

DECEMBER 20, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 21, 7:30 am

Connie & Ed McCarthy

Tuesday, December 22, 7:30 am

George Phil Kelly

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (Parish Center) Paul E. Tortorella

4:00 pm (Church) Tomas German

Adalgiza Serafin

6:00 pm (Church) Frederick Bamert

Louise Vollmayer

8:00 pm (Church) Joseph Cali

11:00 pm (Church) Soranno & Faustina Families

Jack Cavanaugh

Friday, December 25, Christmas Day

7:30 am (Church) Salvatore Assante

9:30 am (Church) Josephine Consiglio

11:30 am (Church) Jean DeMarco

Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm Stacia Kudlacik

Sunday, December 27

7:30 am MaryAnn McHugh

9:00 am Saavadra Family

10:30 am Elaine D'Arnese

12:00 pm Marie Buff

Celebrant Schedule –

December 24 –

4:00 pm (Parish Center) Fr. Mark, Fr. Lou Scurti

4:00 pm (Church) Fr. Peter

6:00 pm (Church) Fr. Mark

8:00 pm (Church) Fr. Dennis Tamburello

11:00 pm (Church) Fr. Peter

December 25 –

7:30 am (Church) Fr. Peter

9:30 am (Church) Fr. Peter

11:30 am (Church) Bishop Serratelli

December 26-27

5:00 pm Fr. Peter

7:30 am Fr. Peter

9:00 am Fr. Peter

10:30 am Fr. Mark

12:00 pm Fr. Mark

*The parish offices will be closed, Thursday & Friday,
December 24th & 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday.*

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 14, 2014 \$15,321.00

December 13, 2015 \$18,452.00

*Second Collection on Christmas is
Hope For Children*

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **January 6th at 1 pm** at the Ministry House for a regular meeting. Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary. For more information on the Rosary Society please call Stephanie Travers at 973-227-4197.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, January 5th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. 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. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 21st at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Ron Owens, Bereavement Facilitator. **Bereavement Meeting Wednesday, January 20th, 7-9 pm, Ministry House.** For special requests, please call 973-335-2894, Ext. 123.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm** at the Ministry House. Our topic will be The Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to attend! *Please note, there will be no Bible Study on December 22nd and 29th, due to the Christmas Holiday.*

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. During the year process, 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.

*All contributions for the year 2015 must be received by
Thursday, December 31, 2015
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.*

Prayer Memorials 2016 Mass Book

The 2016 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.



Christmas Wish List

There is only one thing I'm hoping for Christmas. That is someone or a group of people from our parish family would be interested in memorializing a tapestry as seen below. This will be on the large wall in the Narthex and enhance our space with the imagery of the Last Supper. The cost is \$7,500 and there are 5 individual panels. If anyone is interested in fulfilling this Christmas Wish List, please call the Ministry House or see me personally.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



I am so grateful to everyone who participated in our annual Giving Tree. There are over 500 children who will have their Christmas brightened because of your generosity, care and concern. May the Lord reward you for your kindness in helping the underprivileged.

Fr. Mark



Christmas Eve Masses – Thursday, December 24th

- 4:00 pm Parish Center
- 4:00 pm Church
- 6:00 pm Church
- 8:00 pm Church
- 11:00 pm Church (10:30 pm Christmas Carols)

Christmas Day Masses – Friday, December 25th

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

The Solemnity of Mary–Friday, January 1, 2016

- 9:30 am Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary Our Model

“The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; He will be called Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)

Today, the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent, as we prepare for Christmas, now at the door, let us meditate on the angel's annunciation to Mary. Her attitudes are for us the model of how to prepare for Christmas.

First of all, her attitude of faith, which consists in listening to the Word of God in order to abandon herself to this Word with full willingness of mind and heart. Her response to the angel is filled with faith. Mary does not know by what road she must venture, what pains she must suffer, what risks she must face. But she is aware that it is the Lord asking and she entrusts herself totally to God and abandons herself to God's love. This is the faith of Mary!

Second, she reminds us that everything is a free gift from God, everything is grace, everything is a gift out of God's love for us. Mary responds to God's grace and abandons herself, saying to the angel: “Let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). And the Word was made flesh in her womb. We too are asked to listen to God who speaks to us, and to accept God's will. According to the logic of the Gospel, nothing is more productive and fruitful than listening to and accepting the Word of the Lord, which comes from the Gospel, from the Bible. The Lord is always speaking to us!

Pope Francis

Music Ministry

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.

Rehearsals in Parish Center:

Monday, December 21 – 5:30-6:15 pm

Wednesday, December 23 – 5:30-6:15 pm

Mass: Thursday, December 24 –

3:00 pm Rehearsal for 4:00 pm Mass

Please contact Paul Carroll at pccarroll@st-pius-x.org to sign up.

Saint Pius X Annual Giving Tree

Help Make A Child's Christmas Wish Come True

Thank you for selecting all the ornaments from the Giving Tree. Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Church or the Ministry House as soon as possible but no later than December 21st, 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. 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!

Christmas Shop Rite Certificates

As we approach Christmas, we recall God's many Blessings and the invitation of Christ to care for our brothers and sisters. Poverty is increasing and everyday growing numbers of people, often children and elderly, go to sleep feeling hunger pains.

St. Pius X will be selling Shop Rite Certificates in the Narthex after all Masses through December. The certificates will be donated to Montville Food Bank and Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

Saint Pius X School

Picasso Babies

By Nick Spinnler

This past October, the 7th and 8th grade classes have been working on portraits of Pope Francis. Mrs. Rodriguez wanted to celebrate Pope Francis visiting America. These portraits were created by the student first sketching an outline of the Pope. Then the students colored the images with crayon. The black background was created by dipping the paper in black paint. The wax from the crayon acts as a kind of waterproof cover. The paint does not actually touch the crayon image of the Pope.

"It was fun," said C.J. DePasquale, an 8th grader. He also commented, "It was a good and nice way to honor the Pope coming to America, and it did come out even better than expected." Overall, the class enjoyed the project and felt that it was fit for the Pope visiting America.

Youth Ministry

January

- 3 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 8 – Eric Johnson House
- 10 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 12 – Homeless Solutions
- 17 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 24 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 31 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

February

- 7 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 9 – Homeless Solutions
- 12 – Eric Johnson House
- 21 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 26-27 – Antioch
- 28 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

***We are on FACEBOOK**. Please search for us under St. Pius X in Northern New Jersey. Additional updates will be sent every week from our page there. For information on how to join our Youth Ministry, please call Kurt Kilanowski at ext. 110 or e mail at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

2016 Calendars

Donated by:

*Parsippany Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;
Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;
Available in the vestibule of the Church*

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes For December 27, 2015

There are no classes scheduled for this weekend.

Schedule of Classes for January 3, 2016

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 –

Grades 9 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

Schedule of Classes for January 10, 2016

Praise Middle School –

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:15 – 9:30 am

Praise Elementary School –

Grades 1, 4, 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 –11:00 am

Grades 2 & 3 – 10:30 am Mass; Class 11:30 -12:30 pm

Confirmation –

Grade 10 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Weekend of March 5th & 6th

Please send permission forms to the Ministry House.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Praise, Sunday, January 10th, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Glory, Sunday, January 17th, 10-11:00 am

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 17th, for classes 9A, 9B, 9C. Sunday, January 31st, for classes 9D, 9E, 9F. The retreat will begin in the Parish Center at 9 am and conclude in Church with the 12 pm Mass. Please return permission forms to 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 accompanied by a phone number.

Alvira Conduro, John Farkas, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Marilyn DeSantis, Ann Dimaira, Victor Marmo, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Barbara Capsouras, Elizabeth Krone, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Janet Babbitt, Bruno Stillo, Michael Mascari, Marjorie McArthur, Charlie Auskings, Eileen Kapotes, Stephen Kocz, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Nikki Basil, Terry Cox, Al Beatrice, Daniel DePaul, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Dolores Pattrisso, Gary Nagurka, Tina Kenning, Françoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, Sam Sessa and Edward Strasser.

Rental Needed

Parishioner family seeking house to rent in Montville or surrounding areas for March 1, 2016 or as early as mid-February. Husband is a licensed contractor and can complete any needed home repairs. Cannot afford realtor fees at this time; able to pay up to \$1,600 monthly. Any known rentals, please contact Roxana at 908-463-5212. Thank you!