

February 19, 2012
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 20, 7:30 am

Lawrence Earl

Tuesday, February 21, 7:30 am

Jennie Cullari

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

7:30 am Mass & Ashes People of the Parish

9:30 am Mass & Ashes Carl Dispoto

4:30 pm Liturgy of The Word & Distribution of Ashes

7:30 pm Mass & Ashes Emma Poland

Thursday, February 23, 7:30 am

John Stefanowicz

Friday, February 24, 7:30 am

Mary Signorella

Saturday, February 25

5:00 pm Salvatore Meli &

Gian Concetta Palmeri

Sunday, February 26

7:30 am Keenen O'Brien

9:00 am Angela Maddaloni

10:30 am Salvatore Baio

12:00 pm Michael Faraci

Celebrant Schedule: February 25-26

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

Parish Offices will be closed Monday, February 20th
in observance of President's Day.

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

February 13, 2011 \$17,085.00

February 12, 2012 \$16,543.00

Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl

This Lent, our faith community will be joining millions of Catholics across the country by participating in CRS' Operation Rice Bowl. Your family is invited to pick up a Rice Bowl Packet in the vestibule of the Church and join in this simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl invites us to pray with our families and faith communities, fast in solidarity with those who are hungry, learn about our brothers and sisters around the world, and give sacrificial contributions to help those in need.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

God made a promise to Noah the rainbow is a sign of hope.

Second Reading: I Peter 3:18-22

Peter reminds all people that Christ died for us.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Jesus goes into the desert for prayer and reappears proclaiming the Good News to all of Galilee.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Next Meeting on **Wednesday, March 7th, 1 pm** at the Ministry House. For more information, please call Stephanie Travers at 973-227-4197.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00 am** at 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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Elaine Dudek, L.S.W. – Staff Therapist/Youth Specialist-Bereavement Group. Next meeting on **Wednesday, February 22nd, 6:30-9:00 pm** at Ministry House. For special requests, please call 201-787-8623 or email at scriptanalyst53@aol.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, March 5th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

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.

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.

Please return old Palm to the baskets in the Vestibule of the Church.



The Porch of Lent

Lent is the only liturgical time that begins on a weekday, with a solemn celebration marked by particular practices: fasting and ashes. The threshold of Lent is crossed on Ash Wednesday. But the following days constitute a “porch” leading to the great door that will be opened on Easter Sunday. This is a threshold that we must take time to cross step by step, in prayer, reflection and assessment of our strengths. This is the time to throw aside what could uselessly weigh us down as we walk, and to check whether we are properly equipped for the Lenten exodus.

This is a porch on which the whole Christian community is called to gather because it is important to start together, at a brisk pace, toward the Lord’s Pasch and its celebration.

*Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark*

Lenten Regulations

The entire season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, to before Holy Thursday, April 4th, 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.

Thank You!

Thank You to Youth Ministry, Kurt Kilanowski and Melissa Iellimo, for presenting a wonderful 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat this past weekend. A great experience was had by all. *Thank you!*

YOUTH MINISTRY

February

22 – Ash Wednesday

26 – Antioch Team Meeting 8:30-10:30 am Youth Room

March

2-3 – Antioch

4 – Antioch Team Meeting 8:30-10:30 am Youth Room

9 – Eric Johnson House, 3-5 pm

13 – Homeless Solution

24 – Labyrinth Retreat

April

10 – Homeless Solutions

13 – Eric Johnson House, 3-5 pm

27 – SEARCH Weekend

***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.

Year End Statements

Year End Contribution Statements were mailed out the week of January 23rd. If you did not receive your statement or have any questions, please call Lisa at the Ministry House, 973-335-2894 Ext. 113.

Saint Pius X School

Light The Way

Let nothing dim the light that
shines from within.

Maya Angelou

Catholic Schools light the way. Registration is now open for the 2012-2013 school year. Please call to make an appointment to come in and visit our school. (973-335-1253) We look forward to your visit.

SAVE THE DATE

CASINO NIGHT 2012

“Celebrating the Kentucky Derby”

MARCH 23, 2012 @ 6:30 p.m.

THE VILLA @ MOUNTAIN LAKES

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

For more information, go to: SPXNJ.ORG

Or Call: Maureen Stinson 973-335-1301

School Principal – Sr. June Morrissey, S.C.
School Secretary – Mrs. Debra Parisi
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E mail: school@st-plus-x.org • Website: www.spxnj.org



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 Conduurso, 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 & Michael Boos, Barbara Capsouras, Elizabeth Krone, Frank & Kay Ferrugia, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Lucille Conkright, Janet Babbitt, Rocco Trifari, Daniella Menillo, Bruno Stillo, Jacqueline Panico, Michael Mascari and Jane VanSyckel.

Please remember to notify the office when your family member has recovered.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Green Briar Rest Home

Handyman needed for Green Briar Rest Home. Please contact Pat Mann at 973-303-1682.

Apartment Needed

Looking to rent a two room apartment, very reliable and clean. Please e mail me at ktronicillito@gmail.com.

Pizza Night

Bishop Serratelli will hold the annual Pizza Night for young men interested in exploring a calling to serve the Diocese of Paterson as a priest on March 2nd at 7:30 pm at St.

Peter the Apostle Parish, Parsippany. Please contact the Ministry House for more details.

Music Ministry News School

The next St. Pius X School Class Mass will be at 9:00 am on Sunday, March 4th for grades K, 1 and 2.

Religious Formation

Below is the second music schedule for this year for Grades 1-4. Students will begin their classes in Church, have a short music rehearsal, and then help lead music at Mass on their scheduled day. Students will be learning the same music, so they are more than welcome to participate twice if they would like.

Praise

Rehearsals are after 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Sunday, February 26

Sunday, March 11

Mass - Sunday, March 25 at 9:00 & 10:30 am

Glory

Rehearsals are after 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

Sunday, March 4

Mass - Sunday, March 18 at 9:00 & 10:30 am

Pastoral Minister/Music – Stephen Powers – Extension

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Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for February 26, 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 10 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1:00-2:00 pm

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Weekend of March 3rd & 4th, Please send permission forms to the Ministry House.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Praise, Sunday, March 11th,

Glory, Sunday, March 18th

11:30-12:30 pm, Knights of Columbus Room

The purpose of this meeting is instruction, education and spiritual renewal. *Parents must attend one of these meetings.*

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Nicole Romola “Chooses To Matter” & Needs Your VOTE

The Julie Foudy Sports Leadership Academy, sponsored by Ronald McDonald House, have asked girls to submit their community service leadership project for an online contest. Nicole submitted her Montville Girl Scout Troop 2229 Silver Award Project, “Bear Hugs,” where she earned over 50 hours of community service by collecting over 400 stuffed animals which she donated to The Children’s Hospital of NJ and the Wayne area Hurricane Irene victims. The winner will go to the 2012 Summer

Olympics in London and become a Youth Ambassador for the McDonalds "Champions of Play" program. Read about Nicole's project and cast your vote at <http://contest.juliefoudyleadership.com/node/116>.