

DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 4, 7:30 am

Mark DeNigris

Tuesday, December 5, 7:30 am

Joseph Egan

Thursday, December 7, 7:30 am

Melissa Yost

Friday, December 8, 7:30 am

Immaculate Conception

7:30 am Josephine Morrissey

9:30 am People Of The Parish

7:30 pm Patricia Fitzgerald

Saturday, December 9

5:00 pm Rose Allen

Sunday, December 10

7:30 am Agustin & Fermina David Family

9:00 am Maria Grace & Salvatore Paleologo

10:30 am Glora A. LoPorto

12:00 pm Marie LaMorte

Celebrant Schedule – December 9-10

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!

November 20, 2016 \$ 14,542.38

November 19, 2017 \$ 13,732.00

November 27, 2016 \$ 13,731.00

November 26, 2017 \$ 15,185.00

*This Weekend's Second Collection Is For
Project Faith*

Auto Contribution

Please sign up for automatic giving, visit our website at
www.st-pius-x.org, click on Donate. Thank you!

All contributions for the year 2017 must be received by

Sunday, December 31, 2017

for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.

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.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our Christmas Luncheon on December 6th. For details please call the Ministry House. **“Thank You” to all who baked, donated and purchased at our Annual Bake Sale! The sale was very successful!**

CARING CRAFTERS

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

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your generous support in the sale of our handmade hats, scarves and lap blankets. Our profits were donated to the Church to help defray the expense of the Christmas flowers. We appreciate your fellowship, support and interest in our ministry.

The Caring Crafters

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.**

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. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 4th at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.



*Santa Breakfast, December 16th, Parish Center
For info, please call Jerry Vella at 973-335-9236.*

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, In Giving, We Receive

As you plan to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season by giving gifts to your friends and loved ones, there is one gift that you can give to tens of thousands of people. It does not require ten thousand names tags or ten thousand bows. All that's needed is a completed pledge card to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or an on-line gift at www.2017appeal.org. Say "Merry Christmas" to so many of your brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Paterson who need some hope and joy in their lives by participating in the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. May God bless you for your generosity!

BAPTISMS

We welcome new members born of water and the Holy Spirit:

*Morgan Abigail daughter of Michael & Sara
Jayden James son of John & Danielle*



Christmas Wish List

At our recent Finance Committee Meeting, we discussed the possibility of installing a Playground for Pre-School Children. This is the only item on our Christmas Wish List. The cost will be approximately \$19,500. If anyone is interested in memorializing or brightening our Christmas, please contact the Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



As a result of your generosity, once again the kindness of St. Pius X parishioners benefited many families at The Montville Food Pantry and Straight & Narrow. I am so grateful for your willingness to share your abundance throughout the year. The people that were helped appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



Prayer For Persecuted Christians

O God of all the nations,
the One God who is and was and always will be,
in your providence you willed that your Church
be united to the suffering of your Son.
Look with mercy on your servants
who are persecuted for their faith in you.
Grant them perseverance and courage
to be worthy imitators of Christ.
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
to work for peace among all peoples.
May your Spirit open conversion
for those who contradict your will,
that we may live in harmony.
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,
and to always seek your will in our lives.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Polish Mass

Saturday, January 13th, 6:30 pm
Every Second Saturday Of The Month
All are welcome!
"Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę
w języku polskim."

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.

Seminarian Corner

This Sunday is the first week of Advent, so let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Church Year! One of my favorite Christmas songs is the *Little Drummer Boy*. The line that strikes me is "Our finest gifts we bring, to lay before the king." This Advent journey should bring us closer to Jesus. During this Advent, I challenge you to do good works, pray a few minutes extra, smile a little more, bring the joy that Christ has to offer to a world in desperate need of that joy. When the four weeks of Advent finish and if you accept the challenge I have given you, the gifts you bring to the Christ child on Christmas will be great, and you will be like one of the Wise Men giving great gifts to the King. May the Holy Family be near to us all this Advent, as we search out our newborn King.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian

Blessed Mother Memorial Garden



In order to commemorate and honor a loved one that has passed, the "Blessed Mother Memorial Garden" has been built alongside the Blessed Mother's Rosary Prayer Garden. This Memorial Garden will be dedicated to all your loved ones and all the parishioners who have given so much to St. Pius X Church and have passed.

Every time you come to Church, there will be a convenient opportunity to pray for them. This Memorial Garden will give you the opportunity to honor and remember a loved one simply by purchasing a Memorial Brick. The cost of each brick is \$500.00.

It's simple to do. Please complete the form that is available in the vestibule of the Church or on our website and return it to the Ministry House. For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Ministry House.

Music Ministry

Parish Christmas Concert Sunday, December 10th, 3:00pm

Mark your calendars for the 10th Annual St. Pius X Parish Christmas Concert to be held Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 pm. 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. The rehearsals are:

Saturday, December 16th – 3:45-4:30 pm in Church

Tuesday, December 19th – 5:30-6:15 pm in Parish Center

Thursday, December 21st – 5:30-6:15 pm in Parish Center

Sunday, December 24th – 3:00 pm Rehearsal before 4:00 pm Mass in Parish Center

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 3, 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 9th Grade

Please check schedule for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 10, 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 10th Grade

Please check schedule for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 17, 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 9th Grade

Please check schedule for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 24 & 31, 2017

There are no classes scheduled for the holiday weekends.

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.

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, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Janet Babbitt, Bruno Stillo, Michael Mascari, Marjorie McArthur, Charlie Auskings, Eileen Kapotes, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafé, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, David Douglas, Walter Sedlacik, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Richard Dickau, Zachary Miller, Lauren Grace Jarman, Michael Halleran, Julissa Novillo-Gambino, Maria Ferrigno and Kathy Compitello.

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

Youth Ministry

Christmas Wreath Sale This Weekend

After All Masses To Benefit Youth Ministry
Please email if you plan on attending any of the following events at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org

Spiritual & Social Nights

Come hang out in the Youth Room. Play ping pong, watch a movie, build our community. Bring a friend; make a new one. All young people in grades 9 -12 are welcome.

December 5th – 7 - 8:45 pm; Ministry House

Youth Council Monthly Meetings

These meetings will be held once a month for leadership training and planning of parish events.

8th, 9th & 10th Graders

December 12th – 7 - 9 pm, Ministry House

11th & 12th Graders

December 3rd – 9 - 10:30 am, Ministry House

Homeless Solutions & Eric Johnson House

Volunteers are needed to serve at Homeless Solutions on January 9th and February 13th. Volunteers are needed to serve at the Eric Johnson House on December 8th and January 12th. Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski to volunteer, youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

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 15th, 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!*

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Save The Date

Casino Night – February 23rd



Calendar Raffle 2017

Congratulations to last week's Calendar Raffle Winners. Raffle Winnings will be mailed to the address provided on your raffle stub.

Monday, November 20	\$25	Debbie Baron
Tuesday, November 21	\$25	Nimfa Gabriana
Wednesday, November 22	\$25	Robert Ciottariello
Thursday, November 23	\$200	Vinya Tremml
Friday, November 24	\$25	Montanez Family
Saturday, November 25	\$25	Andrew Alper
Sunday, November 26	\$50	Donald Dzamba