

MARCH 19, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 20, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 am

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Thursday, March 23, 7:30 am

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Friday, March 24, 7:30 am

Joe & Wanda Horvath

Nicky Nelson

Saturday, March 25

8:00 am People Of The Parish

5:00 pm Alvira Conduro

Stephanie Travers

Sunday, March 26

7:30 am Stephanie Travers

9:00 am Maria Grace Paleologo

10:30 am Janet Schere

12:00 pm Anna & Joseph Allegra

Celebrant Schedule – March 25-26

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!

March 14, 2016 \$ 14,635.00

March 12, 2017 \$ 15,537.00

This weekend's second collection is

St. Pius X Mission

St. Pius X Mission Envelope

Your generosity to the St. Pius X Mission Envelope is deeply appreciated. This second collection is to support our local mission of helping people in need in our general area. We have helped hurricane victims, those affected by the economic downturn and those with physical problems. We also use this collection to subsidize local Catholic education. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

BAPTISMS

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

Nicholas Alistair son of Nicholas and Ashley

Nicholas Paul son of Robert & Marina

BIBLE STUDY

Save The Date: April 25th-June 13th

Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother

More Information To Follow

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.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be Wednesday, April 5th 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, March 20th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. **Save The Date:** The Knights of Columbus are hosting their **Annual Fish & Chips Dinner on Saturday, April 1st**, in the Parish Center. Chicken tenders are also available. Dine-In or Take-Out. Tickets are \$15 per person (children 12 and under \$8) and include soda/water, coffee/tea and dessert. Call Dave Arthurs 973-334-3028 or Rob Donohue 973-227-2195.

Knights of Columbus Hero Of The Week

Members of the Knights of Columbus are very proud of our membership, our service to the community and our Brother Knights. For the next few weeks we would like to inform our parish of a few of our Brothers and their contributions.

When looking at our list of weekly heroes, I am drawn to our beloved Brother Ralph Avalone. Most parishioners know him as a reader of God's Word at 5 pm Mass on Saturdays, the Passion on Palm Sunday and Genesis at the Easter Vigil. Ralph has shared God's word since shortly after Vatican II, when he was the first reader at St. Joseph's Parish, West New York.

We have all enjoyed Ralph's famous Clam Chowder at the Parish Picnic but his most famous dish is linguini with clam sauce loved by all, except our deceased Brother Bill Wernig, who was sternly reprimanded for using catsup. Ralph's charities are known to members as UNICO, the children of the Dominican Republic and by the youth of Pathways. His service to our community includes Chairman of the Montville Housing Committee for 32 years, president of Montville Republican Club, with his wife Maida, as helper to all.

Ralph ended his career as shoe shine boy and paper boy when he entered the US Army in 1943, a month after High School graduation. His service ended with an 8 month hospitalization after being injured in the line of duty. After service, Ralph attended the RCA Radio Institute and, along with John Gambling, worked for WOR Radio developing the strong voice we all know. After a few years, he began work at the Secaucus Post Office and worked at every postal job imaginable until 1973 when he was appointed Postmaster of West New York Guttenberg by the President of the United States.

Retirement from his Postmaster position certainly never slowed him down. Even at 93, he makes a wonderful dinner for the 30 or 40 knights before each meeting. What many are not aware of, is that Ralph travels around town Tuesday morning bringing leftovers to shut-ins. What brings us closest to Brother Ralph is that after cleaning the kitchen, he closes the meeting by leading us in a beautiful prayer. Prayer with Brother Ralph has brought us closer to our Lord and our strength is renewed when we realize that it is Ralph who will lead our family in prayer at our wake services as he has done for every deceased Knight for the past 20 years. God be with you, Ralph.



Pride In Our Parish

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted their Commitment Card to the Church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. It is important that all parishioners complete a Commitment Card as we will be mailing out a Summary Report of the program and need all commitments accounted for in this report. If you have any questions, please contact the Ministry House. We also encourage all parishioners to consider our electronic giving method and to set up your reoccurring offertory gifts electronically. Thank you for your generosity!

*Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark*

Dedication Of Cathedral of St. John The Baptist

The Diocese has made available to the parishioners of St. Pius X Parish two tickets to the Dedication of the Newly Renovated Cathedral of St. John the Baptist on Saturday, June 24th at a 10 am Liturgy. If you are interested in attending, please call Maryann at the Ministry House.

Lenten Regulations

The entire season of Lent from Ash Wednesday, March 1st, to before Holy Thursday, April 13th, is a penitential season, a time for self denial, prayers and Christian charity.

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. The Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat with some other practice of voluntary self denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity, or Christian witness.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are *obliged to fast*. By this obligation the individual is permitted only one full meal in the day.

From the ages of 14, all are obliged to abstain. The law of abstinence forbids eating meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind even though made from animal fat.



Save The Date: July 17-21

**Grades K-5; Volunteers Needed High School & Older
More Information To Follow**

Interest or Inquiries: cdeary@optonline.net



Lenten Schedule

Welcome Home To Healing Monday Evenings During Lent

"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent from 7-8:30 pm in the Church. Don't be afraid! Experience the gracious mercy of God! As Pope Francis recently said concerning confessions, "There are no shadowy lanes that can serve as an alternative to the open road that leads to God's forgiveness, to the awareness, in the depths of the heart, of His forgiveness and His love." (October 25, 2013, Vatican Radio)

Parish Penance Service

We will celebrate a Parish Penance Service on Monday, April 3rd, at 7:00 pm in the Church.

Lenten Adult Education Program



On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*. Each week will feature a new topic beginning with a 25 minute video followed by a short discussion. This program showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization.

This week we focus on the life of **St. Catherine of Siena**, the Mystic, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, March 22nd, at 7 pm at the Ministry House. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



- † Friday, March 24th – 7:00 pm, Deacon Michal
- † Friday, March 31st – 3:00 pm, Fr. Dominik
- † Friday, April 7th – 3:00 pm, Deacon Jim
- † Good Friday, April 14th – 8:00 pm,
Paul Carroll/Kurt Kilanowski

Caring Crafters

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, March 28th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

Dear Caring Crafters,

I want to express my thanks for the beautiful hats and scarves the Caring Crafters have created for our Oncology patients at Cancer Care at St. Clare's. It was a perfect time to receive them with the cold weather blowing in. The time and love put into each of the hats is evident. Thank you for your lovely work. Sincerely,

*Brandy Johnson, Senior Oncology Counselor
Cancer Care at St. Clare's, Denville*

Dear Parents, Parishioners & Friends,

The Third Sunday of Lent is already upon us! As I told the students at the school's first Stations of the Cross, like Advent, Lent is a time that the Church sets aside as a way to slow us down and remind us about what is really important in our lives, which is having Jesus Christ at the center of our lives. Lent is a time for us, as Catholics, to seek God's forgiveness, compassion, and love and to focus on our relationship with God and other people.

St. Pius X School continues to be a wonderful place for students to learn and grow. Our teachers engage the students in quality instructional activities and enrichment programs. For example, our students came together one day after school to engage in a STEM project in which they created mechanized robots out of plastic cups, Crayola markers, and a battery operated motor. The youthful joy of the students in watching their robots come to life and fill white paper with color put a smile on my face. On the birthday of Dr. Seuss (3/2), in celebration of Reading Across America Day, our middle school students visited their lower school buddies and read a total of 131 Dr. Seuss books, which was followed by a brief age appropriate learning activity. Our students are not only being challenged with quality instruction every day, they are realizing that learning can be meaningful, enjoyable, lifelong, and not limited to the four walls of a classroom.

Registration for the 2017 – 2018 School Year is open and underway. As our registration and marketing efforts continue, I wish to thank the parish for the support you provide the school. I am genuinely appreciative for all the wonderful things that you do for the school. I request that you help us promote the school by encouraging anyone you know with school age children to consider the benefits of the wonderful Catholic Education received at St. Pius X School. Some of the benefits are:

- A strong academic and values based education that meets state standards.
- Religion classes that enable students to explore their faith through classes and activities in Scripture, Sacraments, Church, and morality.
- Frequent School wide Masses and Prayer Services.
- A safe learning environment built upon mutual respect and an atmosphere of care and concern.
- An emphasis on self-discipline, self-motivation, responsibility, and creativity.
- Supportive parents who are involved in the education of their children.
- Faculty members who are qualified professionals committed to bringing out the best in their students and who willingly share their faith, talents, and time with the students.
- Participation encouraged of every student both in and out of the classroom.

Please consider joining us for the following events:

3/22/17	Open House
Fridays of Lent	Stations of the Cross, 8:30 am
4/7/17	First Friday Mass, 8:30 am
5/8/17	Golf Outing
5/11/17 and 5/12/17	Spring Musical, Willa Wonka (tickets req.)
5/18/17	Spring Concert, 7:00 pm

Thank you! God bless you and your families! Please remember us in your prayers.

Mr. Thomas J. Welsh, Principal

St. Pius X School Casino Night

Friday, March 31st, Hanover Manor, East Hanover

Please join us at Casino Night! Tickets are now on sale after Masses in the Narthex or at tinyurl.com/SPXcasinoNight2017 or at SPXNJ.org. Donations and Journal Ads are still needed! Please consider donating Gift Cards, themed baskets, sporting event tickets, wine! We can also use empty baskets. Please drop donations at the school. Thank you for your generosity!

Youth Ministry

March

19 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
26 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
31 – Search

April

1-2 – Search
2 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
6 – Confirmation Rehearsal, 7 pm, Parish Center
7 – Confirmation, 7:30 pm, Parish Center
11 – Homeless Solutions
23 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

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

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for March 12, 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 March 19, 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

All 10th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

There is a mandatory rehearsal for Confirmation on Thursday, April 6th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. The Sacrament of Confirmation is Friday, April 7th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please arrive early, as seating is on a first come first serve basis.

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 Kondak, 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 Koczko, William Schicke, Remedios Gatz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, 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, Richard Dickau and Agnes Corazza.

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