

MARCH 6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 7, 7:30 am

Alexander J. Kopsel

Tuesday, March 8, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Thursday, March 10, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, March 11, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, March 12

5:00 pm Josephine Browne

Sunday, March 13

7:30 am Jane Blanck

9:00 am William Heaney

10:30 am Salvatore Assante

12:00 pm Marilyn DeSantis

Celebrant Schedule – March 12-13

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

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

March 1, 2015 \$ 15,839.00

February 28, 2016 \$ 14,840.00

*This weekend's second collection is for
Project Faith*

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.

Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of a few more Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to The Chelsea on Monday mornings and Chilton Hospital on one Saturday per month. If you are available to volunteer, please e mail Maryann at the Ministry House at office@st-pius-x.org. Thank you for everything you do for the parish.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **April 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, March 15th 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, March 7th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusXKofC.org/>.

Save-The-Date: The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual **Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, March 18th**, 6-8 pm in the Parish Center. For tickets or more information please call Dave Arthurs at 973-334-3028 or Pete Rosende at 973-331-9560.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Ron Owens, Bereavement Facilitator. **Bereavement Meeting Wednesday, March 16th, 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.

Employment Opportunity

The Chelsea At Montville is looking for an enthusiastic, outgoing individual with music and/or art background for a part-time activity assistant position in their assisted living dementia program. Experience preferred but not required. For more details contact Charles Vanyo at cvanyo@cslal.com or call 973-402-1100.



Dear Parishioners,

At the recent Pastoral visit of our Bishop, he made a request of us: If it was at all possible, could we move the Tabernacle to the center of the reredos (rear wall). I realize that there will be a cost involved. I am asking if there are any parishioners that would be willing to financially support this endeavor. I once again thank you for your generous response to all our needs.

Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Mark



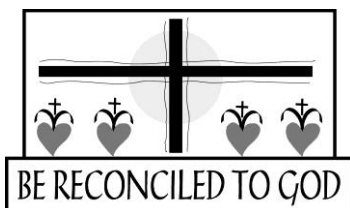
The Communion Of Forgiveness

The priest had met Rafa on the sidewalk outside of his parish. He was a lost soul. After having lost his wife and job to drink, he was living as a drunken beggar. For some reason the priest had decided to stop and speak with him, and thus began a beautiful adventure that led to the founding of a house for homeless men and recovering alcoholics, where Rafa was the head of the community. He had even bought a car and was about to start a good job.

Then one day a settlement check from the divorce for \$15,000 arrived and he disappeared for a week. He showed up one morning to the priest's house having spent all the money and even having sold his car to pay for his dissolute activities. He wept for his betrayal. When the priest read him the parable of the prodigal son, he wept even more.

The priest said, "Were it not for Jesus, I would be like the older son in the parable, who resented his younger brother's infidelity and his squandering of the father's inheritance. But you and I now walk together, Rafa, sinful sons forgiven by the Father." And with that, the beautiful adventure began again.

Fr. Vincent Nagle, F.S.C.B.



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 is held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Church. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



† 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

Dear Father Mark, Father Peter and Parishioners of Saint Pius X Church, Old Hollywood (Casino Night) was a wonderful success. We welcomed parents and friends and were amazed to have Marilyn Monroe and Charlie Chapman join us, also. What a surprise!

Our thanks to Father Mark, Father Peter, Parents and Parishioners for your support of this event. We appreciate your good will towards us.

We remember you in our prayers and ask God to bless you for your goodness.

May all the good you do come back to you and enrich your lives forever.

Sister June, Faculty and Children

Youth Ministry

March

- 6 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 8 – Homeless Solutions
- 11 – Eric Johnson House
- 13 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 20 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

April

- 3 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 8 – Eric Johnson House
- 10 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 12 – Homeless Solutions
- 17 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 22 – Confirmation Rehearsal 7 pm Parish Center
- 23 – Confirmation 11:00 am Parish Center

May

- 10 – Homeless Solutions
- 13 – Eric Johnson House

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

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for March 13, 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

Schedule of Classes for March 20, 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 March 27, 2016

No Religious Formation classes scheduled this weekend.

Schedule of Classes for April 3, 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



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 Condurso, John Farkas, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, 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 Koczko, 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.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Montville Township 2015 Annual Awards

Please join the Montville Township Chamber as we celebrate the recipients of the 2015 Annual Awards at 7 pm on March 12th at the Knoll "East" Country Club, Parsippany. The dinner is open to all members and friends of the Chamber and of the recipients. Advanced Reservations Only! Please call 973-263-3310 or e mail at info@montvillechamber.org to reserve tickets. Tickets are \$70 per person.

Feminine, Faithful, Fearless

A conference for women, at any age, and any stage of life, affirming who we are in Christ. Saturday, April 9th, St. Paul Inside The Walls, Madison. Guests include Keaton Douglas, Lauren & Nicky Costabile, Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Dr. Susan Timoney, S.T.D., Rosario Rodriguez. To register or for more info, <http://insidethewalls.org/womensconference>.