

MARCH 5, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 6, 7:30 am

James Mooney

Tuesday, March 7, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Thursday, March 9, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, March 10, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Saturday, March 11

8:00 am People Of The Parish

5:00 pm Muratore & Mongiovetto Families

Sebastian & Marie Faustina

Sunday, March 12

7:30 am Stephanie Travers

9:00 am Bernice Anne Bridges

10:30 am Robert Flackman

Al Marocco

12:00 pm Mehri Walsh

Richard Smith

Celebrant Schedule – March 11-12

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!

February 28, 2016 \$ 14,840.00

February 26, 2017 \$ 15,576.00

*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, April 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/>.

Movie & Pizza Night For High School Students, Friday, March 10th, 7-10 pm. Bring a movie to share, DVD or Blue Ray. Any questions, please call Jerry Vella, Director of Youth & Family Activities 973-335-9236.

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

Save The Date: April 25th-June 13th

Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother

More Information To Follow

BAPTISMS

We welcome a new member born of water and the Holy Spirit: *Mila Jay daughter of Patrick & Jamie*

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Reader? Please contact John Regan for more info, 973-768-3066 or regan.john.p@gmail.com.

Pride In Our Parish

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the Church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the Church no later than March 19th in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card even if you are unable to make a change in your current level of giving. Thank you for your generosity!



Partners In Faith Update

Thank you for your continued generosity in the Partners In Faith Campaign. We recently received a check for \$25,247.42. This represents the fourth rebate returned to us as part of the campaign. This rebate will be sent to our Diocesan savings to be earmarked for our music program as stated in our original agreement. To date we have collected \$118,906.82 in rebates. Below is a list of what we have done so far with these funds:

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| 1. LED Lighting | \$23,238.42 |
| 2. HVAC | \$29,778.31 |
| 3. Computer Science (school) | \$ 8,252.29 |
| 4. Choir & Altar Renovations | \$ 5,719.82 |
| 5. Copiers | \$10,748.76 |
| 6. Miscellaneous Need Of Parish | \$15,921.91 |
| 7. Savings For Choir | \$25,247.42 |

These parish funds are only available because of those parishioners who are making ongoing payments on their Partners In Faith pledges. I am so grateful to all who are consistent in paying their pledge, and ask any who may have fallen behind to re-commit to their pledge if possible. It is important to the work of the Diocese and to our parish. May God bless you for your generosity!

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark

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.

This week we focus on the life of **St. Francis of Assisi**, the reformer, radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, March 8th, at 7 pm at the Ministry House. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.



- † 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



Vacation Bible School
Save The Date: July 17-21
More Information To Follow

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

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 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

Schedule of Classes for March 12, 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

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, 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

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.

Morris Catholic St. Patrick's 5K Run

Morris Catholic High School is holding its 6th Annual Crusader Challenge 5K Run on Saturday, March 18th at 9 am at the Denville campus. Doors open at 7:30 am. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic Scholarship and Athletic Programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. Registration fee before March 8th is \$25, after March 8th is \$30. For more information, MC5KRace@gmail.com.