

DECEMBER 23/25, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (Parish Center) William O'Dowd
4:00 pm (Church) Samuel Cali
Leo Vagias
Tomas German
William O'Dowd
6:00 pm (Church) Frederick Bamert
Phyllis Aquino
Julia Grimes
Maria Sauer
William O'Dowd
8:00 pm (Church-Polish) Tadeusz Wiecek
Wieslaw Purwin
Marion & Krystyna Nieroda
11:00 pm (Church) Faustina & Soranno Families
William O'Dowd

Tuesday, December 25, Christmas Day

7:30 am (Church) William O'Dowd
9:30 am (Church) Joseph Oddo
William O'Dowd
11:30 am (Church) Julia Grimes
Phyllis Aquino
William O'Dowd

Thursday, December 27, 7:30 am

Elaine D'Arnese

Friday, December 28, 7:30 am

William O'Dowd

Saturday, December 29

5:00 pm Walter Sedlacik

Sunday, December 30

7:30 am William O'Dowd
9:30 am Michele Labisi-Limongelli
Joseph & Frank Consiglio
11:30 am Anna Cerami
7:00 pm Daniel Dotterweich

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 17, 2017 \$ 14,566.00

December 16, 2018 \$ 12,356.50

*Second Collection For Christmas Day is
Hope For The Children*

*Second Collection For Next Weekend is
The Beacon*

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

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*

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.

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

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

Tuesday, January 8th, 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*

From the Pastor

Learning From This Child

“Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for him in the inn.” (Luke 2:7)

In these plain and clear words, Luke brings us to the heart of the event that changes our history forever. Everything, that night, became a source of hope. Mary and Joseph, for whom there was no room, are the first to embrace the one who comes to give all of us our document of citizenship. The one who in his poverty and humility proclaims and shows that true power and authentic freedom are shown in honoring and assisting the weak and the frail. That night, the one who had no place to be born is proclaimed to those shepherds who had no place in the town. The faith we proclaim makes us see God present in all those situations where we think God is absent. God is present in the unwelcomed visitor, often unrecognizable, who walks through our cities and our neighborhoods, who travels on our buses and knocks on our doors. In the child of Bethlehem, God comes to meet us and make us active sharers in the life around us. God offers himself to us, so that we can take him into our arms, lift him and embrace him. So that in him we will not be afraid to take into our arms, raise up and embrace the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the imprisoned (*Matthew 25:35-36*). In this child, God invites us to be messengers of hope and agents of God's hospitality.

Pope Francis

Seminarian Corner

In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today's Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God's presence and action in our lives. God sent us others to help us discover our vocation. This Gospel is also a reminder to put our trust in God and put others before ourselves. Mary just learning that herself was with child, leaves in haste and takes care of her cousin Elizabeth. We must let go of all of our anxieties and fears, to make room for Jesus so when Christmas is here Jesus will have a place to dwell. May the Lord give us peace during these last few days of Advent.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian

A Prayer For Christmas

*O Lord Jesus Christ,
make me worthy to understand
the profound mystery
of your holy incarnation,
which you have worked
for our sake and for our salvation.
Truly there is nothing so great
and wonderful as this,
that you, my God,
should become a creature
so that we could become like God.
You have humbled yourself
and made yourself small,
that we might be made mighty.
Blessed are you, O Lord,
who came to earth as one of us. Amen.*



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, January 12th.

Heartfelt Thanks to:

*Concurso's Garden Center and
Gardens of The World
for the beautiful Christmas decorations.
May God continue to bless you.*



Please join the Knights of Columbus and Rosarians after the 9:30 am Mass in the Cry Room, *Sunday, December 30th*, to pray the Rosary.

Monthly Holy Hour At St. Pius X

"Devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace." (Pope St. Pius X)

Our parish will be starting a monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 4:00-5:00 pm beginning on January 5, 2019. Along with the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, there will be time for quiet prayer as well as the opportunity to attend Confession. Let us all take the opportunity to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for you for twenty centuries for this personal visit from you." (St. Josemaria Escriva)

Religious Formation

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.

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, January 27th. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Glory, Sunday, February 3rd 10:30-11:30 am

Praise, Sunday, February 10th 10:30-11:30 am

Both meetings are in the Knights of Columbus Room

The purpose of this meeting is instruction, education and spiritual renewal. *Parents must attend one of these meetings.*

All 9th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

9th Grade Retreat—Sunday, January 13th, for classes Glory 9D, 9E. Sunday, January 27th for classes Praise 9A, 9B and 9C. The retreat will begin in the Parish Center at 9 am and conclude in Church with the 11:30 am Mass. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House.

A Note From Santa

I had a wonderful time at your St. Pius X Santa Breakfast last week, I just had to write to thank you for your warm and open hospitality. The people were so friendly and sharing, the children so precious, and the teens so helpful that I knew I was in a most giving Christian community. I hope you realize what a beautiful family you have here at St. Pius X and work hard to cherish it and protect it. I was told I must give special thanks to the men of the Knights of Columbus, who did the lighting and cooked about a thousand pancakes, (leftovers went to John Connelly's cow), to Dr. Kurt's Youth Group for a Friday evening of decorating and a Saturday morning of serving and crafting and also to REACH group from the community recreation program who added a little needed diversity to the decoration process. It was amazing to see nearly 100 young people working together to make a joyful day for the little ones of the parish. Their decoration skills were exceptional and the enthusiasm with which they ate pizza was unmatched!

I loved seeing all the wonderful pictures of Santa and those from your cell phones and if you wish to see or download more pictures, they are available at <https://stpiuskofcsanta.shutterstock.com/>. If you have any problems accessing the site or if you wish to have pictures delivered to the Ministry House or mailed to you, contact kristineyanagi@gmail.com.

Let me part with my best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a New Year filled with God's gifts, especially the gift of his son.



Youth Ministry

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

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



Thank you to everyone who supported our Wreath sale this year. We appreciate your support. A special Thank You to John, Carol and the entire team at Concurso Gardens for their generous support and gorgeous wreaths!

December

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.

Ministry News

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, January 8th, 1 pm at the Ministry House**. Please note change of meeting day for the month of January. For more information, please call Marie Driscoll, 973-476-7610 or Anne Kveglis, 973-227-4814.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, January 7th at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

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, January 8th 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.



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.

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 Gatz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, John 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, Irving Levine and John Inglese.

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



Catholic Charities Bin

Please help support food pantries and our many other programs by donating clothing, shoes, toys and household items in our donation bin located in the Parish Center Parking Lot. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have any questions, need a tax receipt or would like to schedule for a larger pick up, please call our toll free number at 877-343-3651. Thank you!



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.

Car For Sale

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

Certified Home Health Aid

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

Sharing My Treasure: The Gift of Automated Giving

What is Automated Giving?

Automated Giving is a direct debit program whereby your "gift" is debited automatically from your bank account or charged to your credit card. It costs you nothing and saves you time.

How do I sign up for automated giving?

Complete and sign the authorization form attached and return it to the Ministry House. A voided check or a savings deposit slip will also be required if you have selected the banking options.

Complete the form or go to www.st-pius-x.org:

Envelope. #: _____	
Name: _____	
Street Address: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Home or Cell#: _____	Work Tele #: _____
Weekly and Holy Day Sharing of _____ X 4.7 =	\$ _____
(Weekly gift times 4.7 is your monthly gift for Sundays/Holy Days)	
Monthly Sharing for a Mission or Charity outreach:	\$ _____
(10 monthly collections will be spread over 12 months)	
Monthly Sharing for St. Pius X Project Faith:	\$ _____
(10 monthly collections will be spread over 12 months)	

If you choose Credit Card Processing complete the following:

Name on card

If you choose Bank Account Processing complete the following:

Type of Bank Account: _____ Checking _____ Savings
Routing #: _____ Account#: _____

I authorize St. Pius X and their delegates to process debit entries from my bank account or to charge my credit card as indicated above. I understand that such authorization will remain in effect until I have cancelled. If I wish to cancel or change my authorization, I promise to notify St. Pius X within a reasonable length of time.

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____