunco Group.

**MINISTRY NEWS**

**ROSARY SOCIETY**

Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary. For more information on the Rosary Society please call Stephanie Travers at 973-227-4197.

**CARING CRAFTERS**

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. What do we do? We use our talents primarily to craft hats and scarves to provide comfort and support to chemotherapy patients. We also assist and donate to other charitable causes and their needs. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

*Dear Caring Crafters,*

*Please accept our sincere appreciation to you for the beautiful gifts you have donated for the needy. The lap blankets, scarves, hats and ornaments will add smiles for many individuals who find the holidays exceedingly difficult. Your selection of items to keep them warm is priceless. I venture to say that most, if not all, have never had anything handmade until they receive your precious gifts. From the bottom of my heart, I had to say "Thank You" for the extraordinary work.*

*Sincerely, Debra Casha, UNICO*

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Next Meeting – Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

**Santa Breakfast – Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am Parish Center.**

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

Ron Owens, Bereavement Facilitator. **Bereavement Meeting Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm, Ministry House.** For special requests, please call 973-335-2894, Ext. 123.

**PRAYER GROUP**

St. Pius X Spirit of Love Prayer Group meets semi-monthly on the **second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 12:45 pm in the Chapel at the Ministry House.** What do we do? We offer prayers for our parish family including those listed in the bulletin and for the petitions written in the Book of Intentions in the Deacon David Library.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us for Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm** at the Ministry House. Our topic will be The Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to attend! Please note, there will be no Bible Study on December 8<sup>th</sup>, Immaculate Conception.

**RCIA**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process the Roman Catholic Church has for the introduction of the faith and the formation of new adult members. During the year process, the candidates will learn about their spiritual path in Christ culminating at the Easter Vigil. If you are an adult seeking Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist, please contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



## The Advent Wreath

The origins of the Advent Wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light.

Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16<sup>th</sup> century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. The use of the Advent Wreath spread to many other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. The colors of Advent express "unfulfilled readiness." Through the darkness of deep blue night we await the "light" announced by the dawning of the Word made flesh. At St. Pius X, we use the Advent colors of deep blue, complimented by violet, gray, green and silver, as we journey out of the darkness into God's wonderful light.

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### *An Advent Prayer*

*By Henri J. M. Nouwen*

*Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light  
and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit  
upon our preparations for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do,  
seek quiet space  
to hear your voice each day.  
We, who are anxious over many things,  
look forward to your coming among us.*

*We, who are blessed in so many ways,  
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We, whose hearts are heavy,  
seek the joy of your presence.*

*We are your people, walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.*

*Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Mark*

## Christmas Shop Rite Certificates

As we approach Christmas, we recall God's many Blessings and the invitation of Christ to care for our brothers and sisters. Poverty is increasing and everyday growing numbers of people, often children and elderly, go to sleep feeling hunger pains.

St. Pius X will be selling Shop Rite Certificates in the Narthex after all Masses through December. The certificates will be donated to Montville Food Bank and Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

## Saint Pius X Annual Giving Tree

*Help Make A Child's Christmas Wish Come True*

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex is decorated with ornaments that each hold a child's Christmas wish. Some ornaments are for children who are victims of broken homes and the DCPD (Division of Child Protection and Permanency) is involved. Other ornaments are for children from Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. Please select an ornament from the tree. Your gift may be this child's only joy this Christmas season! Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Church or the Ministry House as soon as possible but no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, so that we can ensure delivery in time for Christmas. Please be sure to attach the ornament to the gift so we can make sure it gets to the correct child. If you do not want to shop, any gift cards in any denomination are greatly appreciated and our "angels" will do the shopping for you! Any questions, please call Patty O'Dowd-Donohue at 973-769-0833 or the Ministry House at 973-335-2894. *Thank you for your generosity!*

## Our Honduran Missionary

Over the years, we have dedicated our Thanksgiving Day Collection to our Honduran Missionary Padre Raimundo. The Allegra family has hosted the Padre's visit in the past. Padre's current assignment is at the Cathedral of Juticalpa. He is seeking donations for the Diocese's hundreds of school children who are in need of shoes and school supplies, wheelchairs for the disabled, medical assistance for parishioners and to finish construction of 5 new churches. If you wish to support the work of Padre Raimundo, you may contribute by making a check payable to The Diocese of Juticalpa and put it in the regular collection. Your gift will be forwarded.

## Saint Pius X School

*Thanksgiving*

*For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food,  
For love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**Youth Ministry**  
**Christmas Wreath Sale Next Weekend**

To Benefit Youth Ministry  
After All Masses, December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

**December**

- 5 – Santa Breakfast, Wreath Making
- 5, 6 – Wreath Sale
- 6 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 6 – Christmas Concert
- 8 – Homeless Solutions
- 11 – Eric Johnson House
- 13 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 20 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

**January**

- 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 8 – Eric Johnson House
- 10 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 12 – Homeless Solutions
- 17 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 24 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 31 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

**\*We are on FACEBOOK.** Please search for us under St. Pius X in Northern New Jersey. Additional updates will be sent every week from our page there. For information on how to join our Youth Ministry, please call Kurt Kilanowski at ext. 110 or e mail at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

**Music Ministry**

**Christmas Concert – Tickets Now On Sale**

Tickets are now on sale after all Masses in the Narthex for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Concert at St. Pius X to be held on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Advertising opportunities in the Concert Program are now available. Please contact Paul Carroll at [pcarroll@st-pius-x.org](mailto:pcarroll@st-pius-x.org) or the Ministry House for more information or see Bulletin Insert.

**Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass**

Again this year, we will have a parish-wide Children's Choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Parish Center. We will have three rehearsals and ask that each student attend at least two.

Rehearsals in Parish Center:

- Saturday, December 19 – 4:00-4:45 pm
- Monday, December 21 – 5:30-6:15 pm
- Wednesday, December 23 – 5:30-6:15 pm

Mass: Thursday, December 24 –  
3:00 pm Rehearsal for 4:00 pm Mass

Please contact Paul Carroll at [pcarroll@st-pius-x.org](mailto:pcarroll@st-pius-x.org) to sign up.

**2016 Calendars**

Donated by:

*Parsippany Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha.*  
*Available in the vestibule of the Church*

**The Amazing Taste of Helping Others!**

Eva's Cookies & Brownies gourmet treats are freshly baked by trained chefs at The Culinary School at Eva's Village, using the finest ingredients and an extra helping of compassion. All profits from this unique social enterprise support the anti-poverty programs at Eva's Village. Makes a great Christmas Gift and can be easily ordered online at [www.evascookies.org](http://www.evascookies.org). Cookie varieties include oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip, peanut butter toffee, oatmeal brownies, chocolate brownies and more!

**Religious Formation**

**Schedule of Classes for December 6, 2015**

**Praise Middle School –**

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:15 – 9:30 am

**Praise Elementary School –**

Grades 1, 4, 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 – 11:00 am  
Grades 2 & 3 – 10:30 am Mass; Class 11:30 – 12:30 pm

**Confirmation –**

Grade 10 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

**Schedule of Classes for December 13, 2015**

**Glory Middle School –**

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:15 – 9:30 am

**Glory Elementary School –**

Grades 1 – 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 – 11:00 am

**Confirmation –**

Grades 9 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

**Schedule of Classes for December 20, 2015**

**Praise Middle School –**

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:15 – 9:30 am

**Praise Elementary School –**

Grades 1, 4, 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 – 11:00 am  
Grades 2 & 3 – 10:30 am Mass; Class 11:30 – 12:30 pm

**Confirmation –**

Grade 10 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

**Schedule of Classes For December 27, 2015**

There are no classes scheduled for this weekend.



Praying for fellow parishioners who are sick is an important component to our Faith. Due to privacy issues, however, people do not always appreciate their names being published. Requests for published names will only be taken from a family member accompanied by a phone number.

*Alvira Condruso, John Farkas, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Marilyn DeSantis, Ann Dimaira, Victor Marmo, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Barbara Capsouras, Elizabeth Krone, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Janet Babbitt, Bruno Stillo, Michael Mascari, Marjorie McArthur, Charlie Auskings, Eileen Kapotes, Stephen Koczko, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Nikki Basil, Terry Cox, Al Beatrice, Daniel DePaul, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Dolores Patrisso, Gary Nagurka, Tina Kenning, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey and Paul DiPiazza.*

**St. Paul Inside The Walls**

205 Madison Avenue, Madison

973-437-9741 or [www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org)

**Sharing the Faith We Love: Lessons from Jesus the Evangelist,**

While there is no perfect program in evangelization, there is the perfect person: Jesus Christ. Discover how Jesus shared the Good News along with practical ideas for sharing the faith today.

Monday, December 7 & Wednesday, December 9, 10:00-11:30 am.

**Speaking of Faith: Where Faith Intersects Life,** Fr. Paul Manning will interview Joseph W. Spada, CFP, Senior Principal and Member of the Board of Directors of Summit Financial Resources, Inc., about his encounter with and response to God and the integration of faith into work and life. Wednesday, December 9, 7:30-9:00 pm.