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**Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**
January 1, 2023

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

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

Weekdays ----- 9:00 am

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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.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Dec. 31st – Vigil: Mary, Mother of God Jean Viola <i>req. by Virginia DiNoto</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	Jan. 1st – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Brian Duffy <i>req. by Mary Ackaway</i>
10:00 a.m.	Fred Freda <i>req. by Lorraine Bagnoli</i>
12:00 p.m.	Don Ryan <i>req. by the Buckley Family</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	January 2nd – Ss. Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen Gary Glockner <i>req. by the Tama Family</i>
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	January 3rd – The Most Holy Name of Jesus Nino Peterson <i>req. by Mary & Mark Payoczkowski</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	January 4th – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Anna Morello <i>req. by Ginger & John White</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	January 5th – St. John Neumann Rose Richter <i>req. by Rudy & Betty Richter</i>
Friday 9:00 a.m.	January 6th – St. André Bessette Edward Clancy <i>req. by Marion Paolillo</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	January 7th – Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord People of the Parish <i>req. by</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	January 8th – The Epiphany of the Lord Anna & Antonio Condello <i>req. by Kathy & Charles Mancuso</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ponciano P. La Cap <i>req. by the LaCap & Tong Families</i>
12:00 p.m.	Rose & Joseph Cervone <i>req. by Rosemarie Loffredo</i>



Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

**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 NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

O God, your days are without beginning
and without end.

We dedicate this coming year to you.
Give us such prosperity as you know is good
for us, and make us abound in doing whatever
is pleasing to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



WEEKLY MASS OFFERING
December 31, 2022 – January 6, 2023

The Sanctuary Candle, In Memory of
John Louis Muth
Requested by Stefanie Muth

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The Bread & Wine, In Memory of
Nevio Mattessich
Requested by Christine & Natalie Galasso



OUR COLLECTION – DECEMBER 25, 2022

Envelope Collection:	\$ 1,529.00
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Immaculate Conception:	\$ 713.00
Assessment:	\$ 210.00
Retirement Fund:	\$ 1,690.00
Christmas Collection:	\$32,785.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 3,668.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ <u>510.00</u>
Total:	\$43,469.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas! This was the most joy-filled Christmas I've had in a number of years. To begin, our Mass celebrations were beautiful. The music, in particular, was incredibly uplifting. As I've said to Sara, our Director of Music: "This is the first parish I've been in where the music elevates my worship." She did a terrific job in making diverse selections so that each Mass was a little different.

At our 4:30 pm on Christmas Eve, she utilized our Day by Day Singers, including new instrumentalists like Gavin Clarke, who played the violin; Mia Remengio, who played the cello; Wyatt Remengio, who played the violin; and Samantha Fernandez and Wyatt who used the hand chimes. Seeing our own young people participate and grow as musicians is incredibly rewarding. Please join me in thanking Sara, our choir members, and their families who made this possible.

It was also wonderful seeing John Kullberg and his son, Jared, play together at the 6:30 p.m. John was joined by members of our new guitar club, who led us in a folksier celebration. Their renditions of a number of Christmas carols, including songs written by John, were uplifting. Our adult Fellowship Choir also did a fantastic job at the 10 am. They really fill the church with praise! I know Sara is always looking for new talent, so if you feel motivated by the Holy Spirit to join any of these groups, please don't hesitate to reach out to either me or her at: music@spxot.org. Aside from our own musicians, Sara also brought in several very talented singers for a few of our Masses, all of whom I'm grateful for.

I also want to thank our parish staff, our volunteer ushers, our SPX Bakers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, lectors, money counters, greeters, those who purify our linens, and everyone who showed up this Christmas to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

It was a packed weekend. As many of you either witnessed, or have heard, our 4:30 pm Mass was beyond full capacity. Standing room only was an understatement! In our planning for future holiday Masses, we will do our best to schedule times that work for as many parishioners as possible in order to accommodate schedules, etc. I will ask the Pastoral Council to consider issuing another survey to include a preference for holiday Mass times like Easter and Christmas.

As you will see, our weekly / holiday collection has also been rising. I cannot thank you enough for your continued generosity! Your support enables our parish to plan for things like: the church painting – collected in our Heritage Fund, and paying for our operating costs (like heat, water, gas, staff, lights, etc.), which comes from the general collection. I've also shared my goal with the finance council of starting to set aside a "rainy day" fund, which will not be spent during my tenure. Over the next several years, my goal is to raise 6 months' worth of operating costs so that our parish can enjoy greater financial security. I understand the momentum we are experiencing is unique; while we are fortunate to make a number of upgrades to our facilities, we also have to plan responsibly for the future.

Speaking of futures, I wish everyone a very blessed and happy New Year!

So grateful to "journey together!"

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's is a day of new beginnings, goals, celebrations, and reflections. And it's also one of the most special days in the Church – **the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**. One week after we celebrate the birth of Christ, we give thanks to His mother. This solemnity is also the final day in the Octave of Christmas and the World Day of Peace.

History & Church Teaching

Throughout history, there have been many movements to establish a feast honoring Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. However, this solemnity only became an official one in the 20th century.



On February 2, 1974, Pope Paul VI encouraged the restoration of the Solemnity of Mary, the holy Mother of God, in his apostolic exhortation *Marialis Cultus*:

“In the revised ordering of the Christmas period it seems to us that the attention of all should be directed towards the restored Solemnity of Mary the holy Mother of God. This celebration, placed on January 1 in conformity with the ancient indication of the liturgy of the City of Rome, is meant to commemorate the part played by Mary in this mystery of salvation.”

He stated the complementary nature of the three solemnities which celebrate Mary

Immaculate Conception: “Recognize the beginning of the Church, the spotless Bride of Christ”

Assumption: “Recognize the beginning that has already been made and the image of what, for the whole Church, must still come to pass”

Mary, Mother of God: “She is the Mother of the Head and of the members – the holy Mother of God and therefore the provident Mother of the Church”

All three solemnities are essential to the Church's understanding and admiration of Mary. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, presents us with a unique way of starting the new year. Just after the birth of Christ, we enter the new year accompanied by Mary, the Queen of Heaven, Mother of the Prince of Peace.

Dear Lord, help me look to Mary as my guide in navigating this life's many ups and downs.

Help me seek her peace such that I may rest with You.

Mary, please accompany me in my journey to your Son, Jesus.

Wrap me in your mantle and give me the strength to seek Him in all I do.

Amen.

WORSHIPPING GOD

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

The Lord told Aaron to bestow his blessings on the Israelites. God wanted them to know that by invoking his name they would be blessed by him.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul describes how through Jesus' birth; we have been delivered from the laws that exiled Gentiles from God's community. Through Jesus, the Gentiles became God's adopted sons and would receive the same blessings that the Jewish converts had been promised.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds went to Bethlehem to see Jesus and immediately understood all that they had been told about him. They praised God for what they had seen, and Jesus was given the name that the angel had chosen for him.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

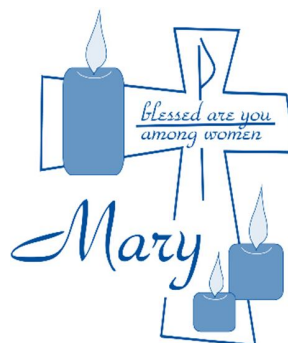
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~ January 1, 2023

"The shepherds went in haste to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about the child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Message from angels to Mary at Nazareth, to Joseph in a dream, and announcements in the sky. How special that the shepherds then looked for and found Jesus. I wonder who Luke was referring to when he said, 'all who heard it were amazed.' As you read these words are you looking for Jesus, are you still touched by the nativity event? Are you, like Mary, reflecting and pondering upon this in your heart? A blessed new year.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 2:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Tuesday, January 3:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Wednesday, January 4:	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Thursday, January 5:	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Friday, January 6:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
Saturday, January 7:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 2:1-11



MAKING DISCIPLES

FAMILY LIFE AND FAITH FORMATION NEWS

There are no Faith Formation Classes on Sunday, December 25, 2022, and Sunday, January 1, 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!

Almighty Father,

I thank You graciously for the New Year 2023.

I ask You, Lord, to bless my family,
as we begin this blessed new year
with a renewed hope in You.

Amen

Have a blessed and joyous New Year!

Maria Charowsky & Christine Arthur

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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.**

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



My Lord Jesus Christ, it is Your great love for us that keeps You day and night present in the Blessed Sacrament, full of compassion and love, waiting for us to visit You. I believe that You are really present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

From the depth of my heart, I adore You and I thank You for the many graces.

*You have given me, especially for the gift of Yourself in this Sacrament,
for the gift of Your most holy Mother as my Mother and for the privilege of visiting You in this church at this time.*

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