

**DECEMBER 19, 2016**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Monday, December 19, 7:30 am**

Mildred Ventura

**Tuesday, December 20, 7:30 am**

Marilyn DeSantis

**Thursday, December 22, 7:30 am**

Bardy Carpio

**Friday, December 23, 7:30 am**

Maria Garcia

**Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve**

4:00 pm (Parish Center) Mark DeNigris

4:00 pm (Church) Samuel Cali

6:00 pm (Church) Joan A. Doyle &  
Frederick Bamert

11:00 pm (Church) Faustina & Soranno Families

**Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day**

7:30 am (Church) Aniela Surowiec

9:30 am (Church) William Regan

Frank & Josephine Consiglio

11:30 am (Church) Norman Recchia

**Celebrant Schedule – December 24-25**

December 24 –

4:00 pm (Parish Center) Fr. Dominik/Fr. Lou

4:00 pm (Church) Fr. Mark

6:00 pm (Church) Fr. Mark

11:00 pm (Church) Fr. Mark

December 25

7:30 am Fr. Dominik

9:30 am Fr. Dominik/Fr. Dennis

11:30 am Fr. Mark

*The parish offices will be closed, Friday,  
December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of the  
Christmas holiday.*

**SHARING OF OUR TREASURE**

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 6, 2015 \$ 13,745.00

December 4, 2016 \$ 14,973.00

*All contributions for the year 2016 must be received by  
**Saturday, December 31, 2016**  
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.*

**Prayer Memorials 2017 Mass Book**

The 2017 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.

**MINISTRY NEWS**

**ROSARY SOCIETY**

Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary.

**CARING CRAFTERS**

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

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. Yarn donations are always appreciated.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Next Meeting – Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

**The Knights of Columbus** wish to thank Ferdinand Jimenez and his lovely wife for their time and talents, their amazing patience and their contribution of over \$500.00 in photographic supplies for our Santa breakfast. Without these contributions and a few others we couldn't have such a wonderful event. We also wish to thank Joe's Pizza on Changebridge Rd. for their continuing support and Dr. Kurt's Youth Group for their enthusiastic decorating and pizza eating. Kurt and his kids add to every Parish Event.

**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.

**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.

**School Support Envelope**

At St. Pius X we strongly value a Catholic education and support its mission:

*St. Pius X School is committed to the principle  
that each child is a special human being who  
deserves to be loved and respected as an individual.  
Our teachers and administration encourage students  
to reach their maximum potential—academically,  
socially, morally and spiritually.*

The Finance Committee recommends having a monthly School Support Envelope for any parishioner who would like to help defray the cost of teaching our Catholic faith to young people.



### **Christmas Wish List**

At our recent Staff Meeting, we discussed the possibility of installing cushions on the pews in the Church. This is the only item on our Christmas Wish List. The cost will be approximately \$18,500. If anyone is interested in memorializing or brightening our Christmas, please contact the Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Mark

### **Thank you from Santa to St. Pius X**

Thank you so much for having breakfast in my honor last Saturday. I was overwhelmed by the joy that filled the hall, all the wonderful children who came to see me and the beautiful decorations. I was told that over a hundred Knights and members of Dr. Kurt's Youth Ministry helped decorate on Friday night to make the hall ablaze with color when I arrived on Saturday Morning. I know that only God can make a tree but St. Pius X Teens are a pretty close second, their Christmas Trees and the joy they bring were the highlights of my morning. Mostly I want to thank the St. Pius X Moms, Dads and Grandparents who brought their children to share with us the blessings and birth of Baby Jesus.

Thanks again and see you soon.

Yours Truly, Santa



### **Christmas Eve Masses – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Christmas Day Masses – Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **The Solemnity of Mary–Sunday, January 1, 2017**

- Regular Mass Schedule
- 7:30, 9:00 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

### **Christmas Shop Rite Gift Cards**

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 Gift Cards in the Narthex after all Masses through December. The Gift Cards will be donated to Montville Food Bank, Straight & Narrow and Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

### **Attention All Angels**

We are looking for 12 Angels to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm in the Parish Center. Angels should be at least 5 years old, male or female. We are also asking for a few Adult Angels to help organize and assemble costumes. Please call the Ministry House to volunteer. Thank you!



### **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. We will have three rehearsals and ask that each student attend at least two.

Rehearsals in Parish Center:

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:45-6:30 pm

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:45-6:30 pm

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm Rehearsal  
for 4:00 pm Mass

Please visit [www.st-pius-x.org/music-ministry](http://www.st-pius-x.org/music-ministry) to sign up or contact Paul Carroll at the Ministry House.

## Pray for the Sick

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.

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, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Gary Nagurka, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, David Douglas, Walter Sedlacik, Joseph Egan, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Agnes Koczko and Richard Dickau.

### **2017 Calendars**

Donated by:

Parsippany Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;

Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;

Dangler Lewis & Carey, Boonton;

Available in the vestibule of the Church

# Fourth Sunday of Advent



**Saint Pius X School**

Dear Parents, Parishioners, and Friends,

At the Christmas Vigil Mass, we hear the following verse from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 1: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Here at St. Pius X School, God has been very present in the lives of our students. From the weekly Advent prayers services, the Mass for the Immaculate Conception, to regularly scheduled Theology classes, and Fr. Mark, Fr. Dominik, and Deacon Michal providing additional faith formation to our middle school students, the presence of God abounds at every turn.

December is a special time of the year in a Catholic school, particularly at St. Pius X. From the Instrumental Recital on 12/6, Secret Santa on 12/9, to Breakfast with Santa on 12/10, the Parish Christmas Concert on 12/11, and the School Christmas Concert on 12/15, a certain excitement has filled our school as we anticipate the Birth of Christ. On 12/8, after the school Mass for the Immaculate Conception, our kindergarteners and second grades hosted their grandparents for a cookie exchange and a performance based on the book The Polar Express.

In the Gospel passage from John, Chapter 1 that we traditionally hear from the Mass on Christmas Day, we hear the following verse: "From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." This time of the year gives me an opportunity to consider all of the graces and blessings I am grateful for in my life. As I celebrate my first Christmas as Principal of St. Pius X School, I am thankful for many things, including a great faculty, wonderful students, active and supportive parents, and a parish community that has invested greatly in the school. There are no words that will adequately express how appreciative I am for the generosity that is shown towards the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings for a Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Thomas J. Welsh, Principal

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Cookie Sale**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class is offering a 1 lb. box of shrink wrapped, assorted cookies for purchase. Cookies are prepared by Baker's Perfection in Rockaway, NJ. \$10 per 1 lb. box of assorted cookies. Cookies will be ready for pickup on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, in the Cafeteria from 6-8 pm. Please see Bulletin Insert for details. Thank you for your support and generosity!



**Calendar Raffle 2016**  
**St. Pius X Home & School Association**

**Congratulations** to last week's Calendar Raffle Winners. Raffle Winnings were mailed to the address provided on your raffle stub.

Saturday, December 3	Peter Petronzio	\$25
Sunday December 4	Sean Rizzo	\$50
Monday December 5	Maryann Kudlacik:	\$25
Tuesday, December 6	Valerie Caruso:	\$25
Wednesday, December 7	Jen Cimilluca:	\$25
Thursday, December 8	Julia Grimes:	\$25
Friday, December 9	Lia Caravella	

We are picking winning tickets through December 31<sup>st</sup>, so there is still plenty of time to win! Tickets are still available by contacting Jen Davis at [jendavis13@yahoo.com](mailto:jendavis13@yahoo.com).

**Youth Ministry**

**January**

- 8 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 10 – Homeless Solutions
- 13 – Eric Johnson House
- 22 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 29 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat/Class

**February**

- 5 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 10 – Eric Johnson House
- 12 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat/Class
- 14 – Homeless Solutions
- 26 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

*Please contact Kurt Kilanowski at [youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org](mailto:youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org) for more information.*

**Saint Pius X Annual Giving Tree**

*Help Make A Child's Christmas Wish Come True*

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex is decorated with ornaments that each hold a child's Christmas wish. Some ornaments are for children who are victims of broken homes and the DCPD (Division of Child Protection and Permanency) is involved. Other ornaments are for children from Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. Please select an ornament from the tree. Your gift may be this child's only joy this Christmas season! Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Church or the Ministry House as soon as possible but no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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. If you do not want to shop, any gift cards in any denomination are greatly appreciated and our "angels" will do the shopping for you! 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!*

**Religious Formation**

**Schedule of Classes for December 18, 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 10 – Check Schedule For Times