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Schedule of Liturgies

Saturday (Anticipated Mass) ----- 4:30 pm

Sunday ----- 8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekdays ----- 9:00 am

Holy Days----- 9:00 & 7:30 pm

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Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time
October 3, 2021

Rite of Baptism: Parents should make arrangements by contacting the Parish Office.

Rite of Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:45 - 4:15 pm or anytime by appointment.

Marriages... Joined Together in Christ: Arrangements one year in advance according to common policy preparation by contacting the Parish Office.

Sacrament of the Sick: Please notify us if a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

New Parishioners: Please visit the Parish Office at 268 Old Tappan Road to register at your earliest convenience.

Religious Education: Classes for grade levels (1-9) are conducted September through May. Religious Education Center is open from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Thursday.

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction: Every first Tuesday immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021**

Saturday **October 2nd – Vigil: 27th Ordinary Sunday**
4:30 p.m. Martha Passante
req. by Lucia Passante

Sunday **October 3rd – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. James Scotti
req. by Alphonse Scotti
12:00 p.m. Elizabeth Korkis
req. by the Harnisch Family

Monday **October 4th – St. Francis of Assisi**
9:00 a.m. Frances Smith
req. by Kathy & Jack Sheridan

Tuesday **October 5th – Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**
9:00 a.m. Federico Forcellati
req. by the Klein Family

Wednesday **October 6th – St. Bruno**
9:00 a.m. Olivia Morro
req. by Dan Morro & Family

Thursday **October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary**
9:00 a.m. Anthony Bucich
req. by Yolanda Bucich

Friday **October 8th – Weekday**
9:00 a.m. Carol Roessner
req. by Amelia Brackenbury

Saturday **October 9th – Vigil: 28th Ordinary Sunday**
4:30 p.m. George Kane
req. by Joe & Ann Marie McCarthy

Sunday **October 10th – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. Mary & Edward Ford
req. by Nancy Ford
10:00 a.m. Peter Indiveri
req. Francine Ferraro
12:00 p.m. People of the Parish



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE
ILL & THEIR CARETAKERS**

Margie Aracaroli, Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Claire Collins, Laurie Deluca, Carol Filice, Timothy Goldsmith, Kelly Hayes, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Rick Lutz, Jaqui Lyman, Arthur, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Albina Perez, Andrew Previtali, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Dennis Ryan, Joanna Smith, Vita Sullivan and Baby Berkley Williams.

Please pray for all our servicemen/women, including Christopher TenBroeck, and PFC Sean Keohane, their families, and for the victims of terrorism and war.

'NEW'

EVENING ADORATION

St. Pius X invites you to join us for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on every first Tuesday of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and our **first New Evening Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Our upcoming Adoration is on **Tuesday, October 5th.**



"What is Eucharistic Adoration?" That's a question we often hear from those new to the faith or searching for ways to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Adoration is a way to be present with the Lord and focus on actively listening to His word through prayer.

During Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful pray to Jesus Christ, who is present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist, also referred to as the Blessed Sacrament, is typically kept in a tabernacle at your parish church.

While it is true that you can pray to God anywhere and that He is always within you, it is especially powerful to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. In the presence of the Eucharist, we pray to the power and sacrifice that it represents — the body of Jesus, who gave His life so that we may live.

*This week the
Sanctuary
Candle
burns in memory of...*

WEEKLY MASS OFFERING

October 2 - 8, 2021

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Offered by: Stephanie Muth

OUR COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 19 & 26, 2021

Sunday Collection:	\$ 6,900.00
Assessment:	\$ 300.00
We Share:	\$ 3,175.00
Heritage Fund:	\$48,296.00
Ministry One:	\$ 245.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 220.00
Air Conditioning:	\$ 180.00
Total:	\$59,316.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

There's so much to be grateful for as we begin another week.

Our first annual **Color Run** was a huge success! A very special thank you to Christine Massaro, our youth minister, who spearheaded this event. She, along with many adult and parent volunteers made this possible. I'd like to thank, in particular, Geraldine Tama, Alicia Soltys, Mariliza LaCap-Tong, Mike and Mary Laviola, Julianna Viti, Barbara and Katie Ramig, and Janet Natale for their work leading up to the event. Kathy Fable also took hundreds of photos which have been posted on our parish website. The Knights of Columbus, led by Jim Peregrine, were also key. Once again, they offered a delicious barbecue! And to the delight of many children, Maria Arias (www.balloonchicanj.com) offered balloon animals, along with the balloon arch leading into our religious ed wing.

Please remember in your prayers the Knights, all of our parents, youth, and volunteers who participated in this event.

We also have the total for our recent **Golf Outing fundraiser: \$8,161.00!** A very special thank you to **Tom Quinn** for spearheading this effort, along with Tony Minella for his tenacious efforts to gather sponsorships, Scott Litchfield and Christine Clarke for helping to organize the event, and Glenn Plescia, Barbara Ramig, Janet Natale, and Jim Flynn for helping out on the day of the event.

As we continue to grow, our mission is to bring parish ministry down to a more granular level. I will be speaking more about this in the coming weeks and months but allow me to say a brief word now.

One of the most feared questions in a parish is, "Hi, would you like to get involved in this or that ministry?" Everyone fears the "blind ask," because we don't know how much of our time or energy will be expected of us.

What we want to be able to do here at St. Pius X is to make targeted requests for volunteering. Meaning, we're able to say, "Would you be willing to set-up / clean up the coffee station once per month?" Or "Would you be willing to hand out name tags at our upcoming parish luncheon?" Or "Would you be willing to serve as a Eucharistic Minister once per month?"

I hope every parishioner sets the goal of volunteering at least one per year.

As we continue developing our pastoral council and parish ministries (Welcome and Hospitality, Youth Group, Choirs, Adult Engagement, etc.), my hope is that we can get everyone involved in some small way. As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work." If we can have 100 people perform 100 different tasks, then our parish engagement increases; more gets done; and more people feel physically and spiritually invested in our parish.

Finally, a reminder to sign-up for our upcoming **Parish Luncheon**, on **Sunday, October 17**, after the noon Mass, we will hold a parish luncheon in the narthex to celebrate new and returning parishioners. All are welcome! To sign up, please use the **"Events"** tab on our **Parish App** or call the office.

God bless you,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore



Following the Noon Mass on Sunday, October 17th, there will be a luncheon celebrating our New and Returning Parishioners and their families.

This will take place in the narthex and will be hosted by the St. Pius X Welcome and Hospitality Ministry. Come Join us!

Kindly **RSVP** by calling Valeri Parker at 201-248-5629 or by using our Parish App; click on the Events, then Parish Luncheon.



There will be a Welcome Packet available for you to take home at this time.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and an initiation into the Faith.

This journey is called Christian initiation and it is one to which we are all called.

It is a journey toward a person, Jesus Christ, risen from the dead. He is the one that wants to give us this gift of Faith. The guarantee that we are sons and daughters of the living God who conquers fear and death in all of the ways in which it manifests itself in our lives.

To help begin this journey, our parish sponsors an RCIA program under the direction of Deacon John and made up of parish teams members.

If you or anyone in your family or circle of friends is interested in exploring a life as a Catholic Christian, please notify the parish office. All inquiries will be kept confidential.



We would like to thank Maria Arias for her very special talent in designing our Color Run Balloon Arch in the

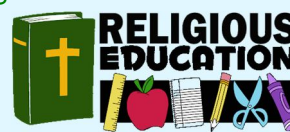


narthex. We are very grateful to Maria for all the many displays she has made for our parish past and present. Please contact Maria at www.ballonchicanj.com or by calling 732-841-4391.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CLASSES BEGIN

In-Person Religious Education Classes have begun!



If you are new or have still not registered your child. You can now complete your Religious Education form and pay online by visiting our website at spxot.org, then go to **Forms**.

We still need a Catechist for Grade 1 on Tuesdays, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates that need **Community Service hours**, please consider becoming an **Aide** in one of our Religious Ed classes on Sunday or Tuesday, if you are interested, email me! **Please consider volunteering!**

If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 201-664-0927 or email at

ReligiousEd@spxot.org

God Bless,

Maria Charowsky

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of Animals/Pets custom is conducted in remembrance of "Saint Francis of Assisi's" love for all creatures.

"Blessing of Animals"
Sunday, October 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

God believes every creature is important. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF OUR 50/50 RAFFLE:

First Prize:	\$1,537.50	Cathy Bazala
Second Prize:	\$ 922.50	Maura T. Duffy
Third Prize:	\$ 615.00	Jack & Jean Welby

Thank you to all who so generously participated in this quarterly raffle! Proceeds from this fundraiser help offset the cost of expenses in our parish.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2021-2022



On Tuesday, September 28, Knights of Columbus District Deputy George Thompson formally installed our Council Officers for 2021-2022. Our Chaplain, Fr. Jerry Hahn and Gr. Dheo Layosa, pastor at Immaculate Conception also celebrated a Memorial Mass for our deceased members, a long tradition of the Knights of Columbus.

Grand Knight, James Peragine (Our Lady of Victories)
Deputy Grand Knight, Jim Flynn (St. Pius X)
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Inside Guard, Brendan Foley (Immaculate Conception)
Trustees: PGK Bill Peragine (St. Pius X)
PGK Dr. Ciro Scilingo (St. Pius X)
Dr. Bruce de Lyon (Sacred Heart)
Chaplain: Rev. Jerry Hahn Pastor, St. Anthony

The Knights of Columbus invites all Catholic men to join our Order. The Knights are a Worldwide Catholic Fraternal Organization of over 2 million members focused on making an impact through **Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism**. The K of C also offers outstanding insurance programs for its members and families. The Knights were founded in 1872 by **Blessed** Fr. Michael J. McGivney as a charitable and mutual benefits organization. Our council, 9021, was chartered in 1985 and has over 140 members.

The Knights believe every Catholic Man can strengthen their Faith, be a better Catholic father, and be a Force for Good by taking advantage of what the K of C has to offer, even if you have little time to give to council activities right now. Take some time to visit **KOFC.ORG** to see what membership in the Knights has to offer you and your families, especially by checking out the Knights '**Into the Breach**' video series. Joining is easy, just visit **KOFC.ORG/JOINUS** to signup and use promo code **MCGIVNEY2020**, and our council membership director will reach out to you. If you have questions or would like more information about our council contact KOF9021@GMAIL.COM, or call **201-233-5993**.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Saint Francis of Assisi abandoned a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He is the patron saint for ecologists.



Who Was Saint Francis of Assisi?

Born in Italy circa 1181, Saint Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying in his youth. After fighting in a battle between Assisi and Perugia, Francis was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison — awaiting his father's payment — and, according to legend, began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, Francis heard the voice of Christ, who told him to repair the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. Consequently, he abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the faith, his reputation spreading all over the Christian world.

Later in life, Francis reportedly received a vision that left him with the stigmata of Christ — marks resembling the wounds Jesus Christ suffered when he was crucified — making Francis the first person to receive such holy wounds. He was canonized as a saint on July 16, 1228. During his life he also developed a deep love of nature and animals and is known as the patron saint of the environment and animals; his life and words have had a lasting resonance with millions of followers across the globe. Each October, many animals the world over are blessed on his feast day.

Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business, and in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy."

~ Thomas Merton

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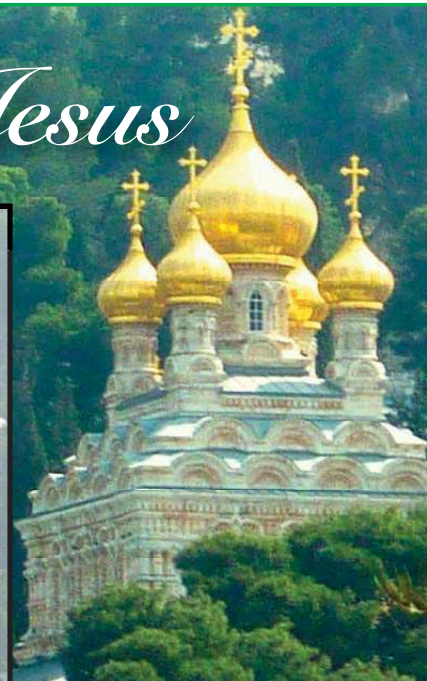
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

God created many different animals in an attempt to make a suitable partner for the first man. Then he took a rib from the man as he slept and built it up into a woman. At last God had created someone who equaled the man, as she was “bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh” and they proved to be suitable partners for each other.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11

This passage describes how Jesus will become perfect through his suffering. It also reminds us that Jesus' Father is our Father as well, making him unashamed to call us his brothers and sisters.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

The people began to ask Jesus if it was acceptable for a man to divorce his wife. Jesus tells them that two people who have been joined together by God should not be separated. People began bringing their children to Jesus, but the disciples tried to send them away. Jesus grew angry and told his disciples to allow the children to come to him.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ October 3, 2021

“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him.’... ‘And for that reason a man shall leave his father and mother and cling to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.’... ‘Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.’”

One of the greatest gifts the Lord gave us is the Sacrament of Matrimony. It is the source of grace, of holiness, for those who are called, embraced and blessed as the Lord reached out to the children in Mark's gospel.

Unfortunately, there has been a legal theft of the word ‘marriage’, a distortion of its real meaning. For this reason we turn to the gift of the sacrament and refer to the ‘Sacrament of Matrimony’ in the same way that God chose to send grace to us in our baptism, to strengthen us in confirmation and nourish us in the Eucharist, Jesus gave us this sign of His presence.

As we listen to the Word of God today may we do several things. For those married in the church, pause, pray for your spouse, and thank the Lord for this gift. For those who live in a civil union, realize what you are missing and arrange for the church blessing of your union. For those who have not yet sought the blessing of the church or state, realize that you have absolutely no legal protection, nor are you living the life of grace.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 4:	Jon 1:1—2:2, 11; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday, October 5:	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday, October 6:	Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday, October 7:	Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday, October 8:	Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday, October 9:	Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28





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