

DECEMBER 17, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Monday, December 18, 7:30 am

Julissa Jacqueline Novillo

Tuesday, December 19, 7:30 am

Robert Logan

Thursday, December 21, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Friday, December 22, 7:30 am

Wanda & Joseph Horvath, Nicky Nelson

Stephanie Travers

Saturday, December 23

5:00 pm Johnny Travers, Jr.

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am Jack Tevlin

9:00 am William Kinslow

10:30 am Casey Dankowitz

12:00 pm Hanzel Tanzola

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (Parish Center) People Of The Parish

4:00 pm (Church) Samuel Cali

Tomas German

6:00 pm (Church) Frederick Bamert

8:00 pm (Church-Polish) People Of The Parish

11:00 pm (Church) People Of The Parish

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

7:30 am (Church) People Of The Parish

9:30 am (Church) Joseph Egan

11:30 am (Church) Elizabeth & Stephen Koczko

John Farkas, Marianne Simon

Farkas & Koczko Families

Celebrant Schedule – December 23-25

Fourth Sunday Of Advent

5:00 pm Fr. Mark

7:30 am Fr. Dominik

9:00 am Fr. Dominik

10:30 am Fr. Dominik

12:00 pm Fr. Dominik

December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (Parish Center) Fr. Dominik

4:00 pm (Church) Fr. Mark

6:00 pm (Church) Fr. Mark

8:00 pm (Church Polish Mass) Fr. Dominik

11:00 pm (Church) Fr. Mark

December 25, Christmas Day

7:30 am (Church) Fr. Mark

9:30 am (Church) Fr. Mark

11:30 am (Church) Fr. Dominik

*The parish offices will be closed, Monday & Tuesday,
December 25th & 26th, in observance of the Christmas holiday.*

Polish Mass

Saturday, January 13th, 6:30 pm

Every Second Saturday Of The Month

All are welcome!

*“Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę
w języku polskim.”*

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/>.

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 11, 2016 \$ 14,973.00

December 10, 2017 \$ 15,059.50

This 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.

2018 Calendars

S. J, Priola Funeral Service, Lake Hiawatha;

Keri Memorial Funeral Home, Lincoln Park;

Dangler Lewis & Carey, Boonton;

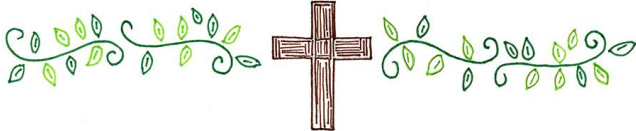
Available in the vestibule of the Church



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



An Advent Prayer

By Henri J. M. Nouwen

*Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light
and the darkness,
send your Holy Spirit
upon our preparations for Christmas.*

*We who have so much to do,
seek quiet space
to hear your voice each day.
We, who are anxious over many things,
look forward to your coming among us.*

*We, who are blessed in so many ways,
long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We, whose hearts are heavy,
seek the joy of your presence.*

*We are your people, walking in darkness,
yet seeking the light.
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.*

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!*



Christmas Eve Masses – Sunday, December 24th

4:00 pm	Parish Center (Children's Mass)
4:00 pm	Church
6:00 pm	Church
8:00 pm	Church (Polish Mass)
11:00 pm	Church (10:30 pm Christmas Carols)

Christmas Day Masses – Monday, December 25th

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

The Solemnity of Mary – Monday, January 1, 2018

9:30 am	Church
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Seminarian Corner

Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel! This Sunday, in the tradition of the Church, is named Gaudete Sunday. The color of the candle is pink, showing us that the newborn king fast approaches so we wait in hope. If we still need to work on preparing the way of the Lord, this Sunday is a reminder that with God we always have the hope and the gift to start again. We can always start a new life with Jesus. We must become "The voice of one crying out in the desert." This is the best way to prepare ourselves for Christ's birth. This week let us reflect on what gifts we are thankful for and what gifts we can give to God in return. As Pope Francis tells us, "No Christian can exist without joy." Let us go into the world remembering the joy that this Gaudete Sunday brings us, and let us go out and sing to the world *Rejoice Rejoice Emmanuel!*

Frank Lennie, Seminarian

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:

Tuesday, December 19 th	– 5:30-6:15 pm in Parish Center
Thursday, December 21 st	– 5:30-6:15 pm in Parish Center
Sunday, December 24 th	– 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.

St. Pius X Talent Show Grades 2-8, January 12th

Please See Bulletin Insert To Register
For more info, please contact Chrissy Deary
at cdeary@optonline.net to register by December 29th.

Third
Sunday
of *Advent*



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.

Youth Ministry

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.

Religious Formation

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.

Schedule of Classes for January 7, 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.

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. Somsky, 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 Sedlacik, 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.

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, 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.

Monday, December 4	\$25	Alexandra Cowan
Tuesday, December 5	\$25	Luka Jerolic
Wednesday, December 6	\$25	Dennis O'Dowd
Thursday, December 7	\$25	Debbie Baron
Friday, December 8	\$25	Erin Turkot
Saturday, December 9	\$25	Vinya Tremml
Sunday, December 10	\$50	Corinne LaBagnara

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Gospel Today
Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-9, 19-28
BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!
John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

THIRD WEEK OF
ADVENT
ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

GAUDETE SUNDAY The Rose Candle
The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer
Prayer said by Father or head of household
"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".
Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.

Color 2 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.