

DECEMBER 11, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 12, 7:30 am

Albert J. O'Dowd

Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 am

Maria Grace Paleologo

Lucy Sabetta

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 am

Barbara Ahern

Friday, December 16, 7:30 am

Thomas Kretkowski

Saturday, December 17

5:00 pm Gloria & Joe Lattuca

Edward Flanagan

Sunday, December 18

7:30 am Louis DeStefano

9:00 am Carmen Loiacono

10:30 am Michael Lundy

Susan Lundy Maute

12:00 pm Alexander Beatrice

Edward Flanagan

Antonietta Biase

Dominik & Maria Luisi

Celebrant Schedule – December 17-18

5:00 pm Fr. Mark

7:30 am Fr. Mark

9:00 am Fr. Mark

10:30 am Fr. Dominik

12:00 pm Fr. Dominik

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 6, 2015 \$ 13,745.00

December 4, 2016 \$ 13,061.00

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome new members born of water and the Holy Spirit:
Mariella Giselda & Avalina Heidi daughters of Nicholas & Donna
William Anthony son of Joseph & Grisselle
Jackson Matthew son of Matthew & Susan
Emmalyn Rose daughter of Jarrett & Danielle

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 **Wednesday, January 4th, 1 pm**, at the Ministry House. All are welcome!

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, January 3rd at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

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. Yarn donations are always appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 19th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

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.





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



A Note of Thanks

Dear Fr. Olenowski,

On behalf of the many needy families you will help this Christmas Season and The Montville Kiwanis Club's Food Pantry, we thank you and the parishioners of St. Pius X for your recent kind donation of the Shop Rite gift cards.

We will use these cards to supplement our food pantry distributions to families in need this Christmas season.

Again, we thank St. Pius X for your generosity and wish you and the St. Pius X Family, a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely Yours,

Deane Driscoll, Ron Rauschart
Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry



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 Gift Cards

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 Gift Cards in the Narthex after all Masses through December. The Gift Cards 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 this Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 pm. New this year – no tickets required! A free-will donation will be taken.

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.

Third Sunday of Advent



Catholic Schools

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Saint Pius X School

8th Grade Cookie Sale

The 8th Grade Class is offering a 1 lb. box of shrink wrapped, assorted cookies for purchase. Cookies are prepared by Baker's Perfection in Rockaway, NJ. \$10 per 1 lb. box of assorted cookies. Cookies will be ready for pickup on Thursday, December 22nd, in the Cafeteria from 6-8 pm. Please see Bulletin Insert for details. Thank you for your support and generosity!



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 26	\$25	Patty Kunz
Sunday, November 27	\$50	Nina Amello
Monday, November 28	\$25	Don Krane
Tuesday, November 29	\$25	Peter Rosende
Wednesday, November 30	\$25	Sharon Halleran
Thursday, December 1	\$25	Jonathan Ma
Friday, December 2	\$25	Karen Krasnomowitz

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

December

- 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.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Apartment Needed

Parishioner in need of an apartment in area. Please call 860-227-2214.

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 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 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 Sedlacik, Joseph Egan, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Agnes Koczo and Richard Dickau.

2017 Calendars

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