

FEBRUARY 26, 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Monday, February 27, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Tuesday, February 28, 7:30 am

Johanna O'Dowd Reardon

Ash Wednesday, March 1

7:30 am Mass & Ashes People Of The Parish

9:30 am Mass & Ashes People Of The Parish

4:30 pm Liturgy Of The Word & Distribution of Ashes

7:30 pm Mass & Ashes People Of The Parish

Thursday, March 2, 7:30 am

Keenen O'Brien

Friday, March 3, 7:30 am

Joseph & Rose Davi

Saturday, March 4

5:00 pm Mrs. Jarina

Sunday, March 5

7:30 am People Of The Parish

9:00 am People Of The Parish

10:30 am Rita Marinello

12:00 pm Sydney Miller

Celebrant Schedule – March 4-5

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!

February 21, 2016 \$ 15,166.00

February 19, 2017 \$ 13,803.00

*This weekend's second collection is for
Project Faith*

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.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be Wednesday, March 1st 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, February 28th 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. Yarn donations are always appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, March 6th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusXKofC.org/>.

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.

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.

BAPTISMS

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

Mila Jay daughter of Patrick & Jamie

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 Lisa Marie Gerondeau, Associate Director of Development for the Diocese of Paterson at 973-777-8818 Ext. 290 or visit www.patersondiocese/givingplan.net.

Prayer Memorials 2017 Mass Book

The 2017 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.



**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl
Lenten Program**

Dear Friends In Christ,

Our faith calls us to build a culture of encounter. We hear this call clearly throughout the Gospel, and we see it reflected in Pope Francis' daily example. As we prepare for Lent, we are invited to reflect on how we, as people of faith, might contribute to this culture of encounter. To serve as a guide for your community's reflection, I invite you to use CRS Rice Bowl this Lent.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families and parish and school communities, while continuing to connect Catholics in our Diocese with our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Seventy-five percent of our gifts go to Catholic Relief Services to support vital projects for our neighbors in need around the world. Twenty-five percent of our gifts remain here in the Diocese to support our Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Services programs.

Together we will do our part in responding to Christ's call to build a culture of encounter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson



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.



**Lenten Schedule
Welcome Home To Healing
March 6th – March 27th**

"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.

St. Francis of Assisi, the Reformer, radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the Theologian, demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.

St. Catherine of Siena, the Mystic, gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

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

G.K. Chesterton, the Evangelist, publicly, humbly and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

Michelangelo, the Artist, dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

This series is held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm at the Ministry House, beginning on Wednesday, March 8th. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



- † Friday, March 3rd – 3:00 pm, Fr. Mark
- † Friday, March 10th – 7:00 pm, Knights Of Columbus
- † Friday, March 17th – 3:00 pm, Peter O'Brien
- † 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

Catholic Schools

... Faith, Academics, Service. †

At St. Pius X School, our PK-3 and PK-4 programs are exceptional. Students are taken on a year-long journey of discovery. They gain knowledge and a love of learning through hands-on experiences in Science, Math and Reading, with particular attention being given to the various learning styles of the children. In addition to the basics, our students participate in Art, Gym, Music, Library and Technology classes. PK-3 and PK-4 students also benefit from being in a PK – 8th grade environment. Upper grades “buddy” with lower grades for a variety of activities throughout the school year, including STEM projects and holiday celebrations, providing strong role models and sense of family. Our PK students also participate in winter and spring concerts, as well as all school Masses and Prayer Services. At St. Pius X School, our PK-3 and PK-4 programs form a solid base upon which to build,

Please join us for an open house on March 15th from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm or call our school at 973-335-1253 to make an appointment to visit our classrooms.



save the date

Open House, March 15th

Casino Night, March 31st

Golf Outing, May 8th

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

Youth Ministry

February

26 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

March

5 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

10 – Eric Johnson House

12 – 10th Grade Confirmation Class

14 – Homeless Solutions

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 February 26, 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 5, 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 Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, March 12th.

Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

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 Koczo, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Pasquale Amoresano, 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 Koczo and Richard Dickau.

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

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Pizza Night With Bishop

March 7th, Pope John XXIII High School, Sparta

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, Ext. 711.

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Washington, DC

October 21, 2017

We are looking for a parishioner to volunteer to be the St. Pius X Coordinator for the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington. Your duties would include attending a few meetings at the Diocese and recruiting members of St. Pius X to attend the Pilgrimage. In 2014, the Diocese had over 2,400 pilgrims attend this day of spiritual renewal. If interested, please call Maryann at the Ministry House.

Driver Available

Need a ride to the doctor, supermarket or airport? Need someone to shop for you? Call Laura at 973-476-3632.