

St. Pius X Parish, R.C.

"To Restore All Things in Christ"

December 8th, 2019

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT



Mission Statement

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples and Strive to "Restore all Things in Christ."

Welcome to our Parish

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church;
No matter what your current family or marital situation;
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved
at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church.

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:45 am

Saturday: 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am - 8:30 am - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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Scripture Reflection

(by the McNamee Family)



Second Sunday of Advent

Advent means "the beginning" or "onset of". In the liturgical year, Advent is the season beginning exactly four Sundays before Christmas when Christians around the world prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. All too often, though, the true meaning of the season is lost in the superficial, the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping, greeting cards, and twinkling lights.

If we take some time to closely study today's liturgy, we can see that the readings, responsorial psalm, and gospel were not chosen at random but rather with a very specific message to be shared: that a savior will come in glory to judge the living and the dead and that those who fail to heed God's message of love and tolerance will not be spared His wrath.

The first reading this Advent, from the book of Isaiah (meaning "the Lord will save") comes almost 700 years before the birth of Jesus. It foretells the coming of a descendant of Jesse (the father of King David) who will be endowed with the 7 gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. One who will judge (without regard to either social prominence or affliction) with fairness, compassion, and without prejudice. One whose sense of justice and faithfulness are all encompassing and all-embracing of his followers. The reading speaks of the coming of a savior who will rule over a world where there is no fear, no hatred, neither predator nor prey, and where all, even natural enemies like the wolf and the lamb, are equal in the eyes of God.

The responsorial psalm, also written before the birth of Jesus, asks God to send a savior who will rule justly forever, taking special consideration for the weakest among us.

In the second reading, Paul tells the Romans that what was written before were actually instructions; Jesus' life was the fulfillment of those scriptures and that if we think in harmony with one another, act with one accord, and speak with one voice, we might have hope of life everlasting. Paul's message was that salvation from sin is available through Jesus Christ and that God makes no distinction between us as individuals. At the beginning of each Mass, when we turn to one another to say hello and offer a warm welcome and then again when we offer a sign of peace to one another, aren't we extending that same message as Jesus did everywhere he went? That no matter who you are

or where you are from, you are welcome here. Jesus promised eternal salvation to all who accept God's grace.

In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist proclaims, "the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." What could he mean by this? Perhaps he meant that judgement day will not come suddenly with thunder and earthquakes but slowly, quietly, and without any more warning than what has been in the Bible for centuries now. Are we waiting until judgement day to atone for our sins? Will it then be too late?

It's easy to get lost in the superficialities of everyday life, but God's mercy is not superficial. As we prepare for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we must remember to love and respect one another despite our differences. We will be judged one day, each of us, without regard to our wealth or social status but instead based upon the true measure of the Holy Spirit that we carry in our hearts every day.



Jesus Is Headed Your Way!

One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the

downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one of our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had caused him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him ... or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Monday, December 9

(Immaculate Conception)

8:45 am Lucy Hughes & Family (Living)

Tuesday, December 10

(Our Lady of Loreto)

8:45 am Frank & Mary Phelan

Wednesday, December 11

(St. Damasus I, Pope)

8:45 am Members of the St. Pius X Knights & Columbiettes

Thursday, December 12

(Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:45 am Members of the Rosary Society & Altar Care

Friday, December 13

(St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr)

8:45 am Erik Christensen

Saturday, December 14

(St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church)

8:45 am Patrick & Susan Crowe & Family (Living)

(Third Sunday of Advent)

3:45 pm Joseph Barone (20th Anniversary Remembrance), Agnes & John Nigro, Josephine & Frank Girolyme

5:15 pm Milica Milankovic, Amelia Spennato

Sunday, December 15

(Third Sunday of Advent)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parish Family

8:30 am Benjamin & Victoria Spano

10:30 am Fr. Valentine, Benjamin & Victoria Spano, Vincent Sommella, Michael D'Angelo, Joseph Gemmo

12:00 pm Salvatore Rizzo, Michael McAuley, Benjamin & Victoria Spano,

Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis Universal

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

The Deceased & their Families

John Henderson (Uncle of Lisa Abramo, Faith Formation Coordinator), John McGovern, Marie Rottkamp, Katherine L. LaCorte, Salvatore J. Rizzo, Robert Scalise, Marilyn Cavanaugh-Gracey, Benjamin Spano, Anita M. Alek

The Sick

Richard Dannenhoffer, Mike Kenney, Elizabeth Widmann, Martha Giralamo, Gene Robinson, Norma Gonsalves, Terry Goldman, Lena Jankowski, Mary Jane Roamer, Angela Borruso, Ed Coyne, Ann Gentile, Geraldine Cheung Freiler, Sheila Sulentic, John & Joan Peters, Anna Izzo, Richard Lupica, James D. Quinn, Adam Volpe, Gianna Pantina, Judy Kohler, Pierna Ioco, Millie DiCarlo, Jacqueline Urcan, Benny Ciuffo, Rose & Rocco Rutigliano, Adelaide Motta, Phil Roeske, Thomas & Rosemary Burke, Ashley Doran, Donna Lawson-Ceparano, Nina & Dr. Jose Antonio, Sal Serpe, Naomi & Arthur Fonseca, Jack Hansen, Dorothy McKeever, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Samuel, Ann Abitabilo, Audrey & Tara Maune, Barbara Zmoos, Grace Marino, Peter Mancini, George Bantleon, Eugenie Schirm, Mary Corso, Susan Pabst Behrens, Sean Reilly, Mark & Maryann Rietschlin, Joseph Spano, Alistair Magee, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, Tom Flynn, John Brusdeilins, Terese Blakeney, Rosa Crispino, Ben & Violeta Garcia, Veronica Gentile, Carolyn Holland, Carmela Surdyk, Russell Worth, Francesco LoManto, Gloria Romuno, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Muriel Reahl, Debbie Lahey, Mary Posch, Richard Harrigan, Fr. Bob McGuire, David Kwarta, Phyllis & John Gunning, Virginia Washa, Fr. John Whelan, Cathy Gerrity, Grace Carbone, Bea Dickinson, Carlos Malinauskas

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, Ethan Eyba, Kathleen Donovan (Army)
Brandon Sassone, John Brennan (Navy)



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 Day for the Month

No Adoration for December

Word of Life—December

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn ten tips at respectlife.org/support-her.

— USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting"

We Give & We Remember



Financially Speaking

November 24	\$6,345.00
Online	1,660.00
Total	\$8,005.00
Home Missions	\$ 984.40
December 1	\$6,082.25
Online	560.00
Total	\$6,642.25
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$1,600.00
Online	79.00
Total	\$1,679.00

*Note: Second collection on December 14/15 is for the support of the St. Vincent DePaul Society
Thank you for your generosity!*



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of December 3)

Goal Amount:	\$38,700.00
Pledges:	\$64,500.00
Payments:	\$62,415.00
Donors:	195

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).

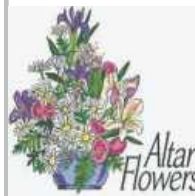
Altar Flowers ...	\$65	Bread & Wine ..	\$35
Altar Candles ...	\$35	Sanctuary Lamp ...	\$30
Masses	\$20 (per Mass)		

Altar Flowers

for the week of Dec. 7 - Dec. 13

*In loving memory of Barbara Santucci
Intentions of Frank Michael Labidi*

Donated by Dr. Denise Santucci



Christmas Memorials



Roping - \$25 (per coil)

Poinsettias (large) for altar - \$40 each

Poinsettias - \$25

Birch branches (bundle) - \$20

If interested, contact Fr. Valentine at the Parish Office (516)938-3956 or email FrVal.STPX@gmail.com. All memorials will be announced in the parish bulletin.

We Pray & Prepare our Hearts

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SEASONS
2017-2018

Six-minute reflections
on the infancy narrative of Matthew

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

The Little Blue Book

During this Advent season, let us each prepare a manger in our heart for the baby Jesus to rest. I invite you to pick up a copy of *The Little Blue Book* which offers daily reflections for the Advent and Christmas seasons. You can find copies of the book in the rear of the church.

Christmas Flowers for the Church & Homebound



You will notice that in your packet of contribution envelopes, there is an envelope for flowers for Christmas. In addition to using these donations to decorate the Church for Christmas, our Eucharistic Ministers deliver a poinsettia plant to all our ill and homebound parishioners, many of whom have worshipped in the Church for years and are now confined to their homes. Your generous response to this collection will help to defray the cost of flowers and plants. If you know of anyone who is ill or homebound, please call the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 with the name, address, and phone number of the person.

We Celebrate



The Story of Christmas

Sunday, December 15th at 4pm

in the Church

Please join us!

Refreshments following

Let the joy of Christmas fill your heart!

Come experience the true meaning and
wonder of the very first Christmas
through the eyes, voices, and hearts of our Children.



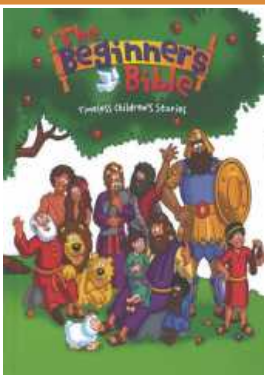
We Learn about our Faith

Faith Formation Registration 2019-2020

**REMEMBER to CHECK
your FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR**

NEW to our Faith Formation program – Email the Office of Faith Formation - piuscat@optonline.net – with the following information: Family last name, Name of child(ren), Grade level(s) as of September 2019, Email address, Phone number. We will contact you to make an appointment to meet with you!

Mrs. Lisa Abramo, Coordinator of Faith Formation



Pre-School Bible Program Children ages 3-5

Through timeless Bible stories, easy to do Preschool Bible Crafts, singing, and fun Preschool Bible Activities our young children will begin to develop a love of God.

NEXT CLASS - Sunday, Dec. 8th, 9-10:15am

We meet once a month (September through April) from 9:15-10:15am in the school prior to the Family Liturgy.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED ~ Contact the Faith Formation Office at (516)822-8348!



Puzzle

Help the baby find his way to the priest for his baptism.



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Mission for the Week

Write a prayer to God, asking him to help you stop doing those things that are bad, and start being honest, giving and kind.



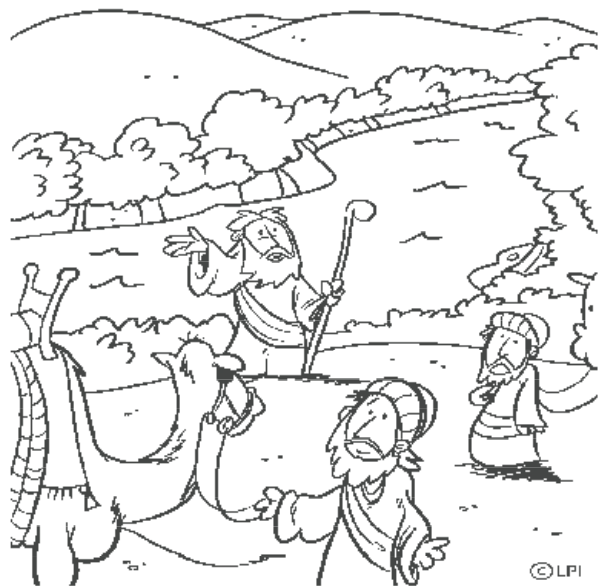
Growing with the
GOSPEL



Matthew 3:1-12 ■ 2nd Sunday of Advent



Read the Gospel and Color



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November 21, 2019

Father Valentine
St. Pius X RC Church
1 St. Pius X Court
Plainview, NY 11803



Serving Hungry and Homeless Long Islanders

Dear Father Valentine,

Thank you so much for your congregation's donation of \$1,000 worth of \$25-ShopRite gift cards. The exceptional generosity of your parishioners who donated them leaves us truly amazed and thankful!

On behalf of all the families who will be able to purchase the food they need for this holiday season, we are very, very grateful!

Please let them know they are an inspiration to us.

Thank you again for this wonderful donation. Please take the best of care. You are so special.

Thank you to the church's Youth Board for the 98 coats and 2 bags of clothing that was donated to The INN. We have shared them with guests of the Mary Brennan INN soup kitchen. The INN is blessed to have supporters like you and your parishioners.

Thank you so very much for thinking of those who are challenged by hunger, homelessness, and profound poverty with this greatly needed and essential item. The guests will be grateful for these warm coats.

Your consideration for those less fortunate touches the hearts of many and makes a big difference in their lives. Our community is strengthened by donors like you, who help The INN to continue its mission of aid to those in need on Long Island.

We thank you for being a part of The INN family.

Sincerely,

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Jean Kelly
Executive Director

*Your exceptional
generosity continues
to inspire us!*

P.S. As per IRS regulations, no goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network)

We Care



Be An Angel!

As we start to head into the end of Autumn, Christmas is on the horizon and a flurry of preparations for the holidays begins once again. Planning what pies to bake, or stuffing to make for Christmas dinner, and trying to find that perfect gift for our loved ones. It's a time for family, and a time for Joy. It's also a time of year where our faith calls us to remember those who are not as fortunate as we are and support them if we have the means. St. Pius X for many years has collected gifts for two charities which focus specifically on children & families in the area. Those charities are *Hour Children & Madonna Heights*.

Hour Children, located in Long Island City, has been a home to over 1,500 mothers and children for the past 30 years. They currently help support families in a number of homes they run, as well as specifically target supporting the children whose mothers currently are or were incarcerated. Their mission is to end the cycle of intergenerational incarceration. They do this through supportive housing services to women and their children, and by providing opportunities for mothers and children to bond during incarceration. Their work has helped to reduce the recidivism rate for the mothers they support.

Madonna Heights, located in Dix hills, provides care to address the physical, emotional, and social needs unique to women and girls. A program there supports mothers dealing with substance abuse, by supporting them and their children while they get treatment. They also have a residential facility which supports girls from the age of 12 to 17 affected by trauma. The Madonna Heights school provides a therapeutic educational environment for adolescent girls who are struggling in their home, school or community.

St. Pius X will be collecting **unwrapped** gifts for these two charities for the next few weeks. There are printed gift tags both in the church and the school for you to select from. Each tag has on it a gift suggestion, as well as some details of the person if it was provided to us. Please give one or more of the gifts listed on the tag, or a gift of your own choosing. **Drop gifts off at the Parish Office by Friday December 13th**, as they need to be sorted before sending to the charities. Please include the tag with the gift when you drop it off, so we know who it's for.

Here at St. Pius X we are very blessed, and with these gifts we can spread that blessing to others who are not as able to provide for themselves. The gifts we give help to bring a joyful respite from the difficult situations these women and children find themselves.

Thank you for your generosity ...
Steve Kopp, *Coordinator Angel Tag Ministry*



A Word from the Pastor



Dear Family,

Keeping in Focus the “*Reason for the Season*” We are now in the midst of the Christmas blitz! And this year with a strong economy and low unemployment the commercial world is looking forward to a buying bonanza. We bemoan the commercialization of Christmas, but it is hard to offset the fact that for many businesses the profit or the loss for the entire year hinges on the Christmas season. On-line purchasing makes the buying spree even more tempting. And in case you haven’t heard, Amazon seems to be offering free shipping on any item regardless of price.

Years ago, folks would join a “Christmas Club” and put aside a small amount monthly throughout the year to have sufficient funds for gift purchases before Christmas. That seems rather quaint when we consider that the average American will now spend over \$1,000 before Santa arrives, not to mention spending for the after-Christmas sales. I doubt Mary and Joseph ever imagined it would come to this.

Lest you think I am a member of the Ebenezer Scrooge Club, I can assure you that Christmas is a wondrous time of the year filled with religious meaning and fond memories. The sending of cards, the gift-giving, the many holiday gatherings, the coming home for Christmas and so much more makes this a much- anticipated occasion for young and old alike. But it is worth remembering that for some people it is a difficult time of year due to the recent loss of a loved one, personal struggles or financial burdens, or just a feeling of sadness rather than joy for whatever reason.

As we draw closer to the big day, here are some ideas that may help to keep the right focus over the next six weeks.

- Lighting of an Advent Wreath in the home with an accompanying prayer can serve as a daily reminder that this is a time of preparation more than celebration. And for that reason, beginning in December you see the color purple in church not white, red or green.
- Taking home the *Little Blue Book* filled with daily Advent reflections that is available in church, which reminds us of the reason for the season.
- Selecting one or more Angel Tags available in the back of the church and make a needy child’s Christmas brighter with a gift.
- Making a charitable gift to the needy, a favorite charity or the parish.
- Setting up a creche or Nativity set in the home & using it especially as a teachable moment for children.
- Sending a Christmas card that has an obvious religious theme. We can’t outdo the secular dimension of the “holiday season,” but we can take small steps to keep a religious focus on this wonderful time of the year and what the Incarnation truly means to each of us.
- Invite a lonely neighbor to Christmas Mass and Christmas dinner.

What will you do to remember that *Jesus is the Reason for the Season*?

God Bless You,
Fr. Valentine



Upcoming Events at St. Pius X!

- December 15: ***The Story of Christmas***, special presentation by the children of our parish accompanied by the Adult Choir, 4pm, Church followed by hospitality in Madonna Hall
- December 21/23: ***Advent Reconciliation***, See p. 9 for details
- December 24/25: ***Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)***, See p. 9 for Mass schedule
Parish Offices CLOSED
- December 26: ***Parish Offices CLOSED***
- Dec. 31/Jan. 1: ***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***, See p. 9 for Mass schedule
- January 1: ***Parish Offices CLOSED***



Christmas Mass Schedule



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, December 21st, 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Monday, December 23rd, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Vigil Masses Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

3:30 p.m. in the School Auditorium - Family Mass

3:30 p.m. in the Church

5:30 p.m. in the Church

7:30 p.m. in the Church

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25th

(All Masses in the Church)

7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st

3:45 p.m. (Vigil Mass)

Wednesday, January 1st

8:45 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CYO Volleyball



St. Pius X CYO 2020 Girl's Volleyball Registration for Tryouts 5th Grade - High School



LAST CALL - REGISTER NOW!

All skill levels welcome

To register, visit www.stpiusxrc.com

Tryout Date: Sunday, December 15th, 2019

5th grade: 9:00-10:15am

6th grade: 10:00-11:15am

7th grade: 11:00am-12:15pm

8th grade: 12:00-1:15pm

9th-12th grade: 1:00-2:15pm

*(Payment will be collected immediately
after teams are formed)*

Tryouts will be closed to parents.

*Practices begin in January.
Season runs mid-February to late April*

Questions: e-mail stpiusxvolleyball@aol.com

We Serve



An Usher - A RADICAL Welcomer!

An usher is often the first person a newcomer, stranger, a wanderer, a doubter, a friend meets when coming into the church. The usher is the entrance point for many. We've learned that we can no longer assume people feel welcomed when they come to worship. Too often, people come with questions, baggage, concern about whether or not they belong. They may not know our church but have hope it will be for them.

USHERS are Radical Welcomers: Hospitable, Connected, open, diverse, faithful, compassionate and real. As an usher, you are the most important person a worshiper first encounters. You invite people to worship with joy, delight, and a Radical Welcome that says we want you with us!

Please consider volunteering as an usher. Youth 7th grade and older are encouraged to serve! You will enjoy your service as part of a wonderful group of fellow parishioners. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Loretta Dressler at loreded@optonline.net or the Parish Office at (516)938-3956.

CYO Basketball



BASKETBALL INTRAMURAL REGISTRATION

**Boys grades 3-6
(as of 9/1/19)**

Register NOW!

**For more information or to register,
visit www.stpiusxrc.com**

Ushers & Greeters



Needed at All Masses!

ALL ARE INVITED

Job Description - you can attend mass & sit with your family

- Appropriate attire is expected
- Arrive 10 minutes early
- Greet people on arrival
- Distribute missals & prayer cards
- Assist in reading
- Collect the offerings
- Direct communion procession
- Collect missals at end of mass
- Distribute bulletins
- Check pews
- Assist those with special needs

Mass Schedule

Sunday Evening
5:45pm
6:45pm
7:00pm
8:30pm
10:30pm
12:00pm
Sunday Youth Mass (once monthly)
9:00am

WE NEED YOU!

PLEASE PRAYFULLY CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING....

GOD BLESS YOU!



St. Pius X Seniors *Lou Fabiano, President*

Next Meeting: December 17th
(See details below)

Events & Trips

Dec 10: *Christmas Party*, Crest Hollow Country Club, cocktail hour, dinner, DJ, \$55 pp (member)/\$60 pp (non-member), 11am to 3pm

Dec 17: Regular Meeting at BCC @ 10am, Sweet Lorraine singing group

Jan 7: Movie at POB Library, 10am, Movie - TBA

Jan 9: Trip to Wind Creek (Sands) Casino

Jan 14: Regular Meeting at BCC @10:00am

Jan 21: Regular Meeting at BCC @10:00am, Card Bingo

For information on upcoming trips or events, please call Lenny or Caroline Schroeder at (516)596-2348.

Membership: Questions about membership, please call Vic Orlando at (631)414-7899.

Sunshine: Please call Rose Bell @ (516)694-9086 or (516)574-9834 with information re: illnesses, etc.

SHARE WHAT YOU CAN!
Proud of our Youth Group, Scouts, Faith Formation students - Food drive for Thanksgiving ...



St. Pius X Knights of Columbus

Tom Hoefling, Grand Knight

Dec 12: Rosary 7pm, Church followed by General Meeting, 7:30 Rm #1

Dec 14: Parish Christmas Party, sponsored by

the KofC

For information, contact Tom at thoefling@optonline.net



St. Pius X Columbiettes *Michelle Mascolo, President*

Dec 10: Candy Houses, 7pm, Madonna Hall

Dec 12: Officers Meeting, 7:30pm, Rm #6

Dec 16: General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm, Madonna Hall

NO MEETING in JANUARY



St. Pius X Rosary Society *Barbara Brown, President*

ALL women of the parish invited to join!

NO MEETING in JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Please Join US!

Week at a Glance



Worship for Sunday December 7/8
(Second Sunday of Advent)
Is 11:1-10/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Saturday, December 7
3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine
5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, December 8
7:00 am – Fr. Chux
8:30 am – Fr. Chux *Dcn John assisting*
10:30 am – Fr. Valentine **FAMILY LITURGY**
12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine
5:00 pm – Fr. Chux **YOUTH MASS**

Worship for Sunday December 14/15
(Third Sunday of Advent)
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Saturday, December 14
3:45 pm – Fr. Chux
5:15 pm – Fr. Valentine

Sunday, December 15
7:00 am – Fr. Valentine
8:30 am – Fr. Chux
10:30 am – Fr. Chux
12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine *Dcn John assisting*

We Seek to Assist

ST. THOMAS MORE, EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

*Are you presently unemployed and looking for a part-time or full-time job? * Do you have or know of any job openings? If so, call our Employment Services Office, 631.234.4629 and leave a message for Mae Devine or call Mae on Monday mornings. Calls are kept in strict confidence.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

AHRC (Advantage Care Health Center) Teachers Aides/ Assistants--Special Ed- Mon-Fri 3-6 pm. Direct Support Professionals. Family Nurse Practitioner--Comprehensive Benefit Package.

Bethpage Federal Credit Union--PT Tellers, Outside Mortgage Loan Financial Consultant--Digital Banking--Good Benefits.

Cablevision - Account executives sales for potential customers--canvassing assigned territory-- Excellent benefits. Understand state of the Art Digital Video - PC skills - outstanding benefits. Residential Account Executive-- 4 days, 12-9, Sat. 9-6 --canvassing assigned territory for potential customers, follow up leads from customer contacts.

Geico Insurance--Sales reps, mgt trainees, claim services reps. --750 Woodbury Rd, Woodbury, NY. 9am --3pm, M-F, Open House, but apply on line first. Valid Photo ID required.

Harris Technology- North Amityville--Engineers, Schedulers, Estimators, Technicians. Excellent Benefits.

Healthcare Opportunities -
Good Samaritan Hospital, 631.969.8200
Mather Hospital, 631.476.2774
Brookhaven Hospital, 631.447.3708
Maryhaven, 631.474.4120, x212 - Contact Maryhaven directly
Catholic Health Services of LI
1) Client Services-Patient Financial Systems & several others. Competitive Benefits.
2) Superintendent Helper Male Central Islip Condo-

Windbrooke Homes drivers lic., \$12.00 per hr.—15 hrs.

St. Catherine of Siena—

Nursing Home—Nurse Practitioners, RN supervisors, Recreation Therapists, FT/PT nights, P/T days and weekends, Rehab PT/FT—dietary;

Hospital—Lab Technologist & Medical Lab assistant. Physical Therapists

Physical Therapy Aides—PT/ Sport Services, Hauppauge. Mon. thru Fri., days and evenings.

Nurse Manager—MRI techs, CT techs, Lab techs.

Panera - Now hiring FT/PT Associates, Bakers and Shift Supervisors.

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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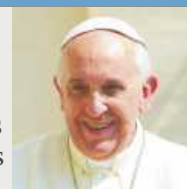
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Welcome!

We are glad to welcome you to the St. Pius X parish family: Salem Family, Blum Family, Aurecchione Family, O'Neill Family, Hawkins Family

Newly Baptized

We welcome the following children recently baptized: Edward Salvatore DeFelice, Olivia Patsy Von Holt, Isabella Marie Silver, Rylie Mila Schaefer, Nicholas Marc Sieben-Ryan

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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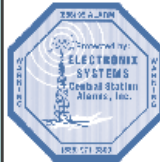
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