

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Monday, November 28, 7:30 am**

People Of The Parish

**Tuesday, November 29, 7:30 am**

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**Thursday, December 1, 7:30 am**

Louis Neri, Jr.

**Friday, December 2, 7:30 am**

Susan Connel Diver

**Saturday, December 3**

5:00 pm Roth Family

**Sunday, December 4**

7:30 am Daniel Sudol

9:00 am Thomas Kretkowski

10:30 am Alexander Beatrice

Mark DeNigris

12:00 pm Ante (Tony) Baresich

**Celebrant Schedule** – December 3-4

5:00 pm Fr. Dominik

7:30 am Fr. Dominik

9:00 am Fr. Dominik

10:30 am Fr. Mark

12:00 pm Fr. Mark

**SHARING OF OUR TREASURE**

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the weekly collection will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

*Next Weekend's Second Collection Is For  
Project Faith*

*All contributions for the year 2016 must be received by  
**Saturday, December 31, 2016**  
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.*

**Prayer Memorials 2017 Mass Book**

The 2017 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.

**First Friday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am in the Church on *Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>*. 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 Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary. Next meeting is the Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm, at Gennaro's Cucina, West Caldwell. For more information, please call Marie Driscoll at 973-476-7610.

**CARING CRAFTERS**

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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

**Save The Date – Santa Breakfast, Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am, Parish Center.** See Bulletin Insert for details.

**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.

**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.

**School Support Envelope**

At St. Pius X we strongly value a Catholic education and support its mission:

*St. Pius X School is committed to the principle  
that each child is a special human being who  
deserves to be loved and respected as an individual.  
Our teachers and administration encourage students  
to reach their maximum potential—academically,  
socially, morally and spiritually.*

The Finance Committee recommends having a monthly School Support Envelope for any parishioner who would like to help defray the cost of teaching our Catholic faith to young people.





## The Advent Wreath

The origins of the Advent Wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light.

Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16<sup>th</sup> century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. The use of the Advent Wreath spread to many other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. The colors of Advent express “unfulfilled readiness.” Through the darkness of deep blue night we await the “light” announced by the dawning of the Word made flesh. At St. Pius X, we use the Advent colors of deep blue, complimented by violet, gray, green and silver, as we journey out of the darkness into God’s wonderful light.

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### *An Advent Prayer*

*By Henri J. M. Nouwen*

*Lord Jesus,  
Master of both the light  
and the darkness,  
send your Holy Spirit  
upon our preparations for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do,  
seek quiet space  
to hear your voice each day.  
We, who are anxious over many things,  
look forward to your coming among us.*

*We, who are blessed in so many ways,  
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We, whose hearts are heavy,  
seek the joy of your presence.*

*We are your people, walking in darkness,  
yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, “Come Lord Jesus!” Amen.*

*Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Mark*

### A Family Welcome For Jesus

*“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever  
welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”*

*(Matthew 10:40)*

Each Christian family can first of all—as Mary and Joseph did—welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him and grow with him and in this way improve the world. Let us make room in our heart and in our day for the Lord as Mary and Joseph also did. And it was not easy—how many difficulties they had to overcome! They were not a superficial family, they were not an unreal family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family, of every family. And what happened in those 30 years in Nazareth can happen to us too: in seeking to make love and not hate normal, making mutual help commonplace, not indifference or enmity.

Each time there is a family that keeps this mystery—the mystery of the Son of God, the mystery of Jesus who comes to save us—then even if it were on the periphery of the world the mystery is at work. He comes to save the world. And this is the great mission of the family: to make room for Jesus who is coming, to welcome Jesus in the family, in each member: children, husband, wife, grandparents. Jesus is there. May the Lord grant us this grace in these days of Advent.

*Pope Francis*

### 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!*

### Attention All Angels

We are looking for 12 Angels to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm in the Parish Center. Angels should be at least 5 years old, male or female. We are also asking for a few Adult Angels to help organize and assemble costumes. Please call the Ministry House to volunteer. *Thank you!*



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**Saint Pius X School**



**Calendar Raffle 2016**

**St. Pius X Home & School Association**

***Congratulations*** to all Calendar Raffle Winners.

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the weekly winners will be posted in next weekend's bulletin.

We are picking winning tickets through December 31<sup>st</sup>, so there is still plenty of time to win! Tickets are still available by contacting Jen Davis at [jendavis13@yahoo.com](mailto:jendavis13@yahoo.com).

**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. The ornaments this week are for children who are victims of broken homes and the DCPP (Division of Child Protection and Permanency) is involved. Please select an ornament from the tree. Your gift may be this child's only joy this Christmas season! Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Church or the Ministry House as soon as possible but no later than December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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!*

**Youth Ministry**

**Christmas Wreath Sale Next Weekend**

To Benefit Youth Ministry

After All Masses, December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

**December**

- 3 – Wreath Making, 9-11 am, Parish Center
- 4 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 3, 4 – Wreath Sale After All Masses
- 9 – Eric Johnson House
- 9 – Decorate For The Santa Breakfast
- 10 – Santa Breakfast
- 11 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 13 – Homeless Solution
- 18 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

**January**

- 8 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 10 – Homeless Solutions
- 13 – Eric Johnson House
- 22 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 29 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat/Class

**February**

- 5 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class
- 10 – Eric Johnson House
- 12 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat/Class
- 14 – Homeless Solutions
- 26 – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class

*Please contact Kurt Kilanowski at [youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org](mailto:youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org) for more information.*

**Music Ministry**

**Parish Christmas Concert**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm**

Mark your calendars for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Pius X Parish Christmas Concert to be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. New this year – no tickets required! A free-will donation will be taken. Advertising opportunities in the Concert Program are now available. Please contact Paul Carroll at [pcarroll@st-pius-x.org](mailto:pcarroll@st-pius-x.org) or the Ministry House for more information.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:45-6:30 pm

Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 5:45-6:30 pm

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm Rehearsal

for 4:00 pm Mass

Please visit [www.st-pius-x.org/music-ministry](http://www.st-pius-x.org/music-ministry) to sign up or contact Paul Carroll at the Ministry House.

**Religious Formation**

**Schedule of Classes for December 4, 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 10 – Check Schedule For Times

**Schedule of Classes for December 11, 2016**

**Praise Middle School** –

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

**Praise Elementary School** –

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

**Confirmation**

Grade 9 – Check Schedule For Times

**Pray for the Sick**

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, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, 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, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Gary Nagurka, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, David Douglas, Walter Sedlaciak, Joseph Egan, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Agnes Koczo and Gennaro Cifelli.*

**OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Employment Needed**

College graduate in need of immediate employment. Please call Ken Sampier at 973-906-0176.