

**DECEMBER 25, 2016**  
**CHRISTMAS**



**Monday, December 26, 7:30 am**

Manuel Berti

**Tuesday, December 27, 7:30 am**

Elaine D'Arnese

**Thursday, December 29, 7:30 am**

Louise Giammarino

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

Paul E. Tortorella

**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

5:00 pm John & Josephine Pennacchio

**Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day**

**Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother Of God**

7:30 am John Duddy

9:00 am Remo Scremin

10:30 am Joseph Gilchrist

12:00 pm Rose & William Lafortezza

**Celebrant Schedule** – December 31-January 1

5:00 pm Fr. Dominik

7:30 am Fr. Dominik

9:00 am Fr. Dominik

10:30 am Fr. Mark

12:00 pm Fr. Mark

*The parish offices will be closed, Friday,  
December 30<sup>th</sup> & Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance  
of the New Year holiday.*

**SHARING OF OUR TREASURE**

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 20, 2015           \$ 16,743.00

December 18, 2016         \$ 17,245.00

*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, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

**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.

*For unto you  
is born this day  
in the city of David  
a Saviour, which is  
Christ the Lord.*

Luke 2:11



### **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*

### **Keep Christmas In Your Heart**

It isn't pine and holly that makes it  
Christmas Day.  
It isn't all the tinsel or the gifts we give  
away.  
It isn't lighted Christmas trees that make  
the season bright.  
What really makes it Christmas, is the  
Hope Christ came to bring.  
The peace on earth, good will to all  
of which the angels sing . . .  
So may you know the love and peace of  
feeling Jesus near,  
Keeping Christmas in your heart each day  
through the year.

*I pray that . . . you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe . . .*

*Ephesians 1:18-19*

*Merry Christmas,  
Fr. Mark*



### **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



# The Joy of Christmas

*Celebrate the Season*



### **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 10	Linda Kawiecki	\$25
Sunday December 11	Gene Ryan	\$50
Monday December 12	Nick Bevacqua	\$25
Tuesday, December 13	Thomas Piascik	\$25
Wednesday, December 14	Hunter Hayek	\$25
Thursday, December 15	Karen Barlak	\$25
Friday, December 16	Jason Lobb	\$25
Saturday, December 17	Lori Rowe	\$25
Sunday, December 18	Gladys Miller	\$50
Monday, December 19	Virginia Aquino	\$25
Tuesday, December 20	Miguel Torres	\$25
Wednesday, December 21	Jennifer DiCarlo	\$25
Thursday, December 22	Betsy Fritz	\$25
Friday, December 23	Stacey DelGizzi	\$25

We are picking winning tickets through December 31<sup>st</sup>, so there is still plenty of time to win!

#### **Religious Formation**

##### **Schedule of Classes for January 8, 2017**

##### **Praise Middle School** –

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

##### **Praise Elementary School** –

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

##### **Confirmation**

Grade 9 – Check Schedule For Times

##### **Schedule of Classes for January 15, 2017**

No Religious Formation Classes Scheduled For This Weekend.

##### **Schedule of Classes for January 22, 2017**

##### **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

##### **All Second Grade Parents & Teachers**

**First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.** Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

##### **First Eucharist Parent Meetings**

**Praise, Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:00 am, Knights of Columbus Room**

**Glory, Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10-11:00 am, Cafeteria**

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



#### **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 for more information.*

#### **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*

#### **Heartfelt Thanks to:**

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

#### **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 Kondak, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsky, 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, Maryann Halleran, Agnes Koczko and Richard Dickau.*

#### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held from Friday evening, January 27 through Sunday afternoon, January 29, 2017 in the Stirling area. To register or for more information, contact Marie at 973-377-1004, ext. 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.