

DECEMBER 10, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 11, 7:30 am

Albert O'Dowd

Tuesday, December 12, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Thursday, December 14, 7:30 am

Regina & Thomas Kretkowski
Anna Rybinski

Friday, December 15, 7:30 am

John Edward Duddy, Jr.

Saturday, December 16

5:00 pm Rose Marie Aquilio

Sunday, December 17

7:30 am Lou & Christine D'Ascenza

9:00 am Marie LaMorte

10:30 am Michael Lundy

Susan Maute

12:00 pm Edward Scholtz

Celebrant Schedule – December 16-17

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!

December 4, 2016 \$ 13,061.00

December 3, 2017 \$ 16,079.50

Next Weekend's Second Collection Is For

St. Pius X Mission

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.

St. Pius X Mission Envelope

Your generosity to the St. Pius X Mission Envelope is deeply appreciated. This second collection is to support our local mission of helping people in need in our general area. We have helped hurricane victims, those affected by the economic downturn and those with physical problems. We also use this collection to subsidize local Catholic education. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosarian Meeting on **Wednesday, January 3rd at 1 pm** at the Ministry House. For more information, please call the Ministry House.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Wednesday, December 20th 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 – Monday, December 18th at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.



Santa Breakfast, December 16th, Parish Center
For info, please call Jerry Vella at 973-335-9236.

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.

2018 Calendars

S. J, Priola Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;
Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;
Dangler Lewis & Carey, Boonton;
Available in the vestibule of the Church

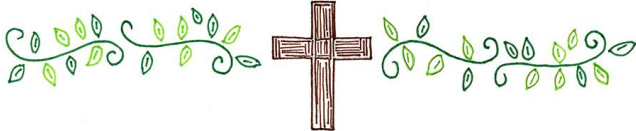




Christmas Wish List

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



Hospitality Rules

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

The Advent scriptures are bursting with stories of hospitality. The annunciation, the visitation and the incarnation are all tales about making room for the Lord and for God’s people. The songs of the season also evoke this eminently human and divine quality. We dream of being home for Christmas and imagine chestnuts roasting on an open fire. The holidays do not make this task easy, however, for no season is more adept at stirring up old wounds and surfacing petty resentments that bounce around inside us during family dinners and seasonal parties.

The ministry of hospitality requires preparation. If we are to make up a room for any guest, divine or human, we must seep out the cobwebs of hurtful memories and clear away the dust of envy, regret or sibling rivalry. If hospitality is to rule in our hearts and homes, then we must follow the rules of humility graciousness, fairness and mutual respect. In the end, we become wise and gracious innkeepers as we allow ourselves to see beyond appearances, grudges and comparisons: “Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have entertained angels.”



Christmas Eve Masses – Sunday, December 24th

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| 4:00 pm | Parish Center (Children’s Mass) |
| 4:00 pm | Church |
| 6:00 pm | Church |
| 7:30 pm | Church (Polish Mass) |
| 11:00 pm | Church (10:30 pm Christmas Carols) |

Christmas Day Masses – Monday, December 25th

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

The Solemnity of Mary–Monday, January 1, 2018

Regular Mass Schedule
7:30, 9:00 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Attention All Angels

We are looking for 12 Angels to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm in the Parish Center. Angels should be at least 5 years old, male or female. We are also asking for a few Adult Angels to help organize and assemble costumes. Please call the Ministry House to volunteer. *Thank you!*



Seminarian Corner

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel. During Advent the liturgical color is purple just as in Lent. The color purple points us to the fact that we are in need of conversion. As we see in this week’s Gospel, “John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. We are called to empty our hearts of all things that can prevent Jesus from entering into them. When this Advent journey comes to an end, we must not be like innkeepers who have no room for the Christ child and the Holy Family. Let us continually prepare the way of the Lord, and bring to the world the joy that only Jesus can bring.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian

Polish Mass

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

“Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę w języku polskim.”

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.

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. The rehearsals are:

- Saturday, December 16th – 3:45-4:30 pm in Church
- Tuesday, December 19th – 5:30-6:15 pm in Parish Center
- Thursday, December 21st – 5:30-6:15 pm in Parish Center
- Sunday, December 24th – 3:00 pm Rehearsal before 4:00 pm Mass in Parish Center

Please visit www.st-pius-x.org/music-ministry to sign up or contact Paul Carroll at the Ministry House.

Youth Ministry

Youth Council Monthly Meetings

These meetings will be held once a month for leadership training and planning of parish events.

8th, 9th & 10th Graders

December 12th – 7 - 9 pm, Ministry House

Homeless Solutions & Eric Johnson House

Volunteers are needed to serve at Homeless Solutions on January 9th and February 13th. Volunteers are needed to serve at the Eric Johnson House on January 12th and February 9th. Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski to volunteer, youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

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 Gatuz, 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 Sedlaciak, 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.

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

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for December 10, 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 10th Grade

Please check schedule for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 17, 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 9th Grade

Please check schedule for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 24 & 31, 2017

There are no classes scheduled for the holiday weekends.

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!*

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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.

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| Monday, November 27 | \$25 | Jennifer Cimilluca |
| Tuesday, November 28 | \$25 | Chris Kollar |
| Wednesday, November 29 | \$25 | Laura Gersten |
| Thursday, November 30 | \$25 | Lisa Tubbs |
| Friday, December 1 | \$25 | Marilyn Zagula |
| Saturday, December 2 | \$25 | Grace Bodyziak |
| Sunday, December 3 | \$50 | Marybeth Rusin |

Second
Sunday
of Advent

