

March 13, 2011
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

<i>Monday, March 14</i>	
7:30 am	Lois McCutcheon
<i>Tuesday, March 15</i>	
7:30 am	Josephine Richardson
<i>Thursday, March 17</i>	
7:30 am	Robert Shirkey
<i>Friday, March 18</i>	
7:30 am	Johanna O'Dowd Reardon
<i>Saturday, March 19</i>	
5:00 pm	Joseph Germanotta
<i>Sunday, March 20</i>	
7:30 am	Col. John McHugh
9:00 am	Mary Byrne
10:30 am	Gentile, Orlando, Salva Families
12:00 pm	Peter Dimaira

Prayer Intentions and Memorials 2011 Mass Book

Has daily intentions and memorials. For your special remembrance, please call the Parish Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

Celebrant Schedule: March 19th & 20th

Rev. Garbarino: Sat. 5 pm, Sun. 9 & 10:30 am, Sun. 12 pm
Msgr. Murray: Sun. 7:30 am
Fr. Joe preaching at all Masses

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

March 7, 2010	\$17,174.00
March 6, 2011	\$18,294.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection is for Project Faith

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and people and go to a new land.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul, from his place of imprisonment in Rome, writes words of encouragement to Timothy, telling him that Christ is for them everlasting life.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Wishing to reveal His glory to Peter, James and John, Jesus takes them to a mountain where he is transfigured before them. When Peter exclaims that he will build three tabernacles here in honor of Jesus, Moses and Elijah, a voice from above proclaims: "This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him."

BAPTISM

We welcome new members born of water and the Holy Spirit:

Gabriella Hannah daughter of Victor & Diana
Francesca Rose daughter of Eric & Mary Frances
Lilly Anna daughter of Bryan & Colleen

MINISTRY NEWS

ALTAR SERVER AND READER SCHEDULING

Please send your scheduling requests for the months of **April and May** to Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House **by Wednesday, March 16th**.

YOUTH MINISTRY

March

- 2 – Homeless Solutions
- 4 & 5 – Antioch Weekend, All 9th & 10th Graders Invited
- 8 – Homeless Solutions
- 11 – Eric Johnson House 3-4:30 pm
- 20 – Life Meeting 8:30-10:30 am

April

- 1, 2 & 3 – SEARCH, All 11th & 12th Graders Invited
- 6 – Homeless Solutions
- 12 – Homeless Solutions
- 16 – Diocesan Youth Day
- 16 – Footprints, All 12th Graders Invited

***We are now 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 or visit our website at: www.stpiusxym.com.

CARING CRAFTERS

Next meeting of the knitters and crocheters held **Tuesday, March 22nd (new day)** at 9:00 am in the Ministry House. We have yarn, patterns and ideas. Beginners welcome! For details or if you would like to donate yarn, please call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, March 21st at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: www.stpiuskofc.org.
Communion Breakfast – Today after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am Masses in the Parish Center. Freewill donations will be accepted.

Fish 'n Chips Dinner – Saturday, April 2, 6-8 pm, Parish Center. Catered by Argyle. Adults, \$15, Children \$10. Chicken Tenders optional. Take out available 5-5:30 pm. For more info or tickets please call 973-263-0172 or 973-299-1844.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting **Wednesday, May 4th** at 1:00 pm in the Ministry House. For information on how to join our Rosary Society, please call Stephanie Travers.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Elaine Dudek, L.S.W. – Staff Therapist/Youth Specialist-Bereavement Group. For special requests, please call 201-787-8623, or via email at: scriptanalyst53@aol.com.

PRAYER GROUP

In Scripture, Jesus said that when two or more are gathered in His name, He is with us. We invite you to come and join us in intercessory praise and prayer. **During Lent we will meet on Monday, March 21st and April 11th**. After Easter we will resume our normal schedule on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Cry Room in Church. We pray for all including those intentions in the bulletin and the Prayer Book in the Deacon David Library. For more information please call Ann at 973-575-9570.

BIBLE STUDY

We are studying Paul's two letters to the Corinthians, some of his most famous work...and responses to some of the most challenging questions and most difficult communities in which he planted the seeds of Christ. Please join us for fellowship, learning and refreshments. No experience or knowledge necessary. Ministry House, Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30 pm.

PASTOR SECTION – First Sunday of Lent

Parish Lenten Retreat Preparation

Where Charity and Love are, God is There

Ubi Caritas et Amore, Deus ibi est.

Artwork and Prayer Card

Artwork

A copy of Rembrandt's *Portrait of Christ's Head* is displayed to the left of the Nave over our music space and serves as a meditative focal point for prayer. Renamed "*Jesus Listens*" the artwork is also featured on our Lenten Prayer Card.

Prayer Card

You have received a Prayer Card picturing Rembrandt's *Portrait of Christ's Head* which we renamed "*Jesus Listens*." Keep this Prayer Card in a place where you will see it often. Use the card as a prayer reminder. May the compassionate listening face of Christ remind us that Jesus is always waiting to listen. Our response to God's presence with us is prayer. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, however we might feel, "*God is There Deus ibi est.*"

Musical Component Chant & Meditation

Music can move us in ways beyond words. One musical element of our Lenten Retreat will be a line of Gregorian Chant. Our text in English is:

Where Charity and Love are, God is There.

These words are among the earliest hymn text known to Christianity. The chant was written in Latin, our Church's ancient ritual language. We will sing the chant in Latin during our Eucharist celebration with the original melody. The words in Latin are:

Ubi Caritas et Amor, Deus ibi est.

Meditation can be focusing on a meaningful word or reflecting on our experience to become aware of God's presence. Some thoughts for meditating on our musical chant will follow. *Caritas* translates into charity which involves generous actions, something given or done for a person in need. *Amor* translates as love which involves affective or the feeling dimension of relationship. When we act in charity or with love we encounter God in the most profound way. When we love "*God is There.*" "*God is There*" in our loving thoughts, feelings and deeds. "*God is There*" or "*Deus ibi est*" is the theme of our retreat.

Discovering the love of God in ourselves and in each other is at the heart of our spiritual journey. Our retreat will help us to become more aware of the God who is always there with us especially when we love.

Week I Awareness-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Temptation of Jesus in the desert

Theme: Awareness of the Spirit Within.

The temptation of Christ in the desert is an example of our Lord's awareness of his own inner dynamic, feelings, thoughts, motivations, motions and dialogue. Jesus' discerning of His Father's will is similar to our struggles. Ignatius teaches us to grow in reflection on our inner life which helps explain us to ourselves. His spiritual exercises offer insight about the workings of the spirit especially in relation to consolation and desolation. Jules Toner S.J. states that Ignatius' spiritual exercise "teach maturing Christians how to deal with spiritual experience once they recognize it."

Weekly Workshop 10-11:30 AM or 7:30-9 PM

Our first workshop on **Thursday, March 17th** will teach us to explore and reflect on our inner life in a fuller way. We will learn how to discern our thoughts and feelings and how God's spirit moves us through the experience of consolation and desolation. Ignatian discernment is a process of making choices, not only for good but for the greatest good in service, giving God Glory. Other workshops will be on Wednesdays during Lent.

Prayer Journal

Keep a journal of your Lenten retreat experience by recording thoughts, feelings, prayer and reflection with God each day. The questions below would be a good start as well as The Examen.

Reflection Questions

1. One event which reminds me of God's presence today is . . .
2. When I think of God I . . .
3. In this moment, I remember a time when I was open to God's presence like a sponge . . .
4. I remember a time when I cast off God's Comfort (like water off a rock). How did I change my response?
5. In this moment, I am experiencing God in . . .

See Bulletin Insert on St. Ignatius of Loyola

Spiritual Steps During The Process Of The Retreat (A.I.R.):

The spiritual dynamic of the retreat is A.I.R. Awareness, Interpretation and Response. Self awareness leads to interpretation, discernment and a fuller knowledge of our God who calls forth from us a response of love and service.

1. Awareness of inner motions, feelings, thoughts and discerning God's presence within: St. Ignatius of Loyola, *The Spiritual Exercises.* (continued)

2. Reflecting our inner life and noting the spiritual journey in some tangible way: Rev. Gerard Manley Hopkins, selected poems.
3. Journeying as companion with self, God and others: St. Teresa of Avila, *The Interior Castle*.
4. Loving in relationship with God and others: St. Thérèse of Lisieux, *The Story Of A Soul*.
5. Serving God through word and deed in active ministry and social action for God's glory: Dorothy Day, *The Long Loneliness*.

Lenten Regulations

The entire season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, March 9th, to before Holy Thursday, April 21st, 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.

Lenten Opportunities

Sacrament of Reconciliation

"Welcome Home" Monday Evenings During Lent

7:00 – 8:00 pm – Church

Every Saturday 3:30 – 4:45 pm

Saturday, April 16th 9:30 – 10:30 am

3:30 – 4:45 pm

Stations of the Cross

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| † Friday, March 18 th – Peter O'Brien | 3:00 PM |
| † Friday, March 25 th – Fr. Joe | 3:00 PM |
| † Friday, April 1 st – Deacon Pat | 7:00 PM |
| † Friday, April 8 th – Georgann Novak & Students | 7:00 PM |
| † Friday, April 15 th – Sr. Dorothy & School Students | 3:00 PM |
| † Friday, April 22 nd – Deacon Jack | 7:00 PM |

Save The Date! Simple Lenten Supper
Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30 PM in the Church
More Information To Follow

Music Ministry Opportunities

St. Pius X School

The next School Choir Mass is on Sunday, March 20th at 9 am.

Adult Choir

Adult choir membership is open to anyone in Grade 9 or higher. Rehearsals are held most Thursdays 7 pm in the

Church. Please contact Stephen Powers at the Ministry House if you are interested in joining.

Pastoral Minister/Music – Stephen Powers – Extension 114

Saint Pius X School

Narthex Art—"Jesus Listens"

Our eighth grade has painted a portrait of Christ inspired by the portrait named *Portrait of Christ's Head* by Rembrandt. The portrait named "Jesus Listens" by our faith community hangs in our Narthex amidst our Lenten prayer focus, desert scene. Our students are challenged to be all that God desires of them, including their efforts in our Art Department. When we live as Christian stewards, we give our all for Christ—and

"God is There Deus ibi est."

Lent...a turning point

Looking ahead there is a turn in the road. I've craned my neck to see around the corner, but it is useless – the curve is too sharp. Yet I have a sense of the point of turning. My mind's eye beholds a field of dreams. Not fantasies or movie visions, but possibilities to be found, picked like flowers and taken home. It's a very different place from where I've been. I need to travel light, because it's not so much what I bring to the journey this time, as what the journey will bring to me.

Let us begin our Lenten journey together as a Parish.

St. Pius X School Home & School Association

invites you to attend

Casino Night 2011

The Villa at Mountain Lakes

March 25th, Friday, 6:30 pm - Midnight

Come enjoy a fun-filled night:

Blackjack, Craps, Roulette and Poker,

Chips will be converted into Raffle Tickets for Fabulous Prizes,

Exciting Live & Silent Auction.

Hors d'oeuvres, Deluxe Buffet Dinner, Open Bar

Tickets: \$100 per person (includes initial set of chips)

No one under the age of 21 permitted.

Tickets are available by contacting: Maureen Stinson at 973-713-7955 or e mail maurkap@aol.com

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for March 20, 2011

Glory Middle School –

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

Glory Elementary School –

Grades Pre-K and K – Class 9:00 – 9:50 am

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

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

Confirmation-Grade 10

12:00 Mass, Class 1-2 pm

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.

Alvira Conurso, John Farkas, Carol Geers, Fred Dunlea, Maryann Vanderyst, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Linda Dudek, Russ & Esther Moran, Marie Starr, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondak, Mary Gibney, Corey Forlenza, Debbie Imhoff, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Louise (Jenny) Giammarin, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Jean Ambrosavage, John & Marilyn DeSantis, Ann Dimaira, Susan Lundy-Maute, Tom Carroll, Paul Tortorella, Victor Marmo, Mary Sessa, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Addolorata Ditaranto, Kathleen Hartnett, Barbara Capsouras, Eileen and Michael Boos.

Please remember to notify the office when your family member has recovered in order to remove their name.