

**You are invited  
to the annual**

## ***Migration Mass***

**at**

**St. Pius V Parish**

**on**

**Sunday, January 6, 2019**

**at 10:00 am**

**The theme of National Migration Week  
is "*Building Communities of Welcome*"**

### **USCCB - National Migration Week January 6, 2019**

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking. The theme for National Migration Week 2019, "Building Communities of Welcome" draws attention to the fact that each of our families have a migration story, some recent and others in the distant past. Regardless of where we are and where we came from, we remain part of the human family and are called to live in solidarity with one another.

Unfortunately, in our contemporary culture we often fail to encounter migrants as persons, and instead look at them as unknown others, if we even notice them at all. We do not take the time to engage migrants in a meaningful way, as fellow children of God, but remain aloof to their presence and suspicious or fearful of them. During this National Migration Week, let us all take the opportunity to engage migrants as community members, neighbors, and friends