

DECEMBER 6, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 7, 7:30 am
People Of The Parish

Tuesday, December 8,
Immaculate Conception

7:30 am Neil Martin Thomas
9:30 am Keenen O'Brien
7:30 pm Jack Cavanaugh

Thursday, December 10, 7:30 am
People Of The Parish

Friday, December 11, 7:30 am
Albert J. O'Dowd

Saturday, December 12
5:00 pm Rose Allen

Sunday, December 13
7:30 am James Joseph McHugh
9:00 am Maria Grace Paleologo
10:30 am Mastroberte Family
12:00 pm Cecelia & Louis Milano

Celebrant Schedule – December 12-13

5:00 pm Fr. Peter
7:30 am Fr. Peter
9:00 am Fr. Peter
10:30 am Fr. Mark
12:00 pm Fr. Mark

The Parish Offices will be closed Tuesday, December 8th in observance of the Immaculate Conception.

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

November 30, 2014	\$ 15,063.00
November 29, 2015	\$ 14,534.00
November 23, 2014	\$ 22,087.00
November 22, 2015	\$ 18,389.00
2014 Catholic Home Missions	\$ 2,729.00
2015 Catholic Home Missions	\$ 2,652.00

All contributions for the year 2015 must be received by
Thursday, December 31, 2015
for the amount to be included in your Income Tax Statement.

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Flowers in memory of Joseph Serafini requested by Friends from The Bunco Group.

BAPTISMS

We welcome new members born of water and the Holy Spirit:

*Briar Leslie daughter of Bradley & Emily
Noah Austin & Gavin Alexander sons of Jason & Robyn*

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on **January 6th at 1 pm** at the Ministry House for a regular meeting. Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary. For more information on the Rosary Society please call Stephanie Travers at 973-227-4197.

"Thank You" to all who baked, donated and purchased at our Annual Bake Sale! The sale was very successful!

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, December 15th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. 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. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 7th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Ron Owens, Bereavement Facilitator. **Bereavement Meeting Wednesday, December 16th, 7-9 pm, Ministry House.** For special requests, please call 973-335-2894, Ext. 123.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for Bible Study on **Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm** at the Ministry House. Our topic will be The Acts of the Apostles. All are invited to attend! *Please note, there will be no Bible Study on December 8th, Immaculate Conception.*

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.

Prayer Memorials 2016 Mass Book

The 2016 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.



Advent

Advent is both a beginning and an ending. It marks the end of a *distant* God and the beginning of a *God-with us*. No longer separate but intimate, no longer invisible but tangible, no longer conceptual, but conceived by the Blessed Mother for all of us. God no longer a vague promise from the Old Testament, but a loving person alive in our midst.

Advent is to be experienced as a time of “devout and joyful expectation.” Expectation means we “look out of” ourselves and “look beyond” what we see. To be “devout” means filled with the Gospels’ conviction and compassion. The most challenging aspect of Advent is that our expectation remains joyful, undimmed by centuries of delay, undaunted by the crisis of today.

Advent has two objectives. It helps prepare for Christmas when Jesus’ first coming is remembered. It also reminds us that we are awaiting His Second Coming at the end of time. When He comes, all will be reversed: an ending and a beginning. An ending forever of calendars and clocks. A beginning for eternity with the God of Love. This is the ultimate Christmas gift.

*Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark*



A Prayer For Advent

*Look on us, Jesus, and let
all the darkness of our souls
disappear before the beams
of your brightness.*

*Fill us with your holy love,
and open to us
the treasures of your wisdom.*

*You know all our desire,
so bring to perfection
what you have started,
and what the Holy Spirit
has wakened us to ask in prayer.*

*We seek your face,
turn your face to us
and show us your glory.*

*Then our longing will be satisfied
and our peace will be perfect. Amen.*

St. Augustine

Christmas Shop Rite Certificates

As we approach Christmas, we recall God’s many Blessings and the invitation of Christ to care for our brothers and sisters. Poverty is increasing and everyday growing numbers of people, often children and elderly, go to sleep feeling hunger pains.

St. Pius X will be selling Shop Rite Certificates in the Narthex after all Masses through December. The certificates will be donated to Montville Food Bank and Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

Saint Pius X Annual Giving Tree

Help Make A Child's Christmas Wish Come True

Our Giving Tree in the Narthex is decorated with ornaments that each hold a child’s Christmas wish. Some ornaments are for children who are victims of broken homes and the DCPD (Division of Child Protection and Permanency) is involved. Other ornaments are for children from Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic. Please select an ornament from the tree. Your gift may be this child’s only joy this Christmas season! Please return the unwrapped gifts to the Church or the Ministry House as soon as possible but no later than December 15th, so that we can ensure delivery in time for Christmas. Please be sure to attach the ornament to the gift so we can make sure it gets to the correct child. If you do not want to shop, any gift cards in any denomination are greatly appreciated and our “angels” will do the shopping for you! Any questions, please call Patty O’Dowd-Donohue at 973-769-0833 or the Ministry House at 973-335-2894. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Christmas Eve Masses – Thursday, December 24th

4:00 pm	Parish Center
4:00 pm	Church
6:00 pm	Church
8:00 pm	Church
11:00 pm	Church (10:30 pm Christmas Carols)

Christmas Day Masses – Friday, December 25th

7:30 am	Church
9:30 am	Church
11:30 am	Church

The Solemnity of Mary–Friday, January 1, 2016

9:30 am	Church
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2016 Calendars

Donated by:

*Parsippany Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;
Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;
Available in the vestibule of the Church*

Saint Pius X School

From the Panther Pride Newsletter First Edition

Just a few short weeks ago, Pope Francis came to the United States. The Pontiff visited three main cities: Washington, DC, New York City, NY and Philadelphia, PA. In these cities, Pope Francis met the President at a welcoming ceremony, participated in a Papal Parade, addressed the United Nations General Assembly, and met with Bishops at St. Martin's Chapel. Pope Francis is the fourth Pope to visit the United States, preceded by Pope Paul VI, Pope John II and Pope Benedict XVI. This Papal visit was an exciting event for Roman Catholics in America.

In an unusual turn of events, a child seems to have been cured of a serious illness after meeting Pope Francis. While in Philadelphia, the Pope kissed a little girl with an inoperable brain tumor. The brain tumor has shrunken to the size of a pea. This miraculous event has yet to be explained by the child's doctors. Is it possible that we have another saint in our midst?

By Anya Michalewski

Youth Ministry

Christmas Wreath Sale This Weekend

To Benefit Youth Ministry

After All Masses, December 5th & 6th

December

- 5, 6 – Wreath Sale
- 6 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 6 – Christmas Concert
- 8 – Homeless Solutions
- 11 – Eric Johnson House
- 13 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 20 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

January

- 3 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 8 – Eric Johnson House
- 10 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 12 – Homeless Solutions
- 17 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class
- 24 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class
- 31 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

***We are on FACEBOOK.** Please search for us under St. Pius X in Northern New Jersey. Additional updates will be sent every week from our page there. For information on how to join our Youth Ministry, please call Kurt Kilanowski at ext. 110 or e mail at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass

Again this year, we will have a parish-wide Children's Choir for the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass in the Parish Center. We will have three rehearsals and ask that each student attend at least two.

Rehearsals in Parish Center:

Saturday, December 19 – 4:00-4:45 pm

Monday, December 21 – 5:30-6:15 pm

Wednesday, December 23 – 5:30-6:15 pm

Mass: Thursday, December 24 –

3:00 pm Rehearsal for 4:00 pm Mass

Please contact Paul Carroll at pcarroll@st-pius-x.org to sign up.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for December 13, 2015

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 –

Grades 9 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

Schedule of Classes for December 20, 2015

Praise Middle School –

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:15 – 9:30 am

Praise Elementary School –

Grades 1, 4, 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 – 11:00 am

Grades 2 & 3 – 10:30 am Mass; Class 11:30 – 12:30 pm

Confirmation –

Grade 10 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm

Schedule of Classes For December 27, 2015

There are no classes scheduled for this weekend.

Schedule of Classes for January 3, 2016

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 –

Grades 9 – 12:00 pm Mass; Class 1-2:00 pm



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.

Alvira Conduro, John Farkas, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Marilyn DeSantis, 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 Kocz, William Schicke, Remedios Gatus, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, Jason Fass, Nikki Basil, Terry Cox, Al Beatrice, Daniel DePaul, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Dolores Patrisso, Gary Nagurka, Tina Kenning, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Raymond Ervey and Paul DiPiazza.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Procession For Life

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saturday, December 12th, immediately following the 8 am Mass at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, Morristown. We will process 3 blocks with statue of Our Lady from Church to Planned Parenthood, where we will say the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. For more information, please call 973-933-2800.

Parishioners Need A Ride To Mass

Long-time parishioners living in Riverdale need a ride to weekend Mass. To volunteer, please call Maryann at the Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

Office Work Needed

Unemployed parishioner looking for office work—secretary, clerical, receptionist—in any field. Please call 862-254-1226.

Apartment For Rent

Apartment for rent Montville area, Available February 1st. One bedroom, kitchen, living room, full bath. Please call 973-906-1562.