

Church of Saint Pius X

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A Roman Catholic Faith Community • Founded in 1954 • Renovated 2013

Come home for Christmas

The Church of St. Pius X Welcomes You

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church;

No matter what your current family or marital situation;

No matter what your personal history, age, background, religious affiliation, race or color;

No matter what your lifestyle – past or present;

No matter what your own self-image or esteem;

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at the Church of St. Pius X.



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Daily Masses (Monday to Friday)

8:00 AM & 11:30 AM – In-Person & Livestream Mass
(Registration Not Required for In-Person)

Saturday

9:00 AM – In-Person & Livestream Mass
(Registration Not Required for In-Person)

Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00 PM – In-Person & Livestream Mass
(Registration Required for In-Person)

Sunday Mass

8:00AM – In-Person Only, no music

9:15 AM, 10:30 AM (Family Mass/Children's Homily) & 12noon
In-Person & Livestream Mass
(Registration Required for In-Person)

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION (OUTDOOR)

Saturdays at 6:15PM & Sundays at 1:15PM
(Under the glass canopy)

Your health and safety are our first priority so even though in-person Sunday Masses are resuming, His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan continues to dispense you from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass. If you are at greater risk of COVID-19 or simply do not feel comfortable attending Mass in person at this time, you do not need to attend Mass in person.

Adoration: Temporarily cancelled

Reconciliation: By appointment only

Reverend Francisco Sebastian Bacatan, Jr., Ph.D., A.M.
Pastor

Reverend Raymond Vijandre, A.M.
Parochial Vicar

Salesians of Don Bosco of New Rochelle
Weekend Associate

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Theodore Gaskin

Trustees: Christopher Saenger and Nicholas Brusco

December 13, 2020

December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00 Marie & Francis Wagner, *by the Wagner Estate*
5:00 Mary I. & John A. Murray, *by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Murray*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 Peter Gagliardi, *by Ralph Maccarino*
9:15 Frank & Rose Angiolillo, *by Chrissy Cervoni*
10:30 Mary I. & John A. Murray, *by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Murray*
12:00 Joan Pratt, *by Marina Cardillo Pratt & family*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 – St. John of the Cross

8:00 Irene Castellano & Justo Castellano,
by Yolanda Ranin Redencion Castellano
11:30 Santa Lucia, *by Berenice Pampa*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 Irene Jimenez Castellano, Manuel & Vedasta
Castellano, *by Yolanda Ranin Redencion Castellano*
11:30 Felipe Dollaga & Simon Catabay Dollaga,
by Yolanda Ranin Redencion Castellano

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 Lourdes B. Tinio, *by Lucy & Marilyn Tinio*
11:30 Dominick, Joseph, Michael, Harry, & Benito
Pietrangolare, *by Anne Pietrangolare*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8:00 Lorraine Scarola & Hildegard M. Keane,
by John Scarola and the Keane family
11:30 Tony Palumbo, *by Cheryl Weiner*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 Elisa Campanile, *by the Campanile Estate*
11:30 Stephen J. McCabe, *by Terry Cerni*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

9:00 Frederic Powers, *by Virginia Powers*
5:00 George & Charlotte Perrotta, *by Peter & Patti Gordon*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 Joseph Pope, *by the Pope Family*
9:15 Peter Cervoni, *by Chrissy Cervoni*
10:30 Doris & Edward Lastella, *by Janet Lastella*
12:00 Gedeon Pil, *by Anton Pil & Christi Davidson*

Parish Stewardship

God bless you warmly & often for your support!

If you do not attend Mass in-person, please mail in your weekly envelopes to the rectory, or consider signing up for online donations with WeShare.

October 2020: \$42,533.76 (\$15,747.00 from WeShare)

September 2020: \$36,424.56 (\$17,612 from WeShare)

August 2020: \$28,459.47 (\$14,952 from WeShare)

July 2020: \$39,671 (\$16,747 from WeShare)

We Share Active participants (May – October 2020):

May: 96 June: 85 Aug.: 86 Sept.: 87 Oct.: 88

888 Registered in the Parish, 731 Families receiving envelopes, 87 active givers using WeShare.

Ways you can give:

1. Use weekly envelopes for your donations.
(please mail in, if possible during Mass suspensions.)
2. WeShare is an automated means to support our parish through monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit/debit card account.
Visit <https://saintpiusxchurch.churchgiving.com/>.
3. Please remember the church in your estate planning by including Church of St. Pius X in your will.

Make a bigger impact by donating long-term appreciated securities, including stock, bonds, and mutual funds, directly to the Church of St. Pius X. Compared with donating cash, or selling your appreciated securities and contributing the after-tax proceeds, you may be able to automatically increase your gift and your tax deduction. To participate, contact Elizabeth, our parish secretary, at (914) 725-2755.

Second Collection: The Collection for Retired Religious.

All of us are able to recall and give thanks to the Lord for the thousands of retired Catholic sisters and brothers whose hard work, prayer, and personal sacrifices helped build and sustain our schools, hospitals, and charitable agencies. The annual archdiocesan collection is for those sisters and brothers who are now in their senior years. This special collection affords us an opportunity to offer them support by helping to provide for their needs.

Reserving Announced Masses for 2020-21

To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, please contact the parish office at (914) 725-2755.

A Mass offering is \$20. The Mass book is also available for 2021 intentions.



December 13 – 19, 2020

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent
St. Lucy
Monday: St. John of the Cross

Saint Lucy (283 – 304), December 13

Every little girl named Lucy must bite her tongue in disappointment when she first tries to find out what there is to know about her patron saint. The older books will have a lengthy paragraph detailing a small number of traditions. Newer books will have a lengthy paragraph showing that there is little basis in history for these traditions. The single fact survives that a disappointed suitor accused Lucy of being a Christian and she was executed in Syracuse (Sicily) in the year 304. But it is also true that her name is mentioned in the First Eucharistic Prayer, geographical places are named after her, a popular song has her name as its title, and down through the centuries many thousands of little girls have been proud of the name Lucy.

One can easily imagine what a young Christian woman had to contend with in pagan Sicily in the year 300. If you have trouble imagining, just glance at today's pleasure-at-all-costs world ...

Her friends must have wondered aloud about this hero of Lucy's, an obscure itinerant preacher in a far-off captive nation that had been destroyed more than 200 years before. Once a carpenter, he had been crucified by the Roman soldiers after his own people turned him over to the Roman authorities. Lucy believed with her whole soul that this man had risen from the dead. Heaven had put a stamp on all he said and did. To give witness to her faith she had made a vow of virginity.

What a hubbub this caused among her pagan friends! The kindlier ones just thought her a little strange. To be pure before marriage was an ancient Roman ideal, rarely found but not to be condemned. To exclude marriage altogether, however, was too much ...

Lucy knew of the heroism of earlier virgin martyrs. She remained faithful to their example and to the example of the carpenter, whom she knew to be the Son of God. She is the patroness of eyesight.

Ref: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-lucy/>



Church of Saint Pius X 2020 Advent & Christmas Schedule

December 6, 2020 — Second Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2020, Friday

Christmas caroling and tree lighting outdoors, 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 12, 2020, Saturday

Santa event outdoors, 10:00 am

December 13, 2020 — Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday

St. Patrick's Nursing Home Wish List ends

December 20, 2020 — Fourth Sunday of Advent

Last day of Angel Giving Tree

Pre-recorded Children's Christmas Pageant on Zoom, 6:30pm

December 21, 2020 — Advent Reconciliation Monday (Confession)*

4:00 pm—8:00 pm (Main Church)

December 24, 2020, Thursday

10:00 am—11:00 am Reconciliation (Confession)* (Main Church)

*For your safety and the safety of others, confessions will take place on the main altar with a clear plexiglass screen separating the priest and penitent and you will be required to wear a face mask covering your mouth and nose. You also will need to sanitize your seat prior to and after your confession.

December 24, 2020, Thursday — Christmas Eve Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

12:30 pm, 2:00 pm & 3:30 pm (Family Masses — Homily for Children),
5:00 pm & 6:30 pm Masses, 10:00 pm Mass for Midnight

December 25, 2020, Friday — Christmas Day Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am, 10:30 am (not a Family Mass) and 12:00 noon Masses

December 26, 2020, Saturday

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, (NOTE: No 9:00 am Saturday Mass. Parish Office closed.)

December 27, 2020, Sunday

8 am, 9:15 am, 10:30 am and 12 noon Masses

December 31, 2020, Thursday — New Year's Eve Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

January 1, 2020, Friday — New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

11:30 am Mass

January 2, 2020, Saturday

5:00 pm Vigil Mass, (NOTE: No 9:00 am Saturday Mass. Parish Office closed.)

Please note that due to Covid19 regulations, **ADVANCE REGISTRATION** for all in-person Christmas and Sunday Masses is required. We can accommodate only 50-60 people per Mass. Once your reservation is confirmed, please arrive at least 15 minutes before Mass to allow time to be seated safely while social distancing. We may not be able to honor reservations for late arrivals.

Persons without reservations may not be seated if the capacity recommended by NYS and the ADNY has been reached. In this event, we suggest that you view Mass via livestream at home or in your car or return for the next Mass to see if you can be accommodated. Please call the Parish Office at 914-725-2755 or click on the link below to register:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BA4AB2DABFC1-church4>

All persons attending Mass in person will be required to wear a face mask that covers their mouth and nose at all times (other than to consume the host), sanitize their hands upon entering the building and maintain six-foot distance from any person not in their own household (other than to receive communion).

ST. PIUS X GUIDELINES TO SAFELY ATTEND MASS

As Pope Francis wrote in his recent New York Times editorial: "To come out of this crisis better, we have to recover the knowledge that as a people we have a shared destination. The pandemic has reminded us that no one is saved alone."

Given the surge of COVID-19 throughout the area, and in the attempt to keep safe in Church, the following guidelines must be followed by everyone visiting St. Pius X Church:

- Wear masks, covering nose and mouth, at all times while at Church
- Keep 6 feet distance and avoid gathering
- Sanitize your hands when entering the Church
- Do not attend Mass if in the last 14 days:
 - you have had any of the following symptoms: fever above 99.9°, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, any other signs of illness
 - you have tested positive for COVID-19
 - you have been in close contact with someone with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case
- If you have arrived from another state or from another country, you must comply with the current NYS Covid-19 regulations regarding quarantine and testing
- In order to enforce CDC and State social distancing rules our capacity at the Church is limited. Due to the need to maintain a list of persons attending Mass in the event contact tracing becomes necessary, you are required to register for a specific Mass, on weekends and holidays, through the SignUp Genius link provided in the email announcements and bulletin, or by calling the parish office at 914-725-2755. (Walk-ins may only register at the door if space is available for a specific Mass.)

Below is our SignUp Genius Link for Masses:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084BA4AB2DABFC1-mass>

- For weekend and holiday Masses, you will be assigned a seat by a greeter. You must sit in the specific assigned seat. You cannot change your sitting location. We keep a record of names and seats, in case tracing becomes necessary
- You are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes before Mass begins. Seats and Mass attendance are guaranteed to those who have registered **ONLY UNTIL 5 MINUTES PRIOR** to the beginning of the celebration. Your seat may be given to a walk-in (who registers at the door). In this case you may not be allowed to attend Mass if the seating capacity is reached. Unfortunately, it will be necessary to prevent entrance (doors will be locked) when Mass begins and full capacity is reached.
- If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 in the subsequent 7 days after attending mass, please notify us by calling the parish office at 914-725-2755. Strict confidentiality will be maintained.
- If we receive a report that someone who has attended a Mass at the Parish was subsequently diagnosed with COVID-19, we will:
 - notify all who had signed up to attend the Mass where the exposure might have occurred, and all Masses after that during the same day, by phone and/or email and/or our website
 - conduct a thorough, deep, cleaning and disinfecting of the church in accordance with cleaning guidance provided by the CDC guidelines

If you wish to register family and friends to attend Mass with you during the Christmas season, please be sure to share this important information with them.

If they cannot comply with this, we ask you not to attend mass at this time. We look forward to celebrating together again when it is safe to do

These may seem like strict rules to implement but we need to try to keep the St. Pius X Church community safe. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation until the COVID-19 pandemic is no longer a threat.

TIPS FOR VIEWING MASS ON STREAMING

Ahead of time:

- Set up your connections for an online St. Pius X Mass.
- Consider setting up chairs for your "pews."
- Get dressed up as if you were going to Mass.
- Place holy water out for your family to use before Mass.
- Mark the readings in your Bibles to follow along.
- Offer up your Mass for your family's intentions and for the needs of the world.

As Mass begins:

- Light a candle, a reminder of Jesus, the Light of the World.
- Participate by singing, saying the responses, standing, sitting, and kneeling as if you were in a church.
- Pray a spiritual Communion during the Eucharist. (right)
- Serve donuts or some special treat after Mass.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Your support to our ministries is still needed!

Support our church today using your debit or credit card or checking or savings account.

- 1 Visit our church website and click **Give Online**.
- 2 Set up your account.
- 3 Choose a payment option and customize your donation.



Contact our Customer Support Team at weshare@4ipi.com

Recent Events at the Church of St. Pius X

Christmas Cookie Exchange!

Delicious treats shared between friends. Thanks to all who participated!



TAXES AND GIVING AT CHRISTMAS AND YEAR'S END

Did you know that “charitable giving” is one of only a few tax provisions that was not greatly impacted by recent federal tax legislation? Many people enjoy using Christmas and year’s end as a special time to give to their favorite Catholic institutions and also positively impact their federal and state income taxes. Christmas and year end giving provides many advantages to you, the donor.

All gifts made on or before December 31 are tax deductible for the tax year in which your gift is made.

The knowledge that your gift is assisting a favorite Catholic institution and advancing the mission of the Catholic Church here on earth, celebrates the joy of Christmas by giving in the true spirit of the season. It is a last reminder to make that special gift or increased gift that you’ve wanted to make during the year.



If you are an itemizer, your gift will lessen your tax liability for the tax year in which your gift is made. If you are not an itemizer, your Christmas gift may be just the right decision to allow you to itemize and lower your tax bill (check with your tax advisor).

A “Carry Over Deduction,” depending on your age, income and the size of your gift, may enable you to “carry over” your charitable gift tax deduction to subsequent years.

For questions of specific nature, please contact your accountant, attorney or other financial professional.

Most importantly, make a return to God of your blessings at Christmas and assist our Catholic institution reach its spiritual and programmatic goals: serving God’s people and His Church here on earth.



To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven, A time to be healed ... Please remember to pray for:

Paul Angiolillo	Fionn Foley (toddler)	Daniel McEvily	John Rossitto
Manolita Antoja	Kenneth Frawley III	Anne Mendoza	Rose Marie Rossitto
Milka Ashley	Anna Fusita	Dominic Merlucci (toddler)	Olivia San Antonio
Robert Ashley	Frank Gagne	Lauren & Bill Meyer & family	Roderic Salazar
Elisa Alcontin Atienza	Jeffrey Gaskin	William Meyer	Laurie Sattin
Francisco B. Barbin	Romel Gatinao	Restie Miranda	Samantha Schlein
Lucy Barone	Jon Ghiozzi	Christopher Moger	Lois Schmidt
Dr. Chris Belardi	Robert Golan	Fidel Ordon	Wendy Sgobbo
John Burnett	Weda Gresset	Maria Mercedes Pabon	Jay-John Soliongco
Mary Cantalice	Siony Guinto	Estelito Pataksil	Marianne Stineman
Baby Antonia Carpentieri	James Hunter	Romeo Patricio	Len & Marie Tallevi
Anne Marie Cassarini	Minda Imperial	Sr. Teresita Perez, MM	Nida Flor Tamidles
Helen Centorrino	Baby Sloane Ava Jordan	Frank Perri	Santi Basil Arthur Tamidles, Jr.
Shire Chafkin	Kevin Krazit	Douglas Pick	Pedro Tassari
Gerard Conklin	Alfonso Latorre	Florence Antoja Plantilla	Gabriel Torrecampo
Joan Coviello	Mary Jantzen Lopez-Lardizabal	Craig Plunkett	Helena A. Trinidad
Iena Custodio	Bernabe Luna	Jocelyn Quindagan	Jennie Wagner
Jeannette Davis	Joan O'Grady	Vincent Raffaele	Brad Widulski
Christina Del Pin	Teddy Mancini	Anne Reichling	Bernadette Windsor
Felisa Diomaro-Agerskov	Mary Love Mapa	Joel Rivera	Nanette Windsor
Mark Driscoll	Sarah Marolda	Susan Rosenhan	Baby Gabriel Wolpert
Lorraine Eaione	Susanita Mariano	Elizabeth Ross	
Gil Fisher	William McCue		

To add a name please contact (914) 725-2755 or stpiusbulletin@aol.com. Please confirm person consents to having their name published.



In the charity of your prayers please remember the souls of our faithfully departed.

Lauren Powers

Ralph Belotti

(long time parishioner)

Nicoletta Naclerio

(mother of Al Naclerio)

Angelina Monforte

(long time parishioner)

May they enjoy a place of light, happiness and peace.



December 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 RE ONLINE CLASSES	2 RE ONLINE CLASSES Musical Chair Yoga, 2:00pm (Zoom)	3 RE ONLINE CLASSES Bible Study, 7-8pm (Zoom)	4	5
St. Patrick's Nursing Home wish list until December 13						
Angel Tree Collecton until December 20						
6 RE KDG 	7 RE ONLINE CLASSES Christmas Cookie Drop-off, 9am-5pm St. John Bosco Adopt-A-Family Gift Cards deadline.	8 RE ONLINE CLASSES Christmas Cookie Drop-off, 9am-5pm Immaculate Conception, Mass 7:30pm	9 RE ONLINE CLASSES Musical Chair Yoga, 2:00pm (Zoom)	10 RE ONLINE CLASSES Bible Study, 7-8pm (Zoom)	11 Christmas Caroling and Tree Lighting Outdoors, 7pm	12 Santa event, 10am Christmas Cookie Pickup, 9am-5pm Good Counsel Drop-off, Gr. 7&8, 12pm
13 RE KDG 	14 RE ONLINE CLASSES	15 RE ONLINE CLASSES	16 RE ONLINE CLASSES Musical Chair Yoga, 2:00pm (Zoom)	17 RE ONLINE CLASSES Bible Study, 7-8pm (Zoom)	18	19
20 NO RE KDG Sacred Heart of Jesus & Sisters of Life Adopt-A-Family Drop-off, 10am – 12 noon	21 NO RE Advent Reconciliation Monday, 4-8pm	22 NO RE	23 NO RE Musical Chair Yoga, 2:00pm (Zoom)	24 Christmas Eve Reconciliation, 10-11am Masses: 12:30 pm, 2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm, 6:30pm, & 10pm Mass for Midnight	25 Christmas Day Masses: 9am, 10:30am (not a Family Mass), & 12noon	26 No 9am Mass
27 NO RE KDG Regular Sunday Mass Schedule	28 NO RE	29 NO RE	30 NO RE	31 NO RE New Year's Eve Solemnity of Mary, 4pm Vigil Mass		

Pre-recorded Children's Christmas Pageant on Zoom, 12/20 at 6:30pm.

Parish Announcements



Thank you for the Ornaments on the Outdoor Christmas Tree!

Special thanks to the Prato family for donating money towards purchasing the

Outdoor Christmas Tree, and to all those who purchased ornaments to decorate our tree:

Thomas McEvily	Beth Schettino
Emily Hira	Dolores & John Brett
Marina Cardillo	Pauline O'Hanlon
Heather Kolb	Jamie and Karen Bellas
Crystal Trani	Marie Venezia
Beth Dell'Orto	Luisa Fortino-Pompa
Maria Dhingra	Kathy Cripps
Kathy Cosgrove	Marie and Frank Scinicariello
Jennifer Dragone	Melissa Sy
Susanne Vasquez	Kerry Tumino
Pamela Mo	Helen Centorinno
Maria Bediako	The Callaghan Family
Tim Foley	Cynthia Kahn
Ann Lefever	Ana Marmann
Carrie Parker	Christie Davidson
Marie & Leonard Tallevi	Anna Paternoster
Gabrielle Jathas	Maria Moats
Marissa Riotto	Alessandra Naves
Pamela Rizk	Eileen Donovan
Maria Pick	Ivan Pooran
Mary T. Ingriselli	Michael White
Myra Lelis	Louise Ciffone
Mark Fitzsimmons	Rosalinda Medalla
Joanne Sciortino	Amber Medalla
Lianella Patpatia	The Bohlin Family
Susan and Al Naclerio	

Dear Padre

December 13, 2020

Who was John the Baptist?

What we know about John the Baptist comes from a combination of Scripture and Church traditions that evolved during and after the writing of the Scriptures of the New Testament.

John's parents were Zechariah, who was a priest in the Jerusalem Temple, and Elizabeth, who was related to Mary. The angel Gabriel told Zechariah that his wife would bear a son, even though she was quite old. It is believed that John was born in the region of Ain Karim, southwest of Jerusalem. When he was in his early twenties, he was a member of the Qumran community, and later was a hermit in the desert. John began his public ministry in his late twenties in the Jordan River Valley. His preaching followed the long line of Jewish prophets who preached against the evils of the day and demanded inner repentance and outer baptism as a sign of that repentance.

John continued his preaching in the Jordan Valley even after encountering Jesus. Eventually John was arrested by Herod Antipas and imprisoned at Machaerus Fortress by the Dead Sea. He was beheaded at the request of Salome, the daughter of Herodias, and buried at Sebaste, in Samaria. After John's death, many of his disciples followed Jesus, including Andrew and John.

John, whose name means "God is gracious," is usually represented in pictures holding a long slender cross with a small lamb partially hidden behind him.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

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Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to remember a loved one at our Christmas Altar with a poinsettia plant, please complete the form available in the Narthex and return it to the Rectory or drop it in the collection basket along with a check made payable to the Church of St. Pius X. The cost is \$20 per plant. (please PRINT LEGIBLY on the form) Thank you!

In Memory of: _____
(please print legibly)

Donated by: _____ Amount: _____

Ministry Service

ONGOING FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION



The outpouring of food donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive was tremendous! However, the working poor struggle to put food on their tables ALL YEAR LONG. Please continue to bring in canned or packaged foods and put them in the Food Pantry closet in the Narthex when you attend Mass or happen to be in the neighborhood. Your donations go a long way to help food challenged families throughout the year, especially during this pandemic when the need is greater than ever.

THANK YOU! ♥



Angel Giving Tree

We invite our Parish's children, and their families, to purchase new gifts (no violent toys or games) for less fortunate children. This year we have several options for donating:

1. Place the gifts under the "Angel tree" and hang an "Angel" on the tree. Wrap the gifts up, mark them with GIRL or BOY, and the appropriate age of the child (between 2 and 12 years old). Because of COVID-19 we will not be asking children to come to the altar during mass to bring up gifts –we will instead set up two trees in the Narthex as Angel trees. As children and families come in, they can leave their gifts under a tree and hang an Angel ornament. We will not set up an Angel tree inside the church this year.
2. Purchase your gifts online and mail it to us. Please send them to Marina Cardillo, 26 Jefferson road, Scarsdale NY 10583. Please specify Angel tree in the "gift" option. We will wrap the gifts up and hang an Angel for you!
3. Make a monetary donation. Make a check to St Pius X and send it to St Pius X, 91 Secor road, Scarsdale, NY 10583, with the memo line stating Angel tree. Or VENMO to @SaintPiusX-Parish Council (specify Angel tree). We will purchase the toys for you, wrap them up and hang an Angel on the tree!

Any questions, please contact Marina at mammadoc@gmail.com.

The Angel tree will be available until December 20.

Adopt-A-Family Ministries

Thank you to all who participated in our Adopt-A-Family Christmas Ministry!

All families have been adopted!

As a reminder, deadlines for delivery are as follows:

- **Adopt a Family ministry for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and Sisters of Life**
Deliver gifts to St. Pius X on Sunday, December 20th, between 10 AM and Noon.
- **Good Counsel Homes Ministry**
7th & 8th grade students to drop off items on Saturday, December 12th at 12:00 pm in the church lobby.



St. Patrick's Nursing Home Collection

Last chance to give to our annual Collection of new, unwrapped Christmas gifts for St. Patrick's nursing home in the Bronx. **THE COLLECTION ENDS THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.** A closet will be designated in the Narthex or you may mail items to:

St. Patrick's Nursing Home, Attention: Janet Kibassa
66 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, NY 10463

If you send a gift card, please sign your name if you wish, but also include Saint Pius X Church.

Suggestions: Clothing: Sweaters, hats, scarves, closed back slippers, T-shirts, sweatshirts, socks, knee-high stockings, etc. Men's and Women's sizes M – XXL.
Recreation supplies: Crayons, washable marker, pencils, pens, construction paper, coloring books, crossword puzzle books, and word search books etc.
Miscellaneous suggestions: US postage stamps, lined writing paper, tissues, candies, pretzels, chips, playing cards, lipstick, dusting powder, nail polish, pocketbooks, wallets, Jewelry, combs, brushes, shampoo, conditioner, cologne, aftershave lotion, keychains, picture frames, etc. Gift boxes, gift bags, wrapping paper etc. are also appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued generosity. This pandemic has affected the elderly disproportionately and we know this will cheer them up greatly.

For questions please call Beth Rosen 914-725-4471.

Religious Education

IMPORTANT DATES:

12/14	Last Day for 5th and 6th Grades
12/15	Last Day for 1st and 2nd Grades
12/16	Last Day for 7th and 8th Grades
12/17	Last Day for 3rd and 4th Grades

RE Classes will resume the week of January 10th, 2021

St. Pius X Continuing Adult Faith Formation Bible Study Series Presents: "The Major Prophets"



Fully Online! Enjoy the study of God's Word in the comfort of your own home! **Thursday Evenings from 7:00–8:00pm.** Have your Bible handy.
(No class on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and New Year's Eve)

Topic: The Major Prophets

Time: Every week on Thursday, until February 18, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84561421151?pwd=cW5GaWR2QVFGa29PRXMrTStSbzZzQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 6142 1151

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About this Adult Faith Formation Session:

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Church of Saint Pius X Parish Information

Saint Pius X Parish is under the pastoral care of the Religious Institute of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9 am – 4:00 pm
Friday – Closed (By appointment Only)

The Sacraments

Baptism:

Arrangements made by both parents with a priest or deacon.

Reconciliation - Penance

Saturday 4:00 to 4:30 PM or anytime upon request.

Holy Matrimony:

Arrangements should be made with a priest or a deacon at least six months prior to the wedding. Couples must attend Pre-Cana and Engagement Conferences.

The Eucharist & Anointing of the Sick:

For serious illness or when someone is scheduled for hospitalization, please call the Rectory at (914) 725-2755.

Communion Calls:

We are happy to bring the Eucharist to those unable to come to the Church.

Confirmation:

Baptized Catholics who have not received Confirmation should contact a member of the pastoral staff.

Holy Orders:

The pastoral staff is always ready to discuss the prospect of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Religious Education for Students

Monday, Gr.5: 3–4pm, Gr.6: 4–5pm
Tuesday, Gr.1: 3–4pm, Gr.2: 4–pm
Wednesday, Gr.7: 3–4pm, Gr.8: 4–5pm
Thursday, Gr.3: 3–4pm, Gr.4: 4–5pm
Sunday, Kindergarten: 9:30–10:15am

Religious Education for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is intended to address both the un-baptized who are seeking baptism as well as Christians from other traditions who desire to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. Please call (914) 725-2755.

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- Marina Cardillo Pratt, President
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