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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
December 25, 2022

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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 NATIVITY OF THE LORD
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

Saturday	**Dec. 24th – Vigil: Nativity of the Lord**
4:30 p.m.	People of the Parish
6:30 p.m.	People of the Parish
	req. by
Sunday	**December 25th – Nativity of the Lord**
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	req. by
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
	req. by
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
	req. by
Monday	**December 26th – St. Stephen, the First Martyr**
9:00 a.m.	Mary & Edward Ford
	req. by Nancy Ford
Tuesday	**December 27th – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**
9:00 a.m.	Marion Lomaglio
	req. by Victor & Pat Frascione
Wednesday	**December 28th – The Holy Innocents, Marytrs**
9:00 a.m.	Jessie Baraket
	req. by Marion Paolillo
Thursday	**December 29th 2nd – St. Thomas Beckett**
9:00 a.m.	Frank Raccioppi
	req. by Jean & Jack Welby
Friday	**December 30th – The Holy Family**
9:00 a.m.	Bob Searson
	req. by Terry Searson
Saturday	**Dec. 31st – Vigil: Mary Mother of God**
4:30 p.m.	Jean Viola
	req. by Virginia DiNoto
Sunday	**Jan. 1st – Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
8:00 a.m.	Brian Duffy
	req. by Mary Ackaway
10:00 a.m.	Fred Freda
	req. by Lorraine Bagnoli
12:00 p.m.	Don Ryan
	req. by the Buckley Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL & THEIR CARETAKERS

Dyanne Alvine, Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Claire Collins, Laurie Deluca, Maura Duffy, Timothy Goldsmith, Kelly Hayes, Nazar Lesiv, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Anne Newkirk, Danielle Newkirk, Albina Perez, Elissa Perrone, 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.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Loving Father,

Help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson, a Scottish poet and author from the 19th century (Hallow)

WEEKLY MASS OFFERING
December 24 - 30, 2022

The Sanctuary Candle, In Memory of
Rose & Kenneth Marino
Requested by Linda Spilka, & Patrina Marino Families

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The Bread & Wine, In Memory of
Ralph Passante, Sr.
Requested by Lucia Passante

OUR COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 18 & 25, 2022

Will be included in our January 1, 2023 bulletin!

Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas!

I've been mulling back and forth in my mind about the right Christmas message for this year… I thought of our Lord laying in a manger… the Magi who knelt in adoration… Mary who, "contemplated all of these things in her heart" … and Saint Joseph, whom I've been particularly drawn to during my Advent journey. Each of them could speak to the mystery of that first Christmas night. The joy. The surprise. The wonder. The life-changing truth that God was – and is – doing something special.

Then a bit of this sacred imagery gave way to the secular… Out of nowhere, Mariah Carey's world-famous song, "All I want for Christmas," started playing in my head. It hasn't left since! (Sigh). But there is something very honest and appropriate about the refrain, which speaks to my experience of St. Pius X this year: "All I want for Christmas is you."

Over the last four weeks, I've been reminded, once again, how blessed I am to be part of this community. I could list a thousand reasons why. To start, you are kind, faithful, and generous people. Your generosity reached new levels as we purchased literally every item requested on the Giving Tree. Then we raised nearly $6,000 for the children of Saint Joseph's in Jersey City!

Your faith-in-action was evident, once again, at our Advent Penance Service. A number of parishioners were able to experience the healing grace of that Sacrament. Throughout this season, we've kept our SPX Café stocked, which children and adults alike look forward to each week. Our children in our faith formation program and their parents have also been adding their "strips of kindness" to our red gift box in the narthex. These strips represent individual acts of kindness we've done this Advent, which serves as our gift to Jesus for Christmas.

And, on a more personal level, I've been humbled by the number of prayers, cards, invitations, and thoughtful gifts from so many of you. My heart is full. How could I not sing, "All I want for Christmas is you?"

As I begin my third year here as pastor, I give thanks to God for you, for your faith, for our parish ministries, our culture of kindness and renewal, and all of our staff, volunteers, catechists, choir members, parents, young people, and parishioners of every age.

This is a place where Christ is welcomed – and found – in all of you. As we celebrate Christmas and prepare for the New Year, my resolution is simple: to continue building the kingdom of God with you while inviting others to, "Come and see!"

Gratefully in Christ,
Fr. Kevin Kilgore

BUILDING COMMUNITY

THANK YOU!!!!!

Father Kevin, thank you for saying **yes** to taking this project on! To the St. Pius X Community, thank you for making this happen by donating coats, gift cards and cleaning products, etc. Thank you to everyone who helped me coordinate the Giving Tree. Thank you to a very special St. Pius X couple who donated 125 gloves and hats sets and to another amazing St. Pius X couple who ran out at the last minute to purchase all the coats we were short! 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 Stoever, 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 members of our Book Group wish you all a very blessed Christmas and joyous New Year!

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Isaiah rejoices that God is bringing his exiled people home to Jerusalem. He calls out to the people to be glad because God will restore Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Paul explains to the Hebrews that although God had spoken through the prophets, people could not always completely understand the message. Now God has spoken to us by sending Jesus, the son, a reflection of God's glory and forgiver of our sins.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

John describes how the Word came into the world in the form of Jesus. All those who accept Jesus become children of God by sharing in Jesus' love. No one has seen God, but through Jesus, God was revealed to us.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) ~ December 25, 2022

"Beloved: When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us…"

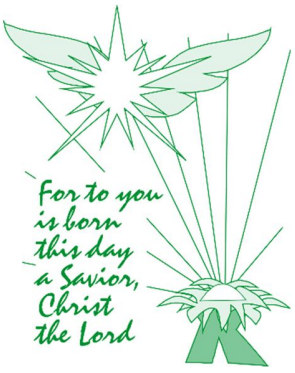
This was the message of St. Paul to Titus.

In the joy of this season, as we recall the most significant event in human history, we might tend to forget, that the Father sent Jesus to save us and give us new life in Him. May we pause for a moment, not to visit the scene of Bethlehem, but consider what was our need and the Father's loving response, and our need today for His saving grace.

We were separated from God, but at this moment He bent down from heaven, sending us Jesus as our Savior. Today we are invited to respond to the Father's gift in gratitude and accept the greatest Christmas gift ever. Bring the meaning of this day to someone else.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 26:	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday, December 27:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday, December 28:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday, December 29:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday, December 30:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday, December 31:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18



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.

I would like to thank all our catechetical volunteers who so generously give their time and talents in our Faith Formation Ministry. I am grateful to all the wonderful families who share a little of their lives with us and entrust their children to us in our journey of faith as part of the St. Pius X Parish Community!

"May God's blessings be yours this Christmas."

"May the wonder of that first Christmas, the joy of God's abundant blessings and the peace of Jesus' presence be with you always."

"May the true spirit of Christmas shine in your heart and light your path."

"Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas."

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

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 Joh Bosco

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