

St. Pius X

3040 PIONEER AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15226-1799



**Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2016**

Parish Mission Statement

In the spirit of our patron, Pope St. Pius X, we are a faith community centered in and nurtured by the Eucharist.

Called by the Father and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we strive to follow Jesus by hearing and living the Gospel. Through our ongoing commitment to religious education and sacramental renewal, we seek to witness our faith in our changing neighborhoods and modern world.

We endeavor to reach out to all ages, the poor, the homebound and those who have strayed, as we prepare for the future of the Church.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor— Reverend James Bachner

Parochial Vicar - Reverend Gary Oehmler

Parochial Vicar - Reverend Fernando Torres

Deacons—Mark S. Bibro

Rich Longo

Tom O'Neill

Religious Education Coordinator—Patricia Schwerin

Secretaries - Clare Joint & Annette Ferrieri

Director of Music Ministry....John Jay Zibura

Parish Office Hours— 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

TELEPHONES

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Principal - Janet Salley Rakoczy

Hotline for Victims of Sexual Abuse: 1-888-808-1235.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays - 6:15 PM - 6:45 PM or by appointment

MARRIAGES

The prospective bride and groom are required to make arrangements with the Pastor at least six months prior to the wedding. All couples are required to attend a pre-marriage preparation program. The latest time for weddings on Saturday is 2:00 PM.

BAPTISMS

Baptism is celebrated at a mutually agreed appointment on the first and third Sundays at 11:00 AM. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. A Baptismal preparation class is required for first-time parents and are offered monthly.

INSTRUCTIONS IN THE FAITH

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is offered for those interested in the Catholic Faith. This Program begins in September and ends in May. For further information contact the Religious Education Office.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday morning, following the 8:00 AM Mass.

ROSARY

Every Tuesday morning before the 8:00 AM Mass. Also, everyday in May and October, before the 8:00 AM Mass starting at 7:35 AM. and at 6:35 on Wednesdays prior to mass.

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS AND SHUT-INS -

Please notify the parish office of any parishioner who is not able to attend Mass due to illness or age, or who wishes to receive the Eucharist or a visit to their home, a care facility or a hospital. A Priest or Eucharistic Minister can bring Communion to the home.

Mass Intentions & Services for the Week

Monday	12/12/16
8:00 AM Marpes & Carlucci Family (Grandson Bob Carlucci & Family)	
Tuesday	12/13/16
8:00 AM William Campbell (Onnie & Joe)	
Wednesday	12/14/16
7:00PM Donald Schaum (Wife & Daughter)	
Friday School Mass	12/16/16
1:00 PM The Ferrieri & Cieslewicz Families (Tony & Annette)	
Saturday	12/17/16
8:00AM Chester DeLuca (Joe & Kathy Schaefer)	
4:00 PM Gleason & Rodgers Families (Family)	
Sunday	12/18/16
8:00 AM Anthony Molinaro (Vincenza Molinaro)	

Neighboring Churches Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Loreto

Tues.	7:30 AM
Thur.	7:30AM
Fri.	7:30AM
Sun.	9:30AM

St. Catherine of Siena

Tues.	8:45AM
Wed.	8:45AM
Thurs.	8:45AM
Fri.	8:45AM
Sat.	8:45AM
	4:00PM
Sun.	11:00AM
	1:00PM (Spanish)

Resurrection Church

Mon.	6:00 PM
Wed.	9:00AM
Thur.	9:00AM
Fri.	9:00AM
Sat.	5:30PM
Sun.	11:30AM
	6:30 PM

St. Pamphilus

Tues-Sat	8:30AM
Sat.	5:30PM
	8:00AM
	11:00AM

CONFESSION SCHEDULE-

Mondays from 5-5:45PM at Resurrection. Wednesdays from 6:15-6:45PM at St. Pius X, and Saturdays from noon-12:30PM at St. Catherine of Siena.

Pray For

Remember in your prayers our parishioners who are ill or in the hospital and unable to worship with our community of prayer, especially: Bob Anderson, Laura Anderson, Marianne Ascenzi, Alice Aul, Stephanie Burey, Francis Burke, Judy Carlucci, Joann Cottrill, Dennis Cronin, Mary DeLembo, Maria DeSensi, Rita Dzubinski, Judy Fair, Pat Fennel, Anna Folino, Frances and Sam Gargotta, Harry Goedert, Kim Goray, Karen Graziano, Pete Haggerty, Robert Homer, Rosemary Jacob, Kieran Johnston Barbara Kramer, Nancy Lang, Vince Mazza, Jill McGaha, Lois June McCauley, Stephanie Morrison, Frank Mussitsch, Leo & Anna Marie Mostyn, John & Toni Nasky, Vince Paladini, Frank Pitkuts, Joe Rasch, Linda Reick, Jack Sabina, Patricia Serafini, Mary Scolieri, Mel Skindzier, Lois Stack, Charlene Thompson, Andrew Tichon, Cindy Totino, Jean Warren, Nicholas Wittman, JoAnn Wucheovich, Debra Young, and the Zamperini Family. May God extend His helping and healing hands upon them.



Information on 300 Club

5th Week #160 Mary Ann Booritch \$200

If interested in joining, please call Florence Coyne at 412 531-0382.

Readings for the Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
 Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34/Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25/Ps 85/Lk 7:18b-23
 Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30/Lk 7:24-30
 Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67/Jn 5:33-36
 Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72/Mt 1:1-17
 Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the Week of December 11, 2016

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
 Monday: Our Lady of Guadalupe
 Tuesday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
 Wednesday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Thursday: Friday: Las Posadas begin Saturday:
 Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent
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Offering for Sunday, December 04, 2016

Envelopes (215)	\$ 4.633 .00
Cash Contributions	\$ 358.00
Total	\$ 4.991.00
Parish Share	\$ 2.911.00
December 11	Angel Fund
December 18	St. Vincent DePaul



CLUSTER CORNER

Diocesan Faith Formation Information Baptism Class

Sunday January 8th 11:00 AM

St. Pius X in the School

Bingo at Resurrection Church

Monday, Doors Open at 6:00 PM
Quinn Hall

Bible Study— Tuesday— 7:00PM to 8:00PM St. John Bosco Academy Please join Fr. Gary as he leads in reflecting on Sacred Scriptures. All are welcome to attend and participate.

HALL RENTAL— Looking for a place to hold a funeral luncheon, or a baby shower, graduation party, or other events for up to 125 people. St. Catherine of Siena hall is now an option for you. For more information call Maria at 412-614-3447 or 412-531-4617. Catering is also available.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Angel Tree. Any gifts that have not been turned in may be taken to the Rectory.

The Light is On for You! --“*The Light is On for You!*” is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confession will be available on **Wednesday, Dec. 14** from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in most Catholic parishes in the Diocese.

Help Wanted If you would be interested in helping with the upcoming series "**Following Christ**" that will be held in January and February at St. Pius X, please call 412 531-9227. We need help with the registration, food, set up and clean up.

Thanks!

High School Silent Retreat -- God is alive and we believe that He speaks to us. At this men's High School Silent Retreat, we are going to give God the time and space to speak to our hearts about our lives and our vocations. The retreat will be led by Fr. Mike Ackerman and Fr. Joe Freedy at The Arc and The Dove Retreat House, January 14-15, 2017. For more information or to register, visit PGHPriest.com.

St. Pius Book Club There won't be a book club selection in December. They will resume in January

PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER-A few people were asking about getting more Pittsburgh Catholic newspapers at the church doors. It actually saves the parish money if we get you on the list for **Home Delivery**. If you would like to make sure you get a Pittsburgh Catholic every week, please call the Parish office and leave your name, address, and phone number.

New Year's Eve—7th Annual Dance & Buffet
Fun food Refreshment, Dancing and Celebrating.
Buffet includes: Pork Loins, Hot Sausage, Sauerkraut, Hot Dogs, Potatoes, Green Beans, Corn, Mac & Cheese and New Year's Pretzel.

Bring the whole family and make it a night to remember. BYOB

Sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Parish Beechview
McCann Hall 1907 Broadway Ave.

Saturday - December 31, 2016 7:30 PM to 1:00 AM

Doors open at 7:30

Buffet from 8:00—9:00 PM

Admission Price: Adult \$15 Children \$5

Must purchase tickets by December 25, 2015

Only 350 Tickets will be sold. No tickets sold at the door.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! - Thank you! More than 27,000 people attended 329 parish consultation sessions in October and November. Your initial feedback will help to guide our work ahead. Next steps include: 1. Parish-based opportunities for prayer and conversation; 2. Continued formation experiences to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ; 3. Additional information shared and new opportunities to provide feedback. Stay involved and sign up for e-mail updates at OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

Next Sunday, Dec. 18th, St. Pius Women's Group will be packing lunches for Shepherd's Heart at 12:00 noon.

Are you in need of a spiritual getaway?

A Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Croatia and Medjugorje will be led by Father Daniele Vallecorsa from May 21-31, 2017. Visits to the shrines and churches of Zagreb, Zadar, Dubrovnik and Sarajevo and 6 days in Medjugorje. Visits with Franciscan Friars Fr. Jozo and Fr. Svetovar. The cost is \$2,695 and includes an English speaking guide. Seats are limited. For more information contact Bernadette at 412-563-3857 or marystravel2@gmail.com

2017 Lucky Number Calendars – Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number Calendar based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day or Pick 3 Evening numbers are available, and your number is yours for the entire 2017 calendar year. Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. Great gift idea! For more information, visit cdpsisters.org/2017LuckyNumber or call Nicole Davis at 412-635-5437.

AA/NA Meetings are held at the Church of the Advent (next door) on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM and 8:00 PM; Wednesdays at Noon. Dormont meetings are held Wednesday at 7PM and 8:30PM.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples. Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend and post sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. Call today to begin the healing process beginning with a weekend on January 13, 2017. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/>

Mass in Spanish for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe -- All are invited to celebrate with Bishop David A. Zubik and the Hispanic/Latino Catholic Apostolate at 7 pm on Monday, December 12 at St. Paul Cathedral. For information contact Fr. Richard Ulam at St. Regis Parish, 412-681-9365.

Christmas Cards --The Little Sisters of the Poor. -- Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, lsp. This year's card is white with a red sketch of Mary holding baby Jesus. The previous year's cards are also available. The cards are: 7 for \$10 (plus \$2.00 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$3.00 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$6.00 shipping). Cards can be ordered online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or by calling (412) 307-1100, or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or stopping at the Main Entrance of the Home. All proceeds from the sale of the cards help to support the elderly poor Residents in the Little Sisters care.

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**We are pleased to recognize the following
members of our parish who attend
Seton LaSalle Catholic High School:**

High Honor Roll

Juliana Gahr
Savanna Carr
Vanessa Hudson
James Wheeler
Clayton Colwell
Carmen Wilson
Zachary Wheeler
Hannah Warner
Nicholas Wittman
Victoria Hudson
Tyler Regrut

Honor Roll

Christina Regrut
Zachary Miller
Laina Wilson
Patrick Dobbins
Caitlyn Guerriero
Zachary Folino



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- We have begun to have monthly Adoration of the Eucharist at Resurrection Church every 3rd Monday from 5-5:45PM (prior to the 6PM Mass). This gives our cluster several opportunities each month to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Other times are: at St. Pius X every Last Wednesday of the Month from 7:30-8PM (after 7PM Mass); and at St. Catherine of Siena 1st Fridays from 9:15-10AM (after the 8:45AM Mass).

Please consider supporting Catholic Hospice as you explore volunteer possibilities

Catholic Hospice is reaching out & inviting you to consider volunteering with us in support of our pro-life mission towards end of life care. We would love to have people who share in our mission and are open to encountering one of life's most rewarding experiences, join our volunteer team. If Patient Care is not your primary interest, we are welcoming people who enjoy fundraising, community events or clerical work to join our team as well. Volunteer training for Patient Care will be held **on Friday January 27th 2017** from 9AM-4PM at Sewickley office. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please call Robyn Aguzzi at 724.933.6222 or email raguzzi@catholichospicepgh.org. For additional information on Catholic Hospice go to www.catholichospicepgh.org. For groups of 5 or more, we'll bring training to your location. Meeting People Face to Faith...Embrace the Journey

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