

March 20, 2011
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

<i>Monday, March 21</i>	
7:30 am	Lois McCutcheon
<i>Tuesday, March 22</i>	
7:30 am	Marie Pezzino
<i>Thursday, March 24</i>	
7:30 am	Frances Pagnelli
<i>Friday, March 25</i>	
7:30 am	Louis & Cecelia Milano
<i>Saturday, March 26</i>	
5:00 pm	Anna Panarello
<i>Sunday, March 27</i>	
7:30 am	Rose Marie Malanga
9:00 am	Robert Nese
10:30 am	Sr. Alice Sullivan, S.C.
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 26th & 27th

Rev. Garbarino: Sat. 5 pm; Sun. 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am

Mmgr. Murray: Sun. 12:00 pm

Fr. Joe preaching at all Masses

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

March 14, 2010 (Severe Weather)	\$13,533.50
March 13, 2011	18,460.00
Ash Wednesday 2010	\$4,369.00
Ash Wednesday 2011	4,559.00

This Weekend's Second Collection is for Project Faith

On our own we cannot live the life God intends for us. Like Abraham, our lives can produce great fruit only if we follow God in faith. This week, pray for the grace to follow God with stronger faith. Pray also for the gift to see the poor in our midst so that we may assist them, for the fruit of faith is love. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl supports programs that help the most vulnerable in communities in Indonesia and around the world.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This story from Exodus reveals that the Israelites, after their escape from Egypt, cast all blame for their sufferings on Moses. In this instance, they were dying of thirst. When Moses appealed to the Lord, the Lord directed Moses to strike a rock and water would gush forth.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul reminds the Romans that because Christ died for all people, they are acceptable in God's sight.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus converses with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well. When Jesus indicates that whoever drinks from the water, He who gives will never be thirsty again, the woman immediately answers, "Give me this water, sir..." Jesus then reveals that she has had five husbands and tells her that He is the Messiah. The woman believes Jesus and proclaims this news to all the townspeople, who believe her and come to see Jesus.

MINISTRY NEWS

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 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.

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. Tickets on sale this weekend and next weekend in Narthex. For more info, 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 of knowledge necessary. Ministry House, Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30 pm.

BAPTISM

Sundays at 1:30 pm, first time Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. For further information, please call the Ministry House.

PASTOR SECTION – Second 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 II

Reflecting Rev. Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.

Gospel: The Transfiguration Matthew 17:1-9

Theme: Recording reflected inner thoughts and feelings.

The Gospel of the Transfiguration records Peter's desire to build a tent on the mountain therefore enabling Jesus, Moses, Elijah, James, John, and himself to savor the experience. Reflecting and capturing inner thoughts and feelings is the craft of the poet. The poet Hopkins reveals experiences of consolation and desolation and illuminates God's presence both in individuals and in nature. Poetry explores and interprets, framing experience. The homily outlines the interesting story of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez who spent his life as a door porter at a Jesuit college on the Island of Majorca. The Church bestowed sainthood to Rodriguez who did his ordinary job with love and an awareness of God's presence through faithful service. The poem *In honour of St. Alphonsus Rodriguez* is discussed in the bulletin insert. The poem suggests that Alphonsus's inner life was as valuable to God's Glory as any other type of worldly glory. The Gospel tie-in is Peter's request to savor and reflect on his experience of the Transfiguration. You are encouraged to record your daily inner experience of God in order to grow through reflection.

Weekly Workshop 10:30 am-12 pm or 7:30-9 pm

The workshop on **Wednesday, March 23rd** will teach us to explore and reflect on our inner life in a fuller way. The workshop will study two of Hopkins' poems.

Reflection Questions

1. One event which reminds me of God's presence today is . . .
2. When I think of God I . . .
3. How did God comfort me today?
4. What am I thankful for this day?
5. What natural beauty did I see?
6. In this moment I am experiencing God . . .

Prayer Journal

Keep a journal of your Lenten retreat experience by recording thoughts, feelings, prayer and reflection with God each day.

See Bulletin Insert on Rev. Gerard Manley Hopkins

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*. (Spain) *(continued)*

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

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

Stations of the Cross

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| † 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

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 Conduro, John Farkas, Carol Geers, Fred Dunlea, Maryann Vanderyst, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Linda Dudek, Russ & Esther Moran, Marie Starr, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Mary Gibney, Corey Forlenza, Debbie Imhoff, Frank J. Somsky, 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.

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."

If you are looking for something to give up for Lent, here are some great suggestions:

What to Give Up for Lent

- Give up complaining – focus on gratitude**
- Give up pessimism – become an optimist**
- Give up harsh judgments – think kind thoughts**
- Give up worry – trust Divine Providence**
- Give up discouragement – be full of hope**
- Give up bitterness – turn to forgiveness**
- Give up negativism – be positive**
- Give up gloom – enjoy the beauty that is all around you**
- Give up giving up – hang in there!**

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,
Dessert & Coffee

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

Music Ministry Opportunities

St. Pius X School

The next School Choir Mass is on Saturday, April 16th at 5 pm.

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

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for March 27, 2011

Praise Middle School –

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

Praise 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 9

12:00 Mass, Class 1-2 pm