

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

January 2nd, 2022
Epiphany of Our Lord



WISE MEN STILL SEEK HIM
Matthew 2:1-12



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 - Friday: 8:45 am

Saturday: 8:45 am

Vigil: 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 Fr. Chux)



Feast of the Epiphany

MODERN DAY HERODS and MODERN DAY MAGIS

In the first reading of today Jerusalem was admonished to rise up in splendor because its light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon her. The text went on to say “See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory.” In our own case, we besieged with: Fake News! Lies!! Deceptions!!! The year 2021 was really one of a 2021 vision. We were able to see clearly the different sides of the human nature, even in the most developed country of the world. We were able to see the darkness that covered the earth and the thick clouds covering the people, the covid-19 pandemic. It was difficult for many of us to distinguish truth from lies, good from evil because they were hidden in a clever manner beclouding human judgment.

When King Herod called the magi secretly to ascertain from them the time of the star's appearance, he had a hidden intention or a hidden agenda. An intention geared towards destruction of the new born King of the Jews, because he will be a threat to his power and his reign as king. So, before sending the Magis to Bethlehem he said to them, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” The wise men, as they were called, set out to Bethlehem following the star as their GPS and found the child Jesus. They offered their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the baby Jesus and prostrated themselves in homage.

When their visit was over, they took to another route on the way home. The scripture tells us that “having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.” The action was necessitated because Herod the Great was indeed a ruler who would use his power murderously when it suited his purposes. Our leaders today may have been cast in the likeness of Herod, who use their power to verbally murder millions of citizens through deceptions and lies.

It will be utterly misleading to look for the establishment of peace in our modern society through the instrumentalities of our political leaders. Fullness of peace can be achieved if Christians who still remain the world’s largest religious group, according to the 2015 Pew Research Center data, are converted more deeply to that call not to kill, not to lie, not to steal, not to lust, to respect parents, and to help those in need and weak in our society. If the 2.3 billion Christians in the world,

making up the 31.2% of the global population will allow Jesus to be manifested as the light for the nations by sharing it with others, our society will be gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Happy Solemnity of the Epiphany!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



We See God in the Ordinary

Wise The Light of the Moon

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you’ve caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

If you’re not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing “Buffalo Gals — Won’t you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?”

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn’t have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn’t it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. “Upon you the LORD shines,” writes Isaiah, “and over you appears his glory.” Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn’t chart their own course. They merely followed the star.

*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, January 3

(Most Holy Name of Jesus)

8:45 am Arthur Barrett Colwin Jr. *(Birthday Remembrance)*, Lucille Walsh *(Living - Birthday Blessings)*

Tuesday, January 4

(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious)

8:45 am Monica Lozada *(Birthday Remembrance)*

Wednesday, January 5

(St. John Neumann, Bishop)

8:45 am Michael DiCarlo *(1st Anniversary Remembrance)*, Joseph Palumbo

Thursday, January 6

(St. André Bessette, Religious)

8:45 am Nancy Pesiri *(Living - Birthday Blessings)*, Joseph A. Gancila *(1st Anniversary Remembrance)*, Maureen & John Marsala *(Living)*

Friday, January 7

(St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest)

8:45 am Eppie Manasia

Saturday, January 8

8:45 am Eppie Manasia

(Baptism of Our Lord)

3:45 pm Michael DiCarlo, Russell David *(5th Anniversary Remembrance)*

5:15 pm Richard & Marie Marcantonio *(Living)*, Marilyn Degaray

Sunday, January 9

(Baptism of Our Lord)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners

8:30 am Lena Jankowski

10:30 am Fr. Joseph A. Gancila

12:00 pm Jean Mary Jackowski, Brandon Rader *(Thanksgiving to angel who donated heart)*

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis For True Human Fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

We Pray for ...

The Deceased & their Families

Fr. Dennis Sheridan, Lawrence Carlucci, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Francis D'Souza, Margaret Pellegrino, Elina Rivera, Alicia Green, Edward P. Walsh, Lena Jankowski, Stefan Grzechowiak

The Sick

Caryn Petris, Khan Chu, Emma Nugget, John Campbell, Tim Montague, Baby Carter Bein, Josephine Manasia, Josephine Cucinella, Tony Pierno, Baby Penny Grace Candella, Adrian Alecio, Jennifer Cestaro, John Hughes, Pam Osso, Barbara Colabrese, Leonard Tauber, John McCnichall, 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. 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

JANUARY 25th

9:15am to 4:00pm

We Give & We Remember

Financially Speaking

December 19	\$4,063.00
Online	2,475.00
Total	\$6,538.00
Christmas	\$40,375.00
Online	1,825.00
Total	\$42,200.00
December 26	\$1,283.00
Online	1,430.00
Total	\$2,713.00
St. Vincent	\$ 509.00
Online	310.00
Total	\$ 819.00

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 21)**

Goal Amount: \$43,400.00
Pledges: \$46,662.00
Payments: \$46,317.00
Donors: 178

107.52%
of Goal



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

**MANY THANKS TO
ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS**



**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



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*)

Altar Flowers Sanctuary Lamp



for the week of
January 1 – January 7

**HOPE & PEACE
in 2022**



*For our families, our
country, our world*

Altar Candles, Bread & Wine



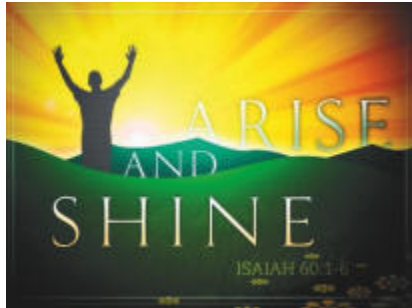
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In loving memory of

Michael DuBritz



*Donated by the DuBritz, Sciarrino
& O'Gorman Families*



FIRST READING: IS 60: 1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

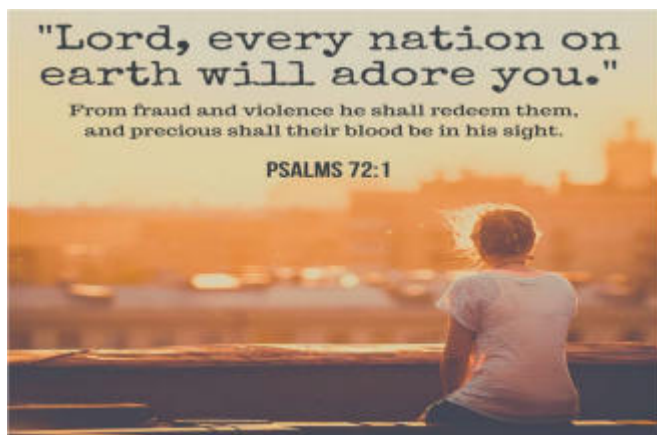
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment.



SECOND READING: EPH 3: 2-3a, 5-6

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for Feast of the Epiphany MT 2: 1-12



GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

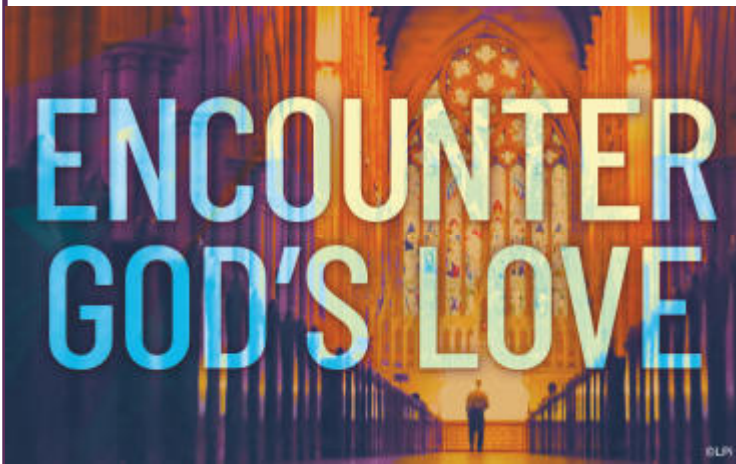
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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A Prayer for the New Year

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait." We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead. Give us ability beyond what we feel able, let your gifts flow freely through us, so that you would be honored by our lives, and others would be drawn to you.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you, living independent of your spirit. Forgive us for letting fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness wreak havoc over our lives. Forgive us for not following your ways and for living distant from your presence.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. And when the enemy reminds us where we have been, hissing his lies and attacks our way, we trust that your voice speaks louder and stronger, as you remind us we are safe with you and your purposes and plans will not fail. We ask that you will be our defense and rear guard, keeping our way clear, removing the obstacles, and covering the pitfalls. Lord, lead us on your level ground.

We ask that you would provide for our needs, we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us, we pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed. We pray that others would take notice of your goodness and could not help but to say, "These are the ones that the Lord has blessed."

Help us to be known as great givers, help us to be generous and kind, help us to look to the needs of others and not be consumed by only our own.

May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set you way before us. May all your plans succeed. We may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever. Amen.



**Start your day
with a prayer**

**Volunteer to be
a Lector or
Usher ... Try it!**



A Word from the Pastor



Feast of the Epiphany

My Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate Feast of the Epiphany. Our focus is the story of the three Wiseman, the guiding star, and their giving of gifts to the Christ child, their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our particular focus this week is on giving our giftedness, our gifts, to God. Each of us has a set of gifts that we give to God. That is what this Sunday is all about: about us giving all of our gifts to God. What are the gifts that God has given to you? They are your talents, abilities, aptitudes, events that have happened to you. These have shaped you, your family, your health, your everything.



The *first step* is to discover your gifts, and you always discover your gifts in relationship. For example, the essence of all good parenting is to help your child discover his or her gifts. Yes, we love them and give them stability, but part of the genius of good parenting is to help children to discover their own unique talents and resources which are personally their own. Another relationship in which to discover your gifts is at school, with teachers, coaches and peers. We also discover our *giftedness* while at work. And certainly marriage is a place where you discover your giftedness. A spouse is forever helping you to discover your talents and how to use those talents most effectively. Friends also help you to discover yourself. So the first step is to discover your gifts, and this usually happens in a variety of relationships.

The *second step* is to accept the gifts that God has given you. This is the art of maturity, learning to accept the gifts that God has given to you and not given to you. A key thermometer is how jealous and envious you are of other people and their gifts. If you are jealous and envious of other people's giftedness or feel inferior, chances are you have not really accepted your own blend of gifts that God has given to you.

The *third step* is to enjoy your God-given gifts. To take pleasure in them, to appreciate what God can do through your life.

The *fourth step* is to mature or develop those gifts. Nothing in this world becomes stronger without hard work and investment of time, self and energy.

And the *fifth step* involves all of the steps, and this is to surrender all your gifts to God. That's what was wise about the Wiseman. Their wisdom wasn't merely giving their material gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but it was

the gift of their total selves to their journey to find Christ. They were totally devoted to the mission of finding Christ, using all of their resources. Wisdom is giving all of your gifts to Jesus Christ. If you don't, you will use your gifts for your own benefit...to glorify yourself or to satisfy yourself. And it's either/or; one way or another; there is no middle ground. Either you give your gifts to the service of Christ and his mission in this world, or you don't.

Well, this is Epiphany Sunday we celebrate the gift that the Wiseman brought to Christ. And indeed, that is when someone is wise: when they discover the unique blend of gifts that God has given, accept those gifts, enjoy those gifts, nurture those gifts, and surrender those gifts to Christ. That is a wise person.

God Bless You -
Fr. Valentine



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.**

Christmas Flower Remembrances



MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS *donated in memory of*

Gene Degnan
Michael DuBritz
O'Reilly Family (*deceased members*)
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	Carmelo DiLoreto	Jean LoPresto	Gerry Quinn
Francine Andrella	Catherine DiLoreto	Ludwig Families	Reck Family
Joseph Antonio, Jr	Michael DuBritz	Andrew Maestrallis	Vera & Angelo Renaldo
Angela Borruso	Matthew Etts	Mildred Maestrallis	Angelo Renaldo, Jr
Thomas Burke	Thomas Etts	Yvorse Maingrette	Michelangelo Rusella
Lucille Caligure	Anthony Farraye	Florence Marks	Elizabeth Russello
Mary Caligure	Maryalice Feldman	Jerry Marks	Richard Russo
Concetta Cariello	Donald Fitzpatrick	Mary Mascolo	Saglimbene Family
Pasquale Cariello	Jane Fitzpatrick	Sal Mascolo	Ermina Sansone
Antonio Cerrone	John Franco	Vincent Mascolo	Sullivan Family
Yolanda Cerrone	Philip Hayward	Mille & Sal Mascolo Sr	Anthony Tesoriero Jr.
Paul Chirafisi	Kerri Ann Hogan	Anne Mauro	Anthony Tesoriero, Sr.
William & Elsie Christman	Peggy Jents	Don&Anne McClellan	Teresa Thompson
Cockerham Family	John Jordan	Cedes Micourt	Donna Tortora
Peter Colletti	Lillian Kennedy	Suzanne Morabito	Henry Waizenegger
Hilda & Anthony Conte	Killian Family	Eugene&Stephanie Morda Jr.	Marie Waizenegger
Neil Conte	Joseph & Mary Kosiba	Eugene&Stephanie Morda Sr.	John Walsh
Anthony Corrente	Karl Kosmalski	Susan Olsen	Donald Wildemann
Kathleen Corrente	Kenneth & Alma Krummenacker	Joseph Pizzuro	Eric Wildemann
Romeo & Josephine Cortese	Edward Kuzma	Josephine Pizzuro	Marie Wildemann
Raymond & Veronica Crossley	Bernard Laguerre	Michael Pizzuro	Joan Woods
Michael D'Ambrosio	Kaethe Lerner	Emerson Podojil	Adriano Zafrá
Rose & Joe D'Ambrosio	Angelo LiCausi	Pollock Families	Tating Zafrá
Daugherty Family	Luis Lim	Frank Porcari	Marjorie Ziegler
Sal DeGaetano	Enid Lopes	Paul, John & Eugene Przybyszewski	Robert Ziegler
Alfred DiLoreto	Viater Lopes	Bill Quinn	



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



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Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday January 1/2

(Epiphany)

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*

Worship for Sunday January 8/9

(Baptism of Our Lord)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11

Saturday, January 8

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, January 9

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



Do your New Year's Resolutions reflect a spiritual year?

One New Year's resolution might be to set aside time daily for silent prayer. Just set aside a few minutes to relax and talk to the Lord. You might try starting with 5 minutes a day and work up to 15 or 20 minutes by Easter. By that time, it will become part of your daily routine.

You might use this silent time to read the Bible. This quiet time can also be the time you do Bible journaling.

Take time to find out about some of our new Saints. While most of us are familiar with saints like St. Michael, St. Joseph, and St. Anne, how about our newest saint, Carlo Acutis who was a teenager? Have you heard about Francisco and Jacinta Marto who are our youngest saints at ages 10 and 9. What about the announcement last year by Pope Francis that the preliminary step to sainthood, being declared "blessed", was conferred on Jose' Gregorio Hernandez Cisneros (a Venezuelan doctor), Mamerto Esquiú (an Argentine bishop) and Maria Laura Mainetti (a religious sister from Italy)? Pick a new saint each month and take time to get to know them and figure out how to imitate their life and virtues.

Maybe a good new year's resolution would be to remember Mary by praying the Rosary. Start with once a week and work up to once a day. You can pray the Rosary while jogging on your treadmill, riding in the car, waiting at a doctor's appointment, etc. Get to know and love the Blessed Mother. Join the youth of our parish by attending Rosary Night and Adoration sponsored by our Youth Group. It's usually the second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Church. We heard wonderful comments on the services from 2021. Check the bulletin for then next Rosary Night.

Make a resolution to spend more time celebrating the Sacraments. Try to attend extra Masses and receive the Eucharist, go to Reconciliation more than at Easter and Christmas, or even just remembering to make the Sign of the Cross whenever you pass a Catholic Church. If you have a few minutes, stop at Church and say a prayer or light a candle in remembrance of someone you love.

Another resolution might be to take time to examine your conscience daily. How are we living our lives and following in Jesus' footsteps? Think about your day and decide if there was any particular moment that you could improve on? Could we have been kinder, more understanding, more forgiving? Could we have done something differently to help others or make them feel important? This daily examination will set the tone for the next day.

While we often break our New Year's Resolutions, and sometimes the very first day, remember what we learned at our First Reconciliation – God always forgives us and gives us another chance. While we practice social distancing and are staying home more often, remind yourself of these resolutions and see how you can implement them in your lives with your family. Will it be a family Rosary Night? Will it be a time to gather in the evening, read from the Bible and share Bible journaling with your children? Will it be a time to teach your children new prayers? Whatever it may be, try some that will stay with you on your faith journey.



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. *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

**NOTE: MASKS ARE REQUIRED
AT ALL MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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*)
- February 8th, Senior Club Meeting, BCC, 10:00am
- February 15th, Senior Club Meeting, BCC, 10:00am

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**

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 stpiousxcolumb@gmail.com



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- Jan 13: General Meeting, 7:30pm RM #1
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For information, contact Marc at marccashman@yahoo.com



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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.

EPIPHANY



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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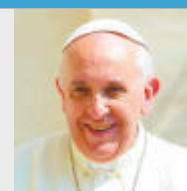
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Welcome Newcomers

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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