

DECEMBER 13, 2015
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 14, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 am

Margaret Termyna

Thursday, December 17, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, December 18, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, December 19

5:00 pm Mary Luberto

Edward Flanagan

Sunday, December 20

7:30 am Rose LeProtto

9:00 am Anthony Guerriero

10:30 am Michael Lundy

Susan L. Maute

12:00 pm Paul E. Tortorella

Edward Flanagan

Celebrant Schedule – December 19-20

5:00 pm Fr. Mark

7:30 am Fr. Mark

9:00 am Fr. Mark

10:30 am Fr. Peter

12:00 pm Fr. Peter

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 7, 2014 \$ 14,517.00

December 6, 2015 \$ 13,745.00

Project Faith 2014 \$ 2,657.00

Project Faith 2015 \$ 2,769.00

All contributions for the year 2015 must be received by
Thursday, December 31, 2015
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.

Prayer Memorials 2016 Mass Book

The 2016 Mass Book is available. The Graces of the Mass and the Blessings of Prayer are infinite. The Eucharist is offered for ALL of the faithful departed at each celebration. A memorial gift or offering allows a special acknowledgment which goes to God's work on earth as we honor those now with the Lord.

MEMORIALS

Bread & Wine in memory of Agnes M. & Daniel M. Caruso, Sr., requested by Michael R. Caruso, Teresa Marino and Daniel M. Caruso, Jr.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **January 6th at 1 pm** at the Ministry House for a regular meeting. Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary. For more information on the Rosary Society please call Stephanie Travers at 973-227-4197.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, December 15th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. What do we do? We use our talents primarily to craft hats and scarves to provide comfort and support to chemotherapy patients. We also assist and donate to other charitable causes and their needs. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 21st at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Ron Owens, Bereavement Facilitator. **Bereavement Meeting Wednesday, December 16th, 7-9 pm, Ministry House.** For special requests, please call 973-335-2894, Ext. 123.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Pius X Spirit of Love Prayer Group meets semi-monthly on the **second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 12:45 pm in the Chapel at the Ministry House.** What do we do? We offer prayers for our parish family including those listed in the bulletin and for the petitions written in the Book of Intentions in the Deacon David Library.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm** at the Ministry House. Our topic will be The Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to attend! *Please note, there will be no Bible Study on December 22nd and 29th, due to the Christmas Holiday.*

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process the Roman Catholic Church has for the introduction of the faith and the formation of new adult members. During the year process, the candidates will learn about their spiritual path in Christ culminating at the Easter Vigil. If you are an adult seeking Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist, please contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.

2016 Calendars

Donated by:
Parsippany Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;
Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;
Available in the vestibule of the Church



As a result of your generosity, once again the kindness of St. Pius X parishioners extended to many families at our food pantry and Holy Trinity Parish. We distributed over \$2,440 in food certificates and shared Our Thanksgiving Day collection, which totaled \$881.00, with Fr. Raimundo and his mission of helping the poor in Honduras.

I am so grateful for your willingness to share your abundance throughout the year. The people that were helped appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Mark

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners,

I want to thank all the wonderful people of St. Pius X Parish for helping Mrs. Claus and myself celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. We always feel so welcome at St. Pius X and deeply appreciate the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, Kurt's Youth Group and all the wonderful parents who shared the joy of Christmas with us. Merry Christmas!

Santa



Christmas Eve Masses – Thursday, December 24th

- 4:00 pm Parish Center
- 4:00 pm Church
- 6:00 pm Church
- 8:00 pm Church
- 11:00 pm Church (10:30 pm Christmas Carols)

Christmas Day Masses – Friday, December 25th

- 7:30 am Church
- 9:30 am Church
- 11:30 am Church

The Solemnity of Mary–Friday, January 1, 2016

- 9:30 am Church

Christmas Shop Rite Certificates

As we approach Christmas, we recall God's many Blessings and the invitation of Christ to care for our brothers and sisters. Poverty is increasing and everyday growing numbers of people, often children and elderly, go to sleep feeling hunger pains.

St. Pius X will be selling Shop Rite Certificates in the Narthex after all Masses through December. The certificates will be donated to Montville Food Bank and Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Third Sunday of Advent
Deepening Our Christian Joy**

"I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." (John 16:22)

For two weeks already, the season of Advent has been calling us to spiritual vigilance in preparation to welcome the Lord who is to come. Today, we note another interior attitude by which to live out this time of waiting for the Lord—Joy. The Church looks forward to the joy of Christmas and so today is called "Gaudete Sunday." Therefore, in order to have this joy in preparation for Christmas, first, pray: "Lord, let me live this Christmas with true joy." Not with the joy of consumerism that leads me to Christmas with anxiety, because "Ah, I'm missing this, I'm missing that." No, this is not the joy of God. Second: Give thanks to the Lord for the good things God has given us. Third: Think of how we can go to others, to those in difficulty or sick or with other problems—to bring a little healing, peace, joy. This is the joy of the Christian.

We have less than two weeks left, so in these days, let us pray asking for the joy of Christmas. Let us give thanks to God for the good things that God has given us, above all our faith. This is a wonderful grace. Let us think where we can go to bring a little relief, a little peace, to those who suffer. Pray, give thanks and help others. And so we will arrive at the birth of the Anointed One, the Christ, as ones anointed in grace, prayer and acts of grace and help towards others.

Pope Francis

A Year Of Mercy

On April 11, 2015, Pope Francis announced "An extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy that is to have God's mercy at it's center (Miserecordiae Vultus) from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. He wants us to live this Holy Year in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

"Thus Merciful like the Father is the motto of this Holy Year. In mercy, we find proof of how God loves us. He gives his entire self, always, freely, asking nothing in return. He comes to our aid whenever we call upon him." During this jubilee year, Pope Francis encourages us "to contemplate constantly the mystery of mercy" and "rediscover and make fruitful God's mercy, with which all of us are called to give consolation of every man and woman of our time."

Music Ministry

Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

Again this year, we will have a parish-wide Children's Choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Parish Center. We will have three rehearsals and ask that each student attend at least two.

Rehearsals in Parish Center:

Saturday, December 19 – 4:00-4:45 pm

Monday, December 21 – 5:30-6:15 pm

Wednesday, December 23 – 5:30-6:15 pm

Mass: Thursday, December 24 –

3:00 pm Rehearsal for 4:00 pm Mass

Please contact Paul Carroll at pcarroll@st-pius-x.org to sign up.

Saint Pius X Annual Giving Tree

Help Make A Child's Christmas Wish Come True

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex is decorated with ornaments that each hold a child's Christmas wish. Some ornaments are for children who are victims of broken homes and the DCPD (Division of Child Protection and Permanency) is involved. Other ornaments are for children from Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. Please select an ornament from the tree. Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Church or the Ministry House as soon as possible but no later than December 15th, so that we can ensure delivery in time for Christmas. Please be sure to attach the ornament to the gift so we can make sure it gets to the correct child. If you do not want to shop, any gift cards in any denomination are greatly appreciated and our "angels" will do the shopping for you! Any questions, please call Patty O'Dowd-Donohue at 973-769-0833 or the Ministry House at 973-335-2894. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Saint Pius X School

Liberty Science Center Fun!

By Disha Patil

Recently, the entire middle school enjoyed Halloween at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City. The center had its usual attractions such as the Touch Tunnel, where a person has to navigate through a maze in pure darkness. Some of the other exhibits include: The Infection Connection, Our Hudson Home and Skyscraper. The Infection Connection allowed us to see how our everyday habits can spread many germs. Students could identify diseases, diagnose a condition, and even try making their own virus! Students were given a chance to build a microbe, see what parts of the world are affected by certain diseases, and much more.

In our Hudson Home, students could see some of the marine life found in the Hudson River and how the river plays an important role in transportation. Marine life was also explored in the IMAX Theater. This year we viewed Humpback Whales in the IMAX dome. The IMAX dome displays a formatted film on a domed screen more than 88 feet in diameter with over 400 seats. Humpback Whales is a show that takes you into the daily life of these majestic creatures.

Finally, Skyscraper was an exhibit that allowed students to test their balance on a metal beam high above the gallery floor! Overall, the entire trip was a great experience and allowed us to try a variety of new things!

Youth Ministry

December

13 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

20 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

January

3 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

8 – Eric Johnson House

10 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

12 – Homeless Solutions

17 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

24 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

31 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

****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.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for December 20, 2015

Praise Middle School –

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

Praise Elementary School –

Grades 1, 4, 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 – 11:00 am

Grades 2 & 3 – 10:30 am Mass; Class 11:30 – 12:30 pm

Confirmation –

Grade 10 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

Schedule of Classes For December 27, 2015

There are no classes scheduled for this weekend.

Schedule of Classes for January 3, 2016

Glory Middle School –

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

Glory Elementary School –

Grades 1 – 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 – 11:00 am

Confirmation –

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

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Weekend of March 5th & 6th

Please send permission forms to the Ministry House.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Praise, Sunday, January 10th, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Glory, Sunday, January 17th, 10-11:00 am

Knights of Columbus Room

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

All 9th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

9th Grade Retreat—Sunday, January 17th, for classes 9A, 9B, 9C. Sunday, January 31st, for classes 9D, 9E, 9F. The retreat will be begin in the Parish Center at 9 am and conclude in Church with the 12 pm Mass. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House.



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, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Marilyn DeSantis, Ann Dimaira, Victor Marmo, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Barbara Capsouras, Elizabeth Krone, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Janet Babbitt, Bruno Stillo, Michael Mascari, Marjorie McArthur, Charlie Auskings, Eileen Kapotes, Stephen Koczko, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tate, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Nikki Basil, Terry Cox, Al Beatrice, Daniel DePaul, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Dolores Patrisso, Gary Nagurka, Tina Kenning, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, Sam Sessa and Edward Strasser.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Office Work Needed

Unemployed parishioner looking for office work—secretary, clerical, receptionist—in any field. Please call 862-254-1226.

Apartment For Rent

Apartment for rent Montville area, Available February 1st. One bedroom, kitchen, living room, full bath. Please call 973-906-1562.