

DECEMBER 4, 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 5, 7:30 am

Marie Figlia

Tuesday, December 6, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Thursday, December 8, 7:30 am

Immaculate Conception

7:30 am Gilda Camuso

9:30 am Mark DeNigris

Muriel Petro

7:30 pm Alexander Beatrice

Friday, December 9, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, December 10

5:00 pm Louis R. DiPede

Sunday, December 11

7:30 am Agustin & Fermina David Family

9:00 am Ante Begenja

10:30 am Janet Schere

12:00 pm Alexander Beatrice

Antonietta Biase

Dominick & Grace Ferrovicchio

Celebrant Schedule – December 10-11

5:00 pm Fr. Dominik

7:30 am Fr. Dominik

9:00 am Fr. Dominik

10:30 am Fr. Dominik

12:00 pm Fr. Dominik

The Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, December 8th in observance of the Immaculate Conception.

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

November 29, 2015 \$ 14,534.00

November 27, 2016 \$ 13,731.00

November 22, 2015 \$ 18,389.00

November 20, 2016 \$ 14,542.38

*This 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.

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 7th, 1 pm, at Gennaro's Cucina, West Caldwell. For more information, please call Marie Driscoll at 973-476-7610.

"Thank You" to all who baked, donated and purchased at our Annual Bake Sale! The sale was very successful!

CARING CRAFTERS

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

Dear Caring Crafters,

Words cannot express the gratitude of the Head Start & Early Head Start families. The gorgeous handmade blankets and hats are precious and will keep all the babies warm this winter. Thank you for your generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Paula Hammond, Child & Family Service Coord.

NORWESCAP Head Start & Early Head Start

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

Santa Breakfast, Saturday, December 10th, 9:30 am, Parish Center. For info, please call Jerry Vella at 973-335-9236.

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome a new member born of water and the Holy Spirit:

Brielle Nicole daughter of Alfred & Jamie



Christmas Wish List

At our recent Staff Meeting, we discussed the possibility of installing cushions on the pews in the Church. This is the only item on our Christmas Wish List. The cost will be approximately \$18,500. If anyone is interested in memorializing or brightening our Christmas, please contact the Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark

The Voice Of Promise

Msgr. Gregory E. S. Malovetz

After experiencing several major storms that caused power outages lasting for days, we installed a gas generator in the rectory. It would enable our staff to address critical needs of the community in a prolonged power loss. Every Wednesday at 1 pm, the generator turns on for 10 minutes to test that it is working. The first few times this happened the loud noise startled me. Now, accustomed to the weekly noise, it has become a sound that promises help and security in the event of trouble.

The voice of John the Baptist seemed like noise to those who had become complacent in living their faith. His words condemned their indifference to the needs of the community. But for those who were living as God's children, his voice became the promise of help and security. God would come as the One who would stand with the poor and forgotten of the world. Jesus would bring a grace to those who found themselves powerless in the storms of life.

The lights and sounds of this time of year can distract us from the meaning of Advent. To many of us, the voice of the Baptist is a call to turn from the darkness and toward the light of Jesus. For all of us, it is the promise that Jesus stands with us wherever we are powerless.



Christmas Eve Masses – Saturday, December 24th

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

Christmas Day Masses – Sunday, December 25th

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

The Solemnity of Mary–Sunday, January 1, 2017

- Regular Mass Schedule
- 7:30, 9:00 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

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, Straight & Narrow 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!*



Music Ministry

Parish Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 11th, 3:00pm

Mark your calendars for the 9th Annual St. Pius X Parish Christmas Concert to be held on Sunday, December 11th 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 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 17th – 3:30-4:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 20th – 5:45-6:30 pm
- Thursday, December 22nd – 5:45-6:30 pm
- Saturday, December 24th – 3:00 pm Rehearsal for 4:00 pm Mass

Please visit www.st-pius-x.org/music-ministry to sign up or contact Paul Carroll at the Ministry House.

Second
Sunday
of Advent



Saint Pius X School



Calendar Raffle 2016

St. Pius X Home & School Association

Congratulations to last week's Calendar Raffle Winners. Raffle Winnings were mailed to the address provided on your raffle stub.

Saturday, November 12	\$25	Patty Donohue
Sunday, November 13	\$50	Michele Dimaira
Monday, November 14	\$25	Lorraine Stolarz
Tuesday, November 15	\$25	Jody Patriarca
Wednesday, November 16	\$25	Jackie Bain
Thursday, November 17	\$25	Anna Maria Carlson
Friday, November 18	\$25	Amy O'Dowd
Saturday, November 19	\$25	Sandy Krauland
Sunday, November 20	\$50	Shelly Turula
Monday, November 21	\$25	Marybeth Rusin
Tuesday, November 22	\$25	The Cox Family
Wednesday, November 23	\$25	Angie Farah
Thursday, November 24	\$100	Jerry Vella
(Thanksgiving Day)		
Friday, November 25	\$25	Dennis O'Dowd

We are picking winning tickets through December 31st, so there is still plenty of time to win! Tickets are still available by contacting Jen Davis at jendavis13@yahoo.com.

Youth Ministry
Christmas Wreath Sale This Weekend

To Benefit Youth Ministry
After All Masses

December

- 4 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 4 – Wreath Sale After All Masses
- 9 – Eric Johnson House
- 9 – Decorate For The Santa Breakfast
- 10 – Santa Breakfast
- 11 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 13 – Homeless Solution
- 18 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

January

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

February

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

Please contact Kurt Kilanowski at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org for more information.

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. 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 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!*

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

Schedule of Classes for December 18, 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

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 Condurso, 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 Suga, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Gary Nagurka, Françoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey, Paul DiPiazza, David Douglas, Walter Sedlacik, Joseph Egan, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Agnes Koczo, Gennaro Cifelli and Richard Dickau.

2017 Calendars

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Available in the vestibule of the Church*