

**JANUARY 1, 2017**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**



**Monday, January 2, 7:30 am**

Angelo Diorio

**Tuesday, January 3, 7:30 am**

Teresa D'Amelio

**Thursday, January 5, 7:30 am**

Louis Caccioppoli

**Friday, January 6, 7:30 am**

Rose Davi

**Saturday, January 7**

5:00 pm John J. Byrne, III

**Sunday, January 8**

7:30 am John Pascale

9:00 am Mark DeNigris

10:30 am Helen Loden

12:00 pm Lenny Rutman

**Celebrant Schedule** –January 7-8

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!*

**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.

**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.

**First Friday**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am in the Church on *Friday, January 6<sup>th</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.

**CARING CRAFTERS**

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 pm** in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusXKofC.org/>.

*Dear Parishioners,*

*We brothers in the Knights of Columbus, wish to thank the St. Pius X Community for all their support of our activities during the past year. We hope we have been able to bring some fun to our Parish Family and made a significant contribution to our Community Charities in your name.*

*It was certainly a joy seeing all the "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" signs about town this year. It seems to broaden the reach of our Parish Family in a beautiful way. Let's plan to push even harder next year to keep Christ in our minds and hearts.*

*We wish each of you all the Peace and Joy that Christ can bring you in the New Year.*

*Knights of Columbus*

**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.





### **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



Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to your generosity during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, St. Pius X Parish was able to donate over \$3,500 to the Montville Food Pantry, Straight & Narrow and the inner city parishes.

I am so grateful for your willingness to share your abundance with the less fortunate.

Peace & Blessings,  
Fr. Mark



### **A Toast To The New Year 2017**

**May you have:**

- Enough success to keep you eager,**
- Enough failure to keep you humble,**
- Enough joy to share with others,**
- Enough trials to keep you strong,**
- Enough hope to keep you happy,**
- Enough faith to banish depression,**
- Enough friends to give you comfort,**
- Enough determination to make each day better than yesterday.**

*Nothing relieves and ventilates the mind like a resolution.*

*John Burroughs*

### **Saint Pius X School**

Dear Parents, Parishioners, and Friends,

At the Christmas Vigil Mass, we hear the following verse from the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 1: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'" Here at St. Pius X School, God has been very present in the lives of our students. From the weekly Advent prayers services, the Mass for the Immaculate Conception, to regularly scheduled Theology classes, and Fr. Mark, Fr. Dominik, and Deacon Michal providing additional faith formation to our middle school students, the presence of God abounds at every turn.

December is a special time of the year in a Catholic school, particularly at St. Pius X. From the Instrumental Recital on 12/6, Secret Santa on 12/9, to Breakfast with Santa on 12/10, the Parish Christmas Concert on 12/11, and the School Christmas Concert on 12/15, a certain excitement has filled our school as we anticipate the Birth of Christ. On 12/8, after the school Mass for the Immaculate Conception, our kindergarteners and second grades hosted their grandparents for a cookie exchange and a performance based on the book The Polar Express.

In the Gospel passage from John, Chapter 1 that we traditionally hear from the Mass on Christmas Day, we hear the following verse: "From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." This time of the year gives me an opportunity to consider all of the graces and blessings I am grateful for in my life. As I celebrate my first Christmas as Principal of St. Pius X School, I am thankful for many things, including a great faculty, wonderful students, active and supportive parents, and a parish community that has invested greatly in the school. There are no words that will adequately express how appreciative I am for the generosity that is shown towards the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and many blessings for a Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Thomas J. Welsh, Principal





**Calendar Raffle 2016**

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

Thank you for your support of our calendar raffle as this is the final week's winners. We were able to raise close to \$6,000 to benefit SPX School! Congrats to ALL the winners!

Saturday, December 24	Mary Anne Schettini	\$25
Sunday, December 25	Theresa Romola	\$100
Monday, December 26	Jonas Patriarca	\$25
Tuesday, December 27	Maryann Halleran	\$25
Wednesday, December 28	Marla Lucino	\$25
Thursday, December 29	Mary Ann Grunwald	\$25
Friday, December 30	Zerrina Campagna	\$25
Saturday, December 31	Eileen Koonjy	\$25

**Religious Formation**

**Schedule of Classes for January 8, 2017**

**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 January 15, 2017**

No Religious Formation Classes Scheduled For This Weekend.

**Schedule of Classes for January 22, 2017**

**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

**All Second Grade Parents & Teachers**

**First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.** Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

**First Eucharist Parent Meetings**

**Praise, Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 10-11:00 am, Knights of Columbus Room**

**Glory, Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10-11:00 am, Cafeteria**

The purpose of this meeting is instruction, education and spiritual renewal. *Parents must attend one of these meetings.*

**Youth Ministry**

**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 for more information.*

**2017 Calendars**

Donated by:

*Parsippany Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;  
Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;  
Dangler Lewis & Carey, Boonton;  
Available in the vestibule of the Church*

**Heartfelt Thanks to:**

*Concurso's Garden Center and  
Gardens of The World  
for the beautiful Christmas decorations.  
May God continue to bless you.*

**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.

*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 Koczko, 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, Maryann Halleran, Agnes Koczko and Richard Dickau.*

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of restoration, renewal, and healing. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held from Friday evening, January 27 through Sunday afternoon, January 29, 2017 in the Stirling area. To register or for more information, contact Marie at 973-377-1004, ext. 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.

