

DECEMBER 16, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 17, 7:30 am

Peter Rettagliata

Tuesday, December 18, 7:30 am

Rev. Leo Carey

Thursday, December 20, 7:30 am

Manuel John & Estelle Berte

Friday, December 21, 7:30 am

Yolanda Tuorto

Saturday, December 22

5:00 pm Robert Logan

Holly Gentile

Ed Flanagan

Sunday, December 23

7:30 am Michael Halleran

9:30 am Albert & Marion Barrasso

Susan Maute

Michael Lundy

11:30 am Michael Angelo Palma

Ed Flanagan

7:00 pm People Of The Parish

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

December 3, 2017 \$16,079.00

December 2, 2018 \$12,551.50

December 10, 2017 \$15,185.00

December 9, 2018 \$13,783.50

This Weekend's Second Collection Is For

The 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 2018 must be received by

Monday, December 31, 2018

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.

Kidney Donor Needed

A very close friend is in dire need of a kidney transplant. Please call Julie Poulin at 973-335-9337 if you are potentially interested in becoming a donor. Being a kidney donor has become much easier. A blood test will be done to determine the donor's blood type. The kidney is removed laparoscopically, minimum hospital stay and back to work in three weeks. All expenses are paid by the person receiving the kidney. Being a donor will save a life! Being a donor will change your life knowing you saved another life! Thank you for your consideration.

Fatima Statue

"Among all devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary." St. Pius X

We are beginning our second year with The St. Pius X Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The first year was very successful and brought out a positive reaction and enthusiasm among the parishioners. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to take the statue home, please e mail Kathi at kathleenDW1013@gmail.com or call the Ministry House. Thank you.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary." St. Pius X

Evening Prayer Group

Deepen Your Relationship with Jesus

Please Join us as we begin our

New Evening Prayer Group

To be held on the first Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, January 8th, at 7:30 pm

In the Parish Ministry House

Together, we will Sing Songs of Praise, Meditate on

Scripture, and Offer Intercessory Prayers

Refreshments will be served

All are welcome!

Any questions, please contact

Catherine McCormack, 201-618-3161 or

MaryAnne Schettini, 973-632-7763

From the Pastor

Our parish will be starting a monthly Eucharistic Holy Hour on the first Saturday of the month from 4:00-5:00 pm beginning on January 5, 2019. Along with the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, there will be time for quiet prayer as well as the opportunity to attend Confession. Let us all take the opportunity to spend some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Peace & Blessings,
Fr. Mark



What Shall We Do?

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:40)

In today's Gospel, there is a question posed three times: “What shall we do?” It is raised to John the Baptist by three categories of people: first, the crowd in general, second, the publicans or tax collectors, and third, some soldiers. They want to know what must be done to implement the conversion that he is preaching. John's reply to the question of the crowd is sharing essential goods. He told them to share basic necessities, and therefore says: “He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” Then he tells the tax collectors to collect no more than the amount owed. What does this mean? No taking bribes, John the Baptist is clear. And he tells the soldiers not to extort anything from anyone and to be content with their wages. There are three answers to the three questions of these groups. Three answers for an identical path of repentance, which is manifested in concrete commitments to justice and solidarity. It is the path that Jesus points to in all his preaching: the path of diligent love for neighbor. We feel that this question is ours also. In the words of John, it is necessary to repent, to change direction and take the path of justice, solidarity, sobriety: these are the essential values of a fully human and genuinely Christian life.

Pope Francis

Seminarian Corner

Advent is most often described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah, rather to prepare for the Messiah. We must be active in our spiritual lives during Advent to make our hearts ready for the birth of Jesus. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time, but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and change our lives with the gift of salvation. Joy should, in fact, be the basic mood of the Christian. During this week let us keep that in mind and bring joy to all that we meet.

Frank Lennie, Seminarian



Christmas Eve Masses – Monday, December 24th

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| 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 – Tuesday, December 25th

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

The Solemnity of Mary–Tuesday, January 1, 2019

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| 9:30 am | Church |
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Polish Mass

*Every Second Saturday Of The Month
All are welcome!*

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

*The next Polish Mass will be Saturday, January 12th.
Polish Christmas Mass is Christmas Eve 8 pm.*



Please join the Knights of Columbus and Rosarians after the 9:30 am Mass in the Cry Room, *Sunday, December 30th*, to pray the Rosary.

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 the 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



Middle School- Sunday, 12/16, Open Gym/Game Night 5-7 pm

Children's Activities would like to invite all 6th-8th Grade children of St. Pius X Parish to be dropped off at the Parish Center (Gym) to enjoy use of the Gym and socialize. The Basketball hoops will be available as well as the room off the Gym where board games and cards can be played. The evening will close with Jeopardy! Pizza and snacks will be served. Please register at <https://st-pius-x.org/> under Religious Formation to ensure there will be enough pizza. Upon pickup, participants can conveniently attend 7:00 pm Mass in the Church. Volunteers needed! High School aged and older! Contact Chrissy Deary at cdeary@optonline.net.

Youth Ministry

Considering a Catholic College? Check out this \$5,000 scholarship opportunity at <https://newmansociety.org/essay-scholarship-content/eligibility-requirements/>



Thank you to everyone who supported our Wreath sale this year. We appreciate your support. A special Thank You to John, Carol and the entire team at Condurso Gardens for their generous support and gorgeous wreaths!

December

- 18 – Youth Council Christmas Party 7– 8:30 pm Youth Room.
- 23 – Nativity set-up in the Church following 11:30 am Mass. All ages welcome! The more the merrier!!!
Please email Kurt for all permission forms and details:
youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for December 16, 2018

Praise Middle School –

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:30 – 9:30 am

Praise Elementary School –

Grades 1– 5 – 9:30 am Mass; Class 10:30–11:30 am

Praise Confirmation

All 9th & 10th grade **Praise** classes will meet this weekend for class. Check with your teacher for times.

Schedule of Classes for December 23, 2018

Glory Middle School –

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:30 – 9:30 am

Glory Elementary School –

Grades 1– 5 – 9:30 am Mass; Class 10:30–11:30 am

Glory Confirmation

All 9th & 10th grade **Glory** classes will meet this weekend for class. Check with your teacher for times.

Schedule of Classes For December 30, 2018

There are no classes scheduled due to Winter Break.

All Second Grade Parents & Teachers

First Eucharist Retreat—Sunday, January 27th. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House as soon as possible.

First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Glory, Sunday, February 3rd 10:30-11:30 am

Praise, Sunday, February 10th 10:30-11:30 am

Both meetings are in the Knights of Columbus 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 13th, for classes Glory 9D, 9E. Sunday, January 27th for classes Praise 9A, 9B and 9C. The retreat will begin in the Parish Center at 9 am and conclude in Church with the 11:30 am Mass. Please return permission forms to the Ministry House.

Ministry News

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us for our next meeting on **Tuesday, January 8th, 1 pm at the Ministry House**. Please note change of meeting day for the month of January. For more information, please call Marie Driscoll, 973-476-7610 or Anne Kveglis, 973-227-4814.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, December 17th at 8 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusxKofC.org/>.

AFTERNOON 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**.

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on **Tuesday, December 18th at 9:00 am** at the Ministry House. For more information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.



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 members.

Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsky, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, 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, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Richard Dickau, Zachary Miller, Lauren Grace Jarman, Kathy Compitiello, Anthony Zegarell, Wayne Tanchak, Catherine Lendino, Margy Dixon, Nico Amadio, Regina Accaria, Kyle Gauweiler, Walter Kamienski, Sr., Patricia McCarthy, Kyle Cooney and Irving Levine.

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

Catholic Charities Bin

Please help support food pantries and our many other programs by donating clothing, shoes, toys and household items in our donation bin located in the Parish Center Parking Lot. Your continued generosity is appreciated. If you have any questions, need a tax receipt or would like to schedule for a larger pick up, please call our toll free number at 877-343-3651. Thank you!



Want To Make A Difference In Our Community?

The Montville Township Women's Club (MTWC) wants to connect with you! We are dedicated to community improvement through volunteer service. We invite you to join our community of women making a difference! We meet the third Monday of each month from September to June at 7 pm in the Montville Senior Center, 356 Main Road in Montville. Women of all ages and living in surrounding areas of Montville are welcome. For more information on our community service activities and how you can get involved, call the MTWC Membership Chairperson, Alexandria, at 973-405-0088 or email us at montvilletownshipwomensclub@gmail.com. Some of our outreach activities include: fundraising for local efforts, sewing comfort pillows for breast cancer patients and sending care packages to our soldiers. *Montville Township Women's Club....making a difference!*

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.

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.

2019 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*

Car For Sale

2015 Acura TLX Advance Package, 1,631 miles, brand new condition. If interested please call 973-334-9880.

Certified Home Health Aid

Certified Home Health Aid available weekends to work locally. Please call Mary Petix at 973-981-0395.

John the Baptist was a powerful teacher, and led many to be baptized. When questioned if he were The Messiah, he answered, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals. He will baptize you with The Holy Spirit and Fire." *Luke 3:16*

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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".

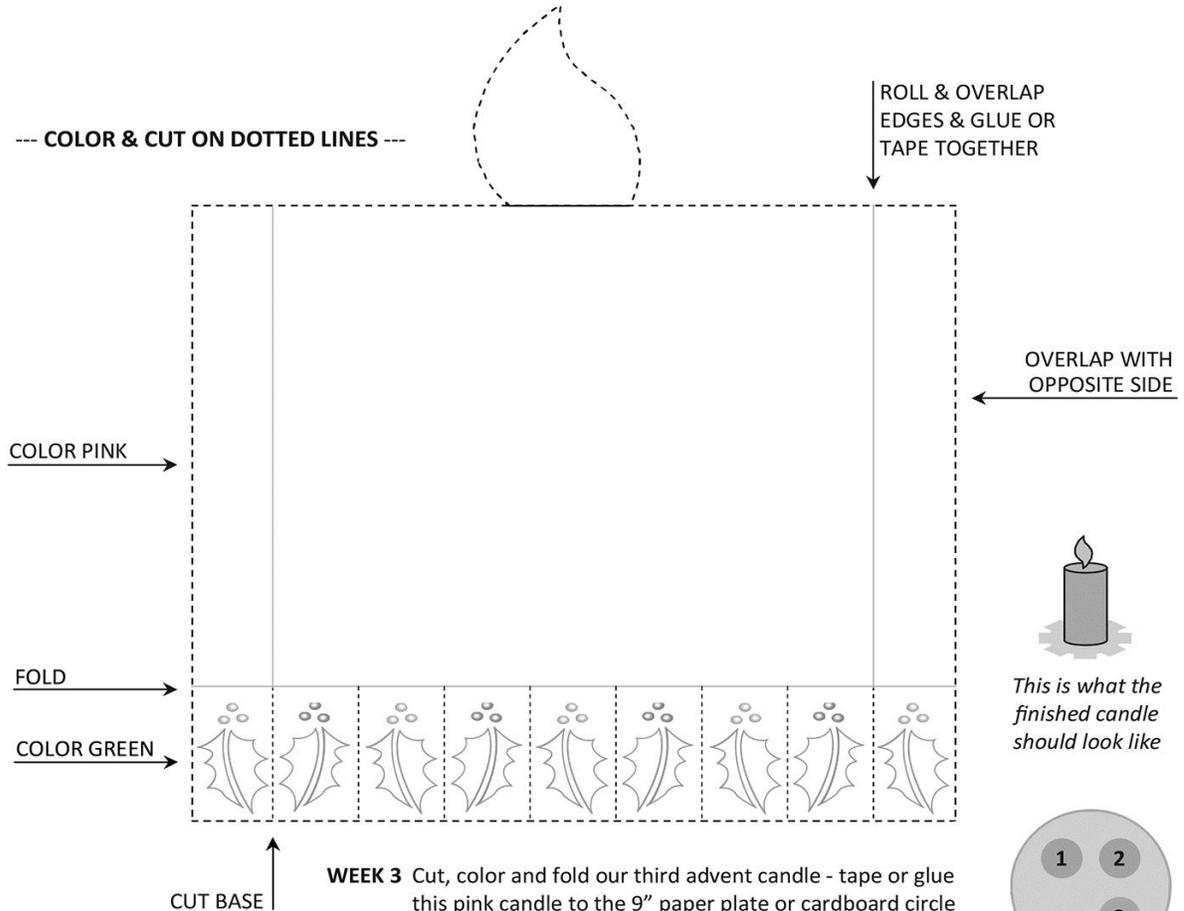
Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

— GAUDETE SUNDAY —



--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---



This is what the finished candle should look like

WEEK 3 Cut, color and fold our third advent candle - tape or glue this pink candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first two candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

