

DECEMBER 24/25, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHRISTMAS



Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:00 pm (Parish Center) People Of The Parish
 4:00 pm (Church) Samuel Cali
 Leo Vagias
 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 Koczo
 John Farkas, Marianne Simon
 Farkas & Koczo Families

Tuesday, December 26, 7:30 am

John Shortino, Sr.

Thursday, December 28, 7:30 am

Melissa Yost

Friday, December 29, 7:30 am

Sr. Nazarene

Saturday, December 30

5:00 pm Elaine D'Arnese

Sunday, December 31

7:30 am Gene Kucinski
 9:00 am Melissa Yost
 10:30 am Agnes & Daniel M. Caruso, Sr.
 12:00 pm Louis & Frances DiRico

Celebrant Schedule –

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. Dominik
11:30 am (Church)	Fr. Dominik

December 31, Holy Family

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!

December 18, 2016	\$ 17,245.00
December 17, 2017	\$ 14,566.00

*The Second Collection For Christmas Is
 Hope For The Children*

Auto Contribution

Please sign up for automatic giving, visit our website at
www.st-pius-x.org, click on Donate. Thank you!

MINISTRY NEWS

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next Rosarian Meeting on **Wednesday, February 7th at 1 pm** at the Ministry House. Please note there is no scheduled January meeting. For more information, please call the Ministry House.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Wednesday, January 3rd 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 – Tuesday, January 2nd at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

BIBLE STUDY

Our new Bible Study Program is *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus In The Gospel of John*. Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer—he wants you to be his friend. The Gospel of John is a guide to a personal encounter with Christ. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus seeks after us. He comes to meet us and beckons us to follow him. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love and to love others as he has loved us. The first meeting will be **Wednesday, January 31st, 7:30-9:00** at the Ministry House. To register for class:

1. Visit the Ascension Press website.
2. Click on "Join A Study."
3. Set up a Log-in, E mail and Password.
4. Type in location, Montville, NJ, 07045. Choose St. Pius X.
5. Click on "More Information." Click on "Register."
6. Purchase a Student Workbook for \$16.95, which allows you access to the videos online for the class.

If you have any questions or need help registering, please call Maryann at the Ministry House, 973-335-2894, or e mail at office@st-pius-x.org. All are welcome!

BAPTISM

We welcome a new member born of water and the Holy Spirit:
Makayla Grace daughter of Robert & Jennifer

*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.*



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

The Mystery Of Christmas

The mystery of Christmas, which is light and joy, challenges and unsettles us, because it is at once a mystery of hope and of sadness. It has a taste of sadness, inasmuch as love is not accepted and life is discarded. Such was the case with Joseph and Mary, who met with closed doors and placed Jesus in a manger, "because there was no place for them in the inn."

Jesus was born rejected by some and regarded by many others with indifference. Today too, that same indifference can exist, whenever Christmas becomes a holiday with ourselves at the center rather than Jesus; when the lights of shop windows push the light of God into the shadows; when we are enthused about gifts but indifferent to our neighbors in need. This worldliness has kidnapped Christmas. We need to liberate it!

Yet Christmas has above all a taste of hope because for all the darkness in our lives, God's light shines forth. His gentle light does not frighten us. God, who is in love with us, draws us to himself with his tenderness, by being born poor and frail in our midst, as one of us. He is born in Bethlehem, which means "house of bread." In this way, he seems to tell us that he is born as bread for us. He enters our life to give us his life. He comes into our world to give us his love.

Reflection by Pope Francis



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

Seminarian Corner

It is with great joy that I can wish every single one of you a Merry Christmas! Modern society has distorted Christmas in many ways, sadly Jesus has been taken out of the picture in many areas of Christmas in the public's eye. We gather together today in this great Church alongside millions of Christians because we understand that Christmas is about the birth of our Lord Jesus, who is the Christ. The newborn King was born in Bethlehem many centuries ago, but today He is reborn in our hearts. Jesus offers us the greatest gift of all, peace and joy. Jesus was humble enough to come down from heaven and be born in a manger, and all we have to do is be humble enough to accept God's gift of peace and joy. At the beginning of this Advent journey, I challenged you to be the Little Drummer Boy, and bring your finest gift to the newborn King. Ponder if you brought a great gift, or if there is still work to be done. The wonderful thing about our faith is that Jesus is always present to us, so we do not have to wait for next Christmas to start our relationship over.

This world is a crazy one, but Jesus comes and He can give us peace. At the end of it all, Jesus is born today and is the only true thing that can bring peace and joy. My challenge for you this Christmas is to keep the birth of Christ in mind and heart all year, so we can be more joyful and faithful Christians. We can see each other as brother and sister, and all love with the same love that was felt in the manger between Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus. May the infant child Jesus bless you and your family this Christmas and always, and may the Blessed Mother bring you great joy this New Year.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian

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.

Polish Mass

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

"Zapraszamy wszystkich na modlitwę
w języku polskim."

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners,

I want to thank all the wonderful people of St. Pius X Parish for helping Mrs. Claus and myself celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior at your recent Santa Breakfast. The food was scrumptious, much better than we get at the North Pole, and all the activities for the little ones were a blast! We always feel so welcome at St. Pius X and deeply appreciate the efforts of the Knights of Columbus, Kurt's Youth Group and all the wonderful parents who shared the joy of Christmas with us.

Merry Christmas!
Santa



Religious Formation

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.

Schedule of Classes for January 14, 2018

There are no classes scheduled for this weekend.

Schedule of Classes for January 21, 2018

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

Classes 9A, 9B & 9C – 9th Grade Retreat 9 am Parish Center concluding with 12:00 pm Mass

Classes 9D & 9E – Regular Class Schedule

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, February 25th. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Glory, Sunday, January 21st, 10-11:00 am, Cafeteria

Praise, Sunday, January 28th, 10-11:00 am, K of C Room

The purpose of this meeting is instruction, education and spiritual renewal. *Parents must attend one of these meetings.*

All 9th Grade Students, Parents & Teachers

9th Grade Retreat—Sunday, January 21st, for classes 9A, 9B & 9C. Sunday, February 4th for classes 9D & 9E. The retreat will begin in the Parish Center at 9 am and conclude in Church with the 12 pm Mass. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House. On the date that your class does not have the retreat, please attend your class session at your usual time.

Catholic Schools

... Faith, Academics, Service.

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 11	\$25	Pierro Family
Tuesday, December 12	\$25	Alysia Lew
Wednesday, December 13	\$25	Ryan Smith
Thursday, December 14	\$25	Ginny Kveglis
Friday, December 15	\$25	Jim Love
Saturday, December 16	\$25	Felicia Rose
Sunday, December 17	\$50	Krista Petronzio

Youth Ministry

Homeless Solutions & Eric Johnson House

January

7 – Youth Council Meeting 9-10:30 am

9 – Homeless Solutions 4:30-7:30 pm

12 – Eric Johnson House 2:30-4:00 pm

16 – Youth Council Meeting 7-8:30 pm

21 – 9th Grade Retreat Classes 9A, 9B, 9C, 9 am-1:00 pm

February

4 – 9th Grade Retreat Classes 9D & 9E, 9 am-1:00 pm

Please e mail Kurt Kilanowski for more information

youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

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

For more info, please contact Chrissy Deary at cdeary@optonline.net to register by December 29th.

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 Kondok, 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, Françoise 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.

2018 Calendars

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Heartfelt Thanks to:

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Gardens of The World

for the beautiful Christmas decorations.

May God continue to bless you.