

St. Pius X

3040 PIONEER AVENUE
PITTSBURGH, PA 15226-1799



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 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

Rectory 412-563-5423

Religious Education Office 412-563-1588

Fax..... 412-561-3868

E-Mail..... saint.piusx@verizon.net

Website.....www.spxchurch.org

St. John Bosco Academy412-563-0858

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	12/19/16
8:00 AM Loretta & Tara (Mom, Nana)	
Tuesday	12/20/16
8:00 AM Health & well being of our Family & Friends (Annette & Tony)	
Wednesday	12/21/16
7:00PM William Campbell (Joe & Onnie)	
Saturday Christmas Eve	12/24/16
8:00AM George Sachde, Harriet Yacob Petros and Asparance George (Neeran George)	
4:00 PM In Memory of Our Dad, Antonio Caruso (Children & Grandchildren)	
Sunday Christmas Day	12/25/16
8:00 AM Goedert & Meier Families (Goedert Family)	

**We will decorate the church on Wednesday,
December 21st after the 7PM Mass. Please join us.**

Neighboring Churches Mass Schedule

Our Lady of Loreto

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

Christmas Day Sun. 9:30AM

St. Catherine of Siena

Tues. 8:45AM
Wed. 8:45AM
Thurs. 8:45AM
Fri. 8:45AM
Sat. 8:45AM

**Christmas Eve 4:00PM
7:00 PM Spanish**

Christmas Day Sun. 11:00AM

Resurrection Church

Mon. 6:00 PM
Wed. 9:00AM
Thur. 9:00AM
Fri. 9:00AM

**Christmas Eve Sat. 5:30PM
10:00PM**

Christmas Day Sun. 11:30AM

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

6th week #180 Janet Canova \$100

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

Readings for the Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79
Next Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Observances for the Week of December 18, 2016

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent Monday: Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: First full day of winter
Friday: St. John of Kanty, Priest
Saturday: Christmas Eve
Next Sunday: Nativity of the Lord

Offering for Sunday, December 11, 2016

Envelopes (210).....\$ 2,529.00
Cash Contributions.....\$ 306.00
Total.....\$ 2,835.00
Angel Fund.....\$ 414.00
December 18.....St. Vincent DePaul
December 25.....Christmas Charities



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

The Beechview/Brookline Cluster will offer the second of three programs starting in January. The first was Discovering Christ. The next is called Following Christ. Following Christ helps people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. This is accomplished through the grace of God by praying together, teaching, and supporting one another in some to the basic disciplines and truths practiced by Christians since the early Church. Please join us and bring a friend. The sessions will be held on Wednesdays at St. Pius X in Brookline in Cullen Hall. The dates are January 11, 18, 25 February 1,8,15,22. The sessions include a light meal (soup and sandwich). Sessions beginning with Mass at 7:00 PM and continue until 9:15 PM. For more information and registration please call 412 531 9227. Thank you.

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!

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

Allison William's name was inadvertently left off of the High Honors List - Seton LaSalle High School. Our congratulations go out to her.

St. Pius Book Club will be on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 7:30. We are reading *Go Set A Watchman* by Harper Lee. All are welcome to join us in the school.

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**.

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 cdpsis-sisters.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/>

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.

Give a Gift That Will Touch Their Hearts

How you can help:
Visit a patient
Purchase a gift at PresentsForPatients.com
Make a donation at PresentsForPatients.com
PRESENTS FOR PATIENTS® spreads smiles and touches the lives of thousands of people living in long-term care facilities with visits and presents. Please join us as we brighten the Christmas season for patients in your neighborhood.
724.443.0011 | cheer@PresentsForPatients.com

Since there are many Mass intentions still available at St. Pius X Church, we are inviting you to consider having a Mass for the intention of a living or deceased person. Please return the forms (found in the back of the Church) and \$10 per Mass to either the parish Office or in an envelope and place in the collection basket at Mass.

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

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.

*Our Lady of Loreto , St. Catherine of Siena
and St. Pius X — Pray for us*

HELP PROTECT YOUR FAMILY

With a home security system monitored by ADT professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As an added benefit, installing a Security System may qualify you for a Homeowners Insurance discount.



CALL NOW! 1-888-331-6501

DORMONT APPLIANCE

2875 West Liberty Avenue
412-531-9700
3447 Babcock Boulevard
412-369-0200

The Appliances You Like at the Best Prices!

FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.
- 800-477-4574 -

MJ AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE CENTER

Excellence in Service... Our Motto... Your Guarantee

Mike Wega

Owner/Master • Certified Technician
2600 Pioneer Ave. • Pittsburgh

412-531-9909



PA#052788

MICHAEL POREMSKI PLUMBING & HEATING CO.

HP#2670

Family Owned & Operated Since 1985

Full Plumbing, Heating & Excavating Services
Free Estimates - Fully Insured - Reasonable Rates
(412) 885-9042 • www.michaelporemskiplumbing.com

A-Boss Opticians

938 Brookline Blvd. • 561-0811
5074 W Library Ave. • 412-854-5838
634 Braddock Ave. • 412-271-4424
www.abossopticians.com



412-892-9553 • pbehr@farmersagent.com
****Call and get a quote and I will donate \$10 per household to St. Pius X!**

Online Shopping for Catholic Gifts of Faith

www.parishstore.com

ROHRICH GET THE ADVANTAGE!

Lifetime Complimentary:
New Car Engine Warranty
Oil & Filter Changes • PA State Inspection

RohrichChevrolet.com
2685 W. Liberty Ave • 412-343-2100

CARUSO Heating & Air Conditioning

turn to the experts

412-882-6080 www.carusoac.com

CatholicMatch Pennsylvania
CatholicMatch.com/PA

Fulfilling insurance needs for life, disability, Medicare supplements, and critical illness

DAVID DECATO, Representative
Northeastern Division Office
(412) 539-1570, Ext. 248
(845) 597-4908
www.mutualofomaha.com/agent/daviddecatocato

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE

Funeral Pre-Arrangement... an investment in peace of mind.

DeBOR FUNERAL HOME, INC.

(412) 561-0380
1065 Brookline Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15226-2291
Frank David DeBor, Supervisor

Protecting Seniors Nationwide

Medical Alert System

\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.7772

Pawlak Plumbing, Inc.

Residential • Commercial

Angie's List Super Service Award 11 years in a row • Lifetime member of St. Anne Parish

412-341-2815 • www.pawlakplumbing.com

Tim Pawlak, Registered Master Plumber 2601 McNeilly Rd. • Pittsburgh, PA
PA Contractor #060007

The Medicine Shoppe

524 Brookline Blvd
Pittsburgh, PA 15226
Phone: 412-561-3180

Fax: 412.561.3188
1440@medicineshoppe.com

Why the Medicine Shoppe?

- Free local delivery
- Accept all major insurances including...
 - Medicare Plans
 - UPMC
 - Highmark
 - Aetna
 - CVS Caremark
 - Gateway
- Fast and friendly service
- Compounding
- Hard to find items
- Most importantly...we know your name!
- Competitive prices



We make prescription transfers easy

When it comes to transferring your prescriptions, leave all the work up to your Medicine Shoppe® pharmacist.

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact Mike McAleer to place an ad today!
MMcAleer@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6307