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Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

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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.

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 day immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	December 16 th – Vigil: Third Sunday of Advent Camille Orso <i>req. by Maria Messina</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	December 17 th – Third Sunday of Advent Lynn Scrima <i>req. by Dan Scrima</i>
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	Federico Forcellati <i>req. by Ada Forcellati</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	December 18 th – Late Advent Weekday Laura Vecchi <i>req. by Julia & Julie Fortunato</i>
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	December 19 th – Late Advent Weekday Vita & Jim Sullivan <i>req. by Stefanie Muth</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	December 20 th – Late Advent Weekday Al Paolillo <i>req. by Marion Paolillo</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	December 21 st – St. Peter Canisius Rose Reisenaur <i>req. by Anna Marie Valerio & John Bergin</i>
Friday 9:00 a.m.	December 22 nd – Late Advent Weekday Frank M. Delling <i>req. by Lorraine L. Delling</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	December 23 rd – Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent Walter McLaughlin <i>req. by the Arthur Family</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	December 24 th – Fourth Sunday of Advent Vicki Ward <i>req. by the Ward Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Remito Masaganda <i>req. by Katherine Chang</i>
Sunday 4:30 p.m.	December 24 th – Vigil: Nativity of the Lord People of the Parish
6:30 p.m.	People of the Parish



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses - 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses - 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

"Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent Season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!" ~ Pope Francis



WEEKLY MASS OFFERING

December 16 - 22, 2023

The Sanctuary Candle, In Memory of
Rosemary Clair

Requested by Marion Paolillo

The Bread & Wine, In Memory of
Linda Spilka

Requested by Davidoff Family



**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, THEIR
CARETAKERS, 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, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Mary Moshier, Anne Newkirk, Danielle Newkirk, Albina Perez, Elissa Perrone, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Joan Robles, 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, Navy Serviceman Jonathan Clemente, and Naval Officer Cody F. Massa, and for the victims of terrorism and war.

OUR COLLECTION – DECEMBER 10, 2023

Envelope Collection:	\$ 3,946.00
We Share Collection:	\$ 1,670.00
Parishsoft Giving:	\$ 1,365.00
Assessment:	\$ 855.00
Heritage Collection:	\$ 570.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$ 430.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$ 295.00
Music:	\$ 250.00
Utilities:	\$ 50.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 315.00
Total:	\$ 9,746.00

Thank you for your generosity and support!!!

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I'd like to begin by thanking all who either participated in or attended our Christmas pageant. There were two moments, in particular, that left a lasting impression on me. The first came during the dress rehearsal. Seeing the children so excited – almost jumping out of their skin with anticipation – reminded me again why we are putting so much effort into re-imaging our faith formation program. There was an emotion present in the faith formation wing that evening which we want to consistently build upon, the mark of a Christian disciple: joy.

Secondly, one of our final songs was Silent Night. I turned the lights down in church, allowing the candles our children were holding to shine brightly. There must've been 200 parents, children, staff, and volunteers singing to our Lord together. As the children were huddled together in their costumes around the altar – Mary, Joseph, John the Baptist, angels, animals, and that Providential star – there was a sense of wonder – awe – that filled the church. That, to me, is the beginning and the end of faith: a sense of awe, knowing that God is near. The Lord is both with us and within us.

As we continue journeying together into a revitalized faith formation program, which utilizes “focus experiences” like the Christmas pageant, making an Advent wreath, or a Nativity scene, I believe our children will experience our Catholic faith in a new, deeper way. We are always in search of volunteers, as well (even for an hour!) If you are interested in helping to hand on our faith to the next generation, please reach out to Kathy Goldrick at: adminasst@spxot.org.

Our search for a permanent Director of Music continues. I have assembled a search committee of seven people, myself included, who represent various interests in the parish: faith formation, staff, pastoral council, finance council, and the choir. We've had a number of applications and hope to make a decision in the near future. In the interim, I'd like to thank Debra Wyka, our interim Director of Music, who has generously and lovingly led us through this transition. She has been a blessing to us all. I also want to thank all who have donated to our various Christmas charities – St. Joseph's in Jersey City, the Giving Tree, and our sock drive. As the Lord teaches us, “Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me” (Matthew 25:40).

I wish you all continued blessings on your Advent journey. I pray we all have a little extra room for the Lord, carved out by prayer and charity, this Christmas.

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore

BUILDING COMMUNITY



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 December 17 in the narthex.



BLANKET DRIVE

Warmer This Winter

The St. Pius X Outreach is helping to support local Homeless Shelters in this area of NJ/NY. We are accepting new/gently used blankets. Please leave your donated blankets under the OUTREACH BANNER in the narthex.



Many thanks for your contributions!

Kathy Shields



ST. PIUS CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Your unwrapped gifts 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, are due 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.



ARTALKS in St. Pius X Chapel

MATISSE on Monday, January 22, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Please join us as we spend some time examining a selection of masterpieces by one of the 20th century's greatest artists. We will see Matisse's *Luxe*, *Harmony In Red*, *Goldfish*, *Vence Chapel*, *Creole Dancer* and *Blue Nude*.

MUSIC TALKS

MUSICAL PAIRS on Wed., Feb. 21, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

A selection of musical masterpieces [presented in pairs] by Beethoven, Schubert, Paganini, Liszt, Schumann, Chopin, Haydn, Brahms, Bach and Handel.

ARTALKS

HOPPER on Monday, April 22, from 7:00-8:30p.m.

Please join us as we examine the masterpieces of America's greatest realist painter. We will see Hopper's *Night Shadows*, *House By A Railroad*, *Gas*, *Nighthawks*, *New York Movie* and *Early Sunday Morning*.

Register to attend on our parish app!

WORSHIPPING GOD

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

"Rejoice always, never cease praying, render constant thanks; such is God's will for you. Do not stifle the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test everything; retain what is good. Avoid any semblance of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May you be preserved whole and entire, spirit, soul and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls us is trustworthy, therefore he will do it."

Living the final days of Advent, Saint Paul offers a game plan for prayer and action. We have heard the prophet speak. We have met John the Baptist and accepted his message of repentance and renewal. What more can be done? It is something we dare not avoid - our personal call to holiness.

Set aside a few minutes each day, look into your heart, see what the Lord sees, thanking Him for His blessings, but also ask help to set aside whatever can block the Lord giving you His peace. 'Come Lord Jesus.'

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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



MAKING DISCIPLES

SAINT PIUS X FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 pm

Making a Nativity Scene (Gr.1-8) Focus Experience

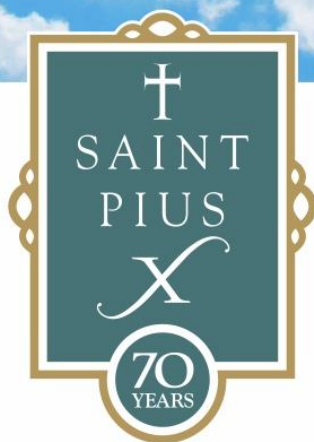
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Confirmation Preparation Session – Session #6 - Relationships



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CHILDREN (12 & UNDER): \$25⁰⁰

Activities from 4PM – 6PM:

• Magician • Face painting • Music & food

ADULTS (13 & OLDER): \$50⁰⁰

• Pre-game appetizers & finger food • Halftime buffet
• Beer, wine & soda • Large screen TVs

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECURRING SPX MINISTRIES & SPX EVENTS. COME & SEE!

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

EUCHARIST 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: Every Saturday, 12:00-4:00 p.m.



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!!!

SPX PLAYTIME

Every Thursday

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.



CELEBRATING ST PIUS X'S 70TH YEAR

SAVE THE DATE!

GOLF OUTING

DATE: Monday, May 20, 2024

Hackensack Golf Club

More details to come!

Keep watch on our parish app, under "Events"



ART TALKS

SAVE THE DATE

Monday, January 22, 2024

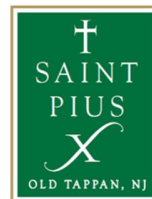
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

All parishioners are welcome to attend, sign up on the parish app will available shortly!

Follow St. Pius X Church on our Social Media platforms to stay up to date with our many events, read Father Kevin's "God minute" and more!
Use QR codes below to download onto your mobile phone or tablet today!



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