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First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

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Monday - Thursday

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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 day immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024**

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	February 17th – Vigil: First Sunday of Lent Amelia Brackenbury <i>req. by Greg & Clementia Roessner</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	February 18th – Second Sunday of Lent Amelia Brackenbury <i>req. by Joe & Ann Marie McCarthy</i>
10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:00 p.m.	Joan Di Benedetto <i>req. by Joanne & Ralph Spinnato</i>
Monday 9:00 a.m.	February 19th – Lenten Weekday Richard Sims <i>req. by Vincent & Cilia Galasso</i>
Tuesday 9:00 a.m.	February 20th – Lenten Weekday Elizabeth Farr ~ Anniversary <i>req. by Rosemarie DePhilips</i>
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	February 21st – St. Peter Damian Kathleen Shea <i>req. by Paul & Kathy Shields</i>
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	February 22nd – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle Dr. James Robilotti <i>req. by Louise & Jim Januzzi</i>
Friday 9:00 a.m.	February 23rd – St. Polycarp Louis & Madeline Carini <i>req. by Louise & Jim Januzzi</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	February 24th – Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent Sharon Gorzka <i>req. by Eileen Quartuccio</i>
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	February 25th – Second Sunday of Lent Lois Gallagher <i>req. by Fr. Pat</i>
10:00 a.m.	Bea & Michael Charowsky <i>req. by Janice & Maria Charowsky & Family</i>
12:00 p.m.	People of the Parish

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

Coletti Aloï, Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Diane Brosnan, 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.

**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 Monday – Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and every first Tuesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. At least one person is needed for each hour in order to leave the Lord exposed. Please remember to pray for our parish community. God bless you! Please sign up on our parish app.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



WEEKLY MASS OFFERING

February 17 - 25, 2024

The Sanctuary Candle in Memory of
Vincent J. Dolce

Requested by: Jean Bozza

OUR COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Envelope Collection:	\$ 3,693.60
We Share Collection:	\$ 2,491.00
Parishsoft Giving:	\$ 1,626.00
Assessment:	\$ 242.75
Heritage:	\$ 227.00
Utilities:	\$ 190.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$ 230.00
Total:	\$ 8,700.35

Thank You for your continued generosity and support!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive a copy of your 2023 contribution statement, please send an email to: statements@spxot.org giving your name, envelope number, and whether you would like the statement mailed or sent via email; or you may contact the parish office. Statements will begin processing toward the end of January.

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this week's column, snow is falling heavily outside in near white-out conditions. Both the temperature and the semi-paved roads are keeping many indoors; the office is closed. So, I'm working quietly at the desk in my chapel at home. Occasionally, I look outside to marvel at the beauty of God's creation, even if I wish the snow were switched with sun. This tranquil day – the day before Ash Wednesday – is a reminder of what I, and perhaps we all, need to do this Lent: Embrace the stillness. Rest. Enter the silence. Marvel at God's creation. Wait for his whisper.

I've been wrestling this week with the question of, "Why?" Why do we celebrate Lent each year? Why do we need it? Why focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving? I'll dive a bit more into my own thoughts during the sermon on Sunday, but perhaps these are also questions you might want to ponder as we prepare to enter the desert. In Jesus' own words, "What are you looking for?" (John 1:38)

One thing I am "looking for" this Lent is continued spiritual growth for our entire community. The heart of any parish is the work it puts into faith formation. Often, we narrow that scope down to "religious education," but it's so much bigger than that. Each of us is on a journey with Jesus (as our vision statement reminds us). Each of us is called to seek, understand, and integrate the Gospel teachings into our daily lives, which is why we are offering a number of programs this Lent for "all generations."

At the same, however, Jesus demonstrated a particular concern for children. "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them," he says. "For the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). This is our top priority as a faith-based community – to hand on our faith to our children; to "make disciples" as our mission statement reminds us.

I want to thank all who joined us at Florentine Gardens for our Super Bowl party! Tom and Annie Daidone have always been generous hosts. I am delighted to announce that they have also decided to so generously give the proceeds, a grand total of \$15,000, from the event back to St. Pius X! Please join me in thanking them!

I'm excited to announce that Caroline Gizzi, our new Director of Faith Formation, will continue the good work Maria Charowsky has done for the last twenty years. Caroline brings a wealth of experience as an educator and a heart filled with love for Jesus. She will be responsible for implementing our new faith formation program for all students, which Maria helped to develop and pilot over this last year. Please join me in welcoming Caroline! If you'd like to reach out to her personally, or learn more about how you can get involved, please e-mail her at: faithformation@spxot.org.

Wishing you all a very blessed, fruitful Lent. May we enter the desert with Jesus as we learn more about ourselves and about our Lord. "Live in love, as Christ loved us and hand himself over for us." (Ephesians 5:2)

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore

BUILDING COMMUNITY



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED, ALWAYS!

St Pius has been supporting the Mother Teresa Soup Kitchen in Newark for decades. Every week trays of pasta are cooked and delivered to Newark to feed the hungry, the recent Sock Drive provided hundreds and hundreds of socks to warm the cold feet of the homeless, and recently, a group of high school parishioners served lunch to the men and women who were hungry at the kitchen. So many volunteers and generous parishioners make all this happen.

Recently, Sister Benedict, who leads Newark kitchen with many other incredibly dedicated sisters, is looking to provide a warm meal beyond the Soup Kitchen dining room. The intent is to directly serve meals to the community, to bring food to areas where the need is the greatest. To be able to carry out this mission, volunteers are requested to assist in handing out the food from the Soup Kitchen's van and/or to help package up the meals in individual containers. Volunteers are needed on Monday morning, monthly, and weekly to be determined. The time commitment would be from 8 to 11 am, give or take. The Kitchen itself is about 35 minutes away from SPX by means of major highways and parking is available and carpooling is certainly an option. It's not for everyone, yet a rewarding experience to feed the hungry where they live, to bring some joy to those in need.

If you are interested to join or have any questions, please contact Kathy Shields at outreach@spxot.org.

Come and see, come and join!

SPX KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY

Let all that you do be done in love. ~1Cor 16:18~

Interested in knitting or crocheting a baby hat or blanket to welcome our newest and smallest SPX



parishioners or newborns in an area hospital? Have you considered creating a warm, soft scarf for the homeless, or a shawl or afghan for the homebound but didn't know how to get started?

Whether you are new or experienced to these crafts, please come and join the group! We meet every *other* Friday at 10 am or 'work from home' in creating your yarn goods. The next few meeting are Feb 9, Feb 23, Mar 8 and Mar 22. Our first meeting was terrific, 12 participants, already! It was a wonderful opportunity to meet one another and to have a common goal of providing warm and cozy homemade yarn goods for the homeless, the hungry and the homebound. Please contact Kathy Shields at outreach@spxot.org if you are interested to join or have any questions.



Total: \$9,950

50% to St. Pius X \$4,975

First prize 25% Joyce D.: \$2,487.50

Second Prize 15% Bromley Naughton: \$1,492.50

Third Prize 10% John Schettino: \$995

Thank you for your continued support of this fundraiser.

Proceeds are used to offset parish expenses.

2024 Pocketbook Bingo!

SOLD OUT!

Friday, March 1, 2024 (Snow date March 8)

Call the Parish Office at 201-664-0913

to be put on a waiting list!

ARTALKS in St. Pius X Chapel

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.

Register to attend on our parish app!

SAFE ENVIROMENT CORNER

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at **201-407-3256**.

St. Pius X Faith Formation Families & Parish Community

In 2004 when I interviewed for the position of Director of Religious, I never thought it would become the central part of my life. I have worked with three very special Pastors, who have strengthened my faith in so many ways. Thank you, Fr. Pat Mulewski, for giving me the opportunity to lead the religious education programs and develop a much-appreciated Summer Program. Thank you, Fr. Marek Wysocki, for your confidence in me to further enhance our programs. Last but not least, I am grateful to Fr. Kevin Kilgore for appreciating my experience and valuing my input into developing a new vision for our Faith Formation programs. I am blessed to have been able to work so closely with these deeply spiritual priests.

Catechists and aides, thank you for so generously sharing your time and talents in our religious education programs. It has been a pleasure working with you throughout the years, planting the Seeds of Faith and the love for Jesus in the hearts and minds of our children. I especially thank those of you who have consistently taught the classes of all your children. That continuity, support and friendship has been a comfort that I greatly appreciate. Your faith, dedication, and cooperation has been such an integral part of the success of our religious education for the past 20 years. It is truly a team effort!

Parents, I am happy to have shared the faith development of your children with you. To have witnessed over a thousand young students receive the Eucharist for the very first time, then years later to have their foreheads be anointed by the Sacred Chrism on the day they receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

I never imagined that 20 years later I would be embodied in the St. Pius X Parish Community, not only through Religious Education but through the cherished friendships and relationships I have developed along the way. My heartfelt thanks to my Cornerstone sisters for helping me to strengthen and grow in my personal faith journey.

I am blessed to have the love and support of three wonderful daughters, five beautiful grandchildren, my amazing sister and some very special friends who are like family to me.

I thank you all who have welcomed me into your life, who have touched my life, and helped me to create memories that will live in my heart forever. I will continue to worship and be involved in the activities of the St. Pius X parish community!

Lastly I am blessed and grateful to have had the opportunity to work in a vocation that is centered around Jesus Christ, as it has kept my heart centered on Him.

GOD IS SO GOOD!

Sincerely in Christ,

Maria Charowsky

charowskymaria@gmail.com

MAKING DISCIPLES

SAINT PIUS X FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, February 18

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Focus Experience

Grades 1-8 I

Tuesday, February 20

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Focus Experience

Grades 1-8 I



Sunday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Grades 1-8 3rd Grade Liturgical Ministers

Grades 1-8 In-Class Instruction

Confirmation Preparation Class

Tuesday, March 5

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Grades 1-8 In-Class Instruction

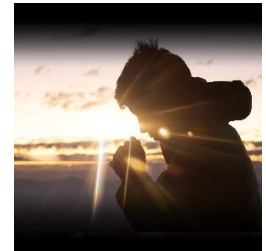


2024 SPX YOUTH MINISTRY

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Sunday, March 24, 2024

6:00 - 7:30 pm at St. Pius Church



FEELING STRESSED? *Want to Get on the Path to Inner Peace?*

- Explore new stress coping techniques to find inner serenity!
- Understand how stress impacts psychology and physiology and discover healthy ways to cope with it.
- Learn relaxation and meditations methods to reduce tension and anxiety!

Open to those in grades 9 - 12

Confirmation Candidates are especially invited to attend!!!!

Please sign up on our parish app!

2024 LENTEN EVENTS

Tuesday, February 20: Bible Study 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 21: ArTalks – Music Presentation, 7:00 pm, \$10 donation

Tuesday, February 27: Bible Study 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 5: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am – 1 pm

Tuesday, March 5: Bible Study 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 7: Deanery Reconciliation at St. Mary's 7:30 pm

Friday, March 8: Mother Cabrini Movie Opens – International Day for Women

Monday, March 11: Evening of Reflection on the Life of St. Frances Cabrini with Msgr. Paul Bocchicchio 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 12: First Eucharist Retreat 3:30 pm & Confirmation Retreat with Ray Boswell 6:30 pm

Tuesday March 12: Bible Study 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 14: Senior Luncheon for St. Patrick's Day 12:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19: Bible Study 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 20: Lenten Holy Hour – Guided Meditation with Anna Petrillo 7:30 pm

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 4:30 pm, 8:00 am, 10:00 am., @ 12:00 noon

Sunday, March 24: SPX Youth Group – Stress Management 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 26: Bible Study 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 28: Sung Morning Prayer 9:00 am Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Friday, March 29: Sung Morning Prayer 9:00 am Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 30: Sung Morning Prayer 9:00 am, Easter Vigil 8:15 pm*

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon

** Due to the time of sunset on Saturday, March 30, 2024, the Easter Vigil is not to begin before 8:15 pm at the earliest. No other Mass may be celebrated on Holy Saturday before the Easter Vigil is completed.*



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