

December 25, 2011
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Monday, December 26, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Tuesday, December 27, 7:30 am

Elaine D'Arnese

Thursday, December 29, 7:30 am

Louise Giammarino

Friday, December 30, 7:30 am

Violet J. Passmore

Saturday, December 31

5:00 pm C. Robert Holt

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary Mother Of God

7:30 am Mattie DelGuercio

9:30 am Danielle Orna

11:30 am Constance R. Caruso-Algera

Celebrant Schedule: December 31-January 1

5:00 pm Fr. Mark

7:30 am Msgr. Murray

9:30 am Msgr. Murray

11:30 Fr. Mark

*The parish offices will be closed, Monday, December 26th
in observance of the Christmas holiday.*

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

December 19, 2010 \$16,564.50

December 18, 2011 \$17,470.00

Next weekend's Second Collection is
For Project Faith

*All contributions for the year 2011 must be received by
Saturday, December 31, 2011
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.*

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners:

Thank you for your bountiful Thanksgiving gift to my community of Patuca in Honduras. We are completing a new Church, and we are working hard to achieve this dream. This dream will become a reality because of your kindness and generosity.

Thank you,
Padre Raimundo

The Solemnity of Mary Mother Of God

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth, we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted ones and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

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/>.

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, Meschah, 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.



MINISTRY NEWS

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

*Peace & Blessings,
 Fr. Mark*



Christmas Blessings

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.stpiusym.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:

*Condurso'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*

Saint Pius X School

God Came Near - Max Lucado

She looks into the face of the baby.
Her Son. Her Lord. His Majesty.
At this point in history, the human being
who best understands who God is, and
what He is doing is a teenage girl in a
smelly stable.

She can't take her eyes off of him.
Somehow Mary knows she is holding God.

So this is He.

She remembers the words of the
Angel, "His kingdom will never end."

He looks like anything but a king.
His face is prunish and red. His cry,
though strong and healthy, is still the
helpless and piercing cry of a baby.
And, he is absolutely dependent upon
Mary for his well being.

Majesty in the midst of the mundane.
Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat.
Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable.
Through the womb of a teenager and in the
presence of a carpenter.

She touches the face of the infant God.

*We wish you the blessing of recognizing the Child
Jesus this Christmas.*

Love,

*Sister June, the Faculty and
Children of Saint Pius X School*

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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 Conduro, 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 Conkrigh, Janet Babbitt, Rocco Trifari, and Gayle Smith.

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!

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.

