

Come, Let us Adore Him!

Nativity of Our Lord ~ 2020



Mission Statement

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples and Strive to "Restore all Things in Christ."

Welcome to our Parish

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church;
No matter what your current family or marital situation;
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved
at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church.

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:45 am

Saturday: 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am - 8:30 am - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Scripture Reflection

(by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson)



Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas and Connectedness. They go together like salt and pepper, or any other pleasant duo you might conjure. The First and Third Readings, as usual, are a connected pair and they draw the picture. In 2 Samuel we read that King David is told by the prophet Nathan that God will establish a dynasty from him that will last forever. The Gospel recounts the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to Mary, in which he announces God's plan for her, and adds that her Son will inherit David's throne and reign forever.

St. Luke goes on to draw a parallel with the annunciation of Jesus' cousin John the Baptist. Pieces long apart in the Old Testament are joined to the New. Connections are established and made clear.

All of this leads to a dimension of our celebration of Christmas that we might not think of right away. It makes for a delightful consequence of these prime facts. There are connections galore. Chief among them is God's connection with us. From that we see all kinds of connections between ourselves and others.

Obvious from the start is the evidence that God wants to be part of our lives, even though He has no need to be. He took on our very nature, humbling Himself and becoming "like us in all things but sin," as one of our Eucharistic prayers asserts. We're so used to hearing that and accepting it that the full impact of God's decision gets diminished. By itself, it is astounding. No wonder the choirs of angels sang out their "Glorias!"

As for our connectedness with one another is concerned, just look at the magnetic power of family at this time of year. The late Perry Como sang all about it when he proclaimed that "there's no place like home for the holidays." That's why the radio stations dust off this familiar "oldie" to play it at this time. Home is truly where the heart is, and those who have the same surname are drawn to it from faraway places as the lyrics of the song witness. So, we join our siblings, however different in type and temperament they may be from us, because of those non-perishable parental bonds. Another powerful impetus engineers our connections with friends. They are one of life's treasures, as Ecclesiastes tells us. We dare not forget it. So we connect with them, either by way of a call or a card or "Face time" or "Skype."

Finally, we remember at Holy Christmas Mass that connectedness to God, which is, as we say it these days, "hard wired" in us. That is why we missed the Eucharist at the height of the current pandemic. It is so humbling to think that God took the initiative here, is it not? That is the authentic joy of Christmas. May it be yours this Christmas and always!



We See God in the Ordinary

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The Deceased & their Families

Edith J. Lang, Audrey Maune, Helen Bak, Ronald Walsh, Charles "Mickey" Tarpey, William Bruning, Dennis Green

The Sick

Marie & Joe Giambalvo, Betty Petrik, Rufina Storelli, Thomas Reilly, Marion Celenza, Miriam O'Connell, Mary Ellen Fagan, Linda Ludwig, Anna Rafter, Michael DuBritz, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, George Rebello, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Baby Gianna Kuzma, Ben Ciuffo, Adeline Mifsud, Martha Girolamo, Antionette Tarantino, Connie Testa, Theresa DiCarlo, Richard Dannenhoffer, Joe DiRaimo, Joseph Smitelli, Naomi Fonseca, Anne & George Bantleon, Eugene Purnell, Dorothy Endrizzi, Patricia Boncoraglio, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Dcn. John, Sheila & David Burkhardt, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Violeta Garcia, Marilyn Reilly, Dorothy Walsh, Claudia Palumbo, Evelyn Ludwig, Marina Piccolo, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Rosa Zulo, Anna Sinisgalli, Arlene Benigno, Grace Marino, Rosalie Zurlo, Kasey Citrolo, Bill & Elaine Murray, Vincent DeRosa, Lettie Graham, Gloria Plaisance, Margaret LiCausi, Tara Maune, Janet Morrissey, Adelaide Motta, Julia Serpe, Joanne Pirraglia, Nancy Pesiri, Mary Canty, Phyllis DeGregoris, Robert Perham, Anne Dailey, Rose Bell, Angela Artale, Lena Jankowski, Angela Borruso, James D. Quinn, Adam Volpe, Rose Rutigliano, Phil Roeske, Rosemary Burke, Donna Lawson Ceparano, Dorothy McKeever, Ann Abitabilo, Barbara Zmoos, Peter Mancini, Eugenie Schirm, Mary Corso, Susan Pabst Behrens, Maryann Rietschlin, Alistair Magee, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, Tom Flynn, John Brusdeilins, Terese Blakeney, Rosa Crispino, Carolyn Holland, Russell Worth, Gloria Romuno, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Robert & Muriel Reahl, Debbie Lahey, Mary Posch, Richard Harrigan, Fr. Bob McGuire, Virginia Washa, Fr. John Whelan, Cathy Gerrity, Grace Carbone

Names of the sick will remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if prayers are still requested after 1 month or if the person is deceased.

Safety of our Parish Members in the Armed Forces

Michelle Meyers, Rafael Borrero, Kathleen Donovan (Army)
Brandon Sassone, John Brennan (Navy)



God Bless the USA!

Special Devotions

Novena to the Immaculate Conception: Every Monday following the 8:45am Mass

Rosary: Monday - Saturday following the 8:45am Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday following the 8:45am Mass until 10:15am in the church and the last Tuesday of each month from 9:15am to 7:00pm

Care of the Sick: Please notify the Parish Office if there is any parishioner who is ill at home so that we may administer the proper spiritual care.



NO ADORATION
until further notice

Monday, December 21

(St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church)
8:45 am Ronald Walsh

Tuesday, December 22

8:45 am Br. Patrick Lally, Br. Patrick Murphy

Wednesday, December 23

(St. John of Kanty, Priest)
8:45 am Helen Bak, Fr. Joseph Minturn

Thursday, December 24

8:45 am Dr. Lawson Manderson, Mary & Dominic Rebello

(Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve)

2:00 pm Christmas Remembrances
3:30 pm Christmas Remembrances
5:00 pm Christmas Remembrances
6:30 pm Christmas Remembrances

Friday, December 25

(Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day)
7:00 am Christmas Remembrances
8:30 am Christmas Remembrances
10:30 am Christmas Remembrances
11:00 am Christmas Remembrances
12:00 pm Christmas Remembrances
12:30 pm Christmas Remembrances

Saturday, December 26

(St. Stephen, The First Martyr)
8:45 am Audrey & James Maune, Jeanette Donohue

(Feast of the Holy Family)

3:45 pm Joseph Marino, Aiello Family, Vito Catalano, Frances & William Manteria, Fumagalli & Papo Families *(Living & Deceased)*
5:15 pm Winifred Heilig, Marguerite Heilig Armstrong

Sunday, December 27

(Feast of the Holy Family)
7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners
8:30 am Kathleen Corrente, Fred Piulson
10:30 am Joseph Marino, Pat Fabiano, James Reilly *(Birthday Remembrance)*
12:00 pm Doris & Andrew Yacenda, Angela Palumbo & Family *(Living)*

**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis
Evangelization - For a Life of Prayer**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

We Give & We Remember



Financially Speaking

December 13	\$2,930.00
Online	1,230.00
Total	\$4,160.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 65.00
Online	10.00
Total	\$ 75.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 545.00

Note: Second collection on January 9/10 is for the Maintenance & Repair of our parish facilities.
Thank you for your generosity!



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of December 7)

Goal Amount:	\$41,700.00
Pledges:	\$34,831.00
Payments:	\$34,376.00
Donors:	160

Remember a loved one with a special gift

The remembrance can be for an anniversary, a birthday, in thanksgiving or to remember our deceased loved ones. Stop by the Parish Office to arrange to have the Bread and Wine, Flowers, Altar Candles and/or Sanctuary Lamp donated for someone you love. All donations are for one week (Saturday—Friday).

Altar Flowers ...	\$65	Bread & Wine ..	\$35
Altar Candles ...	\$35	Sanctuary Lamp ...	\$30
Masses	\$20 (per Mass)		

HELP - I NEED A MASS CARD

If you need a Mass Card or commemorative gift ... please contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 ... We accept credit cards or you can mail a check ... We are here to assist you ... We will mail the Mass card for you ...



Monthly Food Drive Upcoming Dates

**January 2/3 & January 30/31
NO collection in DECEMBER**

In our community there are many families who rely on our generosity!

**Put donations in separate bags:
Canned & Boxed Goods / Toiletries
Make sure food items have not expired - No produce**



Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of Dec 19 - Dec 25

*In Loving Memory of
Maria & Anthony Staiano*

Donated by Rachel Staiano



Bread & Wine

for the week of Dec 19 - Dec 25

*In Loving Memory of
Barbara Stanzione*

Donated by the Munden & Martorano Families

Altar Flowers & Altar Candles

for the week of Dec 19 - Dec 25

*For all afflicted with the
Corona virus & their loved ones*



A Christmas Remembrance

Christmas Remembrance

Please return your *Christmas Mass Remembrance Envelope* by Monday, December 21st so that your deceased loved ones may be remembered in our Christmas Masses. A

Christmas Remembrance Envelope was included in the November/December packet of Church envelopes that you received in the mail. Extra Christmas Mass Remembrance Envelopes are available in the church. The Christmas Mass Envelopes may be returned in the Sunday Collection, dropped off at the parish office or mailed.

We Pray & We Reflect



From the First Reading

"I will fix a place
for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that
they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance."

(2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16)

FIRST READING: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on
every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
"Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!"
Nathan answered the king,
"Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you."
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
"Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?'"
"It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did
of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people
Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your
ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before
me;
your throne shall stand firm forever."



"The promises of the LORD I will sing
forever; through all generations
my mouth shall
proclaim your faithfulness..."
(Ps 89:2-3)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:2 -3, 4-5, 27, 29

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of
the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your
faithfulness.

For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm."

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

"All Glory to God"

Romans 16:25-27

Now to Him who is able to establish you according to
my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery which has
been kept secret for long ages past, ²⁶but now is
manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets,
according to the commandment of the eternal God,
has been made known to all
the nations, *leading to*
obedience of faith; ²⁷to the
only wise God, through Jesus
Christ, be the glory forever.
Amen.



SECOND READING: ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long
ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for Fourth Sunday of Advent LK 1:26-38



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

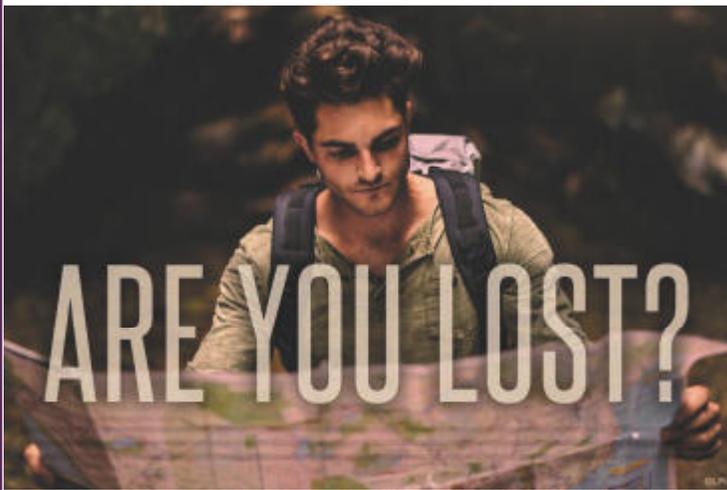
In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.

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We Care

Be An Angel!



Like everything else during these last eight months, St. Pius X's *Angel Tags Giving* is going to look a little different this year.

What do we need?

Gift Cards - preferred gift card amount is \$25, but any amount is appreciated. Gift cards may be from any vendor, including Target, Amazon, Walmart. *Please* do not give gift cards to restaurants.

Cash Donation - cash donations will be used to purchase additional gift cards

How can you donate?

Send or deliver donation and/or gift cards to:
St. Pius X RC Church, 1 St. Pius X Court,
Plainview NY 11803

Drop your donation and/or gift cards in the weekly collection basket. PLEASE label appropriately ANGEL TAG.

By credit card
Call the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 & our staff will be happy to assist you with your donation.

What is the DEADLINE for donations?

Cash/Check Donations & Gift Cards: Must be received at the Parish Office no later than Monday, December 21st 4pm.

Donations will be divided among the various groups that St. Pius X's Angel Tag Ministry supports during the holiday season.

Questions ... Contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956

Wills and Bequests



Wills and Bequests have the power to impact future generations. It's so easy to include our parish in your Will and still provide for loved ones. You may be able to make a simple bequest by adding the following language:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ _____ (or the _____ % of), to be used for the general program of St. Pius X, Plainview NY, a Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre."

For more information, please contact Fr. Valentine at the Parish Office (516)938-3956.

Christmas Memorials



Roping - \$25 (per coil)

Poinsettias (large) for altar - \$40 each

Poinsettias - \$25

Birch branches (bundle) - \$20

Interested - contact Fr. Valentine at the Parish Office (516)938-3956 or email

FrVal.STPX@gmail.com.

All memorials will be announced in the parish bulletin.

Christmas Flowers for the Church & Homebound



You will notice that in your packet of contribution envelopes, there is an envelope for flowers for Christmas. In addition to using these donations to decorate the Church for Christmas, our Eucharistic Ministers deliver a poinsettia plant to all our ill and homebound parishioners, many of whom have worshipped in the Church for years and are now confined to their homes. Your generous response to this collection will help to defray the cost of flowers and plants. If you know of anyone who is ill or homebound, please call the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 with the name, address, and phone number of the person.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Donated in memory of

Thomas Burke

Bill Dankowski

Daniel Green

Kenneth & Alma Krummenacker

Raymond & Veronica Crossley

Kenneth Lawson

Joseph Mazzola

Eugene & Stephanie Morda

Eugene Morda Jr.



A Word from the Pastor



My Dear Parish Family,

Christmas is a day for us to remember God’s merciful love. Through Jesus, we come to know *who God really is* – **He is Love**. God’s love is extended to *everyone*, including the marginalized ... and especially the poor, the homeless, the lonely, or maybe those less accepted by society.

In Jesus, we are given a home – a place where we experience forgiveness, mercy, and love. This is what we celebrate on Christmas: God, our welcoming Father, giving us a place in His heart.

As we celebrate the *Feast of the Nativity of our Lord*, we remember how God first gave a home to the marginalized by being born in a stable. As we re-create the stable, I ask that you take part in providing a “roof” for the Holy Child. This Christmas, let us be mindful of those who are in need of our warm *welcome* – a family member, a friend, a co-worker, a fellow parishioner, and those who grieve the loss of a loved one. Let us make room in our hearts for forgiveness and love and reach out to those who are asking for them.

In addition, Pope Francis keeps reminding us not to forget the poor. During this season of giving, let us also find time to help the needy. Let us extend God’s gift generosity by helping in one of the soup kitchens, preparing a meal or a food basket for a family in need, visiting the sick. Through these simple actions we are able to bring Christ to others this Christmas.

Fr. Chux, Deacon John, our Pastoral Associates (Ann Bantleon, Marion Celenza, Gail Gomula, Rosann Kelly, Dr. Maryann Rietschlin, and Sal Spano), Parish Staff, Parish Council, Trustees, Finance Committee, and most humbly I, your Pastor and spiritual shepherd, promise you our prayers in a very special way during this great season of giving.

May our Gracious God, who has gifted us with His Son, bless you and your family now and always.

Merry Christmas and a blessed and Happy New Year!

Many blessings to all,
Fr. Valentine

My dear precious Jesus, I did not mean to take your place,
I only bring toys and things and you bring love and grace.
People give me lists of wishes and hope that they came true;
But you hear prayers of the heart and promise your will to do.
Children try to be good and not to cry when I am coming to town;
But you love them unconditionally and that love will abound.
I leave only a bag of toys and temporary joy for a season;
But you leave a heart of love, full of purpose and reasons.
I have a lot of believers and what one might call fame;
But I never healed the blind or tried to help the lame.
I have rosy cheeks and a voice full of laughter;
But no nail—scarred hands or a promise of the hereafter.
You may find several of me in town or at a mall;
But there is only one omnipotent you, to answer a sinner’s call.
And so, my dear precious Jesus, I kneel here to pray;
To worship and adore you on this, your holy birthday.



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

The Parish Offices will be closed on
December 25th & December 26th
for Christmas &
January 1st for New Year’s

Have a Blessed Christmas & healthy New Year
The Parish Staff



Christmas Mass Schedule

Reservations required



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 19th, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
Monday, December 21st, 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vigil Masses Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 24th

Simultaneously in the School Auditorium & Church

2:00 p.m.

3:30 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m. (CHURCH ONLY)

Christmas Day

Friday, December 25th

Masses in the Church

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Masses in the School Auditorium

11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st

3:45 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Friday, January 1st

10:30 a.m.

Masses with low reservations could potentially be cancelled.

Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday December 19/20

(Fourth Sunday of Advent)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 19

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Valentine

Sunday, December 20

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Chux

12:00 pm – Fr. Chux

Worship for Sunday December 26/27

(Feast of the Holy Family)

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

Saturday, December 26

3:45 pm – Fr. Chux

5:15 pm – Fr. Valentine

Sunday, December 27

7:00 am – Fr. Chux

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Valentine

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine



WHAT'S HAPPENING in FAITH FORMATION

The Bible readings this week will complete the Christmas Story with the arrival of Jesus. We hope this activity provided joy and excitement as your family took the journey through the family tree of Jesus and celebrate his arrival on December 25. For the fourth week of Advent – start on Dec. 20. Read the Bible reference, create an ornament and hang on your Jesse tree.

Come join the St. Pius X community as we celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas Mass!



DATE	BIBLE STORY	BIBLE REFERENCE	SYMBOL
Dec. 20	Elizabeth	Luke 1:39-56	A mother and child
Dec. 21	Zechariah	Luke 1:57-80	A pencil and tablet
Dec. 22	Joseph	Matthew 1:19-25	A carpenter's hammer
Dec. 23	The Shepherds	Luke 2:8-20	A fluffy sheep
Dec. 24	The wisemen	Matthew 2:1-12	Three crowns or gifts
Dec. 25	Jesus	Luke 2:1-8	Baby in a manger



SPREADING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Our Level 1-3 students will be decorating their Christmas tree with a homemade ornament compliments of Luca Faggiano. Luca is a Confirmation candidate in Level 7 and working on his service projects. As a special treat to our younger students, Luca prepared individual packets for each class which contained an ornament to decorate with a page full of stickers. Each teacher received a letter from Luca describing his project and provided each teacher with a booklet to read to the class as they decorated their individual ornaments. What a great memento for the children to hang on their Christmas tree year after year. Thank you to Luca for such a great service project!



St. Pius X Seniors Lou Fabiano, President Christmas Message

To our St. Pius X Seniors, Families & Friends,

Your Board members, President Lou Fabiano & I (Janet Reilly) join you all at this time in prayer for a New Year of normalcy & one with hope for a brighter future!

While this Christmas may not be like others past, we must with our faith in God, make this Christmas as safe & special as possible; keeping in mind to wear our masks, keep our distance & maybe wear gloves.

Talking by phone is back in style! Call a friend & some out of the circle of your normal calls, let each other know what's happening keeping all informed.

Hopefully we will resume our meetings & trips sooner than later. Keeping you all in our thoughts & prayers. We wish you a Blessed Christmas, a healthy one & above all keep the Faith!

Your Vice President,
Janet Reilly

STAY WELL & GOD BLESS

For information on upcoming trips or events, please call Lenny or Carol Schroeder at (516)596-2348.

Membership: Questions about membership, please call Vic Orlando at (631)414-7899.

Sunshine: Please call Rose Bell at (516) 694-9086 or (516) 574-9834 with information regarding illnesses, etc.



Columbiettes Anna Ensmenger, President

Annual Dues of \$20 pp are due now.

Please mail dues to:
St. Pius X Columbiettes
1 St. Pius X Ct
Plainview, NY 11803

VENMO payments use CODE



Dec 21: General meeting, 7:30pm

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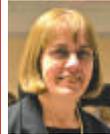


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To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

When he was elected as a Successor of St. Peter on March 13, 2013, our Holy Father chose the name *Francis*. It was a weighty decision with a prophetic message. Especially now, seven years later and with the publication of his latest encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* from the tomb of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3, 2020, the significance of the choice is clear: Pope Francis connects his papacy to St. Francis.

Through the ministry of our Holy Father, St. Francis of Assisi is close to the Church in these times. Therefore, as we draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this difficult year, I wish to recall two points Pope Francis highlights from the life of St. Francis. One will help us celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord; the other indicates a grace for which to pray during the holy season.

First, in his 2019 Apostolic Letter *Admirabile Signum: On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*, Pope Francis emphasizes St. Francis of Assisi's foundational role in our celebration of Christmas. The Holy Father recalls the origins of the crèche and the first nativity scene inspired by the holy friar in 1223, by which the saint sought "to bring to life the memory of that babe born in Bethlehem." Importantly, the remembrance of Christ's birth that St. Francis desired to convey was brought alive in Greccio, a small village in Italy, not by statues but by people from the surrounding towns and countryside. Together with St. Francis, his friars, an ox and a donkey, they gathered at a cave to behold a manger full of hay over which the Eucharist was celebrated. That Christmas night, almost 800 years ago, Pope Francis reminds us, "the nativity scene was enacted and experienced by all who were present." That night, there was "no distance between the original event and those sharing in its mystery." (2) Encountering Christ, there was simply joy and hope.

This Christmas, in our world laden with the Crosses of COVID-19, political and economic turmoil, racism, financial hardship, and so many other societal ills and challenges – challenges that impact us on Long Island – let us remember this lesson from Greccio: Christmas is an event to be lived. It demands our participation. Like the women and men who embodied that first crèche, we must be present to Christ who is born for us. We must behold and receive Him.

Second, in *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis shows St. Francis as an icon of Christocentric-listening. With great humility and charity, the saint reverently listened to others. He was present to the various voices in his life – the voice of God, the voice of his neighbor, the voice of the poor, the voice of the sick, the voice of nature – and by truly hearing them, he was an instrument of peace, healing, and understanding. How different it can be for us! The Holy Father says well what we know: "Today's world is largely a deaf world...At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying." Aware of this fact, the Pope encourages us, in the midst of our hectic and polarized world, to be like St. Francis and "not lose our ability to listen." (48)

This Christmas, when we approach the crib, let us ask for the grace to be attentive listeners. Let us ask for the grace to be like St. Francis, so that we may hear the voice of God and the voice of our neighbor and respond with the radical charity he exhibited. /

Like Pope Francis, may we be moved by the example of St. Francis, and may St. Francis of Assisi's love for the Mystery of the Nativity, his ecstatic mysticism, his love for the poor, and his spirit of universal fraternity animate our celebration of Christmas this year.

May God bless you and your families this Christmas. Sincerely yours in Christ,

1 Cf. Bishop John O. Barres October 8, 2020 Statement, "The Compelling Figure of St. Francis of Assisi in the Pontificate of Pope Francis and his New Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*."

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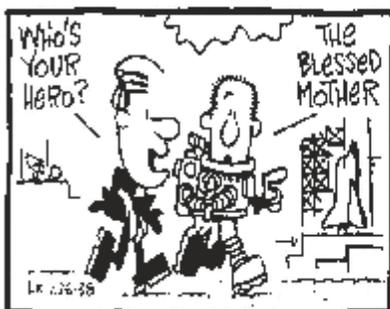


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I bless the statuettes of Jesus, which will be placed in the Nativity scene. When you pray at home, before the Nativity scene with your families, allow yourselves to be drawn by the tenderness of Baby Jesus, born poor and frail among us, in order to give us his love.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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Welcome!

We are glad you are here. We encourage you to explore the offerings of our parish. We think you will find much here to encourage your engagement in our common spiritual journey.

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Information for Families with Young Children

Welcome! Many families with children tend to worship at the monthly Family Mass at 10:30am as well as the 5:15pm Mass on Saturdays which offers contemporary music.



Here are some suggestions to parents to help their children learn to pray the Mass, and create a reverent, prayerful atmosphere at Mass for all ages.

- If you have time, visit the church and walk your child around the worship space and acquaint them with the art, statues and architecture of our beautiful Catholic tradition. Show them the baptismal font and talk about their baptism. Point out the beauty of our stained glass. Stop by the Parish Office - if the pastor is available, he will gladly accompany you on your visit.
- For Mass, arrive early to use the restroom, get a drink, and settle in.
- Children are curious. Sit toward the front. Children will be able to see what the priest is doing and with your help will pay more attention.
- Help your children pray and embrace the Mass. The Mass offers a teaching moment with your children to develop a sense of reverence and respect for the Mass and the sacred.
- Model full participation for your child by actively participating in the Mass responses and singing the hymns.

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