

JANUARY 28, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Monday, January 29, 7:30 am

Patricia Ann Folger

Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 am

DeAnna Pasciuto

Thursday, February 1, 7:30 am

Marie Gunneson

Friday, February 2, 7:30 am

August D'Angelo

Saturday, February 3

5:00 pm Robert Spinnler

Sunday, February 4

7:30 am Ronald Sheehan

9:00 am Marion & Salvatore Assante
Jamie Evans, George Bahto
Irene Kovshik

10:30 am Andrew Amalfitano

12:00 pm Frank Kretkowski

Marian Ryan

Elizabeth Matonti Lucarelli

Celebrant Schedule –February 3-4

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 22, 2017 \$ 13,285.00

January 21, 2018 \$ 14,100.00

*Next Weekend's Second Collection Is For
Project Faith*

Auto Contribution

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

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.

Polish Mass

Saturday, February 10th, 6:30 pm
Every Second Saturday Of The Month
All are welcome!
“Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę w języku polskim.”

Fatima Statue

The St. Pius X Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available during the summer months of 2018. Please sign up for a week to bring the statue to your home. To sign-up or if you have any questions, please e mail Kathi Weiner at kathleenDW1013@gmail.com or call the Ministry House. Thank you.

Prayer Memorials 2018 Mass Book

The 2018 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.

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 the Office of Development for the Diocese of Paterson at 973-777-8818 Ext. 290 or visit www.patersondiocese/givingplan.net.

Year End Statements

Year End Contribution Statements will be mailed out after January 31st. If you do not receive your statement or have any questions, please call Lisa Kardell at the Ministry House, 973-335-2894, Ext. 102.

First Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 7:30 am Mass until 9:00 am in the Church on *Friday, February 2nd*. 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.

BAPTISMS

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

Colin Raymund son of Colin & Vanessa



Top 10 Best Reasons To Come To Church

As we journey through our Winter of Discontent, we are hopeful that each day brings us closer to springtime. I was asked by one of the parishioners to publish in the bulletin an excerpt from my homily about the David Letterman's framework for the Top 10 Best Reasons To Come To Church.

Here they are:

10. You will probably make some new friends.
9. You'll probably see some old friends.
8. You'll be encouraged in your walk with God.
7. It will help you define what you believe.
6. Because gathering is part of what it means to be a Christian.
5. It will help you re-order your priorities.
4. It promotes stability in your life.
3. It will help give you a sense of purpose.
2. It will help you to be a happy person.
1. The retirement benefits are out of this World!

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



Fr. Mark is looking for Eucharistic Ministers to visit The Chelsea on Monday morning at 11 am once a month. The primary task is to bring Communion and good cheer to the residents. This ministry is less than one hour and is very rewarding. If you are interested please call Maryann at the Ministry House or see John Regan after Mass. Thank you for your consideration.



Dear Fr. Mark & St. Pius X Parish Family,

On behalf of Holy Trinity in Passaic, THANK YOU for your generosity to our Parish. It is truly appreciated. Your generous gifts of toys brought many smiles to the children at our Religious Education Program on the Feast Of The Three Kings.

Be assured of my prayers, gratitude and good wishes in the New Year. May the Lord reward you and your families for your kindness.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. I wish you and your families a happy and healthy New Year and may God bless you always!

Peace & Blessings of Joy,

Rev. Antonio Rodriguez, Pastor

Seminarian Corner

The people in today's Gospel, who heard Jesus teach and saw him heal, were said to have been astonished and amazed by the authority of his teaching. So compelling were Jesus's words and actions that the news about him could not be contained; it spread quickly throughout all of Galilee. Two thousand years later, the news about Jesus continues to spread. We are called to participate in sharing the Good News of Jesus with others in our words and in our deeds. Like the people who say, "Jesus, we must always try to be amazed by the power of Christ today." How amazing is the Mass? How amazing is the Eucharist? We still have many things to be in amazement of in our daily lives. What did the people who saw and heard Jesus find so amazing? In Jesus, the people heard and saw the power and authority of God at work. People should see in our lives the power and authority of God at work. This week let us strive to show the power of God to all by living out the Gospel of Love. Let us live this prayer, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. And kindle in them the fire of your love." Amen.

Ministry News

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosarian Meeting on **Wednesday, February 7th at 1 pm** at the Ministry House. For more information, please call the Ministry House.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, February 5th at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

AFC/NFC Championship

Once again the Knights of Columbus AFC/NFC Championship gathering was an overwhelming success. The room was filled to overflowing with a rowdy group in the front led by priests and usually gentlemanly Knights and a group in the back that seemed to come just to spend an afternoon eating Past Grand Knight Jim Ackaway's great food and sharing the comradery of Christian gentlemen. What a fine group of beautiful people! There was even a rose among the thorns, Trish Walters, who attends every year with her children, added to the joy.

Not many new members were recruited but many became aware of all the Knights do around the parish. We are certain that the spirit will entice several to join our Brotherhood and contribute to the good works of the Knights.

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 this **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!

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.

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.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Wednesday, January 31st 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.

Dear Caring Crafters,

I would like to thank the Caring Crafters at St. Pius X Parish for the donation of lovely knitted items to the AIDS Resource Foundation for Children. These beautiful items were distributed to the children and families that we serve during the holidays. We are truly fortunate to have friends like you who support our mission.

The mission of the AIDS Resource Foundation for children is to help families who are impacted by HIV/AIDS and children who have other serious medical conditions to be resilient and to build healthier futures. Because of friends like you, we have been able to provide safe and loving homes to those most in need and support them with necessary services in their communities.

From our families to yours, we wish you a very happy and healthy New Year!

Best Wishes,

Kevin Zealand, Executive Director



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Casino Night

St. Pius X School's Annual Casino Night will be held on **Friday, February 23rd**, at the **Lake Valhalla Club** in Montville. Please join us at what is always a fun night! Tickets are now on sale! 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 any donations off at the School office. Thank you for your generosity!



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. Somsy, 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 Gatzuz, 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, Maria Ferrigno, Kathy Compitiello, Anthony Zegarell, Wayne Tanchak, Florence Rainone and Catherine Lendino.

Youth Ministry

February

- 4 – 9th Grade Retreat Classes 9D & 9E, 9 am-1:00 pm
- 9 – Homeless Solutions 4:30-7:30 pm
- 13 – Eric Johnson House 2:30-4:00 pm

March

- 9 – Homeless Solutions 4:30-7:30 pm
 - 13 – Eric Johnson House 2:30-4:00 pm
- Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski for more information
youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for January 28, 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 February 4, 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 9 A, 9B & 9C – Regular Class Schedule

Classes 9D & 9E – 9th Grade Retreat 9 am Parish Center concluding with 12:00 pm Mass

Schedule of Classes for February 11, 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.

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

**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, 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. Classes 9A, 9B and 9C will attend class at their regular times.

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.

Little Angels Parish Music Program

Want to make connections with other young families in the Parish?

Want your child to have opportunities to socialize?

Want to develop your child's musical interest and love of God?



**Tuesdays 10:00 am in the St. Pius X Ministry House Chapel
February 6, 13, 20 and 27**

For Children 9 months - 3 years, accompanied by an adult
(siblings can attend)

Class size is limited to 10 registered participants

Cost is \$20 for the whole session

Contact Chrissy Deary at cdeary@optonline.net to
Register by February 2