

DECEMBER 31, 2017
HOLY FAMILY



Monday, January 1, 9:30 am

Mary Winkle

Tuesday, January 2, 7:30 am

Michael Nadeau
Rose & William Lafortezza

Thursday, January 4, 7:30 am

Donna Carmen Sampedro Davila

Friday, January 5, 7:30 am

Eleanor Lund Lake

Saturday, January 6

5:00 pm Rose Mackinshok

Sunday, January 7

7:30 am People Of The Parish
9:00 am Melissa Yost
10:30 am Lou & Christine D'Ascenza
12:00 pm Marie LaMorte

Celebrant Schedule –January 6-7

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!

*This Weekend's Second Collection Is For
The Beacon*

Auto Contribution

Please sign up for automatic giving, visit our website at
www.st-pius-x.org, click on Donate. Thank you!

*All contributions for the year 2017 must be received by
Sunday, December 31, 2017
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.*

First Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am in the Church on *Friday, January 5th*. 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.

2018 Calendars

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MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosarian Meeting on **Wednesday, February 7th at 1 pm** at the Ministry House. Please note there is no scheduled January meeting. For more information, please call the Ministry House.

CARING CRAFTERS

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

PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting of the St. Pius X Spirit of Love Prayer Group is **Wednesday, January 10th** at 12:45 pm in the Chapel at the Ministry House.

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. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 2nd at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

BIBLE STUDY

Our new Bible Study Program is *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus In The Gospel of John*. Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his friend. The Gospel of John is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love and to love others as he has loved us. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, January 31st, 7:30-9:00** at the Ministry House. To register for class:

1. Visit the Ascension Press website.
2. Click on "Join A Study."
3. Set up a Log-in, E mail and Password.
4. Type in location, Montville, NJ, 07045. Choose St. Pius X.
5. Click on "More Information." Click on "Register."
6. Purchase a Student Workbook for \$16.95, which allows you access to the videos online for the class.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please call Maryann at the Ministry House, 973-335-2894, or e mail at office@st-pius-x.org. All are welcome!

Heartfelt Thanks To:

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



Christmas Wish List

At our recent Finance Committee Meeting, we discussed the possibility of installing a Playground for Pre-School Children. This is the only item on our Christmas Wish List. The cost will be approximately \$19,500. If anyone is interested in memorializing or brightening our Christmas, please contact the Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



New Year's Resolutions

It's about that time when many of you will be making your annual "New Year's Resolutions." Perhaps you would like to try the following "Recipe" for a Happy New Year, prepared by an unknown author.

Take 12 full-grown months, free from old memories of bitterness, hate and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite. Pick off the little specks of pettiness. See that these months are freed from the past—as fresh and clean as when they came from the great storehouse of time. Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts; the whole batch equals one year.

If you try to make up the whole batch at once, you may spoil the whole lot. Prepare one day at a time according to this pattern: into each day put 12 parts Faith, 11 parts of Hope, 10 parts of Prayer, 9 parts of Kindness, 8 parts of Patience, 7 parts of Work, 6 parts of Fidelity, 5 parts of Courage, 4 parts of Generosity, 3 parts of Quiet Meditation, 2 parts of Good Humor and a dash or two or three of Fun and Play. Pour Love into the whole batch and mix with Enthusiasm. Garnish with Smiles, Laughter and a sprig of Cheer. Follow these directions and a Happy New Year in your family is guaranteed!

Happy New Year!
Fr. Mark

Brighton Beach Memoirs

The Montville Educational Foundation is partnering with Montville Kiwanis to present the play *Brighton Beach Memoirs* at the Barn Theater on Friday, January 19th. There will be a reception with Coney Island themed appetizers, beer and wine at 7 pm and show time is 8 pm. At intermission, dessert and coffee will be served. Proceeds go toward supporting the educational needs of Montville Township students. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by contacting Carol Palma at personalcontroller@aol.com or 973-882-6506.

Feast Of The Holy Family

*"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you."*

Jeremiah 31:3

We Are God's Family

Reflection by Henri Nouwen

"Jesus came to share his identity with you and to tell you that you are the beloved sons and daughters of God. Just for a moment try to enter this enormous mystery, that you, like Jesus, are the beloved daughter or the beloved son of God. This is the truth.

Furthermore, your belovedness preceded your birth. You were the beloved before your father, mother, brother, sister or Church loved you or hurt you. You are the beloved because you belong to God from all eternity.

God loved you before you were born, and God will love you after you die. In Scripture, God says, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love.' This is a very fundamental truth of your identity. This is who you are whether you feel it or not. You belong to God from eternity to eternity. Life is the opportunity to say, I love you, too."

Seminarian Corner

Family life is the heart of faith life for many of us including Jesus Christ himself. It is in the family where we first experience love. This image of love that is formed in the family later becomes the image we have of God's love for us. After the experience of the Temple that we read about in the Gospel today, the Holy Family returned to their home and lived as a family. They did not live in the Temple. Instead, it was in the daily struggle of family life, that Jesus grew to become the man God the Father wanted him to be. This Gospel is a reminder of the sacredness of our own homes and families. God's hand is always at work inside the family no matter how dysfunctional or broken the family may be. God's love and grace are in the relationships we share with our loved ones. This week let us be more mindful of the holiness of our family bonds.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian

Blessed Mother Memorial Garden



In order to commemorate and honor a loved one that has passed, the "Blessed Mother Memorial Garden" has been built alongside the Blessed Mother's Rosary Prayer Garden. This Memorial Garden will be dedicated to all your loved ones and all the parishioners who have given so much to St. Pius X Church and have passed.

Every time you come to Church, there will be a convenient opportunity to pray for them. This Memorial Garden will give you the opportunity to honor and remember a loved one simply by purchasing a Memorial Brick. The cost of each brick is \$500.00.

It's simple to do. Please complete the form that is available in the vestibule of the Church or on our website and return it to the Ministry House. For more information or if you have questions, please contact the Ministry House.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for December 31, 2017

There are no classes scheduled for the holiday weekends.

Schedule of Classes for January 7, 2018

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 10th Grade

Please check schedule for times.

Schedule of Classes for January 14, 2018

There are no classes scheduled for this weekend.

Schedule of Classes for January 21, 2018

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 9th Grade

Classes 9A, 9B & 9C – 9th Grade Retreat 9 am Parish Center concluding with 12:00 pm Mass

Classes 9D & 9E – Regular Class Schedule

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, February 25th. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Glory, Sunday, January 21st, 10-11:00 am, Cafeteria

Praise, Sunday, January 28th, 10-11:00 am, K of C Room

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

All 9th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

9th Grade Retreat—Sunday, January 21st, for classes 9A, 9B & 9C. Sunday, February 4th for classes 9D & 9E. The retreat will 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. On the date that your class does not have the retreat, please attend your class session at your usual time.

Youth Ministry

Homeless Solutions & Eric Johnson House

January

7 – Youth Council Meeting 9-10:30 am

9 – Homeless Solutions 4:30-7:30 pm

12 – Eric Johnson House 2:30-4:00 pm

16 – Youth Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm

21 – 9th Grade Retreat Classes 9A, 9B, 9C, 9 am-1:00 pm

February

4 – 9th Grade Retreat Classes 9D & 9E, 9 am-1:00 pm

Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski for more information

youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

St. Pius X Talent Show Grades 2-8, January 12th

For more info, please contact Chrissy Deary at cdeary@optonline.net to register by December 29th.

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.

Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Sornsky, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Ann Dimaira, Victor Marmo, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Barbara Capsouras, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Janet Babbitt, Bruno Stillo, Michael Mascari, Marjorie McArthur, Charlie Auskings, Eileen Kapotes, Remedios Gatz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, David Douglas, Walter Sedlacik, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Richard Dickau, Zachary Miller, Lauren Grace Jarman, Michael Halleran, Maria Ferrigno, Kathy Compitiello and Daniel Dotterweich III.

Catholic Schools

... Faith, Academics, Service.

Save The Date

Casino Night – February 23rd



Calendar Raffle 2017

Congratulations to last week's Calendar Raffle Winners. Raffle Winnings will be mailed to the address provided on your raffle stub.

Monday, December 18	\$25	John Galka
Tuesday, December 19	\$25	Vinnie Moreo
Wednesday, December 20	\$25	Karey Geddes
Thursday, December 21	\$25	Michelle Dimaira
Friday, December 22	\$25	Marybeth Ruskin
Saturday, December 23	\$25	Claire Palma
Sunday, December 24	\$50	Mike DeFino

Polish Mass

Saturday, January 13th, 6:30 pm
Every Second Saturday Of The Month
All are welcome!

“Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę w języku polskim.”

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | Luke 2:22-40

Mary and Joseph took the newborn baby Jesus to the Temple to be presented to God. When Simeon and Anna laid eyes upon Jesus, they proclaimed Him to be the Anointed One.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



The Holy Family of

and

Fill in their names, found in bold above. Draw in faces and color the picture.