

**JULY 15, 2018**  
**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

## Mass Schedule

**Monday, July 16, 7:30 am**

John Duddy, Jr.

**Tuesday, July 17, 7:30 am**

Florence Rainone

**Thursday, July 19, 7:30 am**

Egan Family

Florence Rainone

**Friday, July 20, 7:30 am**

Florence Rainone

Joseph & Wanda Horvath

Phyllis Aquino, Stephanie Travers

**Saturday, July 21**

5:00 pm Theresa Bongiovanni

**Sunday, July 22**

7:30 am Rena Brello

Florence Rainone

9:30 am Phyllis Aquino

Mildred Marino

11:30 am Jennie Olenowski

Angela Rubbone

**Celebrant Schedule** – July 21-22

5:00 pm Fr. Dominik

7:30 am Fr. Dominik

9:30 am Fr. Dominik

11:30 am Fr. Dominik

### **SHARING OF OUR TREASURE**

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*

July 9, 2017                      \$13,235.50

July 8, 2018                      \$10,844.50

*This Weekend's Second Collection Is*

*Retired Religious*

**Auto Contribution**

Please sign up for automatic giving, visit our website at [www.st-pius-x.org](http://www.st-pius-x.org), click on Donate. Thank you!

### **Polish Mass**

*Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm*

*Every Second Saturday Of The Month*

*All are welcome!*

*"Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę  
w języku polskim."*

*Fr. Dominik will be away for the month of August.*

*The next Polish Mass will be Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>*

### **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.

### **Fatima Statue**

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](mailto: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.

### **Kidney Donor Needed**

A very close friend is in dire need of a kidney transplant. Please call Julie Poulin at 973-335-9337 if you are potentially interested in becoming a donor. Being a kidney donor has become much easier. A blood test will be done to determine the donor's blood type. The kidney is removed laparoscopically, minimum hospital stay and back to work in three weeks. All expenses are paid by the person receiving the kidney. Being a donor will save a life! Being a donor will change your life knowing you saved another life! Thank you for your consideration.

### **BAPTISM**

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

*Brendan Michael son of Michael & Colleen*



Please join the Knights of Columbus and Rosarians after the 9:30 am Mass in the Cry Room, *Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup>*, to pray the Rosary.

Jim Sandham, Former Chairman of the Finance Committee, shared the following letter with his Brother Knights of Columbus, and gave permission to share it with our Parish Family.

### **Did I do enough?**

I am disheartened and saddened to pen the following but I have been asked many questions, had to correct factual misstatements and innuendos, have had friends turn a deaf ear to my observations, had current and former school parents tell me I didn't have children in the school so I wasn't committed to the school, had parish members walk past me without their usual 'Hello' and had to fend off unwarranted verbal attacks. So I would like to share with all the following observations:

The decision to close St. Pius X School (SPX) rested with our Pastor and the Diocese, but the conditions precipitating that decision rested with our entire Parish Family. Declining enrollment did not happen overnight - **it has been evident for 8-10 years**, declining 15-20 students per year during most of that period. The Finance Committee has noted for years that once the enrollment was below 150 students the school would face closure. Over 5 years ago I asked Fr. Mark to appoint SPX parents to the Finance Committee in the hopes of providing better communication and highlighting the ever-increasing gravity of the situation to SPX parents. He did that.

The Parish had subsidized SPX approximately \$100,000 per year. Several times, due to declines in enrollment, the subsidy rose to \$150,000 and then costs were cut for the following year to get it back to \$100,000. In total over \$1 million in Parish subsidy was provided to SPX in the last 7 years. The 2016-17 school year had 151 students and the parish subsidy was \$141,000. For the 2017-18 year the enrollment was 127 students and required approximately \$300,000 in subsidy. That level of subsidy drained the parish financial resources and could not be sustained for even one more year. But at the end of the day the financial issue was the symptom... **declining enrollment was the illness!**

Going into an April meeting of the Finance Committee I expected our discussion to end with a conclusion to close SPX. However, the enthusiasm and determination of committee members forestalled that decision. That was immediately followed by a meeting with parents of SPX students. Many, but not all, parents were there. We advised of the situation and, again, there was significant enthusiasm. However, I cautioned that there were no silver bullets and specifically advised that ***the most important action needed was to increase enrollment!*** We did not mention closure - we wanted to be positive, give as much opportunity for success as possible, and I thought even the mention of closure would be the takeaway from that meeting and be an ultimate death toll.

I can't speak for others but I erred on the side of giving SPX every opportunity to succeed. Then the 2018-19 enrollment numbers came in June with lower numbers. I won't argue all the 'what ifs' - certainly different and more actions might have yielded different outcomes. No one is happy with the decision but the decision itself would be just as hurtful and unpopular at any time. We recognize that the timing was bad but the timing was the result of an attempt to give every chance for success.

I served as an elected leader in town and have anguished over this situation more than any issue that confronted the Township Committee in my 12 years. I have reflected and wondered how I could have done better. Did I do enough? Should we have had an Enrollment Committee? Should we have had a parish-wide School fundraiser? Should we have communicated more and sooner even with the risk of losing students and the school earlier?

But it is a collective WE of the Parish Family. Please, before anyone casts stones look in the mirror and ask - Did I do enough? Did I support the school as best I could - as a SPX school parent, former SPX parent, as a parishioner, as a Parish Family member? Did I espouse the benefits of the school to other non-SPX parents?

I am willing to have a civil discourse on the above with anyone. For those that still want a head on a platter - I have resigned from the Finance Committee effective June 30th.

We have heard talk of families leaving St. Pius. To that I will say- it is when there are troubles that a family closes ranks and works for the common good. So I implore you all - please stay, please drop the stones and **let's move forward as a Parish Family.**

Jim Sandham

### Retirement Fund For Religious

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95% of donations to the Retirement Fund For Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care and more. Please give generously to this weekend's second collection for the Retirement Fund For Religious and give to those who have given a lifetime.

### Seminarian Corner

Our Christian life cannot be a "Jesus and Me mentality." As we see in this week's Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples two by two out to preach the good news and to bring others in to the community. Jesus does not need us to be lone wolves. When we love Jesus, we are asked to bring that love to others. There is a children's song that goes, "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine." We must shine the light of Christ and not hide it, we must be willing to shine the light, so others may see in this dark world. As a community we can make a difference and help change the world for the better, we can set the world on fire with God's love. All this is done in relationship with others. As Pope Francis said, "Truth, according to the Christian faith, is the love of God for us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, truth is a relationship."

*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.*

## 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 members.

*Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsky, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, 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, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Richard Dickau, Zachary Miller, Lauren Grace Jarman, Kathy Compitiello, Anthony Zegarell, Wayne Tanchak, Catherine Lendino, Margy Dixon, Nico Amadio, Tom Catanzaro and Regina Accaria.*

## Ministry News

### ROSARY SOCIETY

For more information, please call Marie Driscoll, 973-476-7610.

### 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.*

### CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Next Meeting – Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusXKofC.org/>.

gifts and of our need to thank and share. He has most certainly shed his grace on us.

### Youth Ministry

#### July

17, 18, 24, 25 – Youth Ministry Service Days at Ministry House, 9 am – 4 pm, E mail to volunteer any length of time.

#### August

10 – Eric Johnson House

14 – Homeless Solutions

Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski for more information  
[youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org](mailto:youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org).



## Religious Formation

### **Registration Information**



#### **On Line Religious Formation Registration 2018/2019**

Religious Formation Registration for the new School Year will be completed on line again this year. An E Mail has been sent out to all Religious Formation Families. If you have not received the E Mail, that means we do not have a correct E Mail address for you. Please contact the Ministry House to update our records. Please make sure E Mail from St. Pius X does not go into your Spam Folder.

We continue to encourage all of our families to attend Sunday Liturgy and fully participate in the life of the parish.

All families registered in the Religious Formation Program are required to be registered parishioners and financially supportive of the St. Pius X Parish.

#### **How To Register On Line**

1. Visit the parish website at [www.st-pius-x.org](http://www.st-pius-x.org).
2. Click on the *Religious Formation* tab at the top of the screen.
3. Click on the correct *Registration Form*.
4. If your family was part of our program last year, please click on *Re-Registration Form*.
5. If you are a new family registering for Religious Formation for the first time, please click on *The New Family Registration Form*.
6. Please complete the form.
7. Your registration will not be accepted without payment. The same company that handles Automated Giving for the parish handles the Registration Fees.

#### **How To Volunteer On Line**

Please follow Steps 1, 2 and 3 under **How To Register On Line**. Click on the appropriate *Volunteer Form*. Please complete the form. Our office will contact you and *Thank You* for volunteering!



We are in need of teachers for Grades 1, 4 and 6, both Glory and Praise Groups. Assistant Teachers are needed for all grades. Please register on line or call the Ministry House to volunteer.

## **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Certified Home Health Aid**

Certified Home Health Aid available weekends to work locally. Please call Mary Petix at 973-981-0395.

### **Want To Make A Difference In Our Community?**

The Montville Township Women's Club (MTWC) wants to connect with you! We are dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. We invite you to join our community of women making a difference! We meet the third Monday of each month from September to June at 7 pm in the Montville Senior Center, 356 Main Road in Montville. Women of all ages and living in surrounding areas of Montville are welcome. For more information on our community service activities and how you can get involved, call the MTWC Membership Chairperson, Barbara, at 973-299-9457 or email us at [montvilletownshipwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:montvilletownshipwomensclub@gmail.com). Some of our outreach activities include: fundraising for local efforts, sewing comfort pillows for breast cancer patients and sending care packages to our soldiers. *Montville Township Women's Club....making a difference!*

### **Available Household Items**

Our family has the following items that we are no longer using and would like to donate them. The items are: Bernhardt sofa, chair and ottoman, cherry bedroom set with queen sleigh bed, armoire, dresser, mirror and two night stands, maple kitchen/dining set with 6 chairs. Misc. kitchen items. We have these items wrapped and in bins in storage. If you would like to pay to move them or we could share the cost; please call Pat or Tracy at 973-265-4045. We hope someone can use our treasured items. If you know of someone who would like them, please call. Thank you.

## **St. Pius X Summer Bible Camp 2018**

Hometown Nazareth  
Where Jesus Was A Kid  
Faith, Fun and Friends

Grades K-5 as of 9/2018  
July 16-20, 9 am -1 pm, Parish Center



Contact Chrissy Deary [cdeary@optonline.net](mailto:cdeary@optonline.net)

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## Gospel Today

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 6:7-13

Jesus knew the apostles would not be welcomed everywhere. He instructed them to go in pairs (2) and only stay where they were accepted. So with only the clothes on their backs, sandals on their feet and stick in hand, they went out to continue Jesus' work (preaching and healing).

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Draw a line from the Apostles to what they took on their journey.

Circle what you would bring on a journey.

Would you need more than the Apostles took? Why?

We can be just like the Apostles, minus a long journey with no provisions. Each day when we leave home for work or school, we can spread God's love, peace, happiness and good will to everyone we meet.



The Good News



In their hearts & minds

In their minds & hearts



Faith in God

The Good News

