

St. Pius X Church

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1, 2012

Today's Scripture

Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21: 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 this 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. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them.

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Scripture – January 8th – Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

PRAYERS

Please pray for the sick: Ray Bevans, Anna Springer, Debbie Townson, Regan Keller, Michael Saffron, Thea Osborne, Patricia Maguire, Frank Tracey, Walter Truskowski, Walter Roth, Roland Sturm, John Diem, Clifford Jackson, Douglas & Mary Frances Elgin

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
James Hopkins O'Brien

Rosary every Tuesday at 7:30PM in the Convent Chapel.

Anointing of the Sick every Sunday after 11:15AM Mass.



A Prayer for the New Year

Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.
Amen.

Uscsb.org/prayerfornewyear.cfm

2011-2012 SAVE THE DATE

January 2	Parish Offices Closed
January 11 th 18 th & Feb. 1 st	Gifts and Ministry Series
January 13	Family Movie Night
January 21	High School Ski Trip
January 27-28	Confirmation Retreat
January 29	Volunteer Appreciation Day
January 30-Feb. 3	Catholic Schools Week

Mary, Joseph & Jesus have Arrived

After about a year in design and carving, our statues have arrived and are now installed in the front niches of our church. Initial reactions: *"Love, love, love the statues."* *"Worth the wait."* *"They are absolutely beautiful."*

The artisans of Don Bosco in Peru did magnificent work and we are extremely pleased that the statues arrived as a "Christmas present" to our parishioners. The carving is outstanding and each statue has been personalized to reflect something significant in our state of Maryland and with our Church. Mary's bouquet is the state flower – the black-eyed Susan. The lining of Joseph's cloak is decorated with Calvert crosses. This is the heraldic banner of George Calvert, 1st Baron Baltimore and is the cross featured on the Maryland flag.

The base of each statue echoes the mosaic inlay of our chapel altar. On the front-side of the altar is BVM (Blessed Virgin Mary) and the back, SJ (St. Joseph) and these designs are replicated on the base of each figure.

Fr. Sam blessed our statues on December 10th and as we honor the birth of the Christ Child we reflect on the sacred importance of Mary and Joseph in salvation history.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 3:30 Confessions; 4:30 Mass
Sunday Masses: 8, 9:30, 11:15AM & 5:30PM
Confessions & Masses in the Church

Week-day Mass: 7:00 AM

Monday-Wednesday-Friday-Memorial Chapel

Communion Prayer Service: 7:00 AM

Tuesday & Thursday – Memorial Chapel

A letter from...

Pinky Howard,
Director of Adult & Family Ministry

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel, in one very short phrase says, "... he was named Jesus, ...". His name tells us the life mission of this newborn infant lying in the manger. Jesus is a shortened form of the Hebrew word meaning "Yahweh saves". Before he was even born, the angel of God had told Mary that this was to be his name and thus his mission was to save all by bringing them to God.

Just before the Gospel, in the Epistle, we hear "God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, ...". God sent the Spirit that we might continue the mission of Jesus the Christ. Before we were born until this very moment, God continues to speak to us through every moment and experience of our lives. We do not need to look outside of ourselves to know what our mission is. We need to look, with God, within ourselves for the answers. As we do, we will find that we have been given, just as Jesus was, Spiritual Gifts, to enable us to become the people that God calls us to be ... to fulfill the mission that God has given us ... to bring others to God.

We don't often speak about our Spiritual Gifts as a way to come to know what it is that God wants of us. Yet Scripture tells us that is exactly what we should be considering. First Corinthians 12:27 says, "Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it." Then it goes on to describe all different types of gifts such as healing, administration, and teaching. There are many other places in Scripture which also describe the Spiritual Gifts that God has given us to help us to bring others to God.

Today's readings are about the beginning of Jesus the Christ bringing people to God. However, they are not meant to stop there. What we see in these readings is meant to continue through us. Starting on January 11, we will be having a three session program that will allow each of us to take a look at our own Spiritual Gifts (see advertisement in the bulletin). In this way, we will have the opportunity to know more clearly how we may fulfill the mission that God has given to each of us.

We pray that God will bless us in our endeavor and give us the wisdom to know how to live lives that give him glory and praise.

May God fill your day with much joy.

Pinky
Director of Adult and Family Ministry



Adult & Family Ministry

Pinky Howard – Director

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Baptism Preparation January – February 2012

A Baptismal Preparation session is required before a baptism can be scheduled. All Preparation Sessions are from **7:30-10:00pm** in the St. Lucy Room of the Parish Offices.

Preparation Sessions for 2012 are:

Jan. 4, March 7, May 2, July 5, Sept. 5 & Nov. 7th.

Please contact Pinky Howard to register: 410-427-7518, phoward@stpius10.org.

After completing a preparation session, contact Pinky Howard -410-427-7518 or phoward@stpius10.org to schedule the baptism.

The following **Group Baptism** dates are available:

January, 2012		February, 2012	
Saturday	Sunday		
	1	4	5
7	8 12:45pm Group Baptism	11	12 12:45pm Group Baptism
14	15	18	19
21	22 12:45pm Group Baptism	25	26 12:45pm Group Baptism
28	29		

REMINDER...

*Just a small note to let you know that our CARNIVAL next year will be on
May 18, 19, & 20, 2012*

Mark your calendar now and plan to join your friends and fellow parishioners for a weekend of great food, games, music and more and definitely lots of fun – you may even be the one to dunk Mark, the director of youth ministry! How cool would that be?

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 13-15, 2012, call 301-468-6764 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. If you would like to receive information in the mail, email to TomnCarol@comcast.net.

Theological Dialogues with... Fr. Sam Lupico

The next Theological Dialogue with Fr. Sam will be on **Monday, January 9, 2012**, at 7:30PM in the St Lucy Room in the parish offices.

Important Note:

If Baltimore County schools are closed or open late due to inclement weather, there will be NO morning week-day Mass or Communion Prayer Service.

OUR DAILY BREAD...

Wednesday, January 4th is St Pius X's day to deliver and serve Our Daily Bread. Please deliver your frozen casserole(s) to 604 Windwood Road before 9AM. If the weather is bad please hold your casserole(s) until February. If you have any questions please call Carol Wallace, 410-377-4084. The recipe used by St. Pius X volunteers is on the Social Ministry Action page in this bulletin.



Mark Parchment- Director – Office of Youth Ministry
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If you would like to receive updates on all that is going on in Youth Ministry, including all necessary forms and information, please just email me to get on the distribution list.

Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Tree Sales!
We sold out almost a week early! THANK YOU!

High School Students:

A Calendar of Events for High School students is available in the vestibule and the Parish Offices. Come out and join us for service outings, trips and Youth Group. Permission slips and flyers can be found in the Church entrances. Contact me for any additional info.

Upcoming Activities:

Sat., January 7th – Service trip to the Jenkins Senior Living Center. We'll be hosting a New Years celebration with the residents. Join us from 2:30-5:30 for some fun and an opportunity to do some good!

Middle School Students:

Flyers and permission slips will be available in the church entrances, please contact me for any details or other information.

Upcoming Events:

Wed. January 4th – Youth Night in the School gym from 5:30-7. Join any time from 5:30-6:30 for pizza, games and basketball, with a discussion and reflection to wrap things up at 7:00. Come join!

Sat., January 7th – Service Trip to Jenkins Senior Living Center. See above.

Confirmation

Sun., January 15th – Confirmation Classes pick back up

Next Confirmation Class Night:

Sunday - January 15, 2012

7:00-8:15PM

St. Lucy Room, St. John Room & Dining Room

January 27th – 28th – Retreat to Msgr. O'Dwyer House

Service

Come out as a family, or by yourself, to join in service and do some good while having fun in fellowship. All ages are welcome! Next trip:

Sat., January 7th – Jenkins Senior Center New Years celebration with snacks, bingo and dancing

Religious Ed

No classes until January 15th

Family Movie Nights

Next Family Movie Night (all take place in Genesis Hall at 7:00 pm):

Fri., January 13th – TBD

Boys & Girls

In-House Basketball Program...

Boys & Girls who are in 1st & 2nd Grade and are Parishioners are encouraged to join our In-House Basketball Program at the St. Pius X School Gym on Saturdays starting Jan. 7-Feb. 20th, 2012. The Boys Program is from 12:30 - 1:30pm and the Girls follow from 1:30 -2:30pm. The cost is \$30 per child and includes Youth Basketball Sportswear item.

Here is your direct link for registration:

http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1998826
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Pre-registration on-line & walk-in registration are both avail. on the first day of clinic Jan. 7th, 2012.

Parent volunteers are needed to assist with the program!

For more information contact Mary Pat Fitzgerald by

email: mfitzgerald@cbmove.com.



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Save the Date...

January 3, 2012 – School Reopens
January 9, 2012 – 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee Meeting, 7pm, Genesis Hall
January 16 – SPX School closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 18 – Pack-A-Lunch
January 18-20 – Middle School Exams
January 29 - Catholic Schools Week Mass, 9:30am
January 29 – February 3 – Catholic Schools Week

School News

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone has enjoyed a happy and healthy Christmas break. We look forward to seeing all students and faculty in school on Tuesday, January 3. We will begin the year at our regularly scheduled 8:15am Mass. We will be celebrating the Epiphany and everyone is invited to come and celebrate with us.

On Tuesday, December 20, the following students received a **Character Education Award** for exemplifying the trait of **Integrity**: Derrick Coates, Emma Smith, Joey Clark, Beth Cook, Jessica Crist, Katrina Villaneuva, Terence Hare, Aura Rodriguez, Ryan Kelly, Rachel Johnson, Charlie Keehan, Niles Hall, Ethan D'Souza, Christopher Douglas, Frankie Andrews, Mavis Murdock, Sarah Sandison, and Kristian Hill.

Mrs. Franks' and Mrs. Kelley's Kindergarten had a wonderful Christmas Show on Wednesday, December 21. The students have been practicing all month to prepare for the show. They reenacted the night of Jesus' birth. Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, Kings and of course baby Jesus were all represented by the students and Christmas carols were sung, including Silent Night, Away in a Manger, and We Three Kings. The show concluded with a fun rendition of "Must be Santa Claus!" Thank you Kindergarten students for a job well done!

The **eight grade class** was treated to a visit from Santa Claus on Wednesday before school let out for Christmas break. He brought each student a small gift and wished them each a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Archbishop Curley High School is pleased to announce the following St. Pius X School Alumni who have received honors for the first quarter of the 2011-2012 academic year:

Paul Gerczak '08 – First Honors
Christian Flynn '10 – First Honors
Dakota Wilson '10 – Second Honors
Patrick Flynn '11 – First Honors
Samuel Ross '11 – First Honors
Congratulations to these fine young men on their accomplishments!

Miss Joan Brooks would like to report that her 8th grade Social Studies class has been participating in a simulation that is taking them west along the Oregon Trail. Each student is keeping a journal of their experiences and the journey. Her 6th grade computer class has been creating websites on Ancient Egypt. As a Christmas present to her 5th grade homeroom, Miss Brooks treated the entire class to a formal tea. She used her grandfather's recipes from when he owned his own bakery and created wonderful delights for the students to enjoy. In addition, traditional cucumber sandwiches and of course, tea was served.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Pack-A-Lunch** program in December. December is a busy month, but it is especially important to remember those in need.

We have many families in our school who have loved ones that are serving our Country here in the U.S and in many countries overseas. Please keep them in your prayers especially during this Christmas Season.

It is time to register your Giant Bonus Card for this year's **A+ School Rewards Program**. The program runs October 7, 2011 – March 9, 2012. You must register your card each year. Visit giantfood.com and register your card. **The code for St Pius X School is 01344.**

Please continue to save the Box Tops for Education labels WITH THE BAR CODE on them over Christmas vacation, then bring them in and give them to Sr. Valeria. The more labels we receive the more money we earn to help support programs for students here at St. Pius X School.

Thanks so much for your continued support.
"The Box Top Queen"
Sr. Valeria



Children's Ministry

Amy Buttarazzi, Director – 410-427-7511

Check us out on Facebook “Spx Childrensministry”

“Kids’ Car Question” – A faith question to ask your children when you are driving with them this week.



Gospel Luke 1:26–38 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

Key Passage: Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38)

Adult: How do you open your heart to what God wants for you? How do you follow the pathway that leads to happiness?

Child: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?



Mom’s Play Group: Join other moms and their children for playtime and fellowship. Our calendar includes bible story times on Wednesdays and play dates on Thursday mornings from 10 am to noon. Coming this fall...Mom’s Night Out! For more information and to join our e-mail list, contact Amy Buttarazzi at abuttarazzi@stpius10.org.

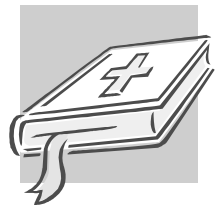
Sunday School:

Calendar

January 1: No Class

Sacramental Prep: All students are invited to attend their First Reconciliation at 3:30 on Saturdays beginning in December. Students must complete their six lessons at home before going.

NEW Children’s Bulletin’s Pick up a bulletin for your children in the vestibules of the church. They are filled with activities that connect with each Sunday’s Gospel. The yellow one is for children ages 3 -6 and the blue is for children ages 7 – 12.



Bible Story Time! Wednesdays in the lower church from 10 – 11:30.

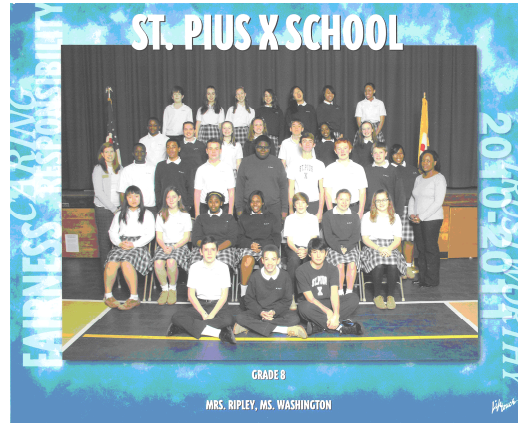
Come for a bible story, song, craft and snack. All are invited – children of all ages! For specific dates, contact abuttarazzi@stpius10.org.

Parenting Class Coming this January...interested? Contact Amy Buttarazzi abuttarazzi@stpius10.org. See page in this bulletin for additional information.

Calling All Alumni



Class of 1986



Class of 2011

We are looking for you!

It has been nearly 50 years since St. Pius X School first opened its doors. That means nearly 50 graduating classes. St. Pius is trying to find all of its graduates. If you, your child, your grandchild, your cousin, your friend, your neighbor or anyone else you know graduated from St. Pius X School, please let us know who and where they are. We would like them to be a part of our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

Please fill out the information below and return it to us in the collection basket, the Parish Office, or the school office.

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Maiden Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____



Bringing Home the Word



MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2012

Touched by God's Grace

By Diane M. Houdek

Parties, New Year's resolutions, parades and football games, new calendars, date books and daily planners are all part of the secular world's marking of a new year. But time is more fluid in the church. Beginnings and endings are all wrapped in the infinite mystery of eternity. The new liturgical year began on the first Sunday of Advent.

The fact that January 1 is a holy day on the Church's calendar has less to do with the accident of its secular date than it does with where it falls in relation to Christmas. The greatest feasts in the Church year are celebrated for eight days, an Octave. The day also commemorates the ritual circumcision and naming of Jesus, eight days after

his birth. In recent years it was the day set aside for special votive Masses for world peace. The feast on today's calendar is now Mary, Mother of God.

This feast, like most of the Marian feasts, points to an important belief about her son, Jesus—in this case, his human and divine natures. The fancy Greek word used for Mary in this context is *Theotokos*, God-bearer, and it refers to the mystery that Mary is not only the mother of the human Jesus but also that she is the mother of the divine nature.

While this is the theology behind the celebration, the Scripture readings for the feast speak to the human side of Mary as well. They remind us that God's gracious and loving touch always comes to us in very human ways. The mystery of the incarnation that we celebrate in this Christmas season revolves around God taking on our human flesh and dwelling in our midst so that we might become one with him in that love.

Marian feasts, besides pointing to Christ, also tell us something about our own lives and the life of the church. St. Luke tells us that after the shepherds left, Mary "treasured all these things in her heart."

A young mother I know admitted with a touch of embarrassment that she had put the knitted cap her youngest daughter received in the hospital in a Ziploc bag in hopes of pre-

serving the elusive newborn smell that clung to it. Anyone who has cradled an infant and kissed the top of its head will know exactly what that smell is and what it evokes.

We've all had experiences that have been so overwhelming that we have no words for them. We hold them close to protect them from the ordinary push and pull of everyday life. We turn them over and reflect on them until we find a way to share what can be shared.

As we begin this new year of 2012, we reflect on Mary's contemplative response to the birth of her son. This isn't an exercise in nostalgia and rose-colored glasses. We know the rest of the story, of course. Just in this week since Christmas, the church has celebrate the death of the first martyr, Stephen, and the tragic deaths of the Holy Innocents.

In our own lives, too, we've probably experienced the inevitable stress of the holidays. We've had expectations dashed and plans ruined and once again our hopes for world peace and family unity have most likely gone unmet. But we've also had moments of pure love, times when we've encountered God's gracious touch, either through another person or simply in the depths of our anxious hearts in the middle of the night. Like Mary, we need to learn to treasure all these things as gifts from a gracious God. †

SUNDAY READINGS

Numbers 6:22-27

The people of Israel prepare for a new beginning. They have a special blessing from God to give them strength.

Galatians 4:4-7

Paul reminds us that the Son of God became a human being. He was born of a woman—the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds communicate all they heard from the angels about this newborn child. Mary ponders all this in her heart.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS REFLECTION

- What might Mary have felt as she kept these things in her heart?
- Why does God use shepherds as the ones who first adore the child?
- What do you think the shepherds told Mary?
- Mary affirms the name the angel told her to name the Baby Jesus, why is this important?

PRAYER

Christ our Lord,
ease the burden of
worry we carry.
Give us the grace
to turn to your mother
for help.
She points the way
to hope and trust.
In union with her
Immaculate Heart,
we lift up our families to you
and ask your protection.
Amen.



As we celebrate the first day of the year, it is fitting that we invite Mary into our thoughts. Every mother's prayer on this New Year's Day is for a year of blessing for herself and her children. Mary trusted God with the path that was unfolding before her. She took motherhood and her role in salvation history in stride. She proved that it is possible to bear up with grace.

Avoiding an anxious heart requires facing the future without fear. Raising children brings with it an inevitable amount of worry and anxiety. Yet, when we learn to turn over daily worries to Jesus Christ, the Shepherd, the dynamic changes. We are no longer in charge. The Son of Mother Mary sees our anxiety and will take our needs into his hands. Make a pledge to yourself in this coming year that when you feel that sense of dread and useless worry for your child, you will step back and ask Jesus and Mary to get involved. Mary knew what it was to ponder her worries and warnings in her heart and she wants nothing more than to share our worries and lead us to peace.

Follow Francis

In this new year, we begin a series of reflections on the way of St. Francis. His response to the call to follow the Gospel has inspired countless people to follow him as he follows Christ.

Like many of the saints, St. Francis had a special devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. His favorite church in Assisi, the Porziuncula or "Little Portion" was dedicated to St. Mary of the Angels.

Fr. Murray Bodo, O.F.M., offers a fitting reflection for the feast we celebrate today:

"Mary was chosen by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to be the dwelling place of God become human in Jesus Christ. And how greatly honored are we as human beings, not only because God became one of us, but because God chose one of us to be his womb for nine months of his human life.

"And, as Saint Francis reminds us in another of his writings, how privileged each one of us is that we, too, can do God's will and bring him to birth in our lives."

Adapted from *The Simple Way: Meditations on the Words of Saint Francis*, by Murray Bodo, O.F.M.

WEEKDAY READINGS

Monday	I Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 <i>Basil and Gregory</i>	Thursday	I Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51 <i>John Neumann</i>
Tuesday	I Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34	Friday	I Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11
Wednesday	I Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42 <i>Elizabeth Seton</i>	Saturday	I Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11

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Welcome

**Identify Your God-Given Gifts
Through Our New Gifts and Ministry Series**

First Corinthians tells us that we are each given special gifts by the Spirit of God for the good of all. Coming to know and understand what our gifts are will enable us to develop and use them in our daily lives. You can discover your God-given gifts by participating in our new three evening Gifts and Ministry Series that begins in January.



Pat Fosarelli: Speaker

This series will be led by Pat Fosarelli, MD. Pat is a theologian, physician, lecturer and a lay minister. As an Associate Dean and Director of the M.A. in Church Ministries Program, she teaches spirituality and practical theology at the Ecumenical Institute of Theology at St. Mary's Seminary. She has authored several books, including *The Family Ministry Desk Reference*.

During the three evening sessions of this series Pat will lead us through a process that will help us inventory our own gifts, come to an understanding of how our gifts relate to our daily lives, and help each of us find a ministry in our church in which we can serve.

Three fulfilling Evenings to Start Your Year

The series will take place over three Wednesday nights lasting from 7PM-9PM in Genesis Hall at St. Pius X. Each session will include a talk by Pat Fosarelli and the second two sessions will have facilitated group discussions as well. These Wednesday meetings will be held at 7PM on:

January 11th, January 18th, and February 1st.

Three Ways to Register

Call Pinky Howard at 410-427-7518

Email Pinky at phoward@stpius10.org

Fill out the form below and put it in the offering basket on Sunday.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email _____

Raising a Responsible Child...

- ☞ who can resist negative peer pressure
- ☞ who can make good decisions
- ☞ who's character displays respect, cooperation, courage and self-esteem

Active Parenting Now For Parents of children ages 5 – 12

WHERE: St. Pius X Church – Genesis Hall

When: Mondays, Jan 23, 30, Feb. 13, 20, 27, Mar 5 (3/12 alt. Date)

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Tired of the daily confrontation with power struggles?

Frustrated from communicating “At the top of your lungs?”

Desiring some NEW parenting tools?

Pondering if the neighbors are dealing with the same issues?

Wondering how to become more effective while parenting your children?

Let us help you!

Acknowledge what skills are working and what needs to change

In just six sessions (2.5 hours each), YOU will learn a proven parenting style that will lead to more JOY and satisfaction for you and your family. These classes are not dull, nor stuffy! The program combines humor, information, skill building and role playing in a fun and friendly atmosphere of encouragement and support.

FEE: \$60 Individual/ \$80 Couple

NOTE: FEE is due at registration

REGISTER: Director of Children's Ministry - Amy Buttarazzi 410-427-7511 or
abuttarazzi@stpius10.org

Facilitated by: First Step

Sponsored by: St. Pius X Church & HELPS





SPX Social Action Ministry

Theme for January: Charitable Giving

"If someone who has the riches of this world sees his brother in need and closes his heart to him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 Jn 3:17). It is well known how strong were the words used by the Fathers of the Church to describe the proper attitude of persons who possess anything towards persons in need. To quote Saint Ambrose: "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, and not only to the rich." ~ Pope Paul VI, *On the Development of Peoples*, #23

Sharing Tree

Thanks to everyone who donated gifts for the Sharing Tree! Hundreds of items were delivered to the clients of Sarah's Hope, St. Jerome's Head Start, and Pregnancy Center North. St. Pius always comes through for people in need at this time of year.



Thanks again for your generosity!

Our Daily Bread Casserole Day – January 4th

Our Daily Bread Volunteers: Please deliver your frozen casseroles to 604 Windwood Rd. before 9am on Wed., January 4, 2012. Thank you. All food is appreciated. Questions? Call Carol W. at 410-377-4084.

General FYI: In case of icy roads during winter months, please stay safe at home. Deliver food on Thurs (Windwood Rd) or keep frozen until the next month.

Thanks to everyone who drove and served on Dec. 7th: Jane Cassidy, Gary Kozyjana, Millie Amos, Jim Burke, Iris Majorowicz, Nancy Moffett, and Jack Nolan. We collected 68 casseroles and sugar and tea.



Charitable Giving Box

The Charitable Giving Box collection for this weekend will be donated to **OUR DAILY BREAD.**

Meat and Potatoes Casserole

Recipe



Ingredients

- 1 ½ to 2 lbs. Lean Ground Beef
- 8 Potatoes, pared and cut into chunks
- 1 lb. Carrots, cut up
- 2 Onions, sliced
- 2 cans Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 can of Water

Preparation

- ♦ Brown ground chuck with onion in skillet. Drain well. Boil potatoes and carrots together until done. Reserve the water. Combine two cans of soup with one can of the reserved water (or tap water). Add browned meat and onions to the soup and blend thoroughly.
- ♦ Wash supplied casserole pan before using. Layer potatoes, carrots and meat/soup mixture into the clean pan.
- ♦ Cover the top and sides of the casserole with aluminum foil. Label casserole **MEAT AND POTATOES**, and show **DATE** and **YOUR NAME**.
- ♦ Cool and freeze casserole.
- ♦ Casseroles are to be delivered on the First Wednesday of each month before 9:00 AM to 604 Windwood Rd, which is off the 6400 block of York Road, across from St. Pius X Church at the Mobil Service Station.

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. ~Winston Churchill

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Mary, Mother of God



Dearest Mary,
Mother of God,
we call upon you today.
Stay beside us,
protect and guide us,
please teach us how to pray.
Gentle woman
chosen to be
Mother of our human race,
Make us eager to know
And help us grow
in Jesus' love and saving grace.
Amen.

**St. Pius X Parish Offices closed Monday, January 2, 2012.
St. Pius X School will be closed until Tuesday, January 3, 2012.**

Monday/2		St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen	
7:00	AM	Communion Prayer Service	Memorial Chapel
Tuesday/3		The Most Holy Name of Jesus	
7:00	AM	Communion Prayer Service	Memorial Chapel
8:15	AM	School Mass - <i>offered for William Susie</i>	
4:45-8:45	PM	Irish Dancing	Genesis Hall
7:00-9:00	PM	Longing for the Holy (Fran Bond)	St. Lucy Room
7:30	PM	40 More Days Rehearsal	Church
Wednesday/4		St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	
7:00	AM	Communion Prayer Service	Memorial Chapel
5:30-7:00	PM	Middle School Youth Night	School Gymnasium
7:30-10:00	PM	Baptismal Preparation Session	St. Lucy Room
Thursday/5		St. John Neumann	
7:00	AM	Communion Prayer Service	Memorial Chapel
3:15-4:15	PM	Brownie Troop #2374 (Amy Zinzi)	Genesis Hall
6:00-7:30	PM	High School Youth Group	Genesis Hall
7:30	PM	Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	Genesis Hall
Friday/6			
7:00	AM	Mass (Fr. Sam Lupico) <i>offered for Charles Hooper</i>	Memorial Chapel
6:00-7:00	PM	Cub Pack #787 (Craig Huller)	Genesis Hall
Saturday/7		St. Raymond of Penyafort	
3:00-5:00	PM	Youth Service Trip	Jenkins Senior Center
3:30	PM	Confessions (Fr. Sam Lupico)	Church
4:30	PM	Mass (Fr. Sam Lupico/Cantor/Organ) <i>offered for Judith T. Hilton</i>	Church
Sunday/8			
8:00	AM	Mass (Fr. Martin Burnham/Cantor/Organ) <i>offered for the Parish Community</i>	Church
9:30	AM	Mass (Fr Martin Burnham/ Contemporary Choir) <i>offered for Clayton Forti</i> RCIA Rite of Welcoming	Church
10:00-11:30	AM	RCIA	St. Lucy Room
10:00 AM-	NOON	Religious Education Catechist Training	Genesis Hall
11:00	AM	Circle of Wisdom	Dining Room
11:15	AM	Mass (Fr. Ray Chase/Cantor/Organ) <i>offered for Mary C. Knein</i>	Church
12:30	PM	Bible Study	Dining Room
12:30	PM	Longing For the Holy (Ann Marie Morin)	Genesis Hall
5:30	PM	Mass (Fr. Sam Lupico/40 More Days) <i>offered for Jay Damon</i>	Church