

FEBRUARY 4, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 5, 7:30 am

Mary Sessa

Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Thursday, February 8, 7:30 am

Mary Dankowitz

Friday, February 9, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, February 10

5:00 pm Msgr. Joseph J. Meyer

Sunday, February 11

7:30 am Mary Pat Paris

9:00 am Domenica Iannitelli

10:30 am Madeline Gadaleta
Mark Tallia

12:00 pm DeAnna Pasciuto

Celebrant Schedule – February 10-11

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!

January 29, 2017 \$ 14,049.00

January 28, 2018 \$ 13,437.00

*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!

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.



Polish Mass

Saturday, February 10th, 6:30 pm

Every Second Saturday Of The Month

All are welcome!

“Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę
w języku polskim.”

Fatima Statue

The St. Pius X Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available during the summer months of 2018. Please sign up for a week to bring the statue to your home. To sign-up or if you have any questions, please e mail Kathi Weiner at kathleenDW1013@gmail.com or call the Ministry House. Thank you.

Prayer Memorials 2018 Mass Book

The 2018 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.

Remember Your Parish

It is important to have a Last Will & Testament. We ask you to keep St. Pius X in mind when you make out your will. For more information about Legacy giving, please contact the Office of Development for the Diocese of Paterson at 973-777-8818 Ext. 290 or visit www.patersondiocese/givingplan.net.

Year End Statements

Year End Contribution Statements were mailed out this week. If you did not receive your statement or have any questions, please call Lisa Kardell at the Ministry House, 973-335-2894, Ext. 102.



Fr. Mark is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to visit The Chelsea on Monday morning at 11 am once a month. The primary task is to bring Communion and good cheer to the residents. This ministry is less than one hour and is very rewarding. If you are interested please call Maryann at the Ministry House or see John Regan after Mass. Thank you for your consideration.



Office of the Bishop, Diocese of Paterson
2018 Liturgical Guidelines for the Flu Season

A widespread outbreak of flu requires precautions that lessen its transmission. Nothing can absolutely prevent spread of the flu virus but a few common sense recommendations can help to lessen the possibility.

1. If you don't feel well and suspect that you may have the flu, remain at home.
2. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water or an alcohol based hand cleanser.
3. Sign of Peace: If you feel uncomfortable with exchange of the sign of peace through a handshake you are under no obligation to do so. You may extend the sign of peace to your neighbors by a nod of the head.
4. Distributing and Receiving the Eucharist: Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist must thoroughly wash their hands with an alcohol based hand cleanser both before and after the distribution of the Eucharist. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is the most practical means to distribute the Blessed Eucharist in a sanitary way.
5. Receiving the Eucharist by also drinking the Precious Blood from the chalice is discontinued until the level of flu cases is decreased.

Feast of St. Blaise

If you are already familiar with St. Blaise, it is probably because of the blessing of throats.

According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise, and he became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness.

Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food.

Blaise is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints who were patrons for almost every aspect of life.

Saints Kit, Loyola Press

Lenten Regulations

The entire season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 14th, to before Holy Thursday, March 29th, 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.



Lenten Schedule

Welcome Home To Healing,
February 19th – March 12th

"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, March 19th, at 7:00 pm in the Church.



- † Friday, February 16th – 3:00 pm, Fr. Mark
- † Friday, February 23rd – 7:00 pm, Knights Of Columbus
- † Friday, March 2nd – 3:00 pm, Fr. Dominik
- † Friday, March 9th – 3:00 pm, Paul Carroll & School
- † Friday, March 16th – 3:00 pm, Peter O'Brien
- † Friday, March 23rd – 3:00 pm, Frank Lennie
- † Good Friday, March 30th – 8:00 pm, Kurt Kilanowski & Paul Carroll

Ministry News

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosarian Meeting on **Wednesday, February 7th at 1 pm** at the Ministry House. For more information, please call the Ministry House.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

BIBLE STUDY

Our new Bible Study program titled **Follow Me: Meeting Jesus In The Gospel of John** has begun. Wednesday evenings, 7:30 pm, Ministry House. All are welcome! Please call the Ministry House for details on how to register.

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.

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.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Wednesday, February 14th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884. 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.

Youth Ministry

February

- 4 – 9th Grade Retreat Classes 9D & 9E, 9 am-1:00 pm
- 9 – Homeless Solutions 4:30-7:30 pm
- 13 – Eric Johnson House 2:30-4:00 pm
Youth Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm
- 20 – Youth Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm

March

- 9 – Homeless Solutions 4:30-7:30 pm
 - 13 – Eric Johnson House 2:30-4:00 pm
- Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski for more information
youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

Seminarian Corner

Jesus works miracles not out of any need of his own, but out of an extraordinary sense of mercy and love for those who are in need. His miracles are done for us to believe in him in a deeper way. Jesus is still working miracles today. The miracles performed to show us that we are all united under the love of God. When we understand this it enables us to open our hearts to others, to see one another as more than just labels and numbers. It allows us to not only feel the pain of the forgotten, but the love of God compels us to act on their behalf. If we imitate Christ's compassion, we can work our own miracles of charity through which our parish community and other communities can be restored to hope and trust in the God who loves and heals us. In our compassion, we reveal the love of God present in the midst of our families and communities. Our challenge this week is to bring the miracles of God's love into our communities

With Lent right around the corner (February 14) I also invite you to start thinking about what act of charity you will do for Lent. Maybe do something as a family, or as a group. Simply by reading scripture each day is a great way to grow during Lent until we finally reach Easter. If daily prayer is not something that you practice right now, maybe Lent is a great time to begin to have a conversation with God each day. Pray about it, so when Ash Wednesday comes, we are prepared to journey with the Lord and one another.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian

Catholic Schools ... Faith, Academics, Service. †

Save The Date

School Musical, Annie Jr., May 17th & 18th

Casino Night

St. Pius X School's Annual Casino Night will be held on **Friday, February 23rd, at the Lake Valhalla Club** in Montville. Please join us at what is always a fun night! Tickets are now on sale! 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 any donations off at the School office. Thank you for your generosity!



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 Tafe, 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, Maria Ferrigno, Kathy Compitiello, Anthony Zegarell, Wayne Tanchak, Florence Rainone and Catherine Lendino.

Little Angels Parish Music Program

Tuesdays in February, 10 am
St. Pius X Ministry House Chapel
For Children 9 months – 3 years
Accompanied by an Adult (siblings can attend)
Cost \$20 for the Whole Session
Contact Chrissy Deary at cdeary@optonline.net



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.



An Evening with Sisters

Friday, February 23rd from 7-8:30 pm at Morris Catholic High School, 200 Morris Avenue, Denville. This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th at sbernadette@scceast.org.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for February 4, 2018

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

Classes 9 A, 9B & 9C – Regular Class Schedule

Classes 9D & 9E – 9th Grade Retreat 9 am Parish

Center concluding with 12:00 pm Mass

Schedule of Classes for February 11, 2018

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 February 18, 2018

There are no classes scheduled on President's Weekend.

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, February 25th.

Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

All 9th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

9th Grade Retreat—Sunday, February 4th for classes

9D & 9E. The retreat will begin in the Parish Center at 9 am and conclude in Church with the 12 pm Mass. Classes 9A, 9B and 9C will attend class at their regular times.

Montville Township Women's Club Presents

Calandra's Pasta Dinner

Friday, March 2nd, 5:45 pm

Montville Township Senior House, \$18

Dinner includes Pasta with Vodka Sauce or Marinara Sauce with meatballs, Romaine & Masculine salad greens, Bread by Famous Calandra's Bakery, dessert with coffee or tea. Also, coupon for free loaf of bread at Calandra's. Opportunity to win door prizes and 50/50 raffle drawn that night. Advance ticket sales only by February 18th. For information or to purchase tickets either call Alexandra at 973-405-0088 or at montvilletownshipwomensclub@gmail.com.

Morris Catholic St. Patrick's Day 5k Run

Morris Catholic High School is holding its 7th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 17th at 9:00 am at its Denville campus. Doors open at 7:30 am. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 9th. \$30 registration fee after March 9th and day of race. For info <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K> or contact MC5KRace@gmail.com.

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February 2018

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners,

The national theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is simple and straightforward. It states the following: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. I found the choice of those words to be both interesting and poignant when I viewed them in the context of our own school.

For over 50 years, Saint Pius X School has been a pillar of this community. Students from not only Montville, but from the greater Morris County region, have walked through the halls of our school to receive a comprehensive Catholic education that is second to none.

As your Principal, I have seen time and again the way a Saint Pius X education has made a difference in the lives of so many young men and women who have had the privilege and opportunity to attend our school. The students and families here at Saint Pius X would undoubtedly echo those thoughts as well.

That brings me back to a pair of words in the Catholic Schools Week theme I'd like to focus on. Those words are Serve and Succeed.

As God's children, we are all called as *servants*, to lead and educate our youth in the faith-based curriculum only a Catholic School can deliver. Given the overall state of so many things in society today, it is reassuring to know that our own beliefs can be combined with a strong academic program that allows us to teach our students as only Catholic educators can. Passing on faith through our knowledge is the reason we can *serve* our students as the models for their early childhood years. This is ultimately, the most rewarding part of our jobs.

The second word is *succeed*. This word is sometimes confusing because what exactly is success? It can have a different meaning to all of us, but in the context of looking at the type of students that graduate from Saint Pius X, defining the word *succeed* is almost unnecessary. Our students are consistently accepted at the most prestigious high schools North Jersey, and that *success* continues on to the college level where our graduates often remark how their education here has prepared them so well for their future.

Our test scores for all grade levels are above the 85th percentile nationally. That is not only a testament to our dedicated faculty and staff, but also to the work ethic and determination of our students. Our extra-curricular activities and clubs allow all students to expand their horizons and develop the necessary social skills to be well rounded young adults. If you don't believe me, I'll make it simple. Just speak to any of our current or former students. Their words and actions will be the testament to the success they have achieved. That, is a given.

Why are these things important? It's simple. Catholic Schools are vital to our community, and Saint Pius X is committed to remain a part of that now and in the future. We are excited about what is coming and our visions for the growth of the school. We want all of you to be a part of that in any way you can.

Your support of time, talent, and treasure, is always appreciated, but more importantly we ask you to spread the good news about our school to your families, friends and neighbors. We are eager to grow and expand and you can help us do so. Thank you once again for your time and your support of Saint Pius X and Catholic Education.

Sincerely,

John Galka

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Principal

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