

APRIL 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, April 3, 7:30 am

Robert Morton

Tuesday, April 4, 7:30 am

Andrew Bain

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 am

Charles Pilger

Friday, April 7, 7:30 am

John Farah

Saturday, April 8

8:00 am People Of The Parish

5:00 pm Nunzio & Mary DePalma

Rose Mazzela & Faustina Family

Sunday, April 9

7:30 am Stephanie Travers

9:00 am Barbara Lubertazzi

10:30 am Jack Cavanaugh

John Farah

12:00 pm Antonietta Biase

Celebrant Schedule – April 1-2

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 27, 2016 \$ 14,831.00

March 26, 2017 \$ 15,060.00

*This weekend's second collection is
Project Faith*

MINISTRY NEWS

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.

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.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, April 11th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

MINISTRY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, April 3rd at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room.

Knights of Columbus Hero Of The Week

Certainly many of our Brothers and parishioners deserve recognition but I have chosen for this week a Personal Hero, Billy Regan. A mere 5' 6" tall, he was always a giant of a man. In the stress of ethical problems and emotional discussion, Bill would sort of chuckle and gently urge you toward the just and loving solution leaving you with the question, "Why didn't I realize that? What was I thinking?"

As a young man, recently married to his high school sweetheart, Sally, Bill joined the New York City Fire Department. He rose quickly through the ranks from Lieutenant to Captain to Battalion Chief.

Bill was a leader in the late sixties, the time when everyone knew the Bronx was burning. It was a hard time for First Responders. Their very reason for being was questioned and often were threatened as enemy invaders in their efforts to save lives and property.

Bill retired from his physically demanding job as the highest ranking fireman in the NYFD that still fought fires. One of New York's bravest.

Bill's retirement was a calm and quiet combination of home repair, Chaplain at Essex County Prison, working with local Fire Departments, Right To Life leader at St. Pius X and loving father to 7 children and grandpa to 17 grandchildren. The low stress was not to last, however. Like many of us, he saw airplanes striking the World Trade Center. His brief retirement ended as he pulled on his turnout gear and headed to join his brothers at the disaster we call 9/11, and he never left. He joined as a leader in the rescue operation which soon turned into a recovery mission. 9/11 was a tragedy for our nation and especially the NYFD whose ranks were decimated that day. Bill continued his work on recovery leading a group of 10 firemen from Newark who went daily to the city for almost a year to help identify body parts.

When recovery operations ended, Bill stayed on with the New York Fire Department counseling surviving firemen who in some cases had lost every member of their house in this disaster. His amazing strength allowed him to help others deal with their loss, but even Bill's incredible fortitude couldn't bring him through days and nights of breathing the products of death and destruction. Shortly thereafter, he was diagnosed with late stage Pancreatic Cancer.

Bill's last months were spent making sure his responsibility to family and parish were complete. He never blamed anyone and joined his fallen brothers with the same courage, surrounded by God's love and beautiful family. He's still here in the hearts of many. If you are ever in need of good counsel, just ask Bill, you will sense a sort of chuckle, you'll become aware of the just and loving solution to your problem, and you'll wonder why didn't I think of that, and say to yourself, "What was I thinking?"



Update On The Future Of St. Pius X School

When it comes to operations of the school, fiscal realism is always a concern. We are in the stages of a long term commitment to evaluate, adjust and continue the vibrancy of the school. In taking those steps, we have formed a Strategic Planning Committee, which myself and Tom Welsh are leading, and together we will take this time to strengthen our enrollment as well as the quality of our education.

I am happy to inform you that we recently had a meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee. It was a unanimous decision to set goals in regards to the vitality of our school.

1. Immediately pursue accreditation for our STEM school status from the Diocese.
2. Have a campaign to establish a school playground for younger children as well as older children.
3. To make significant strides in our academic, technological and our extracurricular activities. Both in the short-term and long-term planning.
4. Long-term commitment to evaluate, adjust and continue the vibrancy of the school.
5. Strengthen our enrollment as well as the quality of our education.

Please send any questions, suggestions or comments to office@st-pius-x.org or call the Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

*Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark*

Easter Food Blessing

Since we have had numerous requests from parishioners, we will be available on Holy Saturday at 10:30 am in the Narthex, to bless Easter food, as this is a tradition with many cultures.



American Red Cross Blood Drive Sponsored by Montville Rotary

Sunday, April 2nd

9 am – 2 pm

Senior Center, 356 Route 202, Montville

If you have any questions, please contact:

Natascha at carlos@restrepo.org



Lenten Schedule 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 **Blessed John Henry Newman**, the Convert, left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, April 5th, at 7 pm at the Ministry House. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



† Friday, April 7th – 3:00 pm, Fr. Dominik

† Good Friday, April 14th – 8:00 pm,

Paul Carroll/Kurt Kilanowski

BIBLE STUDY

Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother

April 25th-June 13th, 7 pm, Ministry House

This Bible Study program is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever.

Please register at Ascensionpress.com and click on *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother*. Log in with your e mail or password, or if you don't have an account, select "Create An Account" and fill in your name, e mail and password. Select "Checkout" and follow the instructions to register for the study.



Vacation Bible School

Save The Date: July 17-21

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

Interest or Inquiries: cdeary@optonline.net

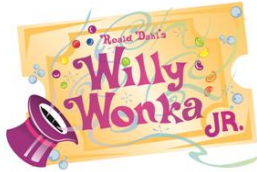
Catholic Schools

... Faith, Academics, Service.



St. Pius X School Golf Outing
Save The Date: Monday, May 8th

Chance to win a car and other great prizes!
Register now to play or sponsor at spxnj.org
or call/text Tara Polking 917-658-7293



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

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for April 2, 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 April 9, 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

Schedule of Classes for April 16, 2017

No Religious Formation classes are scheduled this weekend.

Schedule of Classes for April 23, 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 April 30, 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

Schedule of Classes for May 7, 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.

Music Ministry

Parish Children's Choir

All children in the parish (Grades K-8) are invited to sing for the following Holy Week Liturgies.

Palm Sunday

Rehearsal - Thursday, April 6 - 6-6:30 pm in the Church
Mass - Sunday, April 9 - 8:30 am Rehearsal, 9 am Mass

Good Friday - Evening Stations of the Cross

Rehearsal - Tuesday, April 11 - 2:45-4 pm in the Church
Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 14 - 7:30 pm
Rehearsal, 8 pm Stations

Easter Sunday

Rehearsal - Thursday, April 6 - 6:30-7:15 pm, Church
Rehearsal - Saturday, April 8 - 3:30-4:15 pm, Church
Rehearsal - Tuesday, April 11 - 4-4:45 pm in the Church
Mass - Sunday, April 16 - 10 am Rehearsal, 10:30 am
Mass in the Parish Center

Youth Ministry

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.

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 Koczko, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, 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 Koczko, Richard Dickau, Agnes Corazza and Hilda Lundy.

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

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Montville Township Health Department

Announces the following Montville Health Screenings:

Thursday, April 6th, 5-7 pm, Female Cancer Screening

Saturday, April 8th, 8-11 am, Blood Screening, Blood Pressure,

Podiatrist, PSA, Thyroid, A1C Glucose, Homocysteine

Monday, April 24th, 4-5 pm, Male Cancer Screening

Pre-registration is required and appointments will be scheduled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please call 973-331-3316 for more info, cost or to schedule an appointment.