

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARE



During Advent we pray with hope; we live with hope. Hope is the gift from God that empowers us to take steps to bring about the Kingdom of God in our world. It is expressed in the simple gift of bringing a meal to a sick or frail, elderly person, offering encouragement, cutting back on what we have in order to give to people in need, and making peace with those around us; through our giving, others receive hope, and we bring about the Kingdom of God.

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RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

December 9-10.....Please remember our elderly religious in your prayers and at the collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Now in its 18th year, the Fund addresses the needs of more than 40,000 religious who are past age 70. The second collection this weekend is for this purpose; please give, especially in memory of the religious mentors and guides in your own life.

CHRISTMAS TOY PROJECT

All members of the St. Pius X Parish and visitors are invited to participate in our annual **Toy Drive**. Our objective this year is to provide toys and gifts for Divine Mercy Catholic Haitian Mission here in Fort Lauderdale. This Mission currently is comprised of over 1500 families, with over 200 children in 8 CCD classes, many more ages 3 to school-age, and 70 children ages 12-19 in their Confirmation class. The Mission is currently undergoing Hurricane Wilma repairs. As their church is small, seating for Sunday Masses extends to their social room, with speakers outside the building so they can hear Mass. The Mission has another lot on which to build, but – income is low and they are in the midst of a building drive. They have 37 group activities including a children's choir and an Outreach program caring for their elderly. If you would like to participate, please place a **new unwrapped** toy or clothing, especially sweaters for up to age 10, in the food baskets at the church entrances. Please, no battery-driven toys. If shopping is difficult for you but you would like to participate in this project, cash or a check made payable to "St. Pius X Woman's Club" in an envelope addressed to the "Toy Project" and placed in the food baskets or the collection baskets will be most welcome and will find its way to us. The need is great.

Charities Committee, St. Pius X Woman's Club



THANKSGIVING DINNER

Thanksgiving Dinner profit \$493.36
The profit was given to our St. Vincent dePaul to use.

CHURCH ENVELOPES FOR 2007

St. Pius X Church collection envelopes for the year 2007 are to be picked up by our registered parishioners. Please stop at the tables at the church main entrance to pick-up your envelopes.

CHRIST CHILD TEA



St. Pius X Woman's Club invites all women of the parish to attend our annual Christ Child Tea on Monday, December 11, 2006, from 1:00 to 3:00PM, in the Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served and a musical program by the Broward Woman's Chorus will be presented at 1:30PM.

As in the past, the collection from our "Silver Bowl" will be forwarded to Providence Place, home for abused mothers and children. Your generous donation at the Tea will ensure our continuing to be "Guardian Angels" to these abused, abandoned and neglected families in the care of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Your charities committee has been gathering new toys for the needy children under the care of the Divine Mercy Catholic Haitian Mission here in Fort Lauderdale. The need is great. Their assets small. If you would like to participate in this project, please bring a new, unwrapped toy to the Christ Child Tea.

May the Baby Jesus keep you all in His care, as you continue your ministry of sharing with and caring for His little ones.

St. Pius X Woman's Club

BINGO Every Thursday

"Progressive Game".....

All parishioners and friends of St. Pius are invited to attend **every Thursday. Doors open at 5:30PM** with food and refreshments being served. **Early bird starts at 6:30PM and regular bingo at 7:00PM.** All profits are for the Church Beautification Program.

The St. Pius X Snack Bar serves up coffee, tea, hot chocolate, hot dogs and an abundant array of cookies and snacks to the early birders and during the intermissions.

Note: We Need Your Help...Bingo is moving into the Season!!! That being the case, we need people persons who enjoy having fun and giving to the effort of the Beautification Program. Assistance is needed in all areas. Callers, floor persons, door & entry people and food and beverage servers. No experience is necessary and the pay is rewarding! We will be happy to have you for whatever time you can give. We are attempting to establish the winter schedule now, so PLEASE give us SOME of our time and smiling faces. For details call **Joe Scerbo 954: 563-3735.**

CAR WASH

1:30 to 5:00PM

Bring your automobile, to the **St. Pius X parking lot Sunday, December 10**

Profit will go to the Migrant Workers in Homestead

There will also be a box at the church entrance for donations of long sleeve shirts (clean used or new) for the migrant workers

Music Ministry News



The Cardinal Gibbons Music Department will be blessing us with the **Sounds of Christmas** on December 17 at 4PM. Please join us to welcome this fine group of performers. What a great way to ring in the Christmas Season! Tickets will be sold at the doors for \$10. If you wish to purchase advanced tickets, see Kristen DiNonno.

Are there any repressed singers out there? Do not be intimidated, stand up and sing! If you love to sing and want to be involved in our great music ministry, now is the time to join! We have started rehearsing for Christmas and would welcome any new comers with open arms. Please see Kristen if you are interested.

The Advent Season is upon us once again! This means our choir is on a four week tour. A tour of all the Masses that is. They started December 2 at the Saturday, 4:00PM Mass

This weekend, Sunday, December 10 at 12:30PM Mass

Sunday, December 17 at 9:30AM

Saturday, December 23 at 5:30PM Mass

Midnight Mass: Sunday, December 24, (11:35 music)

Christmas, 11:00AM Mass, Monday, Dec. 25 (10:45 music)

GARDEN NEWS

Phase V is open for the ordering of bricks. Think of that special someone, anniversary birth, death, etc. and consider ordering now so that Phase V will have the necessary number of ordered bricks to go to print as soon as possible. We are looking to Easter for delivery of Phase V. That will only be possible if we have enough brick orders to submit. **Barbara C. Scerbo**, Garden Chairman, 954: 563-3735 or cell, 954: 610-5641-BSCERBO1935@AOL.COM.

This Week On St. Pius X Web

Catholicize Your Cell Phone, Blackberry or PDA

'New Video Corner

Saint Of The Day

"The Nativity" Movie Review

News From The Vatican

<http://www.saintpiusthetenth.org>

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



For the celebration of the Birth of Our Lord, the floral display in our sanctuary this Christmas will be in memory of our departed loved ones and friends. Envelopes for this offering can be found at the church entrances.

Prayer Request for the sick... Father Thomas Lavelle, George Chinsley, Charles Spevak, Carmela Zanca, Joan Tarris, Thomas & Betty Kelly, William Davis, Kenny Suppa, Mary Elizabeth Catanzaro, Kathy Masotti, Elizabeth Iacobelli, David Weeks, John Paul Sica, Lina DiCicco, Wayne Holman, Dr. Elizabeth McDonald, Colone Twins, Glenn Bowen, Miriana Belchino, Mary Beth Weber, Mihai, & Anca Blaga, Tom Fougere, Cathy England, Vasiliki & Kosta "Gus" Marchelos, Joe Smitka, Patti Shuler, Rita Woodson, Carol Guadagno, Gena Musalini, Rosa LaRocca, and Franco Ronca.

Prayer Requests for the deceased... Hillery Knecht and Mary Hill.

The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the tabernacle and burns continuously for 7 days. You may have the sanctuary lamp memorialized for either a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention, for a weekly donation of \$10.00. Please call the parish office to reserve a specific date.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in the Church, in memory of **Michael O'Brien** - in the Chapel in memory of **Doris Campbell**.

Masses For The Week

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 9th

4:00PM Vennard & Baldini

5:30PM James Sanford

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 10th

8:00AM Joseph Viglione

9:30AM George Sampson

11:00AM Dorothy Gill

12:30PM Rose Brennan

MONDAY – DECEMBER 11th

8:00AM Marian & Edward Stitzell

9:00AM Emma Rita DeRuzza

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 12th

8:00AM Doris Campbell

9:00AM For Our Parish Community

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 13th

8:00AM Carl Meister

9:00AM Augustus Bonito

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 14th

8:00AM Gertrude McArdle

9:00AM Sara Randles

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 15th

8:00AM Mary Gillan

9:00AM Michael O'Brien

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 16th

8:00AM Joe Allegues

9:00AM Joseph & Mary Lostumbo