

FEBRUARY 28, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, February 29, 7:30 am

Johanna O'Dowd Reardon

Tuesday, March 1, 7:30 am

Nancy Stern

Mary Hessler

Thursday, March 3, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, March 4, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, March 5

5:00 pm Thomas Myers

Sunday, March 6

7:30 am Leon & Cecilia Rucki

9:00 am Elmer Smith

10:30 am Elizabeth Cutugno

12:00 pm Josephine Browne

Joseph Hruby, Sr.

Celebrant Schedule – March 5-6

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!

February 22, 2015 \$ 12,268.00

February 21, 2016 \$ 15,166.00

*Next weekend's second collection is for
Project Faith*

Eucharistic Ministers

We are in need of a few more Eucharistic Ministers to bring Communion to The Chelsea on Monday mornings and Chilton Hospital on one Saturday per month. If you are available to volunteer, please e mail Maryann at the Ministry House at office@st-pius-x.org. Thank you for everything you do for the parish.

First Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am in the Church on Friday, March 4th. The US Bishops have asked us to pray at Eucharistic Holy Hours for life, marriage and Religious Liberty. All are welcome to spend some time with the Lord in prayer.



MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **March 2nd 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, March 1st 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, March 7th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

Save-The-Date: The Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual **Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, March 18th**, 6-8 pm in the Parish Center. For tickets or more information please call Dave Arthurs at 973-334-3028 or Pete Rosende at 973-331-9560.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Ron Owens, Bereavement Facilitator. **Bereavement Meeting Wednesday, March 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 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.

Employment Opportunity

The Chelsea At Montville is looking for an enthusiastic, outgoing individual with music and/or art background for a part-time activity assistant position in their assisted living dementia program. Experience preferred but not required. For more details contact Charles Vanyo at cvanyo@cslal.com or call 973-402-1100.



Dear Parishioners,

At the recent Pastoral visit of our Bishop, he made a request of us: If it was at all possible, could we move the Tabernacle to the center of the reredos (rear wall). I realize that there will be a cost involved. I am asking if there are any parishioners that would be willing to financially support this endeavor. I once again thank you for your generous response to all our needs.

Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Mark



Lent

During this Lenten Season, our minds turn to Jesus' suffering on the cross and to the lives of millions of our own day: the starving, the homeless, the abandoned, the victims of violence, hatred and prejudice.

Lent is a time to unite our own sufferings and voluntary self-sacrifices to those of Christ that we may share in the work of redemption. It is also a time to forgive one another and to seek the forgiveness of God and any of our brothers and sisters whom we have offended. It is time to put off the old person in us and put on the new.

Many opportunities for prayer and renewal are offered to us in Lent: daily Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Monday 7-8:30 pm, Stations of the Cross every Friday, acts of self-denial, efforts to reach out to someone hurt or alienated, restoration of peace in one's family, cutting down on what we eat and drink, extra generosity to the poor and starving.

This Lent we should . . .

- Fast from worry; feast on trust.
- Fast from stress; feast on prayer.
- Fast from anger; feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from fear; feast on truth.
- Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
- Fast from gossip; feast on silence.
- Fast from fighting; feast on peace.

Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Mark



Lenten Schedule

Welcome Home To Healing

February 15th – March 14th

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent from 7-8:30 pm in the Church. Don't be afraid! Experience the gracious mercy of God!

Parish Penance Service

We will celebrate a Parish Penance Service on Monday, March 14th, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Lenten Adult Education Program

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron's *The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters*. Each week will feature a new topic beginning with a 25 minute video followed by a short discussion. In these days of increasing secularization, it is important that every Christian takes the "God" question seriously. This program can help us better understand and explain the God who created the universe and sustains all life through an endless outpouring of his infinite love and mercy. This series is held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in the Church. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



- † Friday, March 4th – 3:00 pm, Deacon Jim
- † Friday, March 11th – 8:00 pm, Knights of Columbus
- † Friday, March 18th – 8:00 pm, Andrew Players
- † Good Friday, March 25th – 8:00 pm,
Paul Carroll/Kurt Kilanowski

Andrew Players

Friday, March 18th, 8 pm

Jesus The Healer

Jesus The Healer is a highly dramatic presentation of the powerful miracles and healing events of Jesus' life. The mystery play calls for no speaking parts. Through special lighting, a moving soundtrack, and reflective meditations, viewers experience Jesus' life and presence as if it were really happening. The play becomes a powerful vehicle for God's spirit to forgive, renew, and especially heal. At the end of each presentation, there is an opportunity for individual prayers for healing.



Lenten Regulations

The entire season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 10th, to before Holy Thursday, March 24th, 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.

Saint Pius X School

In Saint Pius X School, you are truly in an amazing environment to learn and grow. The teachers are always looking out for you and making certain that you understand all the material being taught. Whether you are in eighth grade or first grade, all the teachers want the best for you. Wherever you go, Sister June, the Principal, greets you when you walk in the door and makes sure you are ok when you are sad. Everyone wants to make sure you are ready for a fantastic day at Saint Pius X. Saint Pius X has truly changed me for the better. This is a great place to grow in your faith and develop good life habits.

Alyssa Benzija, Grade 8



The Saint Pius X Home & School Association is pleased to announce our Casino Night fundraising event which will be held on March 4th, next weekend, from 6:30 pm-midnight at The Hanover Manor in East Hanover. Our theme this year is Old Hollywood, and as in the past, the night will be great fun with professional Blackjack, Craps, Texas Holdem, Roulette & Poker games, Tricky tray, and Silent and Live auctions! The proceeds from this event will contribute to the academic resources and enrichment programs that benefit the children of Saint Pius X School. Tickets for the event and the popular 50/50 Cash Raffle will be on sale after all masses. Every year the winner of the 50/50 raffle has taken home over \$6,000.00! (Winner need not be present). We also have a new MessageGram this year as the ad journal is being dedicated to Fr. Mark & Fr. Peter. Write them a message of appreciation! For more information, stop at the School Table in the Narthex or see the Bulletin Insert. You may also contact Jen Davis @ jendavis13@yahoo.com or visit www.spxnj.org for more information.



Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for March 6, 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 9 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

Schedule of Classes for February 13, 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

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

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

Please send permission forms to the Ministry House.

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 27, 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.

February

28 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

March

6 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

8 – Homeless Solutions

11 – Eric Johnson House

13 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

20 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

Please contact us at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org. We can also be found on Facebook (St Pius X), Twitter (@spxymnj) and Instagram (st.piusxyouthministry).



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 and Edward Strasser.