

JANUARY 10, 2016
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Monday, January 11, 7:30 am

Paula Sheridan

Tuesday, January 12, 7:30 am

Lena DeMauro

Thursday, January 14, 7:30 am

Keating & Slocum Families

Friday, January 15, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm John & Josephine Pennacchio

Sunday, January 17

7:30 am Nikki Basil

9:00 am Frank Tarantino

10:30 am Elizabeth Martorana
Jay Mills

12:00 pm Charles Shuhala

Celebrant Schedule – January 16-17

5:00 pm Fr. Peter

7:30 am Fr. Peter

9:00 am Fr. Peter

10:30 am Fr. Mark

12:00 pm Fr. Mark

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 21, 2014 \$ 18,387.00

December 20, 2015 \$ 16,743.00

December 28, 2014 \$ 13,687.00

December 27, 2015 \$ 13,027.00

January 4, 2015 \$ 13,176.00

January 3, 2016 \$ 13,981.00

2015 Project Faith \$ 2,449.50

2016 Project Faith \$ 2,680.00

*Next weekend's second collection is for
St. Pius X Mission*

St. Pius X Mission Envelope

Your generosity to the St. Pius X Mission Envelope is deeply appreciated. This second collection is to support our local mission of helping people in need in our general area. We have helped hurricane victims, those affected by the economic downturn and those with physical problems. We also use this collection to subsidize local Catholic education. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **February 3rd 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, January 19th 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, January 18th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

Save The Date – January 24th, Football Playoff Party includes a chance to win a new LG 55" HDTV. Watch both AFC and NFC Championship games in the Knights' room above the Parish Center Gym. Tickets are \$40 and include food, beer, and TV raffle ticket. You may also purchase TV only raffle tickets for \$20. Tickets are limited. Call John Regan at 973-768-3066 or Jim Ackaway at 201-396-7178 for tickets.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Ron Owens, Bereavement Facilitator. **Bereavement Meeting Wednesday, January 20th, 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 is The Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to attend!

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome new members born of water and the Holy Spirit:

*Luca Maximus son of Eric & Mary
Caroline Quinn daughter of Christopher & Erin
Dhilan Jai son of Robert & Anura
Aleksandra & Joanna daughters of Christian & Iwona*



End Of The Christmas Season

Why does the Christmas season end on the feast of the Baptism Of The Lord?

In the early centuries, the birth of Christ didn't have its own feast. It was part of a great feast on January 6th called "Epiphany" which celebrated several "manifestations" of Christ—his birth, his recognition by the Magi, his baptism in the Jordan and his miracle at Cana.

In about the fourth century, Christians in the western world pulled Christmas out of the Epiphany celebration and gave it a feast of its own on December 25th. The time between this new feast on December 25th and the feast of January 6th became the Christmas season—the "12 days of Christmas."

But the Christmas season no longer ends on January 6th. That's because eventually, some part of the Church made the feast of Epiphany more solemn by adding an "octave"—an extension of the celebration for a week after the feast.

When this happened, the Christmas season no longer ended on Epiphany but continued through the octave. The feast of the Baptism Of The Lord was eventually placed at the end of the octave . . . and now that is the feast that brings the Christmas season to a close.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



A Prayer For The Year Of Mercy

*Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us
to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees God.
show us your face and we will be saved.
you are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power
above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world.
Send your Spirit and consecrate
every one of us with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and your church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind. Amen.*



Dear Fr. Olenowski & Sr. June,

On behalf of the Passaic North Location Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP), I would like to extend our most sincere thanks to you and your amazing families of St. Pius X for the generous donations of gifts you gave to the DCPP children this past holiday season.

I am so grateful and happy to know that there are still people whom are willing to help out other people in need, especially during the holidays. Please know that your donations really did make a difference to these children and their families. Your generosity and kindness overwhelmed us. You all went WAY above and beyond this year! The children and their families were so excited, happy and grateful to receive their gifts. You helped make each child's holiday a little bit better with your thoughtfulness.

Have a happy and healthy 2016!

Sincerely,
Maria Rios, Local Office Manager
Passaic North Local Office

Three Essential Words

Please, Thank You, Sorry. Three essential words.

We say please so as not to be forceful in family life: "May I please do this? Would you be happy if I did this?" We do this with a language that seeks agreement.

We say thank you, thank you for love! But be honest with me, how many times do you say thank you to your wife, and you to your husband? How many days go by without uttering this word: Thanks!

And the last word: Sorry. We all make mistakes, and on occasion someone gets offended in the marriage, in the family, and sometimes—I say—plates are smashed, harsh words are spoken, but please listen to my advice: don't ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: "Please forgive me," and then you start over.

Pope Francis Pilgrimage of Families
October 26, 2013

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.

Employment Needed

Unemployed college educated parishioner in search of a temporary or long-term position. Kenneth can be reached at 973-906-0176.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for January 17, 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 –

Grade 9D, 9E, 9F – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

Grade 9A, 9B, 9C – 9 am Retreat Parish Center

Schedule of Classes for January 24, 2016

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 January 31, 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 –

Grade 9A, 9B, 9C – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

Grade 9D, 9E, 9F – 9 am Retreat Parish Center

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.

Saint Pius X School

“Hope

*Smiles from the threshold of the year to come,
Whispering ‘it will be happier!’...” Alfred Lord Tennyson*

A New Year’s Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But 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 shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

But by showing you when people and their causes need you the most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.

God’s love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.

May you always hold HOPE in your heart.

Sister June and Faculty

Youth Ministry

St. Pius X Youth Ministry Proudly Invites You To Be A Part Of The FIRST....Leadership In Faith Experience

Calling all current and future high school CATHOLIC LEADERS! Come join YOUTH MINISTRY on this exciting NEW journey as we look to explore our faith in our daily lives and build our leadership skills in the process. The Leadership In Faith Experience is open to the first 40 9th through 12th grade members of our parish who wish to discover and to share their faith more deeply. This experience will take place in the Youth Room in the Ministry House on the following dates:

February 7, 2016 (11 am – 1 pm including Mass)

February 21, 2016 (11 am – 1 pm including Mass)

February 28, 2016 (8 am – 7 pm)

(includes breakfast, lunch, 5 pm Mass and hors d'oeuvres after Mass).

All meetings will be lead by Youth Minister, Kurt Kilanowski, and experienced members of Youth Ministry. Content and activities will revolve around such topics as: Becoming A Better Catholic Leader; Social Media & Our Faith: Creating A Catholic Culture In Sports; Addressing Issues Of Social Justice; Sharing Our Time, Talent & Treasure-Stewardship for Teens.

Sign-up by January 17th at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

January

10 – Life Team Mtg. 10 am, 10th Grade Confirmation Class

11 – SEARCH Adult Team Mtg. 8 pm

17 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

18 – SEARCH Leadership Mtg. 7 pm

24 – Life Team Mtg. 10 am, 10th Grade Confirmation Class

25 – Search Team Mtg. 7 pm

31 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

February

7 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

11 am – 1 pm Leadership In Faith Experience

9 – Homeless Solutions

12 – Eric Johnson House

21 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

11 am – 1 pm Leadership In Faith Experience

28 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

11 am – 1 pm Leadership In Faith Experience

Please contact us at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org. We can also be found on Facebook (St Pius X), Twitter (@spxyminj) and Instagram ([st.piusxyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/st.piusxyouthministry)).



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, 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 Koczo, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Al Beatrice, Daniel DePaul, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Dolores Patrisso, Gary Nagurka, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, Sam Sessa and Edward Strasser.

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