St. Pius X Parish, R.C.

"To Restore All Things in Christ"

January 9th, 2022 Baptism of Our Lord











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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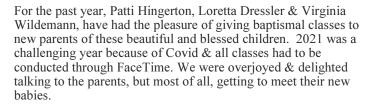
Scripture Reflection

(by Patti Hingerton, Loretta Dressler, Virginia Wildemann - Baptism Ministry Team)

Baptism of Our Lord



God of all creation, you have loved us enough to call us your children. We are made in your image and are signs of your love. Bless the children whose lives you have entrusted to us. May we be witnesses to them of your grace and your care. Help us to nurture them as they deserve. May they grow up to be people who know your name and give you praise. We pray in the name of our Lord. Amen





As John was baptizing the people in the Jordan River, his words rang out. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Prepare the way for the Lord. While I baptize you in water, there will be one mightier than I that will baptize you with the Holy Spirit & fire.

Our classes always started with the above opening prayer. We then proceeded to share with them what to expect throughout the Baptismal ceremony, especially if Fr, Valentine performed the baptism. As Loretta explained to the parents, "It's like going to a Broadway show, you never know what to expect." Recently, Loretta & Virginia had the pleasure of meeting one of the couples the day their child was Baptized. Their eyes twinkled with joy & their faces beamed with love knowing that their son would be Baptized into Christ and from this moment on will be a child of God through faith.



What if you were John? What emotions would you feel when you knew deep in your heart that the person approaching you is the one you have been talking about? John said, as Jesus approached away the sin of the world!" And the sky opened, and the Holy Spirit came down to Him like a dove and a voice came

We explain the meaning of the symbols used during Baptism.

him, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes from heaven said, "You are my own dear Son, in whom I am well pleased." Imagine the elation John was

Paschal Candle is most sacred. It represents the purity of Christ to signify that His is the beginning and the end. In the Christian gospels Jesus referred to himself as the "light of the world." When a child is

baptized, the candle is a symbol of faith, light, truth, and new life in Christ.

Oil of Catechumens: Oil of Salvation

Font & Holy Water: Removal of sin and rise to new life in Christ *Oil of Chrism*: Seals the Baptism White Garment: New Life in





Jesus did not need to be baptized because He was born without original sin & therefore, no need for Him to receive forgiveness. He was baptized for the following reasons.

To identify himself with sinners.

To be identified by John.

To be introduced to the crowd as the Messiah.

feeling to know that the Son of God was in our midst.

To fulfill all righteousness.

To symbolize his death and resurrection.

To embark on His great work, public ministry.

To be recognized publicly by His forerunner, John the Baptist.

(should be lit yearly on their Baptismal date.) How blessed are we to be surrounded by God? All these symbols

Lighted Candle: Child will always walk in the light of Christ

As the Bible puts it, "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life" (Romans 6:3-4).

represent the life, death, & resurrection of our dear Lord Jesus Christ. Remember, the next time you bless yourself with Holy Water, thank God for the gift of your own Baptism. As you make the sign of the cross, express your gratitude to God.

The birth of a child is always a miracle for all parents. It is an irreversible & life-altering experience filled with endless love & pride. With this comes the responsibility of rearing your newborn to be a child of God. By bringing your child to the waters of Baptism, an invitation to another life is extended to your child. This life is Life in Christ. Jesus Christ is saying to us, "Let the little children come to me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Today, January 9th, the Church marks the Baptism of our Lord. In celebrating this feast, Fr. Valentine invites the families that have had their child baptized the prior year to this special mass. Imagine seeing all these children of God gathered in our Lord's house. These children are older now, some walking, some crawling or some still in their parents' arms. Our hearts are overfilled with joy knowing that the Holy Spirit has come down on all gathered here today. As Fr. Valentine blesses us with the Holy Water, give thanks to God for this beautiful gift of your own and your child's baptism.



Monday, January 10

8:45 am Mary Corso, Rose Dillon (Living)

Tuesday, January 11

8:45 am Msgr. John Dreasen, Fr. Dennis Whelan

Wednesday, January 12

8:45 am Joseph & Maryann Rietschlin

Thursday, January 13

(St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church) 8:45 am Pura Rojas

Friday, January 14

(St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest) 8:45 am Marion Celenza (Living), John Celenza, Dr. Alberto Cayton

Saturday, January 15

8:45 am Michael Bohenek, Anthony & Patricia Boncoraglio

(Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

3:45 pm Olga Barios DeLugo, Joanne Flandrau (Living), Donald Holzmacher, Michael Wender

5:15 pm Richard & Marie Marcantonio (Living), CarolAnn DalCeredo (Living)

Sunday, January 16 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners

8:30 am Joseph Panacciulli, Richard Valenti (Living)

10:30 am James Reilly (Anniversary Remembrance), Lawrence Carlucci, Daniel Donovan Jr.

12:00 pm Kevin Smith, Pope Francis (Living), Lawrence Carlucci

PRAYER
IS THE BRIDGE
BETWEEN PANIC
AND PEACE.

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

Anthony J. Sausto, Msgr. Edward Wawerski, Daniel Donavon Jr., George Harth, Donald Holzmacher, Michael Wender, Salvatore Troja, Helene Liu, Msgr. John Dresan, Larry Carlucci, Fr. Dennis Whelan, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Alicia Erin Green, Betty White

The Sick

Lucy Padyk, Aiden Abdulla, Caryn Petris, Khan Chu, Emma Nugget, John Campbell, Josephine Manasia, Josephine Cucinella, Tony Pierno, 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, 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

January 2 \$4,558.25 Online 875.00 *Total* \$5,433.25 Solemnity of Mary \$ 645.00

Note: Second collection on January 22/23 is for the support of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Thank you for your generosity!



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of January 4)

Goal Amount: \$43,400.00 Pledges: \$46,682.00 Payments: \$46,432.00 Donors: 179



MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS



We Care

St. Vincent DePaul Society





The St. Vincent de Paul Society takes care of the needy of our Parish and local community. Our motto is "Need not Creed". Through the generosity of the Parishioners of St. Pius X, who are always willing to help with food, household supplies, clothing etc. Anyone in need may call on St. Vincent's help by leaving a message at the Parish Office (516)938-3956. All information will remain strictly confidential.

Virginia Wildemann, President

COMMUNION CLOSET

St. Vincent DePaul has adopted a project called Communion *Closet.* We are looking for communion dresses & suits to be



distributed to children less fortunate. If you wish to donate your child's communion outfit, please contact the Parish Office. We are planning the next distribution in February.

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 Altar Candles Bread & Wine



for the week of January 8 – January 14



HOPE & PEACE in 2022

For our families, our country, our world



Monthly Food Drive Upcoming Dates

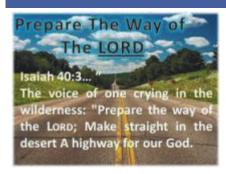
January 29 / 30

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

We Pray & We Reflect



FIRST READING: IS 40: 1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and

proclaim to her

that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated:

indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!

Every valley shall be filled in,

every mountain and hill shall be made low;

the rugged land shall be made a plain,

the rough country, a broad valley.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together;

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Go up on to a high mountain,

Zion, herald of glad tidings;

cry out at the top of your voice,

Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out

and say to the cities of Judah:

Here is your God!

Here comes with power

the Lord GOD,

who rules by a strong arm;

here is his reward with him,

his recompense before him.

Like a shepherd he feeds his flock;

in his arms he gathers the lambs,

carrying them in his bosom,

and leading the ewes with care.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed!

you are clothed with majesty and glory,

robed in light as with a cloak.

You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth;

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

You have constructed your palace upon the waters.

You make the clouds your chariot; you travel on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers, and flaming fire your ministers.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul. .

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide, in which are schools without number of living things both small and great.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

They look to you to give them food in due time.

When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R. O bless the Lord, my soul.



SECOND READING: TI 2: 11-14; 3:4-7

Beloved:

The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of

our great God and savior Jesus Christ,

who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord LK 3:15-16, 21-22

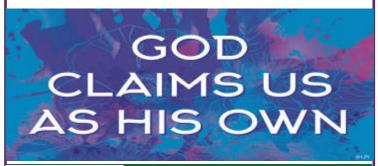
The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ.

John answered them all, saying,
"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming.

I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him

in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."





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,

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."

— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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forever and ever. Amen.

Inspiration for the New Year

New Day's Lyric by Amamda Gorman



Amanda Gorman is saying goodbye to the hardships of 2021 and welcoming a "new day" with a new poem shared on Instagram. The work comes as the past year comes to a close on New Year's Eve and the world readies for 2022.

Titled "New Day's Lyric," the poem speaks of promise, hope and unity to come, especially after the difficulties that left many "withered," "torn" or "battered." "May this be the day / We come together."

'New Day's Lyric' by Amanda Gorman

May this be the day We come together. Mourning, we come to mend, Withered, we come to weather. Torn, we come to tend, Battered, we come to better. Tethered by this year of yearning, We are learning That though we weren't ready for this, We have been readied by it. We steadily vow that no matter How we are weighed down, We must always pave a way forward. This hope is our door, our portal. Even if we never get back to normal, Someday we can venture beyond it, To leave the known and take the first steps. So let us not return to what was normal, But reach toward what is next. What was cursed, we will cure. What was plagued, we will prove pure. Where we tend to argue, we will try to agree, Those fortunes we forswore, now the future we foresee.

Those moments we missed Are now these moments we make. The moments we meet, And our hearts, once all together beaten, Now all together beat. Come, look up with kindness yet, For even solace can be sourced from sorrow. We remember, not just for the sake of yesterday, But to take on tomorrow. We heed this old spirit, In a new day's lyric, In our hearts, we hear it: For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne. Be bold, sang Time this year, Be bold, sang Time, For when you honor yesterday, Tomorrow ye will find. Know what we've fought Need not be forgotten nor for none. It defines us, binds us as one, Come over, join this day just begun. For wherever we come together, We will forever overcome.

Where we weren't aware, we're now awake;

A Word from the Pastor



Baptism of Our Lord

My Dear Family,

As we have heard time and again in these Christmas days, the Savior of the world did not come with any sort of fanfare or grandeur. He came quietly into the world as a baby, the lowest and the least of humanity. Then, after spending 30 years in an obscure, out of the way village, he appeared quietly, in the company of sinners who were receiving John's baptism of repentance. This revelation, however simple and unobtrusive it might have been, is why our Catholic Tradition places the Baptism of the Lord alongside the visit of the Magi and the Wedding at Cana as part of the mystery of the Epiphany—the Manifestation of God's Power and Presence in Jesus the Christ.

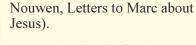
These past two weeks have reminded us that we have a reason to hope because of the Incarnation. This

mystery of God becoming a human being—which we have celebrated this Christmas Season—inspired the medieval Dominican mystic, Mesiter Eckart, to write,

"As the special function of the eye is to see form and color, and of the ear to hear sweet tones and voices, aspiration is specific to the soul. To stop aspiring is sin. This energy of aspiration directed to and grasping God... is called Hope, which is also a divine virtue. Through this faculty the soul acquires such confidence that she deems nothing in the Divine Nature beyond her reach" (Sermon 7).

Hope is the virtue that takes us from Christmas into Ordinary Time in these January days. Hope draws our attention to the compassionate presence of Jesus as he walked among the crowds, preaching, teaching, and healing, never showing anything but the most profound compassion for those who were suffering.

By accepting our humanity, and humbly embracing death, Jesus shows us how much God loves us: "In the four accounts of Jesus' life and death [i.e. the Gospels] you can see very clearly that the more conscious he becomes of the mission entrusted to him by the Father, the more he realizes that the mission will make him poorer and poorer. He has been sent not only to console poor people, but also to give this consolation as one of them himself" (Henri



As we give thanks for the grace that has been revealed to us in the Christmas days, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is also a time for us to reflect on the gift of our own baptism: In this sacrament, we have been united with Christ and have been lifted up above our broken human nature, become sharers in God's divine nature.

What does the baptism of Jesus teach you about humility?

What insights does the baptism of Jesus give you into the gift of your own baptism and your identity as the Father's beloved child?

How can you carry the hope of the Christmas season into the days of Ordinary Time?

God Bless You - Fr. Valentine

Remembering Your Baptism

- When you enter the church dip the tips of the fingers of your right hand into the holy water font.
- Close your eyes and try to imagine your baptism day: Who was there? How did you look as a baby? Where did your baptism take place? Who were your godparents? Do you have older brothers or sisters who might have been there?
- Silently thank God for the gift of your baptism.
- Remove your fingers from the holy water font and sign yourself with the sign of the cross, just as you were signed on the day of your baptism.
- Reflect on the words ... "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Don't rush through this; make it meaningful, remember the meaning of your Baptism and quietly express your gratitude to God.

REMEMBER: Every time we bless ourselves with holy water, we are remembering the gift of our baptism and thanking God.

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	Jospehine Pizzuro	Marie Wildemann
Raymond & Veronica Crossley	Bernard Laguerre	Michael Pizzuro	Joan Woods
Michael D'Ambrosio	Kaethe Lerner	Emerson Podojil	Adriano Zafra
Rose & Joe D'Ambrosio	Angelo LiCausi	Pollock Families	Tating Zafra
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.

Baptism Blessing 2021



Lord, surround these children
with goodness,
lead them in Your light each day.
Help them walk
Your path of Love,
guide their steps along the way.
Teach them, Lord
to trust You with a faith
from up above.
Keep them from all harm
and bless them always

Gianna Sabina Athanasio Sofia Lynn Bell Logan James Brown Alexandra Vicotria Buglione Sienna Grace Carney Kyle Curtis, Jr. **Payton Curtis** Giovanna Marie Denicker Lyla Elizabeth Devine Noah Joseph DiMaio Kobichukwume Jeremiah Dim Ella Giovanna Donovan Grace Michaela Falcone Cian Peter Farrell Peter Anthony Ferrante William Taylor Freiler Nathaniel Anthony Froehlich Josie Gray Giambalvo

Penelope Anne Hayden George Andrew Hill Mya-Simone Mary Jean Lucia Grace Kahane Piper Jane Kelly-Eberle Amelia Kokkinelis Magen Clare Kopczak Reina Grace Kuriger Collette Love Lee Kyler Preston Lee Leo Jonah Lindroth Aidan Michael Lipp Lorenzo Pasquale Mannino Cecilia Meredith May Colin Michael McKenna Adrienne Stevie Memoli Jackson Louis Montague Concetta Margarita Moreno Dominique Lucille Mougis

Thomas Otto Mougis John Patrick Murray Bridget Elizabeth Nathan Mila Vittoria Palermo Lina Elizabeth Ragueso Meadow Elizabeth Rudin Greyson Tyler Salem Carmine Joseph Sarno, Jr. Bradley Scibilia Richard Joseph Soehngen Kennedy Patricia Sullivan Donald Thomas Tiedermann, Jr. Giuliana Grace Tufano Sofia Faith Tufano Charles Joseph Vincent William James Vincent Owen Bradley Wolvovsky Maia Alex Zito

Special thanks to our BAPTISM MINISTRY TEAM - Loretta Dressler, Patty Hingerton, & Virginia Wildemann - for preparing the parents and sponsors of these children for the sacrament of Baptism.

Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday January 8/9 (Baptism of Our Lord)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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**



Welcome back to the start of our spring semester!

Our cleaning protocols have been successful and will continue as students return to in-person learning.

Please make sure your child has a proper face covering that fits over their nose and mouth. An extra one in their backpack would be helpful for times when the ear loops break.

Children should be practicing the prayers for their grade level and filling out Mass reflections each month. Attending Mass is a required element of the Faith Formation program and videos are available if needed.

We look forward to our students in Levels 2 & 8 completing their two year programs and receiving the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation this spring.



Worship for Sunday January 15/16 (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Saturday, January 15

3:45 pm – Fr. Chux Den John assisting 5:15 pm – Fr. Valentine

Sunday, January 16

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine 8:30 am – Fr. Valentine 10:30 am – Fr. Chux 12:00 pm – Fr. Chux



We See God in the Ordinary

Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God's plan?

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St. Pius X Senior Club

Lou Fabiano, President

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, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am, John DiPiola, (singer)
- January 18th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am, Joe Sledge from Veterans Administration (speaker)

- February 8th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am
 February 15th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am
 March 8th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am, Paul Effman Trio
- March 15th, Regular Meeting, BCC, 10:00am

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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



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!

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YOUTH GROUP ~ UPCOMING EVENTS

Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister & Ryan Farrell, President

• Thursday, January 13th - January High Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. - Location: To Be Determined

- Sunday, January 16th Game Night 6-8 p.m. Location: To Be Determined
- Friday, January 21st Parent-led Fundraiser 6:30-10 p.m. Location: Jam Restaurant 1025 Park Blvd., Massapequa Park
- Sunday, January 23rd Rosary Night and Discussion- 6-8 p.m. "Finding Room for Faith" Location: St. Pius Church Building
- Sunday, January 30th Escape Room 4:45-8:15 p.m. Challenge Escape Rooms Franklin Square



Parish Info

St. Pius X Parish

Telephone (Parish Office): 516-938-3956 | Fax: 516-433-6138

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E-mail: FrVal.STPX@gmail.com Website: www.stpiusxrc.com

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.

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As we begin the New Year, we place ourselves under the protection of the #MotherOfGod, who is also our

mother. May she help us to keep and ponder all things, unafraid of trials, in the joyful certainty that the Lord is faithful and knows how to change crosses into resurrections.

Welcome Newcomers

Welcome!

We are glad to welcome you to the St. Pius X parish family: Schreiner Family, Spina Family.

Newly Baptized

We welcome the following children recently baptized: Logan James Brown, Cian Peter Farrell, Noah Joseph DiMaio.

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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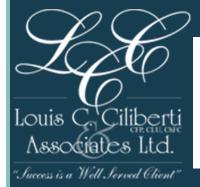
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