

MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 27, 7:30 am

Jesse Sadej

Tuesday, March 28, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Thursday, March 30, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, March 31, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, April 1

8:00 am People Of The Parish

5:00 pm Barbara Rozem

Sunday, April 2

7:30 am Stephanie Travers

9:00 am Carmine Morra

10:30 am Al Marocco

12:00 pm Jonathan Freidinger

Celebrant Schedule – April 1-2

5:00 pm Fr. Mark

7:30 am Fr. Mark

9:00 am Fr. Mark

10:30 am Fr. Dominik

12:00 pm Fr. Dominik

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

March 20, 2016 \$ 13,964.00

March 19, 2017 \$ 14,990.00

Next weekend's second collection is

Project Faith

BAPTISMS

We welcome a new member born of water and the Holy Spirit:

Dean Michael son of Michael & Natasha

BIBLE STUDY

Save The Date: April 25th-June 13th

Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother

More Information To Follow

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.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be Wednesday, April 5th at 1 pm at the Ministry House. Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary.

Dedication Of Cathedral of St. John The Baptist

The Diocese has made available to the parishioners of St. Pius X Parish two tickets to the Dedication of the Newly Renovated Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Saturday, June 24th at a 10 am Liturgy. If you are interested in attending, please call Maryann at the Ministry House.

MINISTRY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, April 3rd at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. **Save The Date:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting their **Annual Fish & Chips Dinner on Saturday, April 1st**, in the Parish Center. Chicken tenders are also available. Dine-In or Take-Out. Tickets are \$15 per person (children 12 and under \$8) and include soda/water, coffee/tea and dessert. Call Dave Arthurs 973-334-3028 or Rob Donohue 973-227-2195.

Knights of Columbus Hero Of The Week

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, our Brother Art Brunner joined the United States Marines. He began his training as a fighter pilot at the naval air station in Pensacola, North Carolina. After brief training, the squadron flew their planes to the west coast. The planes were transported to Pearl Harbor by small aircraft carriers, while Art and his pals went by troop ship. Hawaii was no honeymoon. They completed additional training at Hickam Field in dive bombers and the legendary Corsairs with two thousand horse power engines, inverted gull wings and four Browning mounted machine guns.

Art's first time patrolling the skies out of Midway, he was credited with the sinking of submarines and attacking our enemy battleships and destroyers. In order to avoid enemy fire from the ships they were attacking, dive bombers flew between the sun and the enemy ship almost straight down, pulling out of the dive unloading their bombs.

While not as quick and spry as a few years back, today there is a gleam in Art's eyes when he relives the stories of his wild and crazy youth. My favorite story was the time he decided to do an unauthorized test of his plane. In order to determine the top speed of his plane, he ripped off part of the tail in an attempt to pull out of the dive. God's love pulled him through that one because he was still needed.

After the bombing of Japan ended the war in the Pacific, our Brother Captain Art Brunner headed to Corpus Christie, Texas, to train a new batch of fighter pilots. But not before taking a two week detour to Paterson, NJ. There on a Wednesday he met with our founding pastor, Fr. Joseph Meyer, and the love of his life, Fern. On Saturday, of the same week, Fern and Art were married by Fr. Meyer at St. Boniface Church in Paterson. This was Fr. Meyer's first wedding and a most successful one. After a two week honeymoon at beautiful Lake Hopatcong, the newlyweds headed to Corpus Christi, Texas, where Captain Art Brunner helped train new pilots.

After their stay in Corpus Christie, Art retired as Captain in the Marines and returned to 10 Gould Street, Paterson, for about ten years. Art, Fern and their five children were to become one of the first parishioners at the barn in Towaco. Art and several others helped set up the Church at the barn. The Brunner family cleared the fields of brush for our new Church.

This may sound like the end of a beautiful love story but this is far from the end because there is good news, John 3:16 "God so loved the world that he sent his only son not to condemn the world but that he who believes in him would have everlasting life." And they do. And they will together.



Dear Parishioners,

These past weeks we have had discussion with you about our *Pride In Our Parish Program*. Our parish has so much to offer. We are a beacon of hope for those in need, for those suffering, for those who are hungry, searching and need our prayers and assistance in a multitude of ways. We are also there for our parish family through the administration of the sacraments, the celebration of Mass and the Holy Eucharist.

We are called by God to continue to advance our mission and to build up God's Kingdom here at St. Pius X. There are so many more people who need our assistance. There is so much more work to be done. The reality is that we will always need resources to do God's work. Until the needy are clothed, the hungry are fed and the Gospel is spread to the ends of the earth, we will need resources.

Many of you have already submitted your Commitment Card and have committed your offertory support to continue to advance our parish mission. Thank you! Many of you have not yet submitted your Commitment Card. Our goal is 100% participation from our parish community. Please turn in your Commitment Card this week if you have not already done so. Please pray for our parish. St. Pius X is a wonderful parish because of YOU and what each one of you make of it!

I thank you for your generosity and am humbled by your sacrifice.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark

Lenten Regulations

The entire season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, March 1st, to before Holy Thursday, April 13th, is a penitential season, a time for self denial, prayers and Christian charity.

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. The Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat with some other practice of voluntary self denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are *obliged to fast*. By this obligation the individual is permitted only one full meal in the day.

From the ages of 14, all are obliged to abstain. The law of abstinence forbids eating meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind even though made from animal fat.

St. Pius X School Casino Night

Friday, March 31st, Hanover Manor, East Hanover

Please join us at Casino Night! Tickets are now on sale after Masses in the Narthex or at tinyurl.com/SPXcasinoNight2017 or at SPXNJ.org. Donations and Journal Ads are still needed! Please consider donating Gift Cards, themed baskets, sporting event tickets, wine! We can also use empty baskets. Please drop donations at the school. Thank you for your generosity!



Lenten Schedule

Welcome Home To Healing Monday Evenings During Lent

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent from 7-8:30 pm in the Church. Don't be afraid! Experience the gracious mercy of God! As Pope Francis recently said concerning confessions, "There are no shadowy lanes that can serve as an alternative to the open road that leads to God's forgiveness, to the awareness, in the depths of the heart, of His forgiveness and His love." (October 25, 2013, Vatican Radio)

Parish Penance Service

We will celebrate a Parish Penance Service on Monday, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Lenten Adult Education Program



On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*. Each week will feature a new topic beginning with a 25 minute video followed by a short discussion. This program showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization.

This week we focus on the life of **St. Catherine of Siena**, the Mystic, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, March 29th, at 7 pm at the Ministry House. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



- † Friday, March 31st – 3:00 pm, Fr. Dominik
- † Friday, April 7th – 3:00 pm, Deacon Jim
- † Good Friday, April 14th – 8:00 pm,
Paul Carroll/Kurt Kilanowski

Caring Crafters

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, March 28th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

Dear Caring Crafters,

I want to express my thanks for the beautiful hats and scarves the Caring Crafters have created for our Oncology patients at Cancer Care at St. Clare's. It was a perfect time to receive them with the cold weather blowing in. The time and love put into each of the hats is evident. Thank you for your lovely work. Sincerely,

Brandy Johnson, Senior Oncology Counselor
Cancer Care at St. Clare's, Denville

Dear Parents, Parishioners & Friends,

St. Pius X School continues to be a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. Our teachers engage the students in quality instructional activities and enrichment programs. For example, our students came together one day after school to engage in a STEM project in which they created mechanized robots out of plastic cups, Crayola markers, and a battery operated motor. The youthful joy of the students in watching their robots come to life and fill white paper with color put a smile on my face. On the birthday of Dr. Seuss (3/2), in celebration of Reading Across America Day, our middle school students visited their lower school buddies and read a total of 131 Dr. Seuss books, which was followed by a brief age appropriate learning activity. Our students are not only being challenged with quality instruction every day, they are realizing that learning can be meaningful, enjoyable, lifelong, and not limited to the four walls of a classroom.

At St. Pius X School, our PK-3 and PK-4 programs are exceptional. Students are taken on a year-long journey of discovery. They gain knowledge and a love of learning through hands-on experiences in Science, Math and Reading, with particular attention being given to the various learning styles of the children. In addition to the basics, our students participate in Art, Gym, Music, Library and Technology classes. PK-3 and PK-4 students also benefit from being in a PK – 8th grade environment. Upper grades “buddy” with lower grades for a variety of activities throughout the school year, including STEM projects and holiday celebrations, providing strong role models and sense of family. At St. Pius X School, our PK-3 and PK-4 programs form a solid base upon which to build.

Registration for the 2017 – 2018 School Year is open and underway. As our registration and marketing efforts continue, I wish to thank the parish for the support you provide the school. I am genuinely appreciative for all the wonderful things that you do for the school. I request that you help us promote the school by encouraging anyone you know with school age children to consider the benefits of the wonderful Catholic Education received at St. Pius X School. Some of the benefits are:

- A strong academic and values based education that meets state standards.
- Religion classes that enable students to explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality.
- Frequent School wide Masses and Prayer Services.
- A safe learning environment built upon mutual respect and an atmosphere of care and concern.
- An emphasis on self-discipline, self-motivation, responsibility, and creativity.
- Faculty members who are qualified professionals committed to bringing out the best in their students and who willingly share their faith, talents, and time.

Please consider joining us for the following events:

3/22/17	Open House
Fridays of Lent	Stations of the Cross, 8:30 am
4/7/17	First Friday Mass, 8:30 am
5/8/17	Golf Outing
5/11/17 and 5/12/17	Spring Musical, Willa Wonka (tickets req.)
5/18/17	Spring Concert, 7:00 pm

Thank you! God bless you and your families! Please remember us in your prayers.

Mr. Thomas J. Welsh, Principal

Youth Ministry

March

31 – Search

April

1-2 – Search

2 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

6 – Confirmation Rehearsal, 7 pm, Parish Center

7 – Confirmation, 7:30 pm, Parish Center

11 – Homeless Solutions

23 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

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

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for March 26, 2017

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 April 2, 2017

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

All 10th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

There is a mandatory rehearsal for Confirmation on Thursday, April 6th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. The Sacrament of Confirmation is Friday, April 7th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please arrive early, as seating is on a first come first serve basis.

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.

John Farkas, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, 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, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Françoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, David Douglas, Walter Sedlacik, Joseph Egan, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Maryann Halleran, Agnes Koczo, Richard Dickau and Agnes Corazza.

Please remember to notify the office when your family member has recovered.



**Vacation
Bible School**

Save The Date: July 17-21

**Grades K-5; Volunteers Needed High School & Older
More Information To Follow**

Interest or Inquiries: cdeary@optonline.net