

January 1, 2012

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD



- Monday, January 2, 7:30 am Joyce Hanson
Tuesday, January 3, 7:30 am Frances Kossov
Thursday, January 5, 7:30 am Keenen O'Brien
Friday, January 6, 7:30 am Mary Ferrara

- Saturday, January 7 5:00 pm John Masi
Sunday, January 8 7:30 am Sime Miletic
9:00 am George Paglia
10:30 am Edward Doyle
12:00 pm Richard Braden

Celebrant Schedule: January 7-8

- 5:00 pm Fr. Mark
7:30 am Msgr. Murray
9:00 am Msgr. Murray
10:30 am Fr. Mark
12:00 pm Fr. Mark

The parish offices will be closed, Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year's holiday.

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Christmas December 25, 2011 (to date) \$ 102,981.00; Project Faith 2010 \$ 4,757.00; Project Faith 2011 \$ 6,200.00

The first reading today recalls God's special blessing upon the Israelites. The Lord has been gracious to us as well, pouring into our hearts that spirit which knows Him as Father and makes us His children. May we, like Mary, treasure these things in our hearts and live gratefully!

Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah describes how light and glory appear over God's people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul explains that both Jews and Gentiles are now members of one body for Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus' birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting on Wednesday, January 4th, 1 pm at the Ministry House. For more information, please call Stephanie Travers at 973-227-4197.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:00 am at the Ministry House. We have yarn, patterns and ideas. Beginners welcome! For details, please call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting - Monday, January 2nd at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: http://StPiusxKofC.org/.

Sunday, January 8th - Communion Breakfast after 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses in the Parish Center.

Save The Date - Sunday, January 22nd. The Knights of Columbus are hosting a party for the AFC and NFC Championship games. Attendance will be limited to 60. Cost is \$40 which will cover all food, beverages and a chance to take home a new 50" Plasma TV. For tickets, contact John Regan at 973-768-3066.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

Join us for the book of Daniel. Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego, Nebuchadnezzar... Christians and the Lion's Den...all with God using Daniel to send the message to his people that here is hope...and the Messiah will be coming...more than 600 years later. Come join us for this fascinating book and story. No prior experience necessary. At the Ministry House, Tuesdays at 7:30 pm, followed by refreshments.



“New Year’s Resolutions”

It’s about that time when many of you will be making your annual “New Year’s Resolutions.” Perhaps you would like to try the following “recipe” for a happy new year, prepared by an unknown author.

Take twelve full-grown months, free from old memories of bitterness, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off the little specks of pettiness. See that these months are freed from the past – as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts; the whole batch equals one year.

If you try to make up the whole batch at once, you may spoil the whole lot. Prepare one day at a time according to this pattern: into each day put 12 parts of faith, 11 parts of hope, 10 parts of prayer, 9 parts of kindness, 8 parts of patience, 7 parts of work, 6 parts of fidelity, 5 parts of courage, 4 parts of generosity, 3 parts of quiet meditation, 2 parts of good humor and a dash or two or three of fun and play. Pour love into the whole batch and mix with enthusiasm. Garnish with smiles, laughter and a sprig of cheer.

Follow these directions and a happy new year in your family is guaranteed!

*Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark*



MINISTRY NEWS

Antioch will be held on March 2nd & 3rd for all 9th & 10th graders. Please sign up now!

January

8 – Antioch Leadership Meeting 8:30-10:30 am

13 – Eric John House, 3-5 pm

15 – Antioch Meeting 8:30-10:30 am

22 – Antioch Team Meeting 8:30-10:30 am

29 – Antioch Team Meeting 8:30-10:30 am

***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.

EVANGELIZATION

Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski to obtain more information on how to become a Greeter for our new Hospitality Ministry, youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Pius X Spirit of Love Prayer Group meets semi-monthly on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7 pm in the Quiet Room. Please enter through the School lobby. What do we do? We praise God in song and prayer. We thank Him for His many blessings. We seek guidance and comfort in Scripture. We offer prayers for our parish family including those listed in the bulletin and for the petitions written in the book in the Deacon David Library. No need to join, come when you can and experience God’s love and peace. For immediate, urgent prayer, you may call 973-227-9234 or 973-575-9570.

R.C.I.A.

Four letters that stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process where non-Catholics explore our faith and are invited to become members of our Church. It is also open to Baptized Catholics who were never educated in the faith. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in joining us, please contact the Ministry House. We would be excited to journey with you as we explore the faith together.

Heartfelt Thanks to:

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

2012 Calendars

*Donated by:
Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park,
Parsippany Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha &
Lewis & Carey, Boonton*

Saint Pius X School

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
but by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
but by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
but by showing you when people need you most
And by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you
for the year ahead.

Anonymous

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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 Concurso, John Farkas, Carol Geers, Fred Dunlea, Maryann Vanderyst, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Debbie Imhoff, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, John & Marilyn DeSantis, Ann Dimaira, Susan Lundy-Maute, Paul Tortorella, Victor Marmo, John & Mary Sessa, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Eileen and Michael Boos, Barbara Capsouras, Elizabeth Krone, Frank & Kay Ferrugia, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Lucille Conkright, Janet Babbitt and Rocco Trifari.

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

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for

January 8, 2012

Praise Middle School

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

Praise Elementary School

Kindergarten – 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

Confirmation-Grade 9

Grade 9 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1:00-2:00 pm

Music Ministry News

Thank you to all of the Adult Choir members, School Choir members, Handbell Choir members, Cantors, School Cantors and instrumentalists for helping to make this Christmas season so musically beautiful.

Also thank you to everyone who either came to or played a part in our parish Christmas Concert. It was a tremendous success. Thank you again and Merry Christmas!

New Gather Hymns

Thank you to all those who have given memorial donations and gifts of thanksgiving for our new Gather Hymns. We have concluded our drive successfully. The last 50 Hymns were purchased as a gift of the S. J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service of Lake Hiawatha in memory of all the deceased members of St. Pius X Parish.

Pastoral Minister/Music – Stephen Powers – Extension
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OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday, January 23, 2012

March For Life

St. Peter the Apostle will be sponsoring a bus to March For Life in Washington, DC on Monday, January 23, 2012. If interested please contact Linda Pasquale for details at 973-316-8726.

“Catholics Come Home”

Have you seen any of the 2-minute “Catholics Come Home” commercials which began airing on TV/cable networks? They are part of a nationwide advertising campaign to invite Catholics home to the Church. If anyone is here today in response to the “Catholics Come Home” initiative, we want you to know that Bishop Arthur Serratelli is providing an added opportunity for you. The Evangelization Team of St. Paul’s Inside the Walls Evangelization Center is hosting “Come Home” gatherings at various locations throughout the diocese. These meetings will offer a reverential setting for listening, healing and fielding questions. They are scheduled as follows:

Monday, January 23rd - St. Paul’s Inside the Walls,
205 Madison Ave., Madison – 7:30-9:00 PM

Wednesday, January 25th - St. John Vianney Parish,
2823 Route 23, Stockholm – 7:30-9:00 PM

Saturday, January 28th - St. Philip the Apostle Parish,
797 Valley Rd., Clifton – 1:00-2:30 PM

Monday, January 30th - St. Mary’s Parish,
181 Market St., Passaic – 7:30-9:00 PM

For additional information, please call Pat Terranella at 973-437-9741 or go to www.insidethewalls.org.

Seton Hall Prep

Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, grades 9-12, is offering its 4th and final entrance exam on Saturday January 7th. Scholarships and financial aid are still available. Families can tour the school while students test. Please

contact Mr. Matt Cannizzo, Admission Office, at 973-325-6632 or mcannizzo@shp.org.