

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARE



**SPECIAL TIME OF GIVING
AND SHARING...**

A GIFT FROM THE HEART....

How large should your Christmas gift to the infant Jesus be?

Clearly, that is for you alone to decide. You are the only one who can consider your wants, needs and responsibilities, and make a judgment about your level of assistance to His Church.

However, there are historical examples that can help you decide.

Sacrificial giving is not a new idea. Through the centuries, the Faithful have given generously of their time, talents and fortune to do the work of the Church. The Acts of the Apostles details many such examples, providing us a thread of continuity with the earliest days of the Church.

Tithing is one such example. Centuries ago, ten percent of earnings was the standard. Given the responsibilities of today, even five percent annually in charitable gifts can be an important contribution.

In any case, what you give must be from the heart. Consider what your Church and parish have meant to you and to all those who came before. And consider your role as a steward, one who will pass on care of the Church to the next generation.

Searching your heart will help you decide an honest and reasonable level for your special gift.



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.

OUR PARISH WEB SITE.....

For your convenience, you can now purchase memorials and other 50th anniversary events with any major credit card directly on our web site: <http://www.saintpiusthetenth.org>.

St. Pius X Presents

SECOND CONCERT...December 14, @ 4:00PM
Cardinal Gibbons Music Department Christmas Concert.
This is a wonderful showcase of all the amazing talents the kids at Cardinal Gibbons have to offer. Come support our local talent and get in the Christmas Spirit! (Cost \$10)

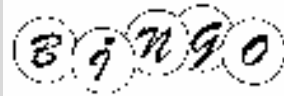
Roaring Twenties Fun Party

Friday, January 16, 2009 @ St. Pius X Parish Hall.
Entertainment by: Kristen & David and also featuring Mummies String Band. Cocktails: 5:00-10:30PM, mixed drinks-\$3, beer & wine-\$2 & soda-\$1. Chicken Dinner served @ 6:00PM (Cost \$22 per person). Prizes for best Twenties outfit. Reservations by mail only. Make check payable to: St. Pius X Woman's Club and mail to: Mrs. Theresa Benditt, 3324 NE 17 Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305. (Your tickets will be held at the door.)

St. Pius X woman's Club Fashion Show

Our **Fashion Show for January 29, 2009** is approaching. Anyone who can **donate a gift for a door prize** would be appreciated. Kindly bring them to the Rectory.

Thank you. Betty Metzger & Odette Assile, chairpersons.



Every Thursday.... Doors open at 5:30PM

With food and refreshments being served

Progressive Game

Early bird starts at 6:30PM

Regular Bingo at 7:00PM

Snack Bar serves coffee, tea, hot chocolate, popcorn, hot dogs and a variety of sweets.

Come join a great crowd & have some fun too!

BINGO Needs Volunteers.....

Again we are seeking volunteers for our weekly game. Help is needed in the kitchen, on the floor, and entry persons. The work is easy and the staff is fun to work with. This does not need to be a weekly commitment. You may come when you are available. In this way some of the regular volunteers can have a Thursday night off.

Remember Bingo is a major source of funds for the improvements needed to the Church. Help us to continue the game and at the same time join in the fun.

For further info please contact: **Leo Senesi 954-632-2226**

Knight of Columbus Council #3080 Hall Rental

The Knights of Columbus is offering the rental of its Hall, located at 3999 North Dixie Highway, Oakland Park, for weddings, parties, meetings and social affairs, etc. Seating capacity is 104 persons with kitchen and bar facilities.

Contact Joe Scerbo for information and membership application. Cell 954: 401-6428.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

December 13-14

Please remember our elderly religious in your prayers and in the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. The Fund addresses the needs of religious who are past age 70. Please give, especially in memory of the religious mentors and guides in your own life.

St. Pius X Perpetual Memorial Appeal

The memorial Appeal committee met on Monday, December 8, 2008.

- It was reported that to date, pledges of \$41,255. have been made as of December 8, 2008.
- Actual funds received have been \$26,255.

The Committee is encouraged by the results to date, but we are in need of your further support if we are to reach our goal. **100% of all donations made are to be used at St. Pius X for much needed repairs and renovations to our Parish and buildings.**

The Committee is planning to contact each parishioner to review the Memorial Appeal program. We are requesting that you welcome their call and support the Memorial Campaign.

Garden News....Look and See

Phase VII bricks are now in the Garden. For those of you who have ordered bricks in this Phase, what a great Christmas gift!

For those of you who are still looking for that special Christmas gift...why not purchase a brick in the Garden?

With your order, I will be happy to mail you a beautiful St. Pius X Brick Garden gift card.

This is a wonderful way to honor someone and at the same time help us to maintain the Garden and do renovations for the Church.

Your continued support is appreciated. Brick Garden forms may be found at all the doors of the church.

Barbara Scerbo 954-563-3735

Prayer Request for the sick....

Jenny Kish, Todd Redding, Annette Martino, Jeanne Valarie, Arlene Shore, Charlie & Gloria Wyers, Kathy Masotti, Josephine Weller, Gino Pinnicchia, Mary Elizabeth Catanzaro, Olivia Souza, Nick Williams, Kenny Suppa, Farid & Aimee Ghawi, Adeline Matson, Harold Bowers, Jr., Ondina Fernandez, Helen Keating, Mary Fearon, Joe Smitka, Miriam Gilligan, Deacon Michael Leon, Scott Wilson, Mary Ellen Falvey, Kevin Mullarkey, John D., Desmond Stevin, Elizabeth Weiss, Barney Hlavaty, Larry Woodman, John Dooley, Jr., Mihai Blaga, Marge Danreiter, Bob Knudsen, Val Serpico, Jim Mullen, Stephen Toal, Anthony L'Abbate, and Randy Schertler.

Prayer Requests for the deceased....

Lloyd Robert, Jim Waymire and Col. Arthur Joseph Gallow.

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 **Boston Bill McBride**, and in the Chapel for the Intention of **Judy Lyons**.



The beautiful flowers on the altar this weekend have been given in loving memory of **Carmelita Kaufman and Josephine Reichert**.



SATURDAY – DECEMBER 13th

4:00PM **Vennard & Baldini Families**
5:30PM **Special Intention**

SUNDAY – DECEMBER 14th

8:00AM **Joseph Viglione, Sr.**
9:30AM **George Sampson**
11:00AM **Dorothy Gill**
12:30PM **Carmelita Kauffman & Josephine Reichert**

MONDAY – DECEMBER 15th

8:00AM **Timothy O'Keefe**
9:00AM **Timothy Mahoney**

TUESDAY – DECEMBER 16th

8:00AM **Joe Alleguez**
9:00AM **Joseph Lostumbo**

WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 17th

8:00AM **Dexter Woodman**
9:00AM **Intention of Violetta & Giuseppe Sica**

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 18th

8:00AM **Marian & Edward Stitzell**
9:00AM **Wayne Warren**

FRIDAY – DECEMBER 19th

8:00AM **Marian & Edward Stitzell**
9:00AM **Intention of Swen Lewis**

SATURDAY – DECEMBER 20th

8:00AM **Mary Gillan**
9:00AM **Adele Stanones**

