

My Church

My church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

*It will make generous donations to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.*

*It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them in.*

*It will be a church of loyalty and love,
of fearlessness and faith,*

and a church with a noble spirit,

*if I, who make it what it is,
am filled with these same things.*

Therefore, with the help of God,

*I shall dedicate myself to the task of
BEING all the things I want my church to be.*

St. Pius X Mission Statement:

A welcoming Catholic community striving to know and love God, serve and love our neighbors, and invite others into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

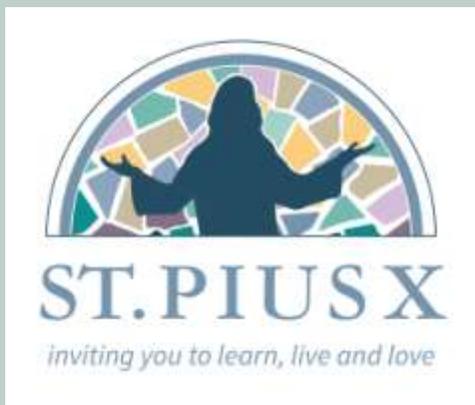
Church of St. Pius X

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 am 10:00 am*, 12:00 Noon

***Nursery Services and Kids' Bible**

Program Available



WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 pm Mass and

Marian Devotion

National Holidays: 9:00 am only

Saturday: 9:00 am

Holy Day Vigil: As Announced

Holy Day: As Announced



Dear St Pius Community,

I hope you had a relaxing Thanksgiving.

With the start of Advent next weekend, I want to highlight some of our upcoming parish events that I think will add meaning to this season for you and your families. We kick off with our very popular Men's and Women's Breakfasts. The Men's Breakfast will be on Friday, November 30 from 7:30 am-8:30 am and the Women's on Saturday, December 1 from 8:30 am-9:30 am. Both events will be held at Wolfert's Roost Country Club. This year, I am pleased that Frank (men's breakfast) and Mary Ellen (women's breakfast) Pugliano will join us as and speak about how faith and life have intersected in their life.

Speaking of stories, during the weekend Masses in Advent, I'll be talking about the different people who make up the Jesse Tree. You will see a Jesse Tree in the sanctuary and, each week, we will hang a symbol on this tree that portrays an aspect of our faith history. If you or your family would like to participate in hanging an ornament at one of our masses or lighting the candle in the Advent wreath, please see the bulletin for more details.

For families, on Saturday, December 1, we have a special movie night in the parish center at 6:30 pm. The featured movie will be the Polar Express and I am told that your tickets will sure to be hole punched. Details are also in the bulletin.

As we continue to serve and love our neighbor, we have another event planned on Sunday, December 9 at 1:00 pm in the parish center. Individuals and families are invited to help fill special treat bags for the needy in our community. Rumor has it that St. Nick is planning on stopping by and pizza, cookies and caroling are all part of this fun afternoon. Our goal is to fill 1,000 of these bags to distribute to local shelters. This is a great way for us to share our blessings with others this Advent.

For any of these events, please consider inviting someone to join you. That invitation might be just what they need in their lives. Thanks for continually living out our mission statement here at St. Pius.

Fr. Walsh

PARISHIONER NEWS

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized

Bianca Adalian, daughter of Timothy and Vanessa Adalian

Ophelia Delaney, daughter of Douglas and Jennifer Delaney

Emily DeGennaro, daughter of Matthew and Maureen DeGennaro

Charles Peters, son of Nicholas Peters and Kate Lougney

Elon Mendonca, son of Joseph and Preethi Mendonca

Aurelia Marini, daughter of Justin and Fallon Marini

Veronica Ciccarelli, daughter of Christopher and Natalie Ciccarelli

Francis Allardice, son of Brendhan and Katherine Allardice

Eloise Cook, daughter of Geoffrey and Alexandria Cook

Landyn Primeau, daughter of Leo and Leah Primeau

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Schedule

We will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, one of our Holy Days, with a Vigil Mass on Friday, December 7, and at 9:00 Mass on Saturday, December 8.



May our heavenly Father bless and grace these children now and always.

Save the Date

Advent Men's and Women's Breakfasts Registration This Weekend



Online registration is available from the parish website: www.stpiusxloudonville.org until November 25. In person registration will be available before and after Masses this weekend.

The cost is \$20 per person. Half Price Special for any first-time breakfast attendee - \$10! Please contact Neil Johanning at 518-459-2015 or ngjohanning@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

All Aboard the Polar Express

Saturday, December 1, 6:30 pm in the Parish Center



All St. Pius X children are invited to a special showing of "The Polar Express" movie, complete with cookies, cocoa and a special keepsake! Don't forget to wear your pjs and bring a blanket to sit on. No registration - just bring the whole family and join us for the fun. "The bell still rings for those who truly believe!"

Our complete Mass schedule for Advent, Christmas and the New Year will be in next week's bulletin.

Are you brand new to the parish and want to find out more about what St. Pius has to offer? Our Newcomers Coordinator, Carm Turpin would love to help you with anything!



Are you feeling a need to have a deeper connection with your parish but not sure how to do it? Our Connections Coordinator, Terese Meagher is the one to talk with and can help you explore ways to enrich your community experiences here at St. Pius. Just take the next step and reach out to Terese at connections@stpiusxloudonville.org

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Deceased: Richard Ungerer, brother of Robert Ungerer, Carlos Chizzolan (father of Sandra Chizzolin), Michael Portanova (husband of Norine Portanova), Patricia Lutz (mother of John Lutz) May they rest in God's peace.

Military: We ask for God's guidance and protection for our military serving in dangerous areas of the world.

2018 Annual Christmas Giving Tree

Tags are now available on our Giving Tree, located in the church. We invite you to take a tag or two from the tree, purchase the item and return the wrapped item **with the gift tag securely attached to the gift by Sunday, December 9.**



As in the past we will continue to support our partners in Community Maternity Services, Farano House, Mary's Corner, Watervliet Housing, the Orphanage in Haiti, the Men's Homeless Shelter, The Veteran's Hospital, Hope House, The Maureen Joyce Center, and several individual families who come to us for assistance. This year we have also included "The Street Soldiers", an organization which assists the homeless in Albany, Troy and Saratoga.

Please know that gift cards are every bit as essential to the success of this ministry as is purchasing any particular gift. Though it may seem a bit impersonal, let me hasten to assure you that we would not survive without them. Each and every gift makes a huge difference.

Additionally, it came to our attention that some parishioners would prefer to make a monetary donation. **This year we will have "shoppers" for those who cannot shop. If you select this method, please indicate in the Memo section of your check "Giving Tree". If you are giving cash, we request that you place it in an envelope clearly marked "Giving Tree"**

I want to thank you in advance for your loving and generous support of this wonderful ministry. You make the difference. It is only through your kindness that many will ever know the joys of a Christmas morning or the warmth of a holiday meal.

St. Pius X PEP Group



PEP, our St. Pius X senior luncheon group, meets at 1:00 pm on the first Thursday of every month at a variety of local restaurants. For the location of next month's meeting, as well as for your reservation, please call Nancy or Harry at 462-2853, or send us an email at hbrockman@nycap.rr.com



Youth and Young Adult Ministries

"Goodness has the same relationship to the human heart that a magnet has to iron. Goodness has the power to attract the heart." - St. Thomas Aquinas

Middle School Youth Ministry (Grades 6 - 8):

- **December 5 - MYSM:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center.
- **December 18 - MYSM Christmas Party:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please bring a snack to share!

High School Youth Ministry (Grades 9 - 12):

- Our online calendar lists a HSYM night on November 28; there will be **NO HSYM** this date.
- **December 6 - HSYM:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center
- **December 19 - HSYM Christmas Party:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please bring a snack to share!

For a complete MSYM and HSYM Calendar and updates on more events, check out our parish website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stpiusxloudonvilleYM

Young Adult Ministry (college age - 39):

- **December 7 - Eucharistic Adoration** with praise and worship, reconciliation, and pray teams available. 7:00 - 8:00, Sacred Heart Church, Troy
- **December 14 - Christmas Cookie Exchange and Game Night:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Parish Center

For updates on more events, check out our parish website and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stpiusxloudonvilleYAM

Kids' Bible and Babysitting

Kids' Bible takes place during the 10:00 am Mass each Sunday, in the Chapel and is geared towards children ages late 3's - 7.

Kids' Bible is about 15 minutes long and coincides with the time of the readings and homily in church. The goal is to present God's word in a way that children can understand it.

Feel free to stop into the Chapel some Sunday during 10:00 am Mass and see what you are missing. For more information, please contact Amy Kramer at amyhkramer@icloud.com.

Babysitting for children 18 months - mid-three years old is available during the 10:00 Mass. All of our babysitters have been background checked and are Virtus trained. Babysitting takes place in the pre-school wing of our school. To get there from church, take the hall from the gathering area down past the parish center and continue through the next set of doors into the school. The classroom is on the left. Our wonderful teachers will be there to greet you!

Religious Education



This may be a good time to begin your child's faith journey by enrolling them in our Religious Education Program. Grades K-5 meet every Sunday morning from 9-9:50 am. All information can be found on our website or call Ann Smith at 518-465-8068.

K-5 Program

Our 2018-19 program is underway, but it is not too late to register!

- Registration and payment may be done on the parish website – www.stpiusxloudonville.org
- Any question, please call Ann Smith 465-8068

Our annual Christmas caroling will take place on December 2 at 9:00 am in the Parish Center. All are welcome to join in!

As a Christmas *"Gift of Love,"* we are once again asking the Religious Education children to bring in **one food item each** to Sunday School on **December 9**. Teachers will have bags outside their classroom to put the food in. **Each grade has been assigned a different food item.** The list can be found on the From the RE Office page under the Religious Ed K-5 section on our website.

High school students: do you need service hours? Why not become an aide for our Religious Ed program. We really need aides in grades K-5. Please call Ann Smith at 518-465-8068 if interested.

St. Pius X Sunday Parents' Group

Are you looking for a time and place to care for your own faith? We invite you to drop your child off for Religious Ed on Sunday mornings and join our group, which was created by parents for parents and caretakers.

No registration or RSVP needed, just come fill your cup with faith and fellowship.

We will meet, beginning on October 14, in the St. Pius X School teachers' lounge from 9:05 - 9:45 am on the Sundays that your children have class. We'll introduce a new small groups format

For questions please contact Samantha Bloom at 518-390-6193 or Rita Niles at 518-588-9380.



Pastoral Care Services

“Good works are links that form a chain of love.” ~ Mother Teresa

Hospital Visits: Due to HIPPA Laws, please be sure to notify us if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital.

Faith in Action Group: The St. Pius X Faith in Action Care Team is in need of volunteers to provide respite for families living with loved ones who have some form of dementia including Alzheimer’s. The average volunteer offers just 2 - 3 hours per month and provides non-medical support and friendship. All volunteers are offered training and continued support from the staff at Eddy Alzheimer’s Services. If you would like to receive more information about our Faith in Action Care Team Program, please contact Sandy Monahan at Eddy Alzheimer’s Services. Sandy can be reached at 518-238-4167 or at Sandra.monahan@sphp.com

Advent Wreath Lighting and Jesse Tree Ornaments

- Sign-up to assist at Masses during Advent to **light a candle** on the wreath at the beginning of Mass. Individuals and families welcome! The four weeks of Advent are December 1 and 2, December 8 and 9, December 15 and 16, December 22 and 23. Mass times are Saturday evening, 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and Noon.
- Sign-up to assist at Masses during Advent to **hang a Jesse Tree ornament** on the tree at Mass during Advent (see dates and times above!)



Contact Liz Jelstrom at (518) 462-1336 or service@stpiusxloudonville.org to sign-up to help! We need your name (s), phone number, e-mail and preferred Mass time.

Celebrate and Serve with St. Nick!

Date: Sunday, December 9
Time: 12:45 pm – 3:00 pm
Where: Parish Center

Join us as we “Share 10” with St. Nick by filling gift bags for the needy in our community.

- Filling bags for the needy
- Caroling and Christmas cookies
- Photo op with St. Nick
- No RSVP required
- Pizza lunch
- Bring a friend or neighbor!



St. Pius X Volunteer Opportunities

- **Regional Food Bank of NENY:** join us on **Wednesday, December 5 from 6:00-8:00 pm** to sort donations. Come ready to work and wear close-toed shoes. The food bank is located at **965 Albany Shaker Road Latham.** Contact Liz Jelstrom to RSVP (see below!)
- Join parishioner, Dan Jason, on **Monday, November 26 at 5:30 pm** in prepping and serving dinner to the folks at the Capital City Rescue Mission: 259 Pearl Street in Albany. Contact Dan at danielmjason@gmail.com or at (315) 416-1860 if you can join.
- **HATAS’ Albany Feed and Read Program:** join us on **Wednesday, November 28 from 6:00-8:00 pm** as we pack lunches for children in local Albany elementary and middle schools in need. We will meet at Capital Region Furniture Bank Warehouse located at 5 Anderson Drive in Albany. Contact Liz (see below) if you can help.
- **St. Catherine’s Gift Wrapping:** we need Santa’s elves to help us wrap gifts for the children served by St. Catherine’s. We will meet on **December 21 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at St. Catherine’s 40 North Main Albany NY 12203.** Park in the back lot. RSVP to Liz Jelstrom if you can help!



For a full listing of volunteer opportunities, stop by the **Information Hub** or visit our website www.stpiusxloudonville.org under **Get Involved/ Volunteer Opportunities.** To receive a monthly e-mail on upcoming volunteer opportunities, contact Liz Jelstrom at (518) 462-1336 or service@stpiusxloudonville.org.



Parish Staff and Information

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Help us keep our records up to date. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving or if your information has changed. The office is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

We are pleased that we can now provide live streaming of our Masses. Please be aware that if you cross into the recording field during certain time frames, your image may be part of the broadcast. Generally the recordings will begin five minutes prior to the Mass and end on the hour after Mass is complete.

CELEBRATIONS OF SACRAMENTS

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 9:00 am and 5:00 pm Vigil

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am*, 12:00 Noon

*Nursery services available and Kids' Bible Program

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am and 9:00 am

Tuesday Evening: 7:00 pm

National Holidays: 9:00 am only

Holy Day Schedule: As Announced

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations parents! Baptisms take place on the first and third Sunday of the month immediately following the noon Mass. To schedule a baptism, contact Jenn Maroney, at 462-1336 or secretary@stpiusxloudonville.org

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Thank you for considering St. Pius X Church as you plan for the Sacrament of Matrimony. Please contact Fr. Walsh or email Jenn Maroney at secretary@stpiusxloudonville.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit!

Teen: Jim Burns - confirmation@stpiusxloudonville.org

Adult: Fr. Walsh - pastor@stpiusxloudonville.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our all loving and forgiving God absolves us of our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Saturday: 4:15 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

Advent Reconciliation Service: Tuesday, December 11, 2018, 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Experience God's healing during the Saturday 9:00 am Mass or upon request. Please let us know if anyone in your family is hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Our church needs good priests, religious and deacons. For more information, visit www.albanyvocations.org or contact Fr. Walsh.

ST. PIUS X TRUSTEES

Cindy Pettit and Patrick Fitzgerald III

PASTORAL COUNCIL

spxparishcouncil@gmail.com

President: Peter Sheremeta

Members: ♦ Diane Forenzo ♦ Jim Kitts ♦
Jeff Ricchiuti ♦ Frank Faragon

Parishioners are always welcome to attend Pastoral Council meetings. The next two meeting dates are December 18 and January 22.



**Mass Intentions for the Week of
November 26 - December 2**

Mon	6:30	✠ Victor Cardona req. Family ✠ Tom Roach req. Shirley Marozzi and Family ✠ Helen Campbell req. Kathy Foley
	9:00	✠ David James req. Kathy and Mike Foley ✠ Dick and Johanne Jones req. Lynette Alderisio ✠ Rosalie Novak req. Friend
Tues	6:30	✠ Catherine S. Britton req. Her Family ✠ Lucy Paliotta req. The O'Hare Puleo Family ✠ James V. Puleo req. The O'Hare Puleo Family
	9:00	✠ Richard D. Ungerer req. Michael Hayes ✠ Esther Jean Galka (Anniv) req. Family ✠ Edith and James Naughton req. Their Family ✠ Timothy J. Fitzpatrick req. Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Cafaro, Jr. and Family
	7:00	✠ Daniel J. Dugan II req. Annemarie and Matt McGarry ✠ Arthur Wallingford req. John and Barbara Fitzgerald ✠ Tom Clemente req. John and Barbara Fitzgerald
Wed	6:30	✠ Matthew Criscione req. Maureen and Bob Klein
	9:00	✠ James Danton req. Martin, Maureen, Michael and Brian Doherty ✠ Terri Hanbury Miller req. Tim Bucci and Family ✠ Paul Carpenter req. Anna Mary and Rosario Calabrese
Thurs	6:30	✠ Captain Joseph Ryan (4th Anniv) req. Jean Tebbetts ✠ Katharine Hayes req. Bill and Mary Beth Ryan ✠ Romano Sandomenico req. Bill and Mary Beth Ryan
	9:00	✠ Louis Trunko req. Jim and Kathy Lawlor ✠ David James req. Wife ✠ Jerry Minihane req. The Kirker Family
	6:30	✠ Matthew Criscione req. Marilyn and Peter Newkirk ✠ Katharine P. Hayes req. Michael Hayes, Sr. ✠ Camille Hoheb req. Jeanne Fitzgerald
Fri	9:00	✠ David James req. Peg and Tom Monahan ✠ Margaret Riedy req. Peg and Tom Monahan ✠ Elizabeth Newcomb req. Daughter
	Sat	9:00
	5:00	Vigil Mass
Sun	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon	✠ = Deceased ♥ = Special Intention

The tradition of having a Mass offered for someone goes back to the early Church and has been a constant part of the life of the Church since then. Having a Mass offered for an individual is a wonderful gift. Masses can be offered in memory of a deceased individual, for a loved one's birthday or anniversary, or just to let someone know that he/she is being thought of in a special way.

Please visit our website calendar for a full listing of upcoming events.

The Rosary is celebrated Monday - Saturday, in the Chapel, after the 9:00 am Mass.

Come join us for **Eucharistic Adoration** every **Friday** after the 9:00 am Mass until closing prayer at 7:00 pm. All are welcome. For more information about how to become a weekly or substitute adorer, contact Peter Ranalli at 518-892-0046 or Margaret Purcell at 518-453 - 9302.



Become Catholic at St. Pius X

Each year, many adults take the step to become members of the Catholic church through St. Pius. We offer different routes to baptism, first communion and confirmation, depending on your background and need.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in finding out more, please contact Fr. Walsh at 518-462-1336 or pastor@stpiusxloudonville.org

Low Gluten Hosts

Low gluten hosts are available for our Masses. These hosts have a very small amount of gluten in them for those who are intolerant. Please come in the sacristy fifteen minutes prior to Mass to arrange to have a low gluten host available for communion.

Special Collections for November

November 4: Monthly Help Collection
November 18: Human Development Collection

Need a little help hearing at Mass?



For those with hearing aids with a telecoil mode (TEL-switch), we have two hearing loops that can be used in place of the ear-phones. Just place the loop around your neck and the telecoil mode of your hearing aid will make your hearing aids become "one" with the sound system and mute ambient noise. (Check your hearing aid's manual for directions of how to tune into a hearing loop). 70% of all hearing aids have TEL-mode. *Stop by the sacristy and try one of our Williams Sound PPA R38 receivers today and "tune in" to the Mass.*