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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

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Monday - Thursday

9:30 am - 4:30 pm

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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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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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 17th – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent Rose Marino <i>req. by Linda Spilka & Patrino Marino Families</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	December 18th – Fourth Sunday of Advent Lynn Pantuso <i>req. by the Smithson Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Marilu George <i>req. by the Tama Family</i>
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish <i>req. by</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	December 19th – Late Advent Weekday Helen Kopczik, Shirley Kobeczek, Peter & Barbara Muth, Theresa & Louis Muth, John Louis Muth, & Fred Parent <i>req. by Stephanie Muth</i>
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	December 20th – Late Advent Weekday Al Paolillo <i>req. by Marion Paolillo</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	December 21st – St. Peter Canisius Joseph Green <i>req. by Claire Kinn</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	December 22nd – Late Advent Weekday Sister Trinity <i>req. by the Arthur Family</i>
Friday 9:00 a.m.	December 23rd – St. John of Kanty Antoinette Aiello <i>req. by the Aiello Family</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 24th – Vigil: Nativity of the Lord People of the Parish
6:30 p.m.	People of the Parish <i>req. by</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	December 25th – Nativity of the Lord People of the Parish <i>req. by</i>
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish <i>req. by</i>
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish <i>req. by</i>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mary has been visited from on High with the news that she is to be God-bearer. And this morning we watch as she heads into the hill country to share her extraordinary secret with her cousin Elizabeth, herself large with child, since God has intervened in her life as well.

In their intimate encounter Mary and Elizabeth remind us that there is no place where God's presence does not reach. Our stories as well as theirs are replete with God's interventions, if we dare to notice them. God is no less intimate with us today as well, for we too have been welcomed into intimacy with God.

The Creator of all has chosen to become one among his own creatures. God is with us, God now has a human face. Such a truth far beyond our grasp invites us to wonder, and wonder is the threshold of contemplation, a contemplation that is not so much seeing God, as entering God's seeing.

St. Joseph's Abbey, Spencer MA, Meditation - Father Isaac



WEEKLY MASS OFFERING

December 17 - 23, 2022

The Sanctuary Candle, In Memory of
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Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

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

Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Claire Collins, Laurie Deluca, Maura Duffy, Timothy Goldsmith, Kelly Hayes, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Albina Perez, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Joanna Smith, Eva Sweeney, Mia Tangredi, and Baby Berkley Williams.

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

OUR COLLECTION – DECEMBER 11, 2022

Envelope Collection:	\$ 4,049.00
WeShare Collection:	\$ 4,150.00
Parishsoft Giving:	\$ 1,410.00
Heritage Collection:	\$ 6,758.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 683.00
Assessment:	\$ 295.00
Music:	\$ 285.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 948.00
Total:	\$18,618.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many of you know now the three pillars of our mission: Building Community. Worshiping God. Making Disciples. It defines who we are and what we believe in as a parish; it's what makes us unique. Over the last two years, we've put a significant amount of effort into that first pillar of our mission, Building Community, through the creation of our SPX café, the construction of our playground and basketball court, and parish-wide events like the new parishioner luncheon. As a result, we've grown by 100 families in the last two years! Some are returning parishioners, others are new. Many have been invited to, "Come and see!"

The bond of our community is strong. I hope each person knows they belong here. So, now my pastoral focus is moving deeper into "mission territory," into the pillars of: Worshiping God and Making Disciples. The latter is really our "make or break" standard as a parish. A disciple is anyone who loves Jesus and shares that love with others. While we all love the Lord and do our best to share our faith with others, we also know that growing in faith is a life-long journey. This is the place where our faith should be stretched, nurtured, and enriched. This is where we learn how to become life-long disciples.

To that end, we will begin focusing more on faith formation. I envision creating more events for adults like ALPHA (an evangelization program that a few parishioners are currently participating in), and a speaker-series involving a variety of topics. Recently, Sister Mary Foley offered a talk on Advent. We then offered a follow-up talk from the former Mother Superior of her order, Sister Mary Maher, who presented a beautiful reflection on the love of God. Last week, we were grateful to have Roger Davidoff, who gave an insightful lecture on Christian art in the Italian Renaissance. There will be two more lectures from Roger leading up to Easter. I also hope to offer more opportunities to experience our faith through pilgrimages and service-based opportunities.

We also need to dedicate a considerable amount of time and effort into forming our youth. One way I am seeking to do this is through World Youth Day, which will take place in August 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal. There, young people between the ages of 18-35 will be able to see the pope and interact with Catholics from around the world. I'm delighted to share that I'm leading a group of over thirty people from the Archdiocese of Newark, including two of our own parishioners, Chris Capazzi and Matthew Olivo! If you know of anyone else who may be interested, please invite them to, "Come and see!" More information can be found on the homepage of our website.

Wishing you all a fruitful Advent journey as we make our way towards Christmas.

In Christ,
Fr. Kevin Kilgore

BUILDING COMMUNITY

THANK YOU!!!!



Many thanks to all who donated to the St. Pius Christmas Giving Tree. Over 75 new coats were donated for the Pre-K students at the Luis Munoz Marin Elementary school in Newark. Cleaning products and gift cards were donated for Mother Teresa's Soup Kitchen/Homeless Shelter, along with many more items and gift cards for the Center for Hope and Safety, and the Bergen County Homeless Shelter. Once again, thank you for your continued generosity and support to make Christmas brighter for so many this year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHIELD AWARD CONGRATULATIONS



Our Knights of Columbus Council was awarded a 'Star Council' award by NJ State Deputy of the K of C, James Stoeber, at our awards reception on Friday. A Star Council award is presented to councils who meet service and membership goals during the year. In addition, our council present the following awards:

- **Knight of the Year:** William Peragine of St. Pius X
- **Knight of the Year:** August Agostini of St. Anthony's
- **Family of the Year:** Robert and Elizabeth Murray of Immaculate Conception
- **Outstanding Service to Parish Award:** Sarah Lucero of St. Anthony
- **Outstanding Service to Community Award:** Pamela Carpanini of St. Anthony

Also, we were able to honor two members of the Northvale Police Department for their heroic rescue of an injured Northvale resident:

- Lieutenant Giuseppe Alise and Officer Edward Sedano

Our annual awards reception is part of a long tradition of Knights of Columbus Councils all over the country honoring our community First Responders. Congratulations to our award winners.

Join us! The Knights encourage all Catholic men over the age of 18 to join our council. Our focus is on strengthening our faith and supporting our parishes through Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. To join or to request more information about membership, contact our membership director at KofC9021@GMAIL.COM, or at 201-233-5993. More information about the Knights of Columbus can be found at WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOINUS

LET'S CONTINUE TO DONATE & HELP FUND THE PAINTING OF OUR WORSHIP SPACE & NARTHEX!

Good news to share!!! We have ALMOST met our goal of \$55,000 to update our house of worship with a fresh coat of paint. Just a little more to go with a little more funding!!

We are happy to report that as of as of December 5th, we have raised \$40,000!! This \$40,000 was a direct result of our fundraising dinner at the Florentine Gardens and silent auction on November 30th, as well as those who have made donations so far. We thank everyone who attended the dinner and those who have donated. We truly appreciate your generosity!

There is still time to donate and help us reach our goal of \$55,000!!

You can donate directly to the "Painting Our Church" project fund. Donations of any amount can be made through the Parish APP, website or by check*. All donations are appreciated and will add to beautifying the worship and gathering spaces where we pray, celebrate and gather.

We will keep the Direct Donation campaign open until the end of the year.



* If you would like to make a donation of stock, please contact the Parish office at 201-664-0913.



ST. PIUS X BOOK GROUP

The next St. Pius X Book Group will meet on **Monday, January 16, 2023**, the group has selected **The Book of Lost Names** by Kristen Harmel.



WORSHIPPING GOD

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz receives from Isaiah a prophecy that he will be successful in war and is urged to ask for a sign that the prophecy is true. The sign is "The virgin shall be with child and bear a son and shall name him Emmanuel."

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the Romans by pointing out that Jesus is the Christ who was promised to them in Scripture. He, Paul, is the apostle favored with the task of spreading the name of Christ to all.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

In a brief, straightforward, simple narrative, Matthew recounts the events leading to Jesus' birth. He details the appearance of the angel in a dream to Joseph and stresses that "All this happened to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophets."

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 18, 2022

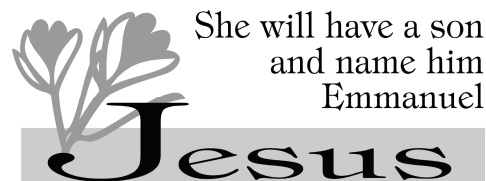
"A servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God, which he promised long ago through his prophets...through him we have been favored with apostleship that we may spread his name and bring to obedient faith all the gentiles, among whom are you who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ."

Paul was keenly aware of his call and mission, but it did not end with him. We have been gifted with the same call through our baptism to spread His name today.

As we joyfully celebrate the Lord's birth this week, what better time for us than now to resolve to reach out to someone who has grown weak in the faith, been consumed by the idols of consumerism, or who place trust in things and not in the person of Jesus Christ. May we not allow this special moment to go by when we can be a sign of the Lord's coming. Meet people where they are but bring them to what really matters with us.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 19:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday, December 20:	Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday, December 21:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday, December 22:	1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
Friday, December 23:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday, December 24:	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79



MAKING DISCIPLES

FAMILY LIFE AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There are no Faith Formation Classes on Sunday, December 25, 2022, and Sunday, January 8, 2023.

There are no Faith Formation Classes on Tuesday, December 20 & 27, 2022.

Classes resume on Tuesday, January 3 and Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Our project for the Season of Advent is that all students in both our Summer and Fall Programs were invited to participate in our **"Acts of Kindness for Jesus."** Students who are currently in classes were sent home with a **Happy Birthday Jesus** Packet, and students who participated in the Summer Program were able to pick up a Packet on their way out of Mass, to complete it with their family.



"Acts of Kindness for Jesus" paper strips are due back this weekend, December 17/18. Please deposit all cut strips into the decorated box in the narthex.

Mass Attendance Sign-In Sheets are in the Narthex every weekend. Please make every effort to attend Mass on a regular basis!

God Bless,

Maria Charowsky & Christine Arthur

Email: Religioused@spxot.org or Phone: 201-664-0927

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 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. All are invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 3, 2023.**

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



We envy the shepherds who went to visit the grotto of Bethlehem to see Him, kissed His little hand, and offered him gifts. "Lucky shepherds!" we exclaim. And yet there is no reason to envy them, for their fortune is ours too. The same Jesus they visited in the grotto is in our tabernacle. The only difference is that the shepherds saw Him with the eyes of the body, whereas we see Him with the eyes of faith. Nothing will please Him more than our frequent visits to Him.

—Saint John Bosco



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