

**FEBRUARY 14, 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



Monday, February 15, 7:30 am

Susan Speciale

Tuesday, February 16, 7:30 am

Elizabeth Martorana

Thursday, February 18, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, February 19, 7:30 am

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Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm Dr. Robert Walsh

Sunday, February 21

7:30 am Nikki Basil

9:00 am Vicki Konicke

10:30 am Elizabeth Cutugno

12:00 pm Anthony Novajovsky

Mary Kozak

Celebrant Schedule – February 20-21

5:00 pm Fr. Mark

7:30 am Fr. Mark

9:00 am Fr. Mark

10:30 am Fr. Peter

12:00 pm Fr. Peter

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, February 15th
in observance of President's Day.

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

February 8, 2015 \$14,462.00

February 7, 2016 \$14,572.00

Project Faith 2015 \$ 2,717.50

Project Faith 2016 \$ 2,807.00

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.

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 Lisa Marie Gerondeau, Associate Director of Development for the Diocese of Paterson at 973-777-8818 Ext. 290 or visit www.patersondiocese/givingplan.net.

MEMORIALS

Bread & Wine in memory of Bart Lurato requested by The Catanzaro Family.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **March 2nd 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, February 16th 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.

Dear Caring Crafters,

Thank you for the beautiful assortment of hats, scarves and cowls. With the colder weather finally upon us, our patients are enjoying and appreciating your beautiful handiwork.

We appreciate all the prayers, love and time that you put into every stitch of your creations. Each piece is a little work of art that lifts the spirits of its recipient. Please know that your gifts let each patient know that someone is sending prayers for their speedy recovery and wishing them well.

On behalf of our patients, thank you for your generosity and kindness.

With best wishes and blessings,

*Diane Wood, LCSW, Senior Oncology Counselor
Cancer Care at St. Clare's, Denville, NJ*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, February 15th 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, February 17th, 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 is The Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to attend!

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.



Valentine's Day

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14th in the year 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to Love Lotteries. The Love Lottery was a custom of the young people on the eve of a Festival. Names were written on slips of paper and placed into jars. This would be a formal way to introduce one to the other.

Legend says that St. Valentine, because of his conviction for his faith, was thrown into jail. While in prison, he befriended the jailer's daughter and left a farewell love note and signed it "From Your Valentine."

*Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark*



*The best and most beautiful things in
the world cannot be seen or even touched.*

They must be felt with the heart.

Helen Keller

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next weekend's second collection is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Many living in this part of the world are still suffering the effects of life under communist rule. Grants funded by this collection are a source of hope to restore the Church and build the future in these areas.

One example is in Armenia, where many children live on the street because of poor family situations or the need to earn their own money. The Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have used a grant from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to fund a summer camp for 850 orphans who live in extreme poverty or live in poor isolated villages. At camps, these children play together, socialize and learn about their faith. They experience the encouraging love and support that has been too often missing in their lives. For these children, this opportunity is often life-changing.

In order for projects like this one to continue, the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe needs your help. Funds support seminaries, youth ministries, social service programs, pastoral centers and Church construction.

Please be as generous as possible next weekend.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

*Happy
Valentine's Day*



Lenten Schedule

Welcome Home To Healing February 15th – March 14th

"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!

Parish Penance Service

We will celebrate a Parish Penance Service on Monday, March 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Lenten Adult Education Program

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron's *The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters*. Each week will feature a new topic beginning with a 25 minute video followed by a short discussion. In these days of increasing secularization, it is important that every Christian takes the "God" question seriously. This program can help us better understand and explain the God who created the universe and sustains all life through an endless outpouring of his infinite love and mercy. This series begins Wednesday, February 17th at 7 pm in the Church. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- † Friday, February 19th – 3:00 pm, Peter O'Brien
- † Friday, February 26th – 3:00 pm, Fr. Peter
- † Friday, March 4th – 3:00 pm, Deacon Jim
- † Friday, March 11th – 8:00 pm, Knights of Columbus
- † Friday, March 18th – 8:00 pm, Andrew Players
- † Good Friday, March 25th – 8:00 pm,
Paul Carroll/Kurt Kilanowski

Andrew Players

Friday, March 18th, 8 pm

Jesus The Healer

Jesus The Healer is a highly dramatic presentation of the powerful miracles and healing events of Jesus' life. The mystery play calls for no speaking parts. Through special lighting, a moving soundtrack, and reflective meditations, viewers experience Jesus' life and presence as if it were really happening. The play becomes a powerful vehicle for God's spirit to forgive, renew, and especially heal. At the end of each presentation, there is an opportunity for individual prayers for healing.

Lenten Regulations

The entire season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 10th, to before Holy Thursday, March 24th, 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.

Saint Pius X School

"When you enter this school, you are loved first and taught second." This quote is hung on the back wall in the lobby of Saint Pius X School. As a student, I can firmly state that this saying is put into action every day throughout all of your years at Saint Pius through the faculty, staff, and other students. At this school, we have Rachel's Challenge, a program devoted to starting a chain reaction of kindness. Through Rachel's Challenge, we do something called Big Brother, Big Sister. This matches a student in the older grades to a student in the younger grades. Big Brother, Big Sister helps students to form a bond between older and younger. It allows our school to become even more of a family than it already is.

Anya Michalewski



The Saint Pius X Home & School Association is pleased to announce our Casino Night fundraising event which will be held on March 4th from 6:30 pm-midnight at The Hanover Manor in East Hanover. Our theme this year is Old Hollywood, and as in the past, the night will be great fun with professional Blackjack, Craps, Texas Holdem, Roulette & Poker games, Tricky tray, and Silent and Live auctions! The proceeds from this event will contribute to the academic resources and enrichment programs that benefit the children of Saint Pius X School. Tickets for the event and the popular 50/50 Cash Raffle will be on sale after all masses. Every year the winner of the 50/50 raffle has taken home over \$6,000.00! (Winner need not be present). We also have a new MessageGram this year as the ad journal is being dedicated to Fr. Mark & Fr. Peter. Write them a message of appreciation! For more information, stop at the School Table in the Narthex or see the Bulletin Insert. You may also contact Jen Davis @ jendavis13@yahoo.com or visit www.spxnj.org for more information.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for February 21, 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 –

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

Schedule of Classes for February 28, 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.

Youth Ministry

St. Pius X Youth Ministry Proudly Invites You To Be A Part Of The FIRST....Leadership In Faith Experience

Calling all current and future high school CATHOLIC LEADERS! Come join YOUTH MINISTRY on this exciting NEW journey as we look to explore our faith in our daily lives and build our leadership skills in the process. The Leadership In Faith Experience is open to the first 40 9th through 12th grade members of our parish who wish to discover and to share their faith more deeply. This experience will take place in the Youth Room in the Ministry House on the following dates:

February 21, 2016 (11 am – 1 pm including Mass)

February 27, 2016 (8 am – 7 pm)

(includes breakfast, lunch, 5 pm Mass and hors d'oeuvres after Mass).

All meetings will be lead by Youth Minister, Kurt Kilanowski, and experienced members of Youth Ministry. Content and activities will revolve around such topics as: Becoming A Better Catholic Leader; Social Media & Our Faith: Creating A Catholic Culture In Sports; Addressing Issues Of Social Justice; Sharing Our Time, Talent & Treasure-Stewardship for Teens.

February

21 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

11 am – 1 pm Leadership In Faith Experience

27 – 11 am – 1 pm Leadership In Faith Experience

28 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

Please contact us at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org. We can also be found on Facebook (St Pius X), Twitter (@spxymnj) and Instagram (st.piusxyouthministry).



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 Conduurso, 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 Koczo, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Al Beatrice, Daniel DePaul, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Dolores Patrisso, Gary Nagurka, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza and Edward Strasser.