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December 26, 2021

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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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**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 am Mass.

**THE MOST HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 25<sup>th</sup> – The Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	People of the Parish
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Charles & Norma Mancuso <i>req. by Kathy &amp; Charlie Mancuso</i> <b>There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 26<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Family</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Helen Nevin <i>req. by Kathy Mancuso</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Peter Indiveri <i>req. by Beth &amp; Vinnie Ferrara</i>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Rose & Kenneth Marino <i>req. by the Spilka &amp; Davidoff Families</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> – St. John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	John Picinich <i>req. by Joann &amp; Nevio Mattessich</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 28<sup>th</sup> – The Holy Innocents</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Jessie Baraket <i>req. by the Paolillo Family</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Frank Raccioppi <i>req. by Jean &amp; Jack Welby</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Day in the Octave of Christmas</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	John Picinich <i>req. by Joann &amp; Nevio Mattessich</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 31<sup>st</sup> – St. Sylvester I, Pope</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	John Louis, Theresa, Louis R., Barbara, & Peter Muth & Helena Michalska <i>req. by Stefanie Muth</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b>
<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	People of the Parish
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 1<sup>st</sup> – Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Charles & Norma Mancuso <i>req. by Kathy &amp; Charlie Mancuso</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>January 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Epiphany of the Lord</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Helen Nevin <i>req. by Kathy Mancuso</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Peter Indiveri <i>req. by Beth &amp; Vinnie Ferrara</i>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Rose & Kenneth Marino <i>req. by the Spilka &amp; Davidoff Families</i>



**The Christmas Mystery**

The mystery that confronts us this morning is the birth of a very particular infant, the birth of someone who alone shows us the road to oneness with God; someone who came and dwelt among us in order to lead us all into this communion that is the very life of God. Incarnation is not so much “what” but “what for.” This Nativity is full of purpose!

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Jean Vanier expresses beautifully and in simple terms the meaning of this Christmas proclamation:

Here we have the heart, the center, the beginning, and the end of the gospel: God, the eternal God, Creator of the heavens and the earth, became like us, a vulnerable, mortal human being. He became as a baby needing a mother, conceived in her flesh, nourished at her breast, needing her love and the love and presence of Joseph in order to grow and develop as a human being. Pitching his tent among us, he became a pilgrim and a brother, walking through the desert with us. He became part of history, revealing to us a way to God and to universal peace.

That humble birth in Bethlehem means that God is no longer distant or set apart from our world—indeed, it means a huge change for each one of us personally, for the Prologue of John’s Gospel assures us that “from the fullness of life and love in Him we have received love upon love, grace upon grace.” In fact, we have received so much from him that his birth is, in a real sense, our birth

*St. Joseph’s Abbey, Reflections, 12/25/2018, Father Dominic*

**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, Tony Herbert, 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.



**WEEKLY MASS OFFERING**  
**December 25 - 31, 2021**

**The Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of**  
**Ralph Passante, Sr.**  
*Lucia Passante*



## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

A year ago on Christmas Day, I stood outside the snow dusted church greeting parishioners with a warm, "Merry Christmas!" I remember one person, in particular, coming up to me with a big smile, saying, "Father, this is my second time here!" She seemed so excited. Then I broke the news: "We just lost our power... Please, come in. But join us again next week. Third time's a charm!"

So much has changed this year. We not only have power; we also have brand new LED lights throughout the parish. These lights brighten the building and, symbolically, represent our future.

Our future has never been brighter. We've resurrected dormant ministries and started new ones, including "Beyond Soup," which serves the hungry in Newark and runs events like our recent *High Tea at High Noon*; "Welcome and Hospitality," which coordinates parish outreach, Nametag Sundays, and community events like our New Parishioner Luncheon; high school youth group for grades 9-12; our newly formed middle school youth group for grades 6-9; a bereavement ministry; our adult *Fellowship Choir* and our young *Day by Day* singers.

Most importantly, we recently unveiled our parish vision statement: *"All generations journeying together with Jesus to satisfy our hungry hearts. Come and see!"* This was the fruit of a year's worth of discernment with the pastoral council, setting the standard for what it means to belong to St. Pius X.

If you'd like to know more about what's happening here and what we believe, then please check out our new website: [www.spxot.org](http://www.spxot.org) and download our new parish app directly from our homepage!

It's hard to wrap my mind around all we've accomplished so far. But this is only the beginning. If you're at Mass with us this Christmas, then you'll hear a BIG announcement from Santa! More details to be offered at our gala in February 2022!

Words cannot explain how grateful I am to be part of this inspiring community of faith. I pray for all of you daily, that the Lord will continue to bless you with health, happiness, and peace, as we build up his kingdom one day, one person at a time.

On behalf of our dedicated staff, pastoral council, finance council, ministry leaders, and beloved parishioners, we wish you all a very "Merry Christmas!"

God bless you,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore and the SPX family

# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## CONTRIBUTE A GIFT TO OUR GALA

Fr Kevin hopes most parishioners will attend the Gala enabling us to celebrate together. If you would like to attend, but are restricted financially, pls speak privately to Fr Kevin and he will happily, no questions asked, arrange for you to receive a ticket. everyone can make our Gala a success. The silent/live auction provides this opportunity for all parishioners to contribute in some way. The following are suggested ways:



- Use of vacation home for a week/weekend
- Tickets to a Sporting Event, Broadway Play, Concert, etc.
- Gift certificate to restaurant/store
- Gift you may have received, but have not used
- Gift cards unused
- Memorabilia you own and are willing to donate
- Jewelry, leather goods, luggage
- Business owners could donate a business service
- Monetary contribution enabling Gala committee to purchase an auction item.
- Any item of value you are able to donate

Gifts contributed: tax deductible to donor and opportunity for fellow parishioners to win. Please respond to Tom/Ginny Flood.

Let's make the Gala a fun and festive evening.

Tom & Ginny Flood  
[tflood@teamflood.com](mailto:tflood@teamflood.com)  
201.410.4213



*We would like to thank all our parishioners who so kindly participated in this year's Christmas's Giving Tree. If you attended Mass last Sunday, you would have seen the Narthex full of Christmas presents. The response was once again overwhelmingly generous. The presents were distributed to the Bergen County Homeless Shelter, the Center for Hope and Safety for Abused Women,*

*Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen, and families in need within our very own community. Thank you making this a truly meaningful Christmas for those who are less fortunate.*

*~ Patrice Rosato & Michele Mascolo*



## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

The St. Pius X Bereavement Ministry takes place on **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** from November 9, 2021, thru December 28, 2021 (8 WEEKS) A short time to hopefully feel a lot better. Grieving can be difficult and is meant to be a shared experience. Come join us. Contact Fr. Kevin or Lorraine L. Delling at email: [lldelling@gmail.com](mailto:lldelling@gmail.com)/ phone: 201-722-0982 (leave a message).





# WORSHIPPING GOD

## Feast of the Holy Family

December 26, 2020 - one year ago this Sunday - was my first "official" day as the Director of the Music Ministry at St. Pius X Church. I must thank Fr. Kevin for His unwavering support in every endeavor I've had this past year, and for listening to every plan I have for our future with genuine interest. I must thank our Parish Secretary, Janet Natale, for her liturgical expertise and professional guidance through my first trip-round-the-sun as music director. I must thank Maria Charowsky and Christine Arthur for collaborating with me and introducing me to our families and youngest parishioners. It's no secret that I am passionate about our children's experience at Mass and carrying out my plans to include more young people would not be possible without their cooperation. I must thank Pat Boscia for her care of the physical space where we make music, and for her patience and camaraderie as I learn my way around the building.

Above all, I must thank those who devote time, talent and energy and make significant personal sacrifices to serve in our music ministry. The Fellowship Choir and the Day By Day Singers breathe life into our liturgies, and they inspire me to serve more fervently. I thank all of you, parishioners, for your support and kind words of thanks. I know you feel the spirit through song, and you do indeed make us all feel genuinely appreciated.

I'm sure it is apparent by now that the Music Ministry at St. Pius X is indeed a team. Craig Ketter, Barbara Ciannella and Joe Lesky bring so much to the table. In fact, this weekend, we are blessed to have the St. Pius X premiere of a brand-new song co-written by our own Joe Lesky. His song, "More Like Saint Joseph" fills a void in the repertory. Our Savior's earthly Father led an exemplary life, so beautifully encapsulated in this pleading, unforgettable song. I promise you will be singing it to yourself all week!

Please let me know if you think our music ministry is still missing something - some way for you to participate meaningfully. Thank you for letting me serve you so completely. God-willing it is only the first of many fruitful years.

Your sister in Christ, Sara Armstrong, Music Minister

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## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY HOUR

St. Pius X parishioners are very fortunate to have the opportunity to experience the warm and welcoming presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our Holy Hour every first Tuesday of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 4, 2022.**

*At Christmas, when we look in the crib and at that beauty of the creche, we're all drawn to the central image: baby Jesus and his face. And we can imagine what it was like for Joseph and Mary to see that face for the first time. And that's what we do at adoration, we are in awe of what we see, and that awe is one peace, love, joy and fulfillment. What we gaze upon is so simple and beautiful. There's no artificiality. We gaze upon the living God. That's an echo of looking at the crib at Christmas, and it's a continuing gift throughout the year.*

# MAKING DISCIPLES

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Classes

*There are no Religious Education Classes for Sunday, December 19, 26, 2021, & January 2, 2022.*

*There are no Religious Education Classes for Tuesday, December 21 & 28, 2021.*

*Classes resume on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 and Sunday, January 9, 2022.*

*If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 201-664-0927  
God Bless, Maria Charowsky & Christine Arthur*

## *High Tea at High Noon*

It was high time the seniors in our Parish and community were celebrated and to that end the Beyond Soup Kitchen Ministry reached new heights as they opened the doors of St. Pius on December 9th and welcomed a group of 75 seniors to High Tea at High Noon. Embraced in an atmosphere of warmth and affection, our guests enjoyed an authentic English Tea which included scones, finger sandwiches, quiches and various pastries. Antique teapots, tiered dishes, fine china creamers and sugar dishes, as well as background English music, running videos of the British Isles and a video of Christmas in London guaranteed a truly immersive experience! Most important of all were the greetings, embraces and stories exchanged among old and new friends. This is the first of other events honoring our seniors as all generations journey together with Jesus to satisfy our hungry hearts. Many people contributed to the success of this event, but chief among them were the amazing members of our organizing committee: Lucia Passante, Carolyn Morro, Diane Peragine, Mary Lombino, Valeri Parker, Roberta Manganaro and Natalie Galasso. Special thanks to Father Kevin who enthusiastically supported our efforts and Janet Natale for her administrative help.



THANK  
YOU!



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



*The St. Pius X High School Youth Ministry bought over \$5,000 worth of toys and items for St. Joseph's Church in Jersey City. Thank you, all parishioners who helped, contribute \$1,500 in bake sale purchases and donations. The remaining funds came from personal donations. Our next meeting is January 16, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.*





### TOGETHER WE ARE TAKING SAINT PIUS X TO NEW HEIGHTS

Join us in celebrating the joyous installation of our newly appointed pastor, Father Kevin Kilgore and our parish community — past, present & future.



### THE ESTATE AT FLORENTINE GARDENS

Our Gala will be held at this distinguished, elegant venue, located at 97 Rivervale Road, River Vale, NJ



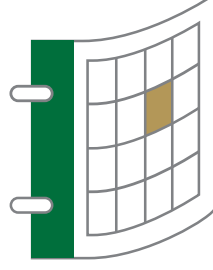
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## JOIN US FOR THE SAINT PIUS X GALA JOURNEYING TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE NEW PASTOR FR. KEVIN KILGORE

Please connect with your friends and family as we come together as a community. Everyone is invited — so please R.S.V.P. at your earliest convenience, by emailing Christine Clarke at [Cclarke1003@gmail.com](mailto:Cclarke1003@gmail.com)



**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

The evening's festivities begin at 6:30 pm

**Cocktails:** 6:30 - 7:30 pm

**Dinner:** Immediately to follow

**Open Bar:** 6:30 - 10:30 pm

R.S.V.P.

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