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## **First Sunday of Advent**

December 3, 2023

### **Parish Office**

268 Old Tappan Road  
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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

### **Family Life & Faith Formation**

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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.

**Faith Formation & Family Ministry:** 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.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B  
MASS INTENTIONS  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent - Vigil</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Betty & John Puleo <i>Req. by Bruce E. Puleo</i>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Felix & Felicia Scala <i>req. by Marie &amp; Charles Barragato</i>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Agnes Kickham <i>Paul &amp; Kathy Shields</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 4<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Matteo Squillace & Barbara Squillace <i>req. by Maria &amp; Joe Squillace</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 5<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Joseph Capria, Jr. <i>req. by Julia &amp; Julie Fortunato</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 6<sup>th</sup> – Advent Weekday</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Carlos Fusillo <i>req. by the DeMarco Family</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Ambrose, Bishop</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Mark Brackenbury <i>req. by the Rosemarie DePhillips</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception, Holy Day</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Deceased Members of the Coviello Family <i>req. by Marylu Coviello</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 9<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Vigil</b>
<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Kenneth Marino – The Davidoff & Spilka Families
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 10<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	For the People
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Frank, Mary & Kathleen Goldrick <i>req. by Maria Charowsky</i>
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Frank DiNoto <i>Req. by – Ron &amp; Jeanine Binaghi</i>

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, THEIR  
CAREGIVERS, AND THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Coletti Aloï, Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Claire Collins, Luciano Damato, Louie Damato, Laurie Deluca, Liam Dimmino, Timothy Goldsmith, Amy Hartwell, Kelly Hayes, Tamara Hee, Nazar Lesiv, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Tom McDermott, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Anne Newkirk, Danielle Newkirk, Albina Perez, Elissa Perrone, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Joanna Smith, Eva Sweeney, Mia Tangredi, Stefan Wiklinski, and Berkley Williams.

Please pray for all our servicemen/women, including Christopher TenBroeck, Sean Keohane, ENS Sarah Ryan, Trooper Porcelli, Army Serviceman Benjamin Clemente, and Navy Serviceman Jonathan Clemente their families, and for the victims of terrorism and war.

**Readings for the Week**

<b>Sunday</b>
Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37
<b>Monday</b>
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>
Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>
Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**WEEKLY MASS OFFERING  
December 2, 2023 – December 8, 2023**

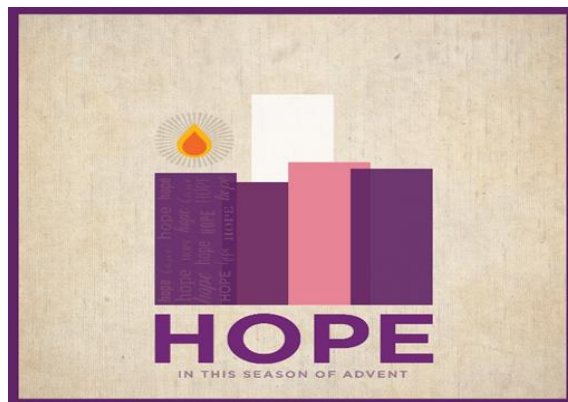
The Sanctuary Candle, for  
Amelia Brackenbury *req. by Rosmary Cenicola*

The Bread and Wine, for  
The People of the Parish

**OUR COLLECTION – NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

Envelope Collection:	\$ 4,223.00
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Soup Kitchen:	\$ 95.00
Heritage Collection:	\$ 1,257.00
Assessment Collection:	\$ 45.00
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<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 9,075.00</b>

Thank you for your generosity and support!



## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to thank all of you who took the time to take our parishioner feedback survey. While it will remain open and anonymous, we've exceeded our goal of 200 – we're at 227 and counting! This is the best way for me to gauge the pulse of the parish in terms of what's working, what's not working, etc. The pastoral council will also be working on a survey in the coming months which will focus on ministry, as opposed to the current survey which is largely centered around the Mass.

At this point, I'd like to begin sharing some concrete changes that will be happening directly as a result of the survey. For starters, most – if not all – of the songs that we will be singing in Ordinary Time will be selected from the 90 songs that you listed as your “favorites” in the survey. I'll include below the top 15 most popular, which does not mean they'll be the only ones we'll sing, but you'll hear them a bit more often. Please remember, however, that as we enter the season of Advent, the songs will be of the season – carols, traditional Christmas hymns, etc. The songs below will be inserted into the liturgy once we return to Ordinary Time after Christmas.

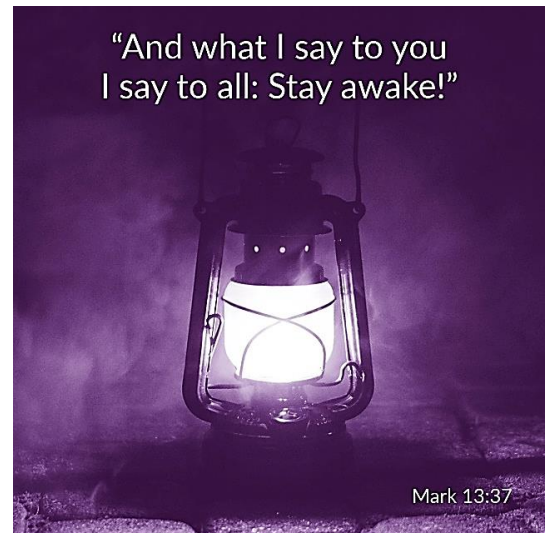
Another change you'll see is the style of music. For example, 80% of survey respondents selected the piano as an instrument that supports your participation in worship. 59% selected the guitar. 58% selected the organ. Therefore, the majority of our music will come from the piano while we'll also pepper in the organ and guitar. I've asked Debra Wyka, our interim Director of Music, to use the organ while I am at the altar during the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but to play the piano for the rest of Mass (entrance hymn, Gloria, Communion, concluding hymn). We will also try a guitar-led Mass at some point in the near future.

There are a number of other insights offered in this survey, which I'll continue to share in the weeks ahead. For now, your “favorite” fifteen hymns!

- (1) How Great Thou Art (41 votes)
- (2) Prayer of Saint Francis (35 votes)
- (3) Here I am Lord (31 votes)
- (4) Amazing Grace (30 votes)
- (5) On Eagle's Wings (28 votes)
- (6) Be Not Afraid
- (7) Ave Maria
- (8) One Bread, One Body
- (9) City of God
- (10) I am the Bread of Life
- (11) Taste and See
- (12) Holy, Holy, Holy
- (13) Immaculate Mary
- (14) You are Mine
- (15) Gentle Woman

God bless you,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore



# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## SPX PLAYTIME

The SPX Playtime is calling all Pre-school aged children and their Moms, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grand-Mom's and Grand-Pop's are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on our parish app.



If anyone has a wooden block set or magnetic tile set that their children have outgrown and are no longer using it, please consider donating it to our SPX Playtime Group for the children of the parish to enjoy.



*Are you a new mom?*

### **Want to connect with other moms?**

Currently, we have SPX Playtime, an active community for parents and their children 2 and up, but we also want to build up the community of new moms. Please sign up on our Parish App as we begin our “Mommy and Me” ministry! All moms and children are welcome!!

## **ST. PIUS CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**



Tags will be available after all masses beginning the weekend of November 25-26. We will be collecting UNWRAPPED listed clothing (with the original store tags still attached) and toiletries with the gift tag securely attached for the Bergen County Homeless Shelter, gift cards for “Center for Hope and Safety” (Formally “Shelter our Sisters” battered women's shelter) and Mother Teresa's soup kitchen in Newark. Please take a tag from the tree and replace it with another for fellow parishioners to select. Gifts must be back no later than 12/17 at 12:00. As always, Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity. Any questions please call Patrice Rosato (201) 736-2380.



## **Knights of Columbus Annual 50-50**

Our K of C Council is conducting their annual Christmas 50-50 to raise funds for the charitable projects of the Knights. The drawing is on December 15. Tickets are \$10 each and you can purchase them after Masses this weekend or order them:

Checks should be made out to ‘KOFC 9021’ and sent to:

James Flynn, Event Chair  
KOFC 9021  
626 James Lane  
River Vale, NJ 07675

Knights will fill out the tickets for you and send you an electronic receipt.

**Join our Council!** 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](mailto:KOFC9021@GMAIL.COM), or at 201-233-5993. More information about the Knights of Columbus can be found at [WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOIN](http://WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOIN).



# WORSHIPPING GOD

## Parish Feedback Survey

We are interested in increasing our experience of worship together at Sunday Mass.

We need to hear from you. Please take our anonymous survey now! This will help to build a common vision for how we celebrate together on Sundays. The survey is available on our Parish APP, on our Website: [www.spxot.org](http://www.spxot.org) or by using the QR Code:



*We must be awake, alert, vigilant. Jesus warns us: there is the danger of not realizing His coming and being unprepared for His visit. I have recalled on other occasions what Saint Augustine said: 'I fear the Lord who passes by'... that is, I fear that He will pass by and I will not recognize Him!' 'May we be helped by the Holy Virgin, Woman of waiting, who knew how to perceive the passing of God in the humble and hidden life of Nazareth and welcomed Him in her womb.'*

— Pope Francis on Advent

## MAKING DISCIPLES

### SAINT PIUS X FAITH FORMATION

#### Up next...

#### **Today, Sunday, December 3 – Grade Level Mass – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

9:15 – 10 AM	Day by Day Singers Rehearsal Followed by Mass
11 AM – 12:30 PM	<b>In Class Instruction – Grades 1 – 8</b>
1 – 2PM	Christmas Pageant – Rehearsal – Grades 1 – 8
7 – 8:30 PM	<b>Confirmation Preparation Session</b> - Session #5 – The Bible What is your Confirmation name and who is your sponsor, and why?

#### **Tuesday, December 5 – In-Class Instruction – Grades 1 - 8**

3:30 – 5PM	<b>In-Class Instruction – Grades 1 – 8</b>
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#### **Wednesday, December 6 – Focus Experience – Grades 1-8**

5 – 6:30 PM	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
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#### **Friday, December 8 - Focus Experience – Grades 1-8**

5 – 6:30 PM	Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal
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**Sunday, December 10 - Christmas Pageant 5:00 pm – Grades 1-8 All are welcome!**

**Join us as 40 of our young parishioners tell the story of our Savior's Birth.**

#### **Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent – Focus Experiences**

9:15 – 10 AM	Day by Day Singers Rehearsal Followed by Mass
11AM – 12:30 pm	Making a Nativity Scene (Gr.1-8) (Pre-registration required)
7-8:30 PM	<b>Confirmation Preparation Session</b> – Session #6 - Relationships



COLD FEET need warm socks . . .

For this Christmas season, we are collecting SOCKS, SOCKS, and more SOCKS for the men, women and children who visit the Missionaries of Charity in Newark, NJ for a warm meal.

Many of the hungry are homeless and a pair of socks makes a difference in their lives. If every St Pius family donated one package of socks, think of all those WARM FEET!

Please brighten someone's Christmas this year with SOCKS! We will be collecting socks through Sunday, December 17th, in the narthex. Many thanks for your contribution,  
The SPX Soup Kitchen

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A heartfelt thank you to many parishioners who have supported **Good Council**.....

Thanks to the 14 volunteers that participated in the 2nd annual Good Council Fall Clean Up on Saturday, November 11th. The grounds were cleaned up, the leaves were raked and filled 91 leaf bags! The front steps were decorated for Thanksgiving with pumpkins and mums, thanks to the generosity of **Stokes Farm**. It was a terrific day to be together and making a difference for the Good Council homeless shelter for pregnant moms and moms of newborns and toddlers.



A big shout out to **Dr. Mariliza Tong** for the second dental class that Mariliza has provided for the moms held at Good Council. They asked many great questions about proper dental care for themselves and their newborns. Additionally, the office of **Drs. Darren and Mariliza Tong, along with their smile team**, provided free dental care for 6 of the moms and moms to be in their Bergenfield location. Outstanding!

**Jill TenBroeck** knitted 2 beautiful baby sweaters, hats and blankets. Two 1 month old newborns were the recipients of this love. The moms were overjoyed with this generous gift.

Lastly, do you have a talent to help others you would like to share? Your profession, your passion, your purpose, we have opportunities for you within our Outreach Ministry.

Please let me know, sign up on the app, under Outreach.

Kathy Shields

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## RECURRING SPX MINISTRIES & SPX EVENTS. COME & SEE!

**SOUP KITCHEN:** Every Monday, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** First Tuesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

**PLAYTIME:** Every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

**WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE ALUMNI:** Every Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**BAKING CAFÉ:** Sign up on the App.

## Adult Enrichment Series

**December 5, 2023**

**7:00 pm**

*following adoration*

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## POCKETBOOK BINGO

**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 1, 2024**



Donations of any new items especially designer pocketbooks would be appreciated.

Please drop off at the Parish Office.

More information to come!!!

*Download the QR code below for our  
SPX Parish APP to register for ALL EVENTS!*



## **CHRISTMAS COOKIE BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND!**



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