

St. Pius X Parish, R.C.

"To Restore All Things in Christ"

December 19th, 2021

4th Sunday OF ADVENT



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 the Manganaro Family)



Fourth Sunday of Advent

In this first reading Micah is sharing with Isiah that salvation will come through a “messiah”, an anointed ruler, and the expectation that God will deliver Israel through a king in the line of David. He will bring peace, harmony and wholeness. Much like the anticipations of an expectant mother anxiously awaiting the birth of their infant and the excitement of what the child will contribute to the world, this passage has helped me reflect on all the good intentions we have as parents for our children even before they are born.

In the responsorial psalm, “Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.” For me it means that we need to recognize Jesus to find joy. We hear about the shepherd of Israel, rousing his power to lead the sheep from danger (Hebrews from Egypt); just as we are parents we are charged with keeping our children safe and helping them to find Jesus. “The Lord, Our Father, will take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong”, just as we tend to our offspring with loving care even still when they are grown and keeping them on the path to salvation.

In Reading 2, although there were sacrifices, none could make worshippers perfect and purify their consciences. When God manifested in the flesh, in his only son, Jesus Christ, through birth of his mother Mary, his death became the ultimate sacrifice, and his suffering absolved us of sin

that is present at the time of our birth. When our children are born, despite everything we teach them, and what we want for them, they are still born with this and it is our job as parents to through the sacrament of Baptism to help to rid them of sin and teach them the way to heaven by living like Jesus by bringing them to mass on Sundays to celebrate the Eucharist. We continue our duty as mothers as handmaids to the Lord just as Mary was; it is our job to obey the Lord and teach “(the commandments of the Lord) diligently to (y) our children, and [we] shall talk of them when you sit in your house ...” (Deut 6:7)

In the Gospel of Luke we see that John, the unborn son of Elizabeth, leaps for joy, when he recognized Jesus inside of Mary’s womb coming near, we also experience the joy of the coming of Jesus throughout Advent and on Christmas. It is remarkable how this unborn child could even comprehend what was going on even while still inside the womb.

Sometimes we may not always know or understand what God’s plans are for our families and but one thing is clear, if we want to feel joy, we must learn to recognize Christ’s presence and appreciate God is working in ways that we cannot always see.



We See God in the Ordinary

Baby Jesus’ Wish List

Odds are you’ve got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What’s the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you’ve ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There’s a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it’s a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it’s a wish list that can really confuse you. What’s God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He’s customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It’s God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. “Do this, but don’t do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy.”

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God’s people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God’s real wish list didn’t really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It’s far simpler, but luckily, it’s something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 20

8:45 am Patrick Rebello, Lucy Hughes, Fr. Uttam, Fr. Raman, Fr. Chagan

Tuesday, December 21

(St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of Church)

8:45 am Richard & Marie Marcantonio *(Living)*, Msgr. Thomas Colgan, Fr. Oscar Barretto

Wednesday, December 22

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

Thursday, December 23

(St. John of Kanty, Priest)

8:45 am Denise White *(Birthday Remembrance)*, Elish O'Reilly, Alfred O'Reilly, Mel Kestell

Friday, December 24

8:45 am Danniela Pozzo, Francine Pozzo, John Pozzo, Ed Sholl

(Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve)

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



Saturday, December 25

(Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day)

7:00 am Christmas Remembrances
8:30 am Christmas Remembrances
10:30 am Christmas Remembrances
12:00 pm Christmas Remembrances

Sunday, December 26

(Feast of the Holy Family)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners
8:30 am Lawrence Carlucci, Rose Carlucci
10:30 am Joseph Marino, Lena Jankowski
12:00 pm James Reilly *(Birthday Remembrance)*, Richard Quinn & Family *(Living)*

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis Evangelization - Catechists

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We Pray for ...



The Deceased & their Families

Anthony Russo, Peter Colletti, Sabrina Vito, Bernard Laguerre, Edward P. Walsh, Lena Jankowski, Stefan Grzechowiak, Joseph Panacciulli, Lena Miraglia, All who perished in the Kentucky tornado

The Sick

Tim Montague, Baby Carter Bein, Epifanio & Josephine Manasia, Josephine Cucinella, Tony Pierno, Baby Penny Grace Candella, Adrian Alecio, Jennifer Cestaro, John Hughes, Cassandra Salayko, Pam Osso, Elina Rivera, Barbara Colabrese, Leonard Tauber, John McNichall, Barbara Brittingham, Vincent Antonello Sr., Kathleen Gerrity, Donna Goldman, Sarina Vito, John Heilig, Susan Reilly, Daniel Donovan Jr., Grace Rossi, Eileen Corrigan, Dolores Weiss, Sheila & Dcn. John Burkart, Pietra LoMento, Frances Manziello, Mario Muscardin, Carl Smitelli, Jan Schatzberg, Mike & Maureen Kenney, Lisa Hulsen, Stacey Bell, Rachel Staiano, Joseph P. Pisanti, Marie & Joe Giambalvo, Marion Celenza, Linda Ludwig, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Adeline Mifsud, Anne & George Bantleon, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Dorothy Walsh, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Grace Marino, Lettie Graham, Margaret LiCausi, Janet Morrissey, Adelaide Motta, Joanne Pirraglia, Nancy Pesiri, Mary Canty, Phyllis DeGregoris, Anne Dailey, Rose Bell, Angela Artale, James D. Quinn, Rose Rutigliano, Phil Roeske, Rosemary Burke, Donna Lawson Ceparano, Dorothy McKeever, Ann Abitabilo, Barbara Zmoos, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, John Brusdeilins, Carolyn Holland, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Robert & Muriel Reahl, Mary Posch, Richard Harrig, Fr. Daniel Sheridan, Fr. John Whelan

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,, Kathleen Donovan *(Army)*
Brandon Sassone, John Brennan *(Navy)*
Ryan Scheckler *(Marines)*



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.



Adoration for the Month

NO ADORATION in DECEMBER

9:15am to 4:00pm

We Give & We Remember



Financially Speaking

December 12	\$8,137.00
Online	1,510.00
Total	\$9,647.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$ 441.00

*Note: Second collection on December 26 is for the support of St. Vincent dePaul Society
Thank you for your generosity!*



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of December 7)

Goal Amount:\$43,400.00
Pledges: \$46,637.00
Payments: \$45,892.00
Donors: 178



**MANY THANKS TO
ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS**

Christmas Memorials



Roping - \$25 (per coil)

Poinsettias (large) for altar - \$40 each

Poinsettias - \$25

Birch branches (bundle) - \$20

If 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.



Altar Flowers Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of
December 18 – December 24

In memory of
Michael DuBritz

Donated by the DuBritz, Sciarrino & O’Gorman Families



Monthly Food Drive Upcoming Dates

January 29 / 30

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





Faith Formation



Our Faith: The Next Generation – Pass It On!

ROSARY CLASS

Mr. Dossie's Level 1, Ms. Durutovic's Level 3, and Ms. Reyes' Level 6 classes visited the church to pray the Rosary. Students are learning how to recite the Rosary and help them with learning their prayers. Our upper level students set a great example for our younger students who are experiencing the Rosary for the first time.



The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,

make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



**YOUTH GROUP
ALL ARE WELCOME**
Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister &
Ryan Farrell, President

The Youth Group invites the parish family to join them for ...



Family Rosary Night

Monday December 27th
at 7:30pm in the church

The Rosary is led by the youth group along with talented Youth providing inspirational music



Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

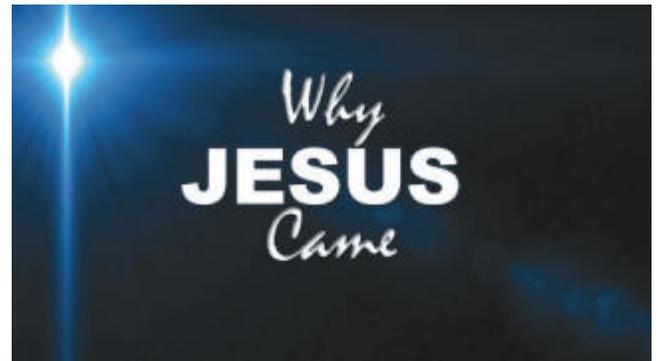
Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made
strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.



FIRST READING: MI 5: 1-4a

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah
too small to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel;
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time
when she who is to give birth has borne,
and the rest of his kindred shall return
to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock
by the strength of the LORD,
in the majestic name of the LORD, his God;
and they shall remain, for now his greatness
shall reach to the ends of the earth;
he shall be peace.



RE SPONSORIAL PSALM 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

SECOND READING: HEB 10: 5-10

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.
Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll,
behold, I come to do your will, O God.’”

First he says, “Sacrifices and offerings,
holocausts and sin offerings,
you neither desired nor delighted in.”

These are offered according to the law.

Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.”

He takes away the first to establish the second.

By this “will,” we have been consecrated
through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for
all.

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for the
Fourth Sunday of Advent
LK 1: 39-45

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING
OF SCRIPTURE

Mary set out
and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.
When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to
me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting
reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."



St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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Christmas Message from Bishop Barres



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued *Admirabile Signum*, an Apostolic Letter *On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene*. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray.¹

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: “Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts.”

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God’s love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: “I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have

experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79).”

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: “The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, ‘gentle and humble in heart’ (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod’s palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized.”

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering.

May our commitment to “holiness and mission” bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20191201_admirabile-signum.html

Christmas Mass Schedule



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 18th, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Monday, December 20th, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Vigil Masses Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24th

3:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium - Family Mass

3:30 p.m. in the Church

5:00 p.m. in the Church

6:30 p.m. in the Church

Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25th

(All Masses in the Church)

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

NO AFTERNOON MASSES

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Friday, December 31st

3:45 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Saturday, January 1st

10:00 a.m.

NO 8:45 a.m. MASS



Youth Group

(by Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister & Ryan Farrell, President)

Our St. Pius X Youth Group continues to be hard at work serving our Parish and community! Every year, the Youth Group participates in its annual Families Feeding Families program which provides meal packages containing a Turkey and all of the trimmings, including baked pies and breakfast for the following morning to about 150 underprivileged families.

Over 30 members of the Youth Group conducted five separate in-person food collections, spanning nearly 20 hours during October and November at Shop Rite at Country Pointe in Plainview and Uncle



Giuseppe's in Melville to collect non-perishable food items, and working with the Youth Group at Connect Church in Bellmore, assembled and distributed the food packages at a drive-thru service on November 20th. The families receiving the packages had to pre-register, but thanks to the generosity of the Plainview-Old Bethpage community in supporting the food drives, there was enough food to ensure that no one who pulled up saying they were in need was sent away empty-handed.

"It was sobering to witness the disparities right here on Long Island and see how many others are much less fortunate than we are, said Ryan Farrell, Youth Group President who is a Senior at Chaminade High School. "But it was wonderful to see all of the early morning and late night food drives pay off and know that in combating the issues of food insecurity and poverty, we as a Youth Group were able to make a difference in the lives of so many families by living out the Gospel in action. It's the culmination of what Youth Group is all about."

That sentiment was echoed by other Youth Group members. Emma Casavina, a 10th grader at POB-JFK called the program *"an amazing, inspiring, feel good experience...that gave me the chance to give to people that are less fortunate than me"*. Chaminade Senior, John Dossie, credited the experience for *"opening his eyes to the fact that we can't take things we think are simple, like food, for granted. Others don't have what we do and need our help."* POB-JFK Sophomore John McNamee believes the program has taught him to be grateful. *"We live in a world overflowing with gifts, yet we are quick to overlook them and take them for granted. I always look forward to Families Feeding Families each year because it makes me recognize how blessed I am and reminds me of the importance of sharing those blessings with others"*, he said.

"Our kids are amazing in volunteering for all of the projects we do, but there's something special about this one", Youth Minister Steve Rhoads commented. *"From collection, to assembly to distribution, all of the work they do ends in the moment where they greet a family in need, share a Thanksgiving prayer with them and hand them physical proof that even though we are total strangers, we, as a community care about them. To me, that has a far greater and long-lasting impact than the food itself."* Farrell agrees. *"Having done this for four years, I will never forget the looks of joy and gratitude on the faces of those we've helped and it motivates you to try to do more."*

The St. Pius X Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings and is open to all 9th-12th graders. For more information, contact the Parish Office or message Steve Rhoads directly at (516) 314-4678.



Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday December 18/19
(Fourth Sunday of Advent)
Mi 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45



Saturday, December 18

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux *Dcn. John Assisting - YOUTH MASS*

Sunday, December 19

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Chux

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

Worship for Sunday December 25/26
(Feast of the Holy Family)
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

Saturday, December 25

NO AFTERNOON *or* EVENING MASSES

Sunday, December 26

7:00 am – Fr. Chux

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Valentine

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine *Dcn John assisting*

Parish Christmas Party

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



Upcoming Events at St. Pius X!

- January 2: *Faith Formation classes resume from Christmas Break*
- January 9: *Family Liturgy (Blessing of children baptized in 2021), 10:30am, Hospitality following in Madonna Hall*
- January 17: *Martin Luther King Day, All Parish Offices CLOSED*
- January 29: *Youth Mass, 5pm, ALL 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th Level Students required to participate*



We Connect



St. Pius X Senior Club

Lou Fabiano, President

NEXT MEETING

Date: DECEMBER 21st, 2021 (TUESDAY)
Time: 10 AM
Where: Bethpage Community Center
103 Grumman Road
W. Bethpage, NY 11724

President Fabiano is pleased to announce that all the Covid restrictions have been lifted for our Senior Meetings. All vaccinated members do not need to wear MASKS. Unvaccinated members must wear a mask. The doors will open for our meetings 9:45am and the meeting will be promptly at 10:00am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 21st, 2021, Senior Club Meeting, BCC, 10:00am, Speaker: Representative from Veteran's Administration
- January 11th, 2022, Senior Club Meeting, BCC, 10:00am, John DiPiola (*singer*)
- January 18th, Senior Club Meeting, BCC, 10:00am, Paul Efferman (*quartet*)

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.



St. Pius X Rosary Society

Barbara Brown, President



NO MEETING in January or February

Interested in joining us, contact Barbara Brown, 516-359-9060.



Columbiettes

Anna Ensmenger, President

The Columbiettes, an organization of Catholic women dedicated to our Patronesses, Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Theresa the Little Flower & St. Joan of Arc, are affiliated Auxiliaries of the Knights of Columbus Councils.

Dec 20: General Meeting, 7:30pm Madonna Hall

NO MEETING in JANUARY

For information, contact Anna at stpiusxcolumb@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED



Parish Offices will be closed on
December 24th & December 25th
for Christmas &
January 1st for New Year's

Have a Blessed Christmas & healthy
New Year
The Parish Staff



St. Pius X Knights of Columbus

Marc Cashman, Grand Knight

The key Principals of our orders are: *Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism*. There is no better way to experience love & compassion than by helping those in need.

- Dec. 23: Social Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
- Jan 6: Officers Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
- Jan 13: General Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1

For information, contact Marc at marccashman@yahoo.com





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E-mail submissions to admstpx@gmail.com by 5pm the Saturday one week prior to the bulletin date, and it will be reviewed for inclusion as space allows. Please note the deadline is earlier for all holidays.

Sacraments

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Baptism: The baptismal preparation program is offered throughout the year. Baptisms are celebrated on the second and third Sundays of each month. Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956 to schedule a baptism date before making other plans. Allow at least one month preparation time.

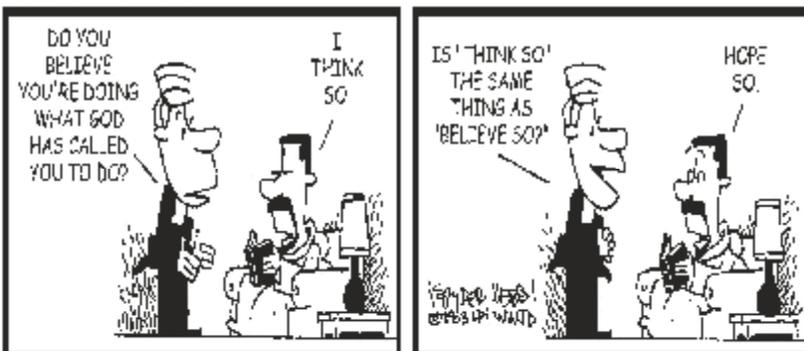
Marriage: Engaged couples must contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick: Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month after the 8:45am Mass

Other Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

RCIA: Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have friends or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the Faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA group here at St. Pius X. Call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Stay Connected

Keep us Updated!

Have you moved? Married? Changed your email address? Help us keep our parish database up-to-date by sending us such changes via e-mail to: spxrecty@optonline.net or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956. Remember to include your name, address, phone, cell, email and other relevant information.

We Need You!

We invite you to review our ministries and get involved! If you wish to volunteer for any ministry, please contact Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or 516-938-3956 for more information.

Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

Please inform us about parishioners or loved ones who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home by e-mailing the pastor at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

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Register as a Parishioner

If you regularly worship at St. Pius X Parish, we ask that you register with us. Simply e-mail Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

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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