

Church of St. Pius X

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SUNDAY - THE LORD'S DAY

VIGIL: SATURDAY 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 NOON

WEEKDAY MASSES

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

TUESDAY EVENING: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents must be active, registered members of St. Pius X parish. Arrange preparation for baptism by calling the Parish Office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Either the bride or the groom must be a registered, active parishioner of St. Pius X parish. Please make an appointment with one of the priests at least six months before the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 PM

Seasonal Communal Celebrations

By appointment anytime

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Upon request and communally twice a year. Please notify the parish office if anyone in your family is hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

For men interested in priesthood, please call 518-312-9397 or visit www.albanyvocations.org

January 4, 2009

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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PARTNERS IN THE PROMISE

As a society, during these days we can be in something of a “postpartum” depression. Our celebrations of Christmas and the New Year are over, and after today many of us will put away the decorations and the last visible remnants of the celebrations of the past weeks. The apostle Paul today uses the expression “partners in the promise.” This is an uplifting phrase for us to reflect upon, and to think of as our own calling in these days following the birth of the Lord. What is this promise? We can find it in the gifts the magi bring: it is a promise of being a royal priesthood (gold), a holy nation (frankincense), a people set apart for self-giving (myrrh). We find more of the promise in Isaiah—a light shines upon us! In the psalm we know a promise of a world of flowering justice, profound peace, the poor rescued, pity for the lowly and the poor. This is the promise; and one of the best ways for us to lift ourselves out of any possible low spirits we may be suffering is to live out our partnership in this promise each and every day.



The Parish Staff thanks you all very much for your patience and your understanding as we underwent our most recent renovation in the parish offices and hallway. Hopefully all things will return

to normal during this week. Because all our computers and other electronics were not engaged for several days, we have this very abbreviated bulletin this weekend. If there is other information you need for the upcoming week which is usually in the bulletin, please call the office at 462-1336.

Please Note Corrected Date
Thursday, January 8, 2009



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A Call to Communal Prayer

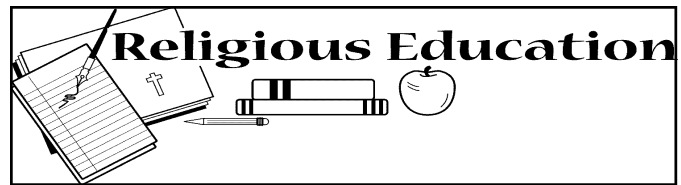
In order to respond more consistently with compassion and prayer beyond our Sunday commitment, the names of those who are seriously ill are printed below.



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| Marilyn Brizzell | Michael Smith |
| Richard Shade | Stephen Mink |
| Gustav Hufland | Ann Boyle |
| Paul Sullivan | Abey Varghese |
| Rose Laiacona | Joseph Schmidt |
| Karen Szesnat | Colleen Clapper |
| Dominick DeFilippo | Richard Bernard |
| Jeanne Fairchild | John Szesnat |
| Mark Farrell | Joseph Pepe |
| Heidi Sengenberger | Lisa Pilla |
| Robert Campbell | James Gaetani |
| Barbara Fitzgerald | Charles Arthur |
| Iris Marini | John Massimilian |
| Edward Kosier | Infant Jack James |
| Joan Morrison | Mary Morrison |
| Patrick Lennon | Jizziyah Skelly |
| Miriam Kleinberger | Charlotte Anne Wolfstich |
| Bob Raffaele | Eveline Farrigan |
| Rafael Agtarap | Gertrude Abele |
| Jennifer Garland | Marilyn Gradoni |
| Dorothy G. Cheeseman | Anne Egan |
| Peg Jubic | Kym Hynes |
| Nathan Natale | Arthur Audi |
| James Rogers | Barbara Ferris |
| Lorraine Mason | Antoinette Guadagnino |
| Richard Malinowski | Judy Delaney |
| Sarah McDonough | Rachal Rodino |
| John Tomchik | Mary Ann O'Grady |
| Lorie Clapper | |



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Sunday School Classes: Our next class after Christmas break will be Jan. 11th.

Teacher's Meeting: Our next Teacher's Meeting will be held on January 11 at 8:25 AM in the Faculty Lunch Room.

First Reconciliation: Our Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, January 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center. This meeting is for parents in St. Pius X School and the Sunday School Program who have children preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. One parent should be present for each child. Informational packets will be handed out and parents will be choosing a Mass time for First Communion. Fr. Farano will be giving a presentation on the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Progress Report #1 for our Sunday School Program will be handed out on February 1. Parents, please sign the report and return it to your child's teacher by Feb. 8. Thank You.

Wishing all of our Families a most blessed and joyous New Year. May the new year of 2009 be a time of renewed peace and togetherness for all of us!

Welcome to Marriage Encounter Albany



All Married couples are invited to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on February 6-8, 2009 in Latham. For more information, please call Ed and Rhonda Staats at 518- 279-3243 or visit the website at www.wwme.org

PASTORAL CARE NEWS

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”

+ Today is the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. In the first reading Isaiah prophesizes of the manifestation of the Lord through the shining radiance of God’s presence among the people. The splendor of God will radiate far beyond the boundaries of the Jewish nation and transforms hearts to worship Him with praise and thanksgiving. All will be filled with joy and excitement as Christ’s glory envelops them. Hearts overflowing with love will eagerly share even the most precious of gifts to praise the living God. *Aware of Christ’s presence with you, how do you respond? What gifts do you eagerly share? Are you holding back your most precious gifts?*

In his letter, St. Paul writes to the Ephesians that the most precious gift that he shares is through the grace of Christ Jesus. It is his mission to reveal and live out Christ’s message so that all might participate in Jesus’ promised salvation and enter fully into the Body of Christ. *What mission has Jesus given you? Do you seek His grace to fulfill it with faith? Or do you try to escape it through assorted diversions? Does your life journey reflect the glory of His grace and welcome others to join you in sharing God’s love with our world?*

Matthew’s gospel tells the beloved story of the magi’s search for the newborn Shepherd – King. It tells of their travel as they followed the star of birth, their encounter with Herod and his deceptive ways, and the blissful scene of veneration and transformation. Their prophetic gifts, reverently shared, were left with the Lord, no longer needed. Gratefully they continued their journey homeward, their mission just begun, the treasure of Christ’s presence adored within and their hearts following a Savior, not just a star.

This week ask yourself, *“What is the driving force behind your life? Who or what guides your daily journey? Consider this: Do you need to redirect your life or refocus your priorities in this New Year?”*

**Follow the star ...
Find the priceless treasure
The one you seek
Adoring pleasure
And hearts delight.**

**Open your gifts
Before Him each day
And follow Him always
You know the way.**

GOOD NEWS: Thank you to Mrs. Smith’s kindergarten class who made beaded wreaths and homemade Christmas cards for some of the residents of the Atria-Shaker Assisted Living Residence. What joy you bring to all of us!

MINISTERS OF PRAYER: In JANUARY please pray THAT FAMILIES WILL MODEL CHARITY, GROWTH IN HOLINESS AND TRANSMIT FAITH TO OUR WORLD. (General Papal Intention for January 2009)

MINISTERS OF PRAYER: The January and February Calendar of the “*Apostolic of Prayer for Priests*” is on the table by the literature rack in the gathering area outside the Chapel entrance. Attached to it are the 2009 Papal Intentions.

ST. PIUS X’S BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday January 6th, 2009 at 6 PM in Conference Room A. We welcome anyone interested in this type of pastoral care to join us as we plan ways to support our grieving parishioners. For more information call Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336.

NEEDED: If you are interested in volunteering to substitute in the leadership of rosary and/or communion services at adult residences please call the Pastoral Care Office at 462-1336. We have need of help especially during the months of January through May.

Looking for some sunshine in January? Join us for “*Winter Warmth: A Hot Supper and Social for those who are Grieving.*” Enjoy a nice hot meal and time to socialize with others who are grieving the death of a loved one. It will be held on Wednesday January 21st, 2009 from 6 to 8:30 PM in Conference Room A. Reservations are necessary and space is limited. Call Jeanne Pitkin at 462-1336 by Monday January 19th to reserve a spot.

At the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center:

“*Intimacy, Forgiveness and Marriage*”, A Day Retreat for Married Couples with David C. Olsen, PhD will be held on Saturday January 10th, 2009 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Cost: \$70 per couple.

“*Winter Soul-stice*”, A Day Retreat for Men and Women with Claudia Gregoire will be held on Sunday January 11th, 2009 from 11 AM to 4 PM. Cost: \$30.

“*Fresh Things I now reveal; before they appear I tell you of them*”, A Retreat to explore the dreams in winter will be held January 16th to 18th, 2009. Guest Director: Sr. Carol Davis, OP. Cost: \$185 (seniors \$170)

“*Finding Hidden Messages; God Speaks Through an Ancient Desert Symbol*”, A Scripture Weekend for Men and Women will be held January 16th to 18th, 2009. Guest Director: Sr. Ceal Warner, OP. Cost: \$185 (seniors \$170)

For more information and to register call 393-4169.

A Mother-Daughter Workshop (Ages 9–13) to enhance communication and learn about and discuss the physical and emotional changes of puberty will be held Sunday January 18th, 2009 from 4 to 6 PM at St. Peter’s Hospital. For info and to register call 525-1388.

Adult Children Caregivers Support Group – 1st Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the Marjorie Doyle Rockwell Center (MDRC). RSVP at 438-4164.

Did you know that affordable health care coverage for your children and teens is available through New York State’s Child Health Plus program? All uninsured children and teens, regardless of family income, are eligible for low or no-cost health care coverage. For information including how to apply, visit the NYS Dept. of Health website or call 1-800-698-4 KIDS.



Be Still and Know that I am God

(Psalm 46, 11) ...

Time spent in dialogue with the Lord is never time lost” (Pope John Paul II, Homily, October 24, 1993). Time spent with Christ is never lost, but is time best spent, and in a sense, the greatest act of charity we can offer all the souls that have been entrusted to us. Come join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Friday** after the 9:00 a.m. mass up through closing prayer at 7:00 p.m. All our welcome. For more information about how to become a weekly or substitute adorer, contact Peter Ranalli at 482 - 9087 or Margaret Purcell at 453 - 9302.

Reminder about Parking: As the winter season begins we would like to remind everyone of the importance of following all parking regulations in the Church and School parking lots. It is imperative that entrances are not blocked and that cars are parked only in those areas which are proper parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please save the date! **Historic St. Agnes Cemetery** will be sponsoring a lecture presented by Assemblyman Jack McEneny on January 15, 2009 on the history of the City of Albany. This lecture will take place at the cemetery office in Menands at 7:00 pm.

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Vocation Thought: Among the gifts you give and receive during this season, consider the unique gifts God has given you, and how God may be calling you to share those gifts? Is it possible that your gifts may best be utilized in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life Pray about it during this Advent Season, and if you'd like to speak with someone contact Father James Walsh or Sister Rosemary Ann Cuneo, C.R. at jjwalshie@aol.com / 518-312-9397 or rosemary.cuneo@rcda.org / 518-674-3818.

PARISH DIRECTORY SIGN UPS :

There will be sign up sheets available on the bulletin boards near the Chapel entrance and the main door. They will remain there for a few weeks. Our January dates will be Wednesday, 1/7 and Tuesday 1/13, 1/20,1/27.

Please sign up and be part of this Saint Pius project to help our Sister Parishes. Remember that you are under no obligation to purchase anything, but will receive an 8 X 10 and a directory. Just your sitting is the fund raiser part. For more information, call 459-4519



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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Attention All Parish and School Organizations

With a Parish as large and as busy as ours, we need to be more vigilant in adhering to the policies and procedures set forth at our yearly calendar meeting. This will help to ensure the smooth operation of our parish.

Any use of our parish facilities, that is, meetings, fund raisers, concerts etc. need to be coordinated, pre-scheduled and approved through our parish calendar and facilities coordinator, Lou Buff. This also includes any functions that might be held off campus. Our volunteers and staff do a great job and are to be commended for sharing their time and talents so generously.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Lou Buff at 465-4539 and he will be most happy to answer any questions that you may have.



Following are all the dates on which each of the three weekend eucharistic ministry teams is scheduled to serve during the **2009 calendar year**:

TEAM 1

Jan. 17-18; Feb. 7-8; Feb. 28-Mar. 1; Mar. 21-22; Apr. 11-12; May 2-3; May 23-24; June 13-14; July 4-5; July 25-26; Aug. 15-16; Sept. 5-6; Sept. 26-27; Oct. 17-18; Nov. 7-8; Nov. 28-29; Dec. 19-20.

TEAM 2

Jan. 3-4; Jan. 24-25; Feb. 14-15; Mar. 7-8; Mar. 28-29; Apr. 18-19; May 9-10; May 30-31; June 20-21; July 11-12; Aug. 1-2; Aug. 22-23; Sept. 12-13; Oct. 3-4; Oct. 24-25; Nov. 14-15; Dec. 5-6; Dec. 26-27.

TEAM 3

Jan. 10-11; Jan. 31-Feb. 1; Feb. 21-22; Mar. 14-15; Apr. 4-5; Apr. 25-26; May 16-17; June 6-7; June 27-28; July 18-19; Aug. 8-9; Aug. 29-30; Sept. 19-20; Oct. 10-11; Oct. 31-Nov. 1; Nov. 21-22; Dec. 12-13.

Please keep this schedule, or mark these dates on a calendar at home, so you will know in advance when you are scheduled to be a minister at Mass. If you know you cannot be at Mass when you are scheduled to serve, please **CALL YOUR TEAM LEADER**.

If you have any questions about this schedule, please contact Frank Pugliano at 482-7258 or you may reach him by e-mail at

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Mass Intentions for the week

JANUARY 5- JANUARY 11

Mon	6:30	Jeff Benzer req. The Costello Family Jack Duffy (B'Day) req. His Daughter
	9:00	Anne Marie Stevens req. Johanna & Dan Kawola John Gallas req. Lou & Lorraine Murray Stella Klender req. Lou, Chelsea and Lauren
Tue	6:30	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Scaringe req. Their Sons
	9:00	Jane Galba req. Mom & Dad Ben Fuina req. His Sister, Mary Ann
	7:00	Julie Amedio req. The Allen Family Mary Riccio Lacoss req. The Lazorisckak Family
Wed	6:30	Edna Wassmer req. Mary Dooley
	9:00	Barbara Bruno req. Barbara Drago Matilda Di Novo & John Reynolds req. Their Family
Thur	6:30	Kathy Smith req. Her Husband William & Mary Ryan req. Their Family James & Lyda Minahan req. Their Family
	9:00	William J. Tangredi req. Rose & Family Coleen Joelle Behm (8th Anniv.) req. Her Family Sally Mulligan req. Katie Mulligan
Fri	6:30	Special Intention
	9:00	Joseph Mrozowski req. Martin Lupa Family Julie Amedio req. The Dougherty Family
Sat	9:00	Carol Mitchell req. The Peterson Family Vicki Blair req. Jay Rappold Thanksgiving
	5:00	Vigil
Sun	8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 Noon	

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
SUN	1/4	Sunday Eucharist	8, 10,12	Church
MON	1/5			
TUE	1/6	AA Meeting Mass and Marian Devotions	5:30 pm 7:00 pm	Conf B Chapel
WED	1/7			
THU	1/8	AA Meeting	7:00 pm	Conf B
FRI	1/9	Renew Eucharistic Adoration	7:00 am 9:30 am	Conf A Chapel
SAT	1/10	Vigil	5:00 pm	Church

Music for Weekend of January 3/4

Gathering: 109- As With Gladness of Men of Old
Preparation: 97- O Little Town of Bethlehem
Communion: 105- We Three Kings
Recessional: 100- Go Tell It On the Mountain
Choir: We Three Kings

Eucharistic Ministers & Greeters - Team 3

SERVERS FOR JANUARY 10/11

5:00 PM
8:00 AM
10:00AM
12:00PM

READINGS FOR JAN. 11, 2009
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
Is 42: 1-7
ACTS 10: 34-38
1 JOHN 5: 1-9

Parish Pastoral Council Agenda Items

On the third Wednesday of the month, the Parish Pastoral Council meets to discuss items that directly affect our Parish. If you have items that should be discussed or addressed by the Council, please forward them to Council president Frank Hughes (432-9193 or frankhughes2@yahoo.com). Previous Council meeting notes can be found on the parish website at

Christian Works & Service

The Fund-a-Feast Program run through Hannaford Supermarkets has been extended until January 24, 2009. Again, thank you for your support. Thanks to your generosity as well as other Hannaford Supermarket Shoppers we were able to provide Sacred Heart Food Pantry a total of 183 Fund-a-Feast Boxes as of December 20, 2008. Thanks again for all you do for so many others.