

March 27, 2011
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

<i>Monday, March 28</i>	
7:30 am	Amilia Garbarino
<i>Tuesday, March 29</i>	
7:30 am	Joseph & Joanne Germanotta
<i>Thursday, March 31</i>	
7:30 am	Joseph & Anna Allegra
<i>Friday, April 1</i>	
7:30 am	Robert Aquino
<i>Saturday, April 2</i>	
5:00 pm	Faustina Family
<i>Sunday, April 3</i>	
7:30 am	Jessie Colanduoni
9:00 am	Charles Petro
10:30 am	Renee Gorey
12:00 pm	Timothy J. Sullivan

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: April 2nd & 3rd

Rev. Garbarino: Sat. 5:00 pm; Sun. 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm
Msgr. Murray: Sun. 7:30 am
Fr. Joe preaching at all Masses

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

March 21, 2010	\$16,944.50
March 20, 2011	18,347.00
Project Faith	\$3,779.00
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When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water. He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

In seeking a King for the Israelites, Samuel traveled to Jesse of Bethlehem, who had seven sons. Commanded by God to ignore the elder sons, Samuel anointed the youngest, David.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Paul exhorts the Ephesians to live as "children of light" in goodness and truth and to avoid evil deeds "done in darkness."

Gospel: John 9:1-41

Jesus performs the miracle of giving sight to the man born blind. Because Jesus performed this miracle on the Sabbath, the Pharisees called him a "sinner," but the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Jesus later reveals to the blind man that He is the Son of Man.

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, April 5th (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, April 4th 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, April 27th** 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.

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.

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 III

St. Teresa of Avila—Journeying

Gospel: John 4:5-42

Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman at the well.

Theme: God initiates relationship with us.

The Gospel relates that Jesus initiated his conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus and the woman speak about the "living waters." Teresa of Avila uses the image of water as a metaphor in her writing. Teresa stresses in her work that God always takes the initiative in the spiritual life, we respond. Teresa uses the image of water flowing from a humanly made aqueduct and water bubbling freely from a spring. The image illustrates that God comes to us through our own efforts such as various forms of prayer and at other times spontaneously as in a freely bubbling stream. The homily will explore the ways that we initiate contact with God as well as the ways that God spontaneously touches us.

Wednesday Workshop 10:30am-12:00 pm or 7:30-9 pm

Our workshop on **Wednesday, March 30th** will explore Teresa's basic idea of the inner journey as expressed through *The Interior Castles* along with some of her metaphors.

Prayer Journal

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

Reflection Questions

1. One event which reminds me of God's presence today is . . .
2. When I think of God I . . .
3. What structured prayer forms do I use that act like an aqueduct conveying God's presence to me?
4. When have you become aware of God's presence spontaneously? In nature? In relationship? Within yourself?
5. How are you a companion in prayer with yourself, God and others?

See Bulletin Insert on St. Teresa of Avila

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)
2. Reflecting our inner life and noting the spiritual journey in some tangible way: Rev. Gerard Manley Hopkins, selected poems. (England) *(continued)*

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 Opportunities

Stations of the Cross

- † Friday, April 1st – Deacon Pat 7:00 PM
- † Friday, April 8th – Georgann Novak & Students 7:00 PM
- † Friday, April 15th – Sr. Dorothy & School Students 3:00 PM
- † Friday, April 22nd – Deacon Jack 7:00 PM

Simple Lenten Lunch or Supper Exposition, Sung Prayer and Benediction Reflection Topic: Dorothy Day

Wednesday, April 13th
Lunch - 11-12:30 Church or
Supper - 6:30 pm Church

Pre-registration is required
Freewill Meal Donation will be collected
(Lunch and Supper will be prepared by the Knights of Columbus)

Please respond no later than Monday, April 11th by 10 am
by calling the Ministry House at 973-335-2894,
via email at office@st-pius-x.org, or sign-up in the Narthex.

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.

Music Ministry Opportunities

St. Pius X School

The next School Choir Mass is on Saturday, April 16th at 5 pm as well as Easter Sunday 9:30 am Mass.

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.

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."

Today, Just Today

Sr. Anita Constance, SC

Lord God, give me the grace of today, the grace of the present moment, the grace to be present to the moment. Free me from my wanderings and wonderings. Empty my cluttered mind, releasing the confusion of my private tower of Babel. Loosen my grip on life so that life may grasp me and take me where it will. Open my heart when I bar its door preventing others from entering in. Let me walk in the footsteps of ordinary time to enjoy the dance of each day.

Let there always be:

- a light in my eyes to mirror your presence in my soul.
- a smile on my lips to welcome strangers and laugh at the clowning in this greatest show called earth.
- a spirit of forgiveness to heal the brokenness I share with others.
- the grace of celebration to remind me that you are God.
- and a sense of peace, your peace, to carry me through the rhythm of TODAY. Amen.

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Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for April 3, 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 Conductor, John Farkas, Carol Geers, Fred Dunlea, Maryann Vanderyst, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Linda Dudek, Marie Starr, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, 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.