

## Church of St. Pius X

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December 20, 2009

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*  
*December 20, 2009*



*"From you, Bethlehem, shall  
come forth one who is to be ruler in  
Israel. He shall shepherd his  
flock by the strength of the Lord."*

*Micah 5:1*

### **EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS AND SACRAMENTS**

#### **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](http://www.albanyvocations.org)

#### **CATHOLIC BURIAL**

For Catholic Burial Information contact the Diocesan Cemetery Office at 463-0134

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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From the Pastor's Desk

This Christmas, like every Christmas, finds us with plenty of needs for which to pray. We contemplate the image of a newborn Christ and we place at the foot of his manger all of the needs of a broken world as well as broken and bruised lives, and situations that appear beyond resolution.

Yet, we still have so much else to place at that manger: the people in our lives who bring us love, comfort and peace; material blessings, no matter how modest and the little joys that make life worth while. We put at the foot of the Bethlehem Child's crib the promise that is inherent in every new beginning as well as the ability to feel, to love, to forgive, and to hope. Christmas is the feast of hope.

God forever joined to us in our fragile human nature is such a wonder to contemplate that how can we help but hope? I invite you to enter into that spirit of hope as together we celebrate the Solemnity of Christmas and the season that follows. Let Jesus do what he came to do: heal our wounds, caress our hearts broken by loss and disappointments, and join us in our joys and celebrations. May the peace of this holy feast abide in your hearts every day of the year.

Fr. Farano

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O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH

Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
O come, divine Messiah,  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph,  
And sadness flee away.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DEC. 24th

No 6:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Mass

THURSDAY, DEC. 24th

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Children's Mass 4:00 pm  
Vigil Mass 7:00 pm  
Musical Prelude 11:30 pm  
Midnight Mass 12:00 am

FRIDAY, DEC. 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am Mass

SATURDAY, DEC. 26th

No 6:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Mass  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, DEC. 27th

Feast of the Holy Family  
Regular Sunday Schedule

THURSDAY, DEC. 31st

6:30 am Mass  
9:00 am Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 1st

No 6:30 am Mass  
10:00 am NEW YEAR'S DAY Mass

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Eucharistic Ministers – Christmas Masses

Eucharistic ministers can stop in the sacristy today to sign up to serve at Masses on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and January 1 (Holy Day for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God). Thank you!

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MEMORIES AND DREAMS

There is an old saying that good gifts come in small packages. This is certainly borne out in today's scriptures. In the first reading the Lord announces that it is from Bethlehem, described as "too small to be among the clans of Judah" (Micah 5:1), that the Messiah would spring forth. In the Gospel story of the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, we can only imagine Mary, probably a young teenager, a small woman, bearing within herself the greatest gift the world would ever know. These scriptures have much to say to us as we look forward to opening Christmas gifts over the next few days. Nothing in any package beneath any tree can compare to the gift given to the world two thousand years ago. As we share the joy of Christmas, let us remember the greatest gift, Jesus Christ, who came into this world to save us and set us free.

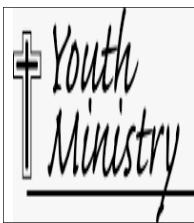
**A Call to Communal Prayer**

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             |
| Richard Malinowski | Nicholas D'Alleva Valas  |
| Paul Sullivan      | Abey Varghese            |
| Rose Laiacona      | Joseph Schmidt           |
| Karen Szesnat      | Colleen Clapper          |
| Dominick DeFilippo | Lorie Clapper            |
| Jeanne Fairchild   | John Szesnat             |
| Mark Farrell       | Joseph Pepe              |
| Lisa Pilla         | Robert Owens             |
| Robert Campbell    | James Gaetani            |
| Lauren Dapice      | John Scheckton           |
| Iris Marini        | John Massimilian         |
| Edward Kosier      | Catherine Reynolds       |
| Joan Morrison      | Judy Delaney             |
| Patrick Lennon     | Jizziyah Skelly          |
| Miriam Kleinberger | Charlotte Anne Wolfstich |
| Bob Raffaele       | Henry Slesman            |
| Gertrude Abele     | John Agrusti             |
| Jennifer Garland   | Marilyn Gradoni          |
| Anne Egan          | John Tomchik             |
| Kym Hynes          | Nathan Natale            |
| Ed Burnham         | Sarah McDonough          |
| Phyllis Cullen     | William Stephans         |
| Joseph Wroblewski  | Elaine Lubiniecki        |
| Maura Mendel       | Terrance O'Donnell       |
| Sandra Farrell     | Jean Platt               |
| Marie Hallock      |                          |

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**Year II Confirmation Information**

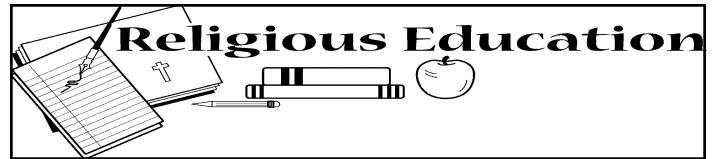
**Upcoming workshops**

Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm-7:30 pm

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Wishing all of our Teachers, Aides, Substitutes, and our Families a most Blessed Christmas. May the blessing of the Christ child warm our hearts and brighten our way as we bring Jesus into our world more fully. A Blessed Christmas to all!

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**Sunday School Classes:** Remaining class for the month of December is Dec. 20 #12. There are no classes on December 27 and January 3 – Christmas Recess. Next class is Jan 10, 2010.

**Upcoming Dates for December**

**Dec: 20:** Our Kindergarten Class, with the help of Mrs. Barbara Shields and Aides: Jaime Durant and Maria Southworth, will present “The Christmas Story” at 9:10 AM in the Parish Center. Come and see the “true meaning” of Christmas through the eyes of these children.

**Hilltown Clothing Drive:** “Tis the Season” for gift giving and St. Pius X Parishioners gave “gifts from the heart”. A special “Thank You” for your generous donations to the Hilltown Clothing Drive. It was another great success due to your spirit of giving! Our 16 ft. truck was filled to the top plus we had 7 extra vans/cars to carry the overload and our helpers.

A great big “Thank You” to Maureen Toohey and Catholic Charities for donating the use of their truck. We couldn’t transport our large amount of clothing donations without their help! We can’t thank Bob VanDeloo enough for driving our truckload of clothing to the Hilltowns. Bob has been driving for 24 years ... I think he deserves a medal!

We had many adults and young people lending a helping hand to make this job a whole lot easier. We say “Thank you” to those who carried the many bags and boxes to fill the truck: Logan Biondo, Gabby Bologna, Connor Brant, Tim Buff, Nick Butto, Ashley Cafaro, Melanie Carlson, Chere Choppa, Amanda Clough, Christian Daley, Nick Dodd, Will Feeney, Greg Finin, Kyle Fragnoli, Evan Gallitelli, Davis Jensen, Kevin Long, Vinny Mainella, Catherine Maloy, Christian, Cory, and Rudy Meola, Joe Molinaro, Brian Nasca, Lexi Nolan, Amanda O’Keeffe, Eloise O’Keeffe, Rick Paluck, Dakota Panetta, Anthony Parente, Jordan Pierro, Victoria Pierro, Cullen Schlutow, Phoebe Sheehan, Matt Snyder, Kieran Stark, Caroline Tarantino, Trevor Taranto, and Bridget Walsh.

When we still had an abundance of clothing and our helpers to transport... we were most grateful to Tracy Coffey, Suzanne David, John, Barbara, and Bridget Fitzgerald, Lou and Lorraine Murray, Ann Smith, Joyce Tarantino, Maureen Toohey, and Chris Van Deloo who donated the use of their cars to make the winding drive to the Hilltowns.

Last but not least we could not have had the energy to unload all that clothing without the help of the young and “young at heart” who made the caravan ride to Westerlo. Thank you so very much to Amanda Clough, Sarah and Teddy David, Nick Dodd, Bridget Fitzgerald, Kyle Fragnoli, Davis Jensen, Catherine Maloy, Amanda O’Keeffe, Eloise O’Keeffe, Victoria Pierro, Cullen Schlutow, Phoebe Sheehan, Matt Snyder, Caroline Tarantino, Trevor Taranto and our Adults: Donna Brown, Tracy Coffey, Suzanne David, John and Barbara Fitzgerald, Lou and Lorraine Murray, Judy Ranalli, Ann Smith, Joyce Tarantino, Maureen Toohey, and Bob and Chris Van Deloo. Thank you for sharing your “gift of self.” You have helped make over 80 families in the Hilltowns very happy!

## PASTORAL CARE NEWS

***“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”***

+ In the first reading, the prophet Micah announces God’s promise of the perfect king of Israel, a leader who will come from Bethlehem. The long awaited Messiah will be the source of true peace! *Do you trust in the promises of God? Will you let Christ, Our Peace grow in you as you reverently wait His coming?*

The second reading from Hebrews, once again, reminds us of our need for our Messiah. Jesus fulfilled the Father’s will as He offered His body for all of us, sinners that we are. *When others offer you gifts, do you welcome them wholeheartedly? When Jesus offers the gift of His life, do you welcome His gift with all your heart? If not, what holds you back?*

In Luke’s gospel we get a quick peek at Mary, a young woman who listened to God, and believed in the Lord’s promises to her. Without reserve, she humbly acted on His promises. Elizabeth, her spiritually perceptive cousin, encouraged and affirmed Mary’s mission. Both would live out the Father’s will for their lives and lead their sons to walk the way of the Father’s love. *When and where do you take time to listen to the Lord? Who encourages you when you take a leap of faith to act on God’s will for your life? What or who sustains you?*

**With a joyful heart...  
Embrace Jesus our gift!**

**GOOD NEWS:** Thank you to all the Bereavement Volunteers who helped with the mailings, implementation, and presentation of the program, “From Grief to Grace”. Your help was invaluable!

**MINISTERS OF PRAYER:** In **DECEMBER** please pray **THAT NATIONS MAY OPEN THEIR DOORS TO CHRIST THE SAVIOR, AND ALL HEARTS WILL WELCOME HIS ILLUMINATING PRESENCE. (Papal Intention)**

WORK NEEDED: Quality Housekeeping by experienced, friendly, honest and punctual housekeeper - One time or regular schedule - within the Guilderland, Albany and Altamont Area. Call Mira at 275-8155. (Recommended by a Sister of Charity.)

**Our Women’s Scripture Study/Faith Sharing Group** will not meet Wednesdays December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We will begin again on Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. If you are interested in joining us on Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 AM please call the Pastoral Care Office at 462-1336. The weekly theme is *“Relating to Others as Jesus Would”*. To prepare for our January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, read the following scriptures: Luke 5:27-32; 7:36-50 John 8:2-11; and Luke 23:32-43.

**At the Dominican Retreat & Conference Center:** ***“Looking Back in Gratitude, Looking Ahead with Hope”***, a New Year’s Evening of Reflection with Richard Sudlik, OMI will be held Thursday December 31<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 PM (Concludes about 12:30 AM.) Cost: \$25. For more information and to register call 393-4169.

**WANTED:** Hospital Pastoral Care Volunteers. If you might be interested in visiting our patients (and distributing Holy Communion) one morning a week, please phone Fr. John Kelly 471-3117 at Albany Memorial Hospital. If you might prefer office work, we have a need of volunteers to do computer data entry one morning a week. Just call 471-3117.

### **Extra Helpings**

The Regional Food Bank **Extra Helpings** program is a community food-buying club. You can purchase nutritious foods at lower-than-retail costs. There is no age or income limit. For just \$20 you receive a variety of meats and fresh produce, plus there are additional specials every month. Everyone is welcome to join and save. For more information call 459-5051.

**Do you know someone who might benefit from a program like this? Will you tell them about it? Do you want to help a senior in your neighborhood or a family struggling with making ends meet? Consider collaborating with the order and pick up of monthly food items. You will be twice blessed.**

**The Capital District Compeer Program** is a volunteer driven, non-profit organization that helps adults and children overcome the difficult effects of mental illness, such as loneliness, isolation and low self-esteem through the power of friendship. Free volunteer - based programs and services serve as a complement to therapy and help in the journey of recovery. Volunteers are trained and supported by empathetic staff.

**Consider Volunteering in a Compeer Program** such as:

**“1-1 Match Program”** – 4 hours per month  
with a new friend;

**“Skill -builders Program”** – 1-2 hours in a  
group setting

**Monthly Social Activities** - already planned

Sample events and activities include gardening, cooking, photography, softball, museum and historical attractions, music and art programs.

For more information see the following websites:

[www.compeer.org](http://www.compeer.org)

[www.timesunion.com/communities/compeer](http://www.timesunion.com/communities/compeer) or call Joshua Radliff at 462-1094 Ext. 274.

**Friendship can be powerful medicine.**

**WE ARE SEEKING THE NAMES AND WHEREABOUTS OF PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK, OR HOMEBOUND, OR NOW LIVING IN ADULT RESIDENCES OR NURSING HOMES.** We are unaware of numerous parishioners who are sick, homebound, or living in adult residences or nursing homes because of their changing health conditions. Please let the Pastoral Care Office know if a family member is living in one of these facilities or is no longer able to gather with us at the weekend liturgy. We want to keep in touch. Your help will keep us informed so we can be supportive during their illnesses and declining health. Please call 462-1336 to let us know. Thank You!



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Savior.

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.

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**Christian Works and Service**

In conjunction with Hannaford Supermarkets, St. Pius X will be sponsoring the "Fund a Feast Program" again this year. For a donation of \$10 dollars you can buy a box of food which will be donated to the Sacred Heart Food Pantry and, with that donation, you will receive a coupon book worth \$50 in coupons from Hannaford.

Last year thanks to your generosity we were able to provide Sacred Heart Pantry with over 220 boxes for the Fund a Feast Program or over 1,760 pieces of food.

Thanks to a generous donation from Time Warner Cable and the Parishioners of St. Pius X Church we were able to add 53 boxes for the Fund-a-Feast. Thank you for your generosity. So far this year, we have provided **201** boxes. Let's see if we can beat last year's total.

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**The St. Pius X Parish School Board** invites you to become a sponsor of their annual event "A Winter's Night Out," being held on February 6th at the Wolferts Roost Country Club. Information is included in your bulletin.

It is the hope of the Parish School Board to provide an opportunity for the community of our church to come together for an evening of entertainment while raising money for our parish school. The theme this year is **HOLLYWOOD!**

Look for event invitations in the bulletin during the first week of January! Come walk the red carpet and join the fun! We hope to see you on February 6th.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Many of our most treasured traditions link the liturgy of the church with the hearth of the home. The food on the table at certain feasts and fasts helps to extend the mystery into everyday life. On Christmas Eve, for example, many families of Italian heritage, especially those with links to the south of Italy, will settle down to the "Feast of the Seven Fishes," or *La Vigilia*. It is a command performance for the whole family, as the saying goes: *Natale con I tuui, Pasqua conchi vuoi*, or "Christmas with your family, Easter with whomever you wish." Seven different fish, some say one for each day of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem, others say one for each sacrament, or one for each day of creation, are served. Eel and shrimp, lobster and crab, calamari, pasta with clam sauce, flounder and hake all abound, but most especially baccala, dried salted cod. Why? Many say that it is a way to pay homage to the beasts of the stable who witnessed the holy birth and relinquished their manger to make way for God. So, on Christmas Eve, if someone asks you to "pass the shrimp," you'll be able to shed a little light on a menu that is a delicious treasure in our tradition!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 2010 SCHEDULE**

Following are all the dates on which each of the three weekend eucharistic ministry teams is scheduled to serve during the 2010 calendar year:

**TEAM 1**

Jan. 9-10; Jan. 30-31; Feb. 20-21; Mar. 13-14; Apr. 3-4; Apr. 24-25; May 15-16; June 5-6; June 26-27; July 17-18; Aug. 7-8; Aug. 28-29; Sept. 18-19; Oct. 9-10; Oct. 30-31; Nov. 20-21; Dec. 11-12.

**TEAM 2**

Jan. 16-17; Feb. 6-7; Feb. 27-28; Mar. 20-21; Apr. 10-11; May 1-2; May 22-23; June 12-13; July 3-4; July 24-25; Aug. 14-15; Sept. 4-5; Sept. 25-26; Oct. 16-17; Nov. 6-7; Nov. 27-28; Dec. 18-19.

**TEAM 3**

Jan. 2-3; Jan. 23-24; Feb. 13-14; Mar. 6-7; Mar. 27-28; Apr. 17-18; May 8-9; May 29-30; June 19-20; July 10-11; July 31-Aug. 1; Aug. 21-22; Sept. 11-12; Oct. 2-3; Oct. 23-24; Nov. 13-14; Dec. 4-5; Dec. 26 (Team 3 will not serve on Christmas Day).

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 E-MAIL OR CALL YOUR TEAM LEADER.

If you have any questions about this schedule, please contact Frank Pugliano at 482-7258: e-mail at puglframe@nycap.rr.com.

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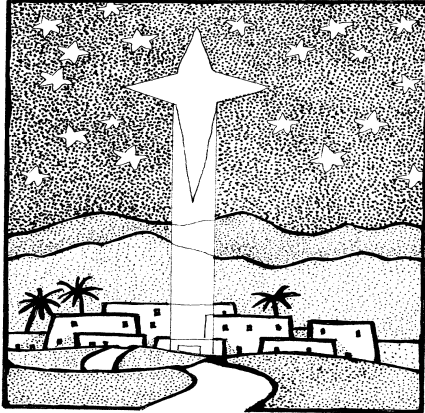
**Christian Works and Service**

On January 9/10 and 16/17 we will be having our collection for the Homeless Shelter run by the Capital Area Council of Churches based at the First Lutheran Church on Western Avenue near the S.U.N.Y Campus. It is a 40 bed shelter for men. They are in need of:

Detergent, bleach, coffee, non-dairy creamer, white socks, thermal underwear (all sizes), gloves, hooded sweatshirts (x large, xx large), foot powder, deodorant, men's clothing

Those individuals who also wish to write a check may make the check out to "C.A.C.C. Shelter Account" drop the check off at the parish office attention Tom Christman. Again thank you for your support in this endeavor.

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*For unto us  
a Son is  
given.*

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar:** Mary was excited with her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Some consider children as a liability, a “mouth to feed” or an obstacle to a career. While Christmas is “for children” it is also “for adults to appreciate the gift children are to us.”

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We respectfully remind everyone to observe the **No parking** areas on the parish grounds. These areas provide for everyone’s safety, and in case of emergency they provide access for emergency vehicles. Also, please park only within the lines designated as parking spaces. Areas outside of those lines are for emergency access. Thank you.

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**REMINDER** ~ If you have or are recovering from a cold or the flu, please remember the appropriate precautions at the Sign of Peace and refrain from receiving from the cup or on the tongue.

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**ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who have been baptized and have received First Holy Communion but have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to inquire about our parish Confirmation preparation program. Please contact Peter Ranalli at the parish Office of Religious Education by calling (518) 465-8068.

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**The Day After Christmas ~ The Feast of Saint Stephen**

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all. ~ Happy Feast Day Father Steve!!

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Colonie Center  
**SCHOOL BUCK\$** program  
 Do you have lunch or dinner regularly at the any of the Colonie Center restaurants? Your receipt from lunch or dinner can help St. Pius X School win one of the top cash prizes awarded in the Colonie Center \$SCHOOL BUCK\$ Program. Please drop your receipts in the collection box located in the Parish Center



Office or have your receipts stamped at the Guest Services Desk located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Any receipts stamped within 60 days of purchase help us reach our goal. Thank you for your support!

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**New Christmas Seating Policy**

The parish council is discussing quite a few recommendations that came out of the parish survey that the Siena Research Institute did for us in 2008. You will be hearing more about those recommendations, and council actions, in the next few months.

But the council members have decided to implement one change now because it pertains to something that has been a concern at Masses during holiday seasons for some time, most particularly at Christmas liturgies (and especially at the 4:00 Children’s Mass on Christmas Eve). That is the practice of saving seats, and in some cases entire pews, for people who are not yet in church. “Saving seats” has resulted in people having to stand, as well as family members having to sit apart from one another, even though empty seats and pews are available.

To respond to concerns expressed by a number of people about this practice in their survey comments, we will try something new at St. Pius, starting with the Christmas Masses this year.

To begin, it is important that we all understand that everyone is always welcome to participate in the services celebrated at St. Pius. All liturgies, but especially those held at the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and during Easter week, take on special meaning when we can attend them with family and friends, many of whom we may not see very often. At the same time that we warmly welcome everyone to our church, we also have to be mindful and respectful of each person’s right to have a place in the Lord’s house, even if that means that we ourselves will be inconvenienced a bit.

Following is the new seating policy that will be followed at St. Pius at all holiday liturgies from now on, starting with the Christmas Masses this December:

- saving seats will be allowed on the Stafford Street and Gathering Area sides of church (except in marked pews that will be reserved for lectors and eucharistic ministers);
- saving seats will **not** be allowed in the center section of church (including upstairs in the former choir loft);
- seats on the Stafford Street and Gathering Area sides of church can be saved only up until a half-hour before Mass; after that, seats cannot be saved in any part of church.

Signs will be posted at each entrance of the church stating where seats can and cannot be saved. And ushers will be available to assist in seating people in all areas of the church.

**Mass Intentions for the week**

**DECEMBER 21- DECEMBER 27**

<b>Mon</b>	6:30	Malcolm Eddy req. Susan Saturno Marjorie Egan req. Joe & Myong Ja Sangiorgi
	9:00	John Meliski req. His Family Anna Scofield req. Her Family Joseph & Rose Zaccardo req. Their Family
<b>Tues</b>	6:30	Thomas O'Connell req. Mr. & Mrs. James Dann
	9:00	Nellie Arnold req. The Sweeney Family H. Gladys Van Denburg req. Joe Schmidt Raymond Messier req. His Family
	7:00	John & Joan Chidsey Mel Bardin req. Their Family Ann Robinson req. Carole & Jack Egan Stacia Bucci req. Carole & Jack Egan
<b>Wed</b>	6:30	Thomas O'Connell req. Barbara Ellsworth
	9:00	Victor & Dora Cardona req. Their Family Frank J. Kearney req. His Son Mary Ann Nicolla req. The Nicolla Family
<b>Thur</b>	6:30	No Early Mass
	9:00	Helen Moore req. Joe & Eileen Micheli Earl LaBelle req. His Wife, Anne James & Mary Lourdes Brennan req. James G. Brennan
	4:00P	
	7:00P	<b>CHRISTMAS MASSES</b>
	12AM	
<b>Fri</b>	10:00	Christmas Day Mass
<b>Sat</b>	9:00	Barbara Meirhofer req. Marian Peters Margaret Houlahan req. Her Husband & Family Alexander Rainka req. Kathy & Ed Rainka
	5:00	Vigil
<b>Sun</b>	8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12:00 Noon	

**Eucharistic Ministers & Greeters - Team 2**

**SERVERS FOR DEC. 26/27**

5:00	P. Adikes, J. Rento, M. Tylanda, M. Mininberg, K. McDonald
8:00	RJ & AJ Villajuan, K. Hausamann, C. O'Keefe
10:00	S. Hulbert, E. & M. Laberge,
12:00	J. Tarantino, L. Paterson, M. Bonanni, L. Hans

**READINGS FOR DECEMBER 27, 2009**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
**Psalm:** Psalm 84 or Psalm 128.  
**Second Reading:** 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
**Gospel:** Luke 2:41-52

**WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR**

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
SUN	12/20	Sunday Eucharist Sunday School RCIA	8, 10,12 9:00 am 11:00 am	Church School Conf A
MON	12/21	Cub Scout Meeting Confirmation Workshop	6:30 pm 6:30 pm	P. Hall P. Hall
TUE	12/22	AA Meeting Youth Choir 4:15 pm & 6:15 pm Chime Choir School Mass	5:30 pm 3:30 pm 9:00 am	Church Church Church Church
WED	12/23	Children's Choir	4:15 pm	Church
THU	12/24	AA Meeting Christmas Masses 4:00, 7:00 & Midnight	7:00 pm	Conf B Church
FRI	12/25	Christmas Mass	10:00 am	Church
SAT	12/26	Vigil	5:00 pm	Church

**Music for Weekend of December 19/20**

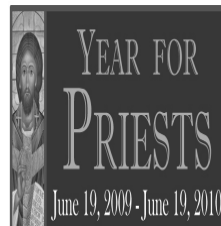
Gathering: 54- Comfort, Comfort, O My People  
 Preparation: 56-The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came  
 Communion: 714- Hail Mary, Gentle Woman  
 Recessional: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
 Adult Choir: Cantata Sunday Anthems

Along with Father Farano, Father Moore and Father Walsh, the Parish Staff would like to wish all of our Parishioners a most Blessed Christmas. It is a great gift for us each day to serve the needs of our Parish Family. To each of you, our warmest Christmas wishes and every good blessing for the New Year. (Just a reminder that the Parish Office will be closed on Thurs. and Friday, December 24th and 25th). Merry Christmas!!!



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**Prayer for our Priests**



Heavenly Father, give the Church today many, holy, prayerful and joyful priests. May their enthusiasm and good humor inspire the faithful, transform our parishes, extend your Kingdom and bring you glory. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

In this Year for Priests, our Parish Family gives special thanks to the Lord for our three very special priests, Father Farano, Father Moore, and Father Walsh and wish them Christ's choicest blessings at Christmas and throughout the New Year.