

St. Pius X Parish, R.C.
"To Restore All Things in Christ"

December 26th, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family



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 Jean Kelly, Executive Director of the INN)

Feast of the Holy Family

Today's readings reflect on the role of parents in the lives of their children, the proper way to respect our dwelling, share our hospitality, and the importance of getting along with each other. The gospel tells the story of Jesus remaining in Jerusalem to study in his heavenly Father's home.

At The INN, we work with guests (those we serve) in our home (The INN soup kitchen). Some of the guests were blessed with parents who were loving but unable to provide for them. Others were born into families that were always on the move, with difficult living conditions. For some of the guests, very unfortunately, their lives have been damaged by the despair of profound poverty or even violence.

It is no coincidence that Jesus was born into poverty and his family also moved around a lot. In his ministry he was often found speaking to people who were poor, disabled or labelled as sinners because of their physical afflictions. The INN works with people in similar circumstances.

Everyday at The INN, we witness the power of serving and honoring those in our midst who could be Jesus himself, or someone Jesus would have ministered to. We see miracles in the fortuitous timing of newly arrived donations and guests

coming to our door asking for what has just been donated (without knowing it had just been donated). In the families waiting on line for their meals we see the Holy Family. We see these families watch out for and console each other. There is much gentleness and goodness present each day. We are grateful for your many years of generosity in helping these families.



Whenever we stand on a line, for whatever purpose, can we be patient and kind? Can we recognize those in line as part of our holy family of all humanity? Can we forgive when someone is slow to move or selfish? This is a good time to practice what we preach.

This is the time of year we receive the greatest gift ever given to the human family – the precious gift of a baby who is the embodiment of love. Are our hearts fully open to receive this gift and his love? Would Jesus feel at home in your dwelling? Would you feel comfortable sharing what is in your heart with Jesus? Would Jesus see that you treat all those you meet as brothers and sisters? Our answers are a testament, and a test, of the depth of our Christian faith.

I hope the year ahead will be one of increasing familial love within your biological family, our family of all humanity and for the Holy Family.

We See God in the Ordinary



All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold?

Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



We Pray for ...

Monday, December 27

(St. John, Apostle & Evangelist)

8:45 am Mercedes Colwin & Family (Living), St. Vincent DePaul Society members

Tuesday, December 28

(The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

8:45 am Donald Wildemann

Wednesday, December 29

(St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr)

8:45 am Members of Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, Rosary Society, Senior Club

Thursday, December 30

8:45 am Arthur Palumbo

Friday, December 31

8:45 am Thomas Pesiri, Thomas Zarakas

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Vigil)

3:45 pm St. Pius X Parish Family, Expectant mothers



Saturday, January 1

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

10:00 am St. Pius X Parish Family, Expectant mothers

(Epiphany - Vigil)

3:45 pm St. Pius X Parish Family, Expectant mothers

5:15 pm Richard & Marie Marcantonio (Living)

Sunday, January 2

(Epiphany)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners

8:30 am Susan Fitzpatrick

10:30 am Msgr. Thomas Colgan

12:00 pm Michael DuBritz (1st Anniversary Remembrance), Nicholas Vittorio



The Deceased & their Families

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

The Sick

Baby 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

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 Give & We Remember

Financially Speaking

Due to the early submission date for this bulletin, the collection for the weekend of December 24th/25th will be reported in the January 2nd bulletin.

Note: Second collection on January 8/9 is for the Maintenance & Repair of our parish facilities
Thank you for your generosity!

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of December 14)

107.46%
of Goal

Goal Amount: \$43,400.00
Pledges: \$46,637.00
Payments: \$45,912.00
Donors: 178



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

**MANY THANKS TO
ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS**



Blood Drive Many Thanks to ALL who DONATED

On December 12th, we had more than 65 donors for our Blood Drive and it was very successful in this pandemic time. *Many thanks to ALL who donated!* Special thanks to Kim Musi & Edward Thorgersen for coordinating the Blood Drive. We were missing a loyal and dedicated volunteer, Stefan Grzechowiak (97 years old). Stefan passed away on November 29th and now rests along with his beloved wife Josephine in the arms of our compassionate Father. *Thank You Stefan* for your years of service.

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.



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.**



Altar Flowers, Altar Candles Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp

*for the week of
December 25 – December 31*

For ALL 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!

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

During this season of Advent, we stop and reflect on the coming of Christ. May your holidays be filled with prayer and love for God, our parish community and Christians around the world. We hope all of our families have the opportunity to gather around the table of the Lord as we remember those who we have lost during the pandemic and those who are still with us whether near or far.

Wishing all of our families a safe and blessed Christmas.

Sincerely, the St. Pius X Faith Formation catechists and staff



WE GIVE THANKS

During the season of Thanksgiving, the students in our Faith Formation Levels 1-4 created leaves for our Thanksgiving tree. Each student created a leaf that states what they are thankful for and each leaf was hung on our Thanksgiving Tree in the lobby of the Faith Formation offices. As you can see, our students have much to be thankful for.



CONFIRMATION RETREAT, YOUTH MASS & ADVENT

On Saturday, November 27th following the YOUTH MASS, Fr. Valentine blessed the parish Stable and Christmas Tree to open the season of Advent. The event was attended by parishioners who joined our Level 7 & 8 Confirmation students as they completed their annual Retreat.

INTERFAITH PRESENTATION: Christmas & Hanukkah

On December 2nd, 2021, St. Pius X Level 7 & 8 students in our Confirmation program participated in a presentation on the meaning of Christmas and Hanukkah. The presentation was the FIRST in a series sponsored by the Interfaith Clergy. The presentation was hosted by the Plainview Reformed Church.

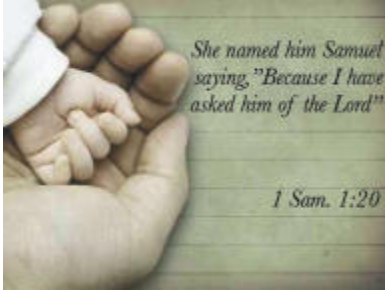


FIRST RECONCILIATION

On Saturday, December 4th our Level 2 students received their *First Reconciliation*. Mrs. Buchanan, Ms. O'Toole, and Mr. Farrell's classes created links that show ways to say you are sorry or ways to forgive someone. The links were combined to form a chain that was placed on the altar during the ceremony. In January, our Level 2 students will begin preparing for their First Holy Communion.



We Pray & We Reflect



FIRST READING: 1 SM 1: 20-22, 24-28

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!
My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the

LORD.

My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

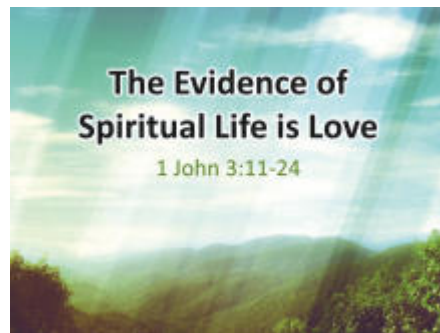
R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Happy they who dwell in your house!
Continually they praise you.
Happy the men whose strength you are!
Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer;
hearken, O God of Jacob!
O God, behold our shield,
and look upon the face of your anointed.

R. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.



SECOND READING: 1 JN 3: 1-2, 21-24

Beloved:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

And so we are.

The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask,

because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

And his commandment is this:

we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them,

and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for the Feast of the Holy Family LK 2: 41-52

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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A Word from the Pastor

Thank you St. Pius X Elves!



My Dear Parish Family,

‘Twas a few days before Christmas & the Church ... it’s a mess – there are bulletins to prepare & trees to decorate, wreaths & roping to hang, & the Christmas manger to prepare. There is Christmas music to practice, a new song to learn – & I almost forgot – there is an auditorium to transform into a prayerful Christmas space! What is a Pastor to do? Well – he puts out the call for St. Pius elves! They came with their hammers, ladders & twine, the young & the old, both little & tall, they came in response to their Pastor’s call. As the clock ticked away the minutes & hours, the St. Pius elves got busy not a minute to spare. Under the artful direction of the master elf, Sal Spano the church was transformed ready to welcome our new born Lord. Lo & behold the job it was done & the Pastor is grateful to one & all! Special thanks to ...

Advent – Very grateful to all who helped to give this Advent a more spiritual & family focus. We are grateful to the families who prepared the scripture reflection for Advent: Farrell family, Gregori family, Manganaro family & Kelly family.

Breakfast with Santa – Always a favorite, it deserves another thank you to our Knights & Columbiettes, Crystal Wong & family for the wonderful crafts, Santa’s elves (*Youth Group*) & of course, jolly Santa, who I am sure is enjoying a nap after his long journey.

The True Meaning of Christmas – On Dec. 5th, there was a small miracle in our humble church. Our children shared with us an important lesson on **The True Meaning of Christmas**. I am so very proud of our children! I am grateful to Alexa for presenting a liturgical dance that she choreographed to *O Come Emmanuel*. I knew our children would be good – but I was amazed that each was wonderful & prayerful. Our children brought love & hope to everyone who was present & we had **FULL** church!

Church Decorations – A very special thank you to Loretta Dressler, Deb Mazzola, Claudia Stewart, Sal Spano & Clare Crossley for assisting with decorating the interior of our Church. Special thanks to the Knights for setting up the manger on the front lawn of the church property & for the annual lighting of the parish Christmas Tree.

Musicians - many thanks to our musicians, cantors & sacristans.

Parish Staff – Emma Cassavina, Gail Gomula, Rosann Kelly, Linda Munden, Anna Terrano, Virginia Wildemann.

José Pin-Amen – Facility Manager & Walter Campos, can’t count the many times they climbed the ladders to decorate

Children of our Faith Formation program who prepared hay for the manger of our Lord now displayed in the foyer of our church & Christmas cards for our homebound parishioners .

Youth Group – Donned their elf outfits to assist Santa at the annual *Breakfast with Santa* & also for their assistance with the set-up of the auditorium for our Christmas Eve liturgy

Knights – For assisting with the set-up of the auditorium for our Christmas Eve liturgy

Altar Linens – Our volunteers who care for our altar linens & church

Liturgical Ministers – Altar servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, our parish youth, & Ushers. Special thanks to Loretta Dressler for coordinating the schedule & training of ushers so that every person who shared in our Christmas liturgies received a warm *St. Pius X Welcome!*

Collection Counters – thank you to the fine group of parishioners who gather each week to count the collection.

Floral Donations & Remembrances – thank you to all who gave generously

Photography - Many thanks to Bobby Peña for capturing our parish events & liturgies in beautiful pictures.

My brother Priests & Deacon – Fr. Chux, Fr. Nassir & Deacon John

Catechists & Faith Formation Families – We shared prayerful Family Liturgies & Youth Masses, Bible Ceremony, Confirmation Retreat & First Reconciliation. We are grateful to our Director, Gail Gomula & dedicated catechists. For a look at recent our Faith Formation event in pictures, see p. 5.

Parish Family – In this season of giving, I wish to thank the parish family St. Pius X for your continuous support of our parish; volunteering your time, sharing your gifts & talents, financial gifts, many prayers... for always responding positively when your humble pastor calls.

God Bless Everyone!
Fr. Valentine

Mass Schedule for Solemnity of Mary



Friday, December 31st
(Vigil Mass)
3:45 p.m. - Fr. Valentine

Saturday, January 1st
10:00 a.m. ONLY (NO 8:45 a.m. Mass)
Fr. Valentine



Reflection The Christmas Season

(by Fr. Valentine)



It's More than One Day

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON CONTINUES

Christmas Day is not the end of this great season – it's the beginning. The season continues with several great opportunities for worship and celebration.

FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY (December 26th)

The Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families, too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ and his Church the center of family and individual life – reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family – all done together as a family. The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unit, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

Holy Family Prayer: Father, we look to Your loving guidance and order as the pattern of all family life. By following the example of the holy family of your Son in mutual love and respect, may we come to the joy of our home in heaven.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (January 1st)

In early church the title of Mary was a subject of much debate. Mary was called the mother of God, but some objected, suggesting that Mary was only the mother of Jesus' human nature, but not his divine nature. Ultimately the Church decided that Christ was fully God and fully human, and these natures were united in one person, Jesus Christ. Thus, Mary could be called "mother of God" since she gave birth to Jesus who was fully divine as well as human. The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

Mary Mother of God Prayer: God our Father, may we always profit by the prayers of the Virgin Mother Mary, for you bring us life and salvation through Jesus Christ her Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

FEAST of the EPIPHANY (January 2nd)

The story of the Magi traveling from the East to see the Christ child appears in the Gospel According to St. Matthew. Upon seeing a star rising in the East, they realized it was a sign that the king of the Jews had been born. The wise men followed the star to Bethlehem of Judea, and to Jesus' dwelling there. Having arrived, they worshipped the infant Jesus, and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The term epiphany means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." The Magi were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, nations, and races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited. Epiphany is a time to focus on the mission of the Church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people.

Epiphany Prayer: O God Who by a star guided the wise men to the worship of your Son we pray you to lead to yourself the wise and great of every land that unto you every knee may bow, and every thought be brought into captivity Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

BAPTISM OF CHRIST (January 9th)

The Christmas Season draws to a close with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. We will look more deeply into this celebration in next week's reflection.

Prayer for the Baptism of Christ: Almighty, eternal God, when the Spirit descended upon Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan, You revealed Him as Your own beloved Son. Keep us, Your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling.

PARISH OFFICES CLOSED



The Parish Offices
will be closed on
January 1st
for New Year's

Prayers for a healthy & Happy New Year

Christmas Flower Remembrances



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

donated in memory of

**Michael DuBritz
Francine Pozzo**

The Flowers that adorn our Altar for the Christmas Season have been donated in loving memory of, or for the intentions noted:

Agostino Family	Marylalice Feldman	Eugene & Stephanie Morda, Sr.
Francine Andrella	Donald Fitzpatrick	Susan Olsen
Joseph Antonio, Jr	Jane Fitzpatrick	Joseph Pizzuro
Angela Borruso	John Franco	Jospehine Pizzuro
Thomas Burke	Kerri Ann Hogan	Michael Pizzuro
Lucille Caligure	Peggy Jents	Emerson Podojil
Mary Caligure	Joseph & Mary Kosiba	Pollock Families
Concetta Cariello	Karl Kosmalski	Frank Porcari
Pasquale Cariello	Edward Kuzma	Paul, John & Eugene Przybyszewski
Antonio Cerrone	Kaethe Lerner	Reck Family
Yolanda Cerrone	Angelo LiCausi	Vera & Angelo Renaldo
William & Elsie Christman	Luis Lim	Angelo Renaldo, Jr
Hilda & Anthony Conte	Jean LoPresto	Richard Russo
Neil Conte	Ludwig Families	Saglimbene Family
Anthony Corrente	Andrew Maestrallis	Sullivan Family
Kathleen Corrente	Mildred Maestrallis	Teresa Thompson
Michael D'Ambrosio	Florence Marks	Donna Tortora
Rose & Joe D'Ambrosio	Jerry Marks	Henry Waizenegger
Daugherty Family	Mary Mascolo	Marie Waizenegger
Alfred DiLoreto	Sal Mascolo	John Walsh
Carmelo DiLoreto	Vincent Mascolo	Donald Wildemann
Catherine DiLoreto	Mille & Sal Mascolo, Sr	Eric Wildemann
Michael DuBritz	Anne Mauro	Marie Wildemann
Matthew Etts	Don&Anne McClellan	Joan Woods
Thomas Etts	Eugene & Stephanie Morda, Jr.	Adriano Zafra
Anthony Farraye		Tating Zafra



*Please accept our apologies for any name(s) that might have been misspelled.
Names were recorded from the handwritten flower offering envelopes.*



St. Pius X Senior Club

Lou Fabiano, President

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I would like to thank the Board for their continued efforts throughout the year in making this club the vibrant entity that it is. To those many volunteers, what can I say; you give your time, talents, and energy as evidenced by the numerous ways that you support the club. To our loyal members, thank you for your continued support of our many programs and activities. On behalf of myself and the Board, I would like to wish all of you a Blessed Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a Healthy and Happy New Year. STAY WELL.

NEXT MEETING

Date: JANUARY 11th, 2022 (TUESDAY)
Time: 10 AM
Where: Bethpage Community Center
103 Grumman Road
W. Bethpage, NY 11724

The doors will open for our meetings 9:45am and the meeting will be promptly at 10:00am.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.



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- Jan 6: Officers Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
- Jan 13: General Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
- TBA: FREE THROW COMPETITION

For information, contact Marc at marccashman@yahoo.com



St. Pius X Rosary Society

Barbara Brown, President



NO MEETING in January or February

May the Baby Jesus come into all our hearts this Christmas and fill us with Peace, Love, and Joy! Wishing all of my Rosarians and their Families, a Blessed Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!

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.

NO MEETING in JANUARY

For information, contact Anna at stpiusxcolumb@gmail.com



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



Week at a Glance

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*

Worship for Sunday January 1/2
(Epiphany)
Sir Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Saturday, January 1
3:45 pm – Fr. Chux
5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, January 2
7:00 am – Fr. Valentine
8:30 am – Fr. Chux
10:30 am – Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine *Dcn John assisting*



St. Pius X Senior Club Christmas Party



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Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Emergency: 516-661-5117

Bulletin Submissions

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

Reconciliation: Saturdays, 3:00-3:45pm or by appointment.

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.

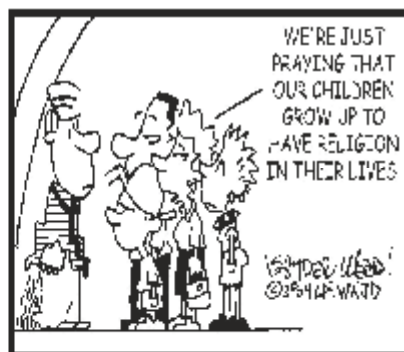
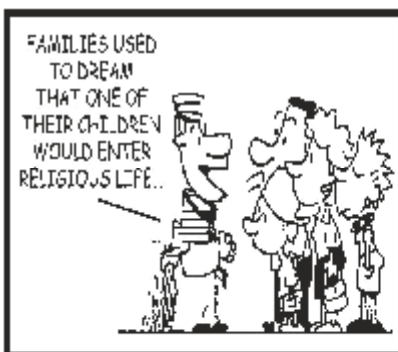
Marriage: Engaged couples must contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

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.

HOLY FAMILY



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.

Visit our Website!

Check the parish website to stay current with parish activities and events www.stpiusxrc.com

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Christmas symbols, especially the creche and trimmed tree, bring us back to the certainty that fills the heart with peace, with joy for the Incarnation, to God who becomes familiar: He dwells with us, He fills our days with the rhythm of hope.

Welcome Newcomers

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.

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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