

DECEMBER 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 3, 7:30 am

Doris McGrath

Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 am

Pasqualina Carbone

Thursday, December 6, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, December 7, 7:30 am

Wanda & Joseph Horvath

Stephanie Travers

Phyllis Aquino

Saturday, December 8

Immaculate Conception

9:30 am Walter Sedlacik

5:00 pm Rose Allen

Betty Puleo

Sunday, December 9

7:30 am Agustin & Fermina David Family

9:30 am Charles Miller

Mary Dwyer

11:30 am Betty Puleo

Rocco & Giuseppina Gallo

Antonio & Michela Manzolillo

7:00 pm William O'Dowd

Angelina & Joseph Thomas

Baptisms

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

Christopher James son of Christian & Erin

Carson James son of Andrew & Deanna

Luca Joseph son of Christopher & Danielle

Blake Charles son of Alfred & Jamie

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

November 19, 2017 \$13,732.00

November 18, 2018 \$12,098.50

November 26, 2017 \$15,185.00

November 25, 2018 \$13,077.50

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!

St. Pius X Mission Envelope

Your generosity to the St. Pius X Mission Envelope is deeply appreciated. This second collection is to support our local mission of helping people in need in our general area. We have helped hurricane victims, those affected by the economic downturn and those with physical problems. We also use this collection to subsidize local Catholic education. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal--Here I Am, Lord!

As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at www.2018appeal.org. If you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

Evening Prayer Group

Deepen Your Relationship with Jesus

Please Join us as we begin our

New Evening Prayer Group

To be held on the first Tuesday of each month
Beginning on Tuesday, December 4th, at 7:30 pm

In the Parish Ministry House

Together, we will Sing Songs of Praise, Meditate on
Scripture, and Offer Intercessory Prayers

Refreshments will be served

All are welcome!

Any questions, please contact

Catherine McCormack, 201-618-3161 or

MaryAnne Schettini, 973-632-7763

All contributions for the year 2018 must be received by
Monday, December 31, 2018
for the amount to be included in your
Income Tax Statement.

From the Pastor

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.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark

Watch For The Lord

"You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near." (James 5:8)

Today we begin our Advent journey which will culminate in Christmas. Advent is the time we are given to welcome the Lord who comes near to encounter us, and also to verify our longing for God, to look forward and prepare ourselves for Christ's return to us in the celebration of Christmas. We remember his historic coming in the humility of the human condition. But he enters our heart each time we are willing to receive him and he will come again at the end of time to "judge the living and the dead." Therefore, we must always be vigilant and await the Lord with the hope of encountering him. In today's Gospel Jesus exhorts us to be vigilant, so as to be ready to welcome him at the moment of his return. The person who takes heed does not let himself or herself be overwhelmed by distraction or superficiality amid the worldly din, but lives in a full and conscious way, with concern first and foremost for others. The watchful person is the one who accepts the invitation to keep watch, that is, not to be overpowered by the listlessness of discouragement, by the lack of hope, by disappointment, and at the same time to ward off the allure of the many vanities with which the world is brimming and for which, now and then, time and personal and familial peace is sacrificed.

Pope Francis

Seminarian Corner

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. As we start our Advent journey it is important to start a new and invite God back into our daily life. If we do so things may not change, but God will give us the strength to overcome our anxieties. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives. As it is our New Year in the Church, I invite all of us to make a new year's resolution. Simply inviting God in our daily work would be a wonderful new year's resolution, that has the potential to change our outlook on our anxieties. May the Lord bless us all with a holy Advent as we await His coming.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian



Christmas Eve Masses – Monday, December 24th

4:00 pm	Parish Center (Children's Mass)
4:00 pm	Church
6:00 pm	Church
8:00 pm	Church (Polish Mass)
11:00 pm	Church (10:30 pm Christmas Carols)

Christmas Day Masses – Tuesday, December 25th

7:30 am	Church
9:30 am	Church
11:30 am	Church

The Solemnity of Mary–Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:30 am	Church
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Polish Mass

*Every Second Saturday Of The Month
All are welcome!*

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

The next Polish Mass will be Saturday, December 8th



Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for December 2, 2018

Praise Middle School –

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

Praise Elementary School –

Grades 1– 5 – 9:30 am Mass; Class 10:30–11:30 am

Praise Confirmation

All 9th & 10th grade **Praise** classes will meet this weekend for class. Check with your teacher for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 9, 2018

Glory Middle School –

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

Glory Elementary School –

Grades 1– 5 – 9:30 am Mass; Class 10:30–11:30 am

Glory Confirmation

All 9th & 10th grade **Glory** classes will meet this weekend for class. Check with your teacher for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 16, 2018

Praise Middle School –

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

Praise Elementary School –

Grades 1– 5 – 9:30 am Mass; Class 10:30–11:30 am

Praise Confirmation

All 9th & 10th grade **Praise** classes will meet this weekend for class. Check with your teacher for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 23, 2018

Glory Middle School –

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

Glory Elementary School –

Grades 1– 5 – 9:30 am Mass; Class 10:30–11:30 am

Glory Confirmation

All 9th & 10th grade **Glory** classes will meet this weekend for class. Check with your teacher for times.

Schedule of Classes For December 30, 2018

There are no classes scheduled due to Winter Break.

Youth Ministry

Considering a Catholic College? Check out this \$5,000 scholarship opportunity at

<https://newmansociety.org/essay-scholarship-content/eligibility-requirements/>

December

- 1 & 2 – Wreaths arrive this weekend! If you missed Mass, please email Kurt to pick-up your wreath.
- 3 – Volunteer at a Devils game!
- 6 – Christmas Caroling 6 pm
- 7 – High School trip to NYC 3–10 pm \$50.00
- 11 – Homeless Solutions 4:30–7:30 pm. Thank you to the Rodriguez family for volunteering.
- 14 – Santa Breakfast decoration 7–9 pm Parish Center Service opportunity for all families in Grades 9-12
- 15 – Santa Breakfast 8:30 am–1 pm Service opportunity for all in Grades 9–12
- 18 – Youth Council Christmas Party 7– 8:30 pm Youth Room.
- 23 – Nativity set-up in the Church following 11:30 am Mass. All ages welcome! The more the merrier!!!

Please email Kurt for all permission forms and details:
youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.



Next Sunday, December 9th,
3 pm, St. Pius X Church

Ministry News

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our Christmas Luncheon on December 5th at Tuscany Villa. RSVP to Marie Driscoll at 973-476-7610. **“Thank You” to all who baked, donated and purchased at our Annual Bake Sale! The sale was very successful!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 3rd at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>. **Save The Date: Santa Breakfast, December 15th, 9:30 am, St. Pius X Parish Center.** The Knights will be selling tickets to the play 1776 at the Barne Theatre on June 6, 2019 after all Sunday morning Masses this weekend and next. They make a great Christmas gift.

AFTERNOON 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 **Tuesday, December 4th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

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.

Car For Sale

2015 Acura TLX Advance Package, 1,631 miles, brand new condition. If interested please call 973-334-9880.

Simbang Gabi Mass

Sunday, December 16th, 5 pm
St. Joseph Church, Lincoln Park
All are welcome!



Praying for fellow parishioners who are sick is an important component of 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. Somsy, 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, 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, Regina Accaria, Kyle Gauweiler, Walter Kamienski, Sr., Patricia McCarthy, Kyle Cooney and Irving Levine,

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

**Middle School- Sunday, 12/16,
Open Gym/Game Night 5-7 pm**

Children's Activities would like to invite all 6th-8th Grade children of St. Pius X Parish to be dropped off at the Parish Center (Gym) to enjoy use of the Gym and socialize. The Basketball hoops will be available as well as the room off the Gym where board games and cards can be played. The evening will close with Jeopardy! Pizza and snacks will be served. Please register at <https://st-pius-x.org/> under Religious Formation to ensure there will be enough pizza. Upon pickup, participants can conveniently attend 7:00 pm Mass in the Church. Volunteers needed! High School aged and older! Contact Chrissy Deary at cdeary@optonline.net.

Fatima Statue

"Among all devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary." St. Pius X

We are beginning our second year with The St. Pius X Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The first year was very successful and brought out a positive reaction and enthusiasm among the parishioners. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to take the statue home, please e mail Kathi at kathleenDW1013@gmail.com or call the Ministry House. Thank you.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." St. Pius X

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.

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.

Free Mr. Rogers Documentary

Free showing of an award winning documentary on Mr. Rogers introduced by Hoagy Bix Carmichael, producer and friend of Fred Rogers. Montville Library auditorium, Sunday, December 9th, 6:30 pm. Sponsored by OneMontville and Montville Township Public Library. To reserve a seat register at montvillelibrary.org.

2019 Calendars

*S. J, Priola Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;
Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;
Dangler Lewis & Carey, Boonton;
Available in the vestibule of the Church*

SANTA BREAKFAST

***Saturday, December 15th, 9:30 am
At The Msgr. Meyer Center
St. Pius X, Montville***



***A fun event and a parish tradition
Sponsored by Youth Ministry and the
Knights of Columbus for over 20 years!
An excellent morning for Grandparents
to spend with their families!***

Food, Games, Crafts

***PICTURES WITH SANTA
BY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER (\$5)
AND BRING YOUR OWN CAMERA FOR CANDIDS***

***Breakfast includes: Pancakes, Sausage, Orange Juice and Coffee
\$8 per person (adults & children) \$10 if mailed after December 8th or at the door
(Advance notice is necessary for food purchase)***

***Please mail before Monday, December 8th to: Jerry & Eileen Vella, 792 Main Road,
Towaco, NJ 07082 or call 973-335-9236 for reservations
Make Check Payable to: St. Pius X Knights of Columbus***

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

***POSTMARKED BEFORE MONDAY, December 8th,
NUMBER ATTENDING _____ x \$8.00 = \$ _____***

***POSTMARKED AFTER MONDAY, December 8th,
NUMBER ATTENDING _____ x \$10.00 = \$ _____***