

FEBRUARY 5, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 6, 7:30 am

Richard M. Vincello

Tuesday, February 7, 7:30 am

Dorothy Rodricks

Edward Flanagan

Thursday, February 9, 7:30 am

Carmine Morra

Friday, February 10, 7:30 am

Msgr. Joseph J. Meyer

Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm Veronica DeCusatis

Sunday, February 12

7:30 am Christine D'Ascenza

9:00 am John Duddy

10:30 am Frances Kostins

12:00 pm Christine D'Ascenza

Celebrant Schedule – February 11-12

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!

January 31, 2016 \$ 15,514.00

January 29, 2017 \$ 14,049.00

*Next Weekend's Second Collection is
Project Faith*

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.

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

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be Wednesday, March 1st at 1 pm at the Ministry House. 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, February 14th 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, February 6th 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.

Year End Statements

Year End Contribution Statements were mailed out this week. If you did not receive your statement or have any questions, please call Lisa Kardell at the Ministry House, 973-335-2894, Ext. 102.

Remember Your Parish

It is important to have a Last Will & Testament. We ask you to keep St. Pius X in mind when you make out your will. For more information about Legacy giving, please contact Lisa Marie Gerondeau, Associate Director of Development for the Diocese of Paterson at 973-777-8818 Ext. 290 or visit www.patersondiocese/givingplan.net.

BAPTISMS

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

Dana Joan daughter of Daniel & Patricia



Pride In Our Parish

This week you will receive a brochure detailing the Increased Offertory Program our parish will be participating in over the next few weeks. This informative brochure is intended to communicate the financial needs of our parish and why we are having a dedicated focus on our parish offertory. Commitment Sunday for this Program is February 11th & 12th. We encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the parish's needs and your current level of giving. We look forward to seeing all of our parishioners at Mass next weekend for this very important Commitment Sunday. If you have any questions regarding the Increased Offertory Program, please feel free to contact the Ministry House.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



Focus On The Possibilities

All of us have untold possibilities locked inside us. The important thing is not to let negative thinking get in our way. A teacher learned this one day when he asked his class of third graders what they wanted to be when they were grown-ups.

The responses echoed throughout the room:

"A football player," said one boy.

"A doctor," said a girl.

"An astronaut," said another.

"The president," said several.

The teacher noticed that one child was sitting still and listening silently. "Tommy?" he asked. "What would you like to be when you grow up?"

Tommy thought for a long time. Finally, he answered with just one word: "Possible."

"Possible?" asked the teacher.

"Yes," Tommy said. "My mom is always telling me I'm impossible. So when I get to be big, I want to be possible."

Inspirational Stories, Bits & Pieces

Feast of St. Blaise

If you are already familiar with St. Blaise, it is probably because of the blessing of throats—a Catholic custom on his feast.

According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise, and he became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness.

Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food.

Blaise is one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints who were patrons for almost every aspect of life. People in the Middle Ages showed devotion to these saints as a group.

Saints Kit, Loyola Press

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, 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 Gatus, 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, 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, Maryann Halleran, Agnes Koczo and Richard Dickau.

Please remember to notify the office when your family member has recovered.

Catholic Schools
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save the date

Have A Heart Dance, February 10th

Parent Forum, February 16th

Casino Night, March 31st

Golf Outing, May 8th

School Musical, Willy Wonka, Jr., May 11th & 12th

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for February 5, 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

Schedule of Classes for February 12, 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 – Classes 9C, 9D & 9E will attend the retreat. Classes 9A & 9B have class.

Schedule of Classes for February 19, 2017

There no Religious Formation classed scheduled this weekend.

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

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

All 9th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

9th Grade Retreat—Sunday, February 12th for classes 9C, 9D & 9E. The retreat will be begin in the Parish Center at 9 am and conclude in Church with the 12 pm Mass. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House.

Youth Ministry

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.

The Montville Township Women's Club Presents

A Night With Anthony Duke

Talented singer Anthony Duke Claus will be singing hits from the 50's and 60's as well as songs from Broadway Musicals. Friday, February 17th at 7 pm at the Senior House, Montville. Tickets \$15. Please contract Alexandra at 973-405-008 for tickets or more information.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Catholic Charities Donation Box

Please help support food pantries & our many other programs by donating Clothing, Shoes, Toys and Household items in our donation bin located in the parking lot. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have any questions, need a tax receipt or would like to schedule for a larger pick up (sorry no furniture), please call our toll free number, 877-343-3651. Thank You!

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Paterson Multicultural U. S. Citizenship Campaign

The City of Paterson's Office of the Mayor and Municipal Council will host a citizenship outreach campaign, "Paterson Multicultural US Citizenship Campaign" to help city residents in their pathway to citizenship. The City of Paterson is partnering with Passaic County Community College, the NJ Alliance for Immigrant Justice, Make the Road NJ and the Garden State Legal Services in this campaign.

The "Paterson Multicultural US Citizenship Campaign" will be held at Passaic County Community College on the following dates and times:

Friday, February 10, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday, February 11, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday, February 17, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday, February 18, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The citizenship campaign will provide free services by legal experts on immigration and volunteers, who will help fill out forms. A free study guide manual regarding the naturalization process and the N-400 Form, will be provided. Applicants are required to bring the following documents for the citizenship application process: passport, Green Card, two (2) photos and Social Security Card.

The City of Paterson is a proud member of Cities for Citizenship (C4C), a major national initiative aimed at increasing citizenship among eligible U.S. permanent residents, and will be joining major cities such as New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Miami among others for this campaign.

Any interested non-for-profit organizations and volunteers are welcome to participate and assist in this initiative.

Stewardship



Everything we have
is a gift from God that we
are to use to help others.