

NOVEMBER 27, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, November 28, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Tuesday, November 29, 7:30 am

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Thursday, December 1, 7:30 am

Louis Neri, Jr.

Friday, December 2, 7:30 am

Susan Connel Diver

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm Roth Family

Sunday, December 4

7:30 am Daniel Sudol

9:00 am Thomas Kretkowski

10:30 am Alexander Beatrice
Mark DeNigris

12:00 pm Ante (Tony) Baresich

Celebrant Schedule – December 3-4

5:00 pm Fr. Dominik

7:30 am Fr. Dominik

9:00 am Fr. Dominik

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 2016 must be received by
Saturday, December 31, 2016
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.*

Prayer Memorials 2017 Mass Book

The 2017 Mass Book is available. The Graces of the Mass and the Blessings of Prayer are infinite. The Eucharist is offered for ALL of the faithful departed at each celebration. A memorial gift or offering allows a special acknowledgment which goes to God's work on earth as we honor those now with the Lord.

First Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am in the Church on *Friday, December 2nd*. 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.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary. Next meeting is the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7th, 1 pm, at Gennaro's Cucina, West Caldwell. For more information, please call Marie Driscoll at 973-476-7610.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, December 6th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 5th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

Save The Date – Santa Breakfast, Saturday, December 10th, 9:30 am, Parish Center. See Bulletin Insert for details.

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.

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.

School Support Envelope

At St. Pius X we strongly value a Catholic education and support its mission:

*St. Pius X School is committed to the principle
that each child is a special human being who
deserves to be loved and respected as an individual.
Our teachers and administration encourage students
to reach their maximum potential—academically,
socially, morally and spiritually.*

The Finance Committee recommends having a monthly School Support Envelope for any parishioner who would like to help defray the cost of teaching our Catholic faith to young people.





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 16th 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.

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*

A Family Welcome For Jesus

*“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever
welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”*

(Matthew 10:40)

Each Christian family can first of all—as Mary and Joseph did—welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him and grow with him and in this way improve the world. Let us make room in our heart and in our day for the Lord as Mary and Joseph also did. And it was not easy—how many difficulties they had to overcome! They were not a superficial family, they were not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family, of every family. And what happened in those 30 years in Nazareth can happen to us too: in seeking to make love and not hate normal, making mutual help commonplace, not indifference or enmity.

Each time there is a family that keeps this mystery—the mystery of the Son of God, the mystery of Jesus who comes to save us—then even if it were on the periphery of the world the mystery is at work. He comes to save the world. And this is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who is coming, to welcome Jesus in the family, in each member: children, husband, wife, grandparents. Jesus is there. May the Lord grant us this grace in these days of Advent.

Pope Francis

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!*

Attention All Angels

We are looking for 12 Angels to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm in the Parish Center. Angels should be at least 5 years old, male or female. We are also asking for a few Adult Angels to help organize and assemble costumes. Please call the Ministry House to volunteer. *Thank you!*



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Saint Pius X School



Calendar Raffle 2016

St. Pius X Home & School Association

Congratulations to all Calendar Raffle Winners.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the weekly winners will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

We are picking winning tickets through December 31st, so there is still plenty of time to win! Tickets are still available by contacting Jen Davis at jendavis13@yahoo.com.

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. The ornaments this week are for children who are victims of broken homes and the DCPD (Division of Child Protection and Permanency) is involved. 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 7th, 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!*

Youth Ministry

Christmas Wreath Sale Next Weekend

To Benefit Youth Ministry

After All Masses, December 3rd & 4th

December

- 3 – Wreath Making, 9-11 am, Parish Center
- 4 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 3, 4 – Wreath Sale After All Masses
- 9 – Eric Johnson House
- 9 – Decorate For The Santa Breakfast
- 10 – Santa Breakfast
- 11 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 13 – Homeless Solution
- 18 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

January

- 8 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 10 – Homeless Solutions
- 13 – Eric Johnson House
- 22 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 29 – 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat/Class

February

- 5 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 10 – Eric Johnson House
- 12 – 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat/Class
- 14 – Homeless Solutions
- 26 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

Please contact Kurt Kilanowski at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org for more information.

Music Ministry

Parish Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11th, 3:00pm

Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual St. Pius X Parish Christmas Concert to be held on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm. New this year – no tickets required! A free-will donation will be taken. Advertising opportunities in the Concert Program are now available. Please contact Paul Carroll at pcarroll@st-pius-x.org or the Ministry House for more information.

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 17th – 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday, December 20th – 5:45-6:30 pm

Thursday, December 22nd – 5:45-6:30 pm

Saturday, December 24th – 3:00 pm Rehearsal

for 4:00 pm Mass

Please visit www.st-pius-x.org/music-ministry to sign up or contact Paul Carroll at the Ministry House.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for December 4, 2016

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 –

Grade 10 – Check Schedule For Times

Schedule of Classes for December 11, 2016

Praise Middle School –

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

Praise Elementary School –

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

Confirmation

Grade 9 – Check Schedule For Times

Pray for the Sick

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 Conduro, John Farkas, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, 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 Koczo, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Gary Nagurka, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, David Douglas, Walter Sedlaciak, Joseph Egan, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Agnes Koczo and Gennaro Cifelli.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Employment Needed

College graduate in need of immediate employment. Please call Ken Sampier at 973-906-0176.