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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 27, 2022

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Saturday (Anticipated Mass) -------4:30 pm Sunday ------8:00, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon Weekdays ------9:00 am Holy Days-----9:00 & 7:30 pm **Religious Education Center** 

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*Rite of Baptism:* Parents should make arrangements by contacting the Parish Office.

*Rite of Reconciliation:* Saturday, 3:45 - 4:15 pm or anytime by appointment.

**Marriages... Joined Together in Christ:** Arrangements one year in advance according to common policy preparation by contacting the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Please notify us if a family member is ill at home or in the hospital.

*New Parishioners:* Please visit the Parish Office at 268 Old Tappan Road to register at your earliest convenience.

**Religious Education:** Classes for grade levels (1-9) are conducted September through May. Religious Education Center is open from 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday.

*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction:* Every first Tuesday immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MASS INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2022** 

Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> – Vigil: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent 4:30 p.m. The People of the Parish

req. by

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Gloria Pacchia

req. by the Litchfield Family

**10:00 a.m.** Fred & Norma Januzzi

req. by Louise & Jim Januzzi

12:00 p.m. Marilu George

req. by the Tama Family

Monday March 28th – Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Anita Di Noto

reg by Virginia Di Noto

Tuesday March 29th – Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Martin McKeon

req by the Arthur Family

Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> – Lenten Weekday

**9:00 a.m.** Marilu George

req. by George & Tama Family

Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup> – Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Andrea Higham

req. by Patty Jones & Family

Friday April 1<sup>st</sup> – Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. Maria Aloi

req. by Pete & Nikki Newkirk

Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

**4:30 p.m.** Fran Jachncky

req. by Marie Rush

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Lent

**8:00 a.m.** Ralph Passante, Sr.

reg. by Lucia Passante

**10:00 a.m.** People of the Parish

req. by

12:00 p.m. Lydia Hromin

req. by Silvana Luberto



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE LLL & THEIR CARETAKERS

Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Olga Clemenzie, Claire Collins, Laurie Deluca, Carol Filice, Timothy Goldsmith, Kelly Hayes, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Michele McKeown, Wayne Mocik, Donna Morris, Albina Perez, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Donald Ryan, Joanna Smith, Vita Sullivan and Baby Berkley Williams.

Please pray for all our servicemen/women, including Christopher TenBroeck, Sean Keohane, and ENS Sarah Ryan, their families, and for the victims of terrorism and war.

### "I Love You, I Love You, I Lover You"

The voice of despair says, "I sin over and over again. After endless promises to myself and others to do better next time, I find myself back again in the old dark places. Forget about trying to change. I have tried for years. It didn't work and it never will work. It is better that I get out of people's way, be forgotten, no longer around, dead." This strangely attractive voice takes all uncertainties away and puts an end to the struggle. It speaks unambiguously for the darkness and offers a clear-cut

negative identity.

But Jesus came to open my ears to another voice that says, "I am your God, I have molded you with my own hands, and I love what I have made. I love you with a love that has no limits, because I love you as I am loved. Do not run away from me. Come back to me—not once, not twice, but always again. You are my child. . . . I am your God—the God of mercy and compassion, the God of pardon and love, the God of tenderness and care. Please do not say that I have given up on you, that I cannot stand you anymore, that there is no way back. It is not true. I so much want you to be with me. I so much want you to be close to me. I know all your thoughts. I hear all your words. I see all your actions. And I love you because you are beautiful, made in my own image, an expression of my most intimate love. Do not judge yourself. Do not condemn yourself. Do not reject yourself. Let my love touch the deepest, most hidden corners of your heart and reveal to you your own beauty, a beauty that you have lost sight of, but that will become visible to you again in the light of my mercy. Come, come, let me wipe your tears, and let my mouth come close to your ear and say to you, 'I love you, I love you, I love you."

~Henri Nouwen, Daily Meditations, March 21, 2022



### WEEKLY MASS OFFERING

March 26 - April 1, 2022
The Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of

Richard Garrity
Requested by Madge Wilson

Last weekend's collection amount will be in next week's bulletin.

### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I will be on a silent retreat this week, returning on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Know that I will be praying for each of you, as always. Please also continue praying for me. Over the last year, we've seen just how much prayer can do — the Holy Spirit has begun to transform this parish into a vibrant family of faith. May the Spirit continue to inspire us as we grow!

The primary theme of my retreat will simply be gratitude. I'm so grateful for you, for this parish, and above all, for the gift of my faith. God has been so good to me – and to us. I want to take a few days away in the middle of Lent simply to thank him.

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A word, then, on Lent. We've now reached the middle of our 40-day journey. How's it going for you so far? Has it been a fruitful journey? Has the Lord given you a word of comfort or inspiration? Perhaps you're still waiting for God to speak.

One image I often pray with during Lent is that of an old car radio. You may remember back when radios were built with a dial. You had to turn the knob to the left or the right in order to find the right station. One click too far created static, muffling the music.

Isn't that what Lent is all about – making adjustments, fine tuning our spiritual lives, searching for the voice of the Lord?

Given we've been on our Lenten journeys for nearly a month now, do we need to make any adjustments?

Maybe we need to dial down time spent on social media or watching the news in order to turn up time spent in prayer. Maybe we even need a silent day away.

Maybe we need to decrease slightly our portion size at meals in order to increase our awareness of the poor, especially those without food in Ukraine. Maybe the Lord is inviting us to grow in patience, generosity, or some other virtue.

Just as we'd expect to hear a musician's voice if we turned on the radio, so we should expect to hear the Lord this Lent. It may just be a matter of making the right adjustments — of tuning out, and tuning in. In the words of Samuel, our friend from the Old Testament, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore

### BUILDING COMMUNITY

### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP

As caring adults, we have the great responsibility of ensuring the safety of children and youth. The prevention of child sexual abuse requires adult awareness, education, and training about the nature and scope of the problem.

The first pillar of our mission is, "Building Community." As our community continues to grow, we want to ensure the safety and protection of our all our children, building a common culture of safety and awareness.

It is now required by the <u>Archdiocese of Newark</u> that **all** (St. Pius X Parish) Volunteers who come into contact with minors, attend a Protecting God's Children for Adult Workshop and authorize a background check.

Registration is required and can be done through our parish app or directly through the Virtus website at <a href="https://www.virtus.org">https://www.virtus.org</a>

### Sessions Dates for PGC Workshop are:

- Saturday, March 26, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, March 30, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Additional sessions are available at various other parishes if none of the St. Pius X Church sessions work for you.

If you are wondering, "does this concern me, and am I required to attend," the answer is probably. "Yes." If you volunteer for any type of Ministry, such as:

- Religious Education catechist/aide & any volunteer
- High School Youth Ministry
- Middle School Ministry
- Altar Server Ministry (adults)
- Music Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Beyond Soup Ministry
- Baking Ministry
- Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist
- Lector Ministry
- Greeter and Usher Ministry
- Knight of Columbus
- ALL MINISTRIES (or plan on volunteering shortly)

If you have any further questions, please contact Maria Charowsky our Local Safe Environment Coordinator at <a href="mailto:mcharowsky@spxot.org">mcharowsky@spxot.org</a> or call 201-664-0927 during office business hours.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!!!

#### **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY**

Jesus says in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Everyone will experience grief at some point in time and can be overwhelming. If you are grieving the loss of a spouse, parent, child, sibling, or friend, you are not alone in your grief. St. Pius X Parish now has a

you are not alone in your grief. St. Pius X Parish now has a Bereavement Ministry that provides a safe place to share or just listen to others who need some comfort and support.

St. Pius X Bereavement Ministry takes place on Tuesday evenings at 7:00-8:00 p.m. and begins on April 19<sup>th</sup> and continues until June 7, 2022, (8 WEERS) A short time to hopefully feel a lot better. Grieving can be difficult and is meant to be a shared experience. Come join us. Contact Lorraine L. Delling at email: <a href="mailto:lldelling@gmail.com/">lldelling@gmail.com/</a> phone: 201-722-0982.

### St. Pius X Parish is hosting Designer Bag Bingo



Friday, April 1, 2022

Doors open at 6:00 p.m., games begin at 7:00 p.m.

Dominican College- Rosary Hall- Lawrence Room

470 Western Highway, Orangeburg, NY 10962

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Includes bingo boards, markers & door prize ticket

Register now on our Parish app or website by using the QR code provided.



### WORSHIPPING GOD

### Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C) bulletin

Hymn of the Week: Psalm 34, "Taste and see that the Lord is good," by Stephen Dean

Psalm 34 is known as one of the "common psalms" in our liturgical calendar. Everyone can sing from memory at least one of the many musical settings of "Taste and see..." For this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we will sing a setting by Stephen Dean. I don't usually favor repetitions within the psalm refrain, but the musical form Dean uses clearly calls for it. Sometimes once just isn't enough! (I'm reminded of Dr. Seuss' Green Eggs and Ham, "You do not like them so you say, try them, *try them*, and you may I say!")

Taste and see, taste and see, that the Lord is good, the Lord is good.

We have the Second Vatican Council to thank for the singing of the Responsorial Psalm in the format we all now know as "call and response." It is not called "responsorial" only because the refrain is repeated after each verse as a response, but also because it is considered a response to the First Reading.

Singing the Psalm during Mass was the tradition as far back as the fifth and sixth centuries! Then, musicians got a hold of them, and the music became too elaborate for the assembly to participate, and the practice disappeared for almost 1500 years. Not only did Vatican II reinstate the singing of the Responsorial Psalm, they also reinstated the role of the cantor or psalmist, which has in turn led to the development of the music ministry as the leaders of song for the entire Mass, not just the Psalm.

I can't imagine Mass any other way, especially since many of our Day By Day Singers are now trained as psalmists (don't they do a great job?). Enjoy your role in the Mass by singing scripture, and may we never take for granted the gift of music as a form of worship.

Giving all Glory to God, Sara Armstrong

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT HOLY HOUR

St. Pius X parishioners are very fortunate to have the opportunity to experience the warm and welcoming



presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our Holy Hour next month on the **first Tuesday, April** 1st after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited to join us!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta



### OFFICE OF FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

We are happy to announce we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2022.

These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows:

### **Anniversary Liturgies**

 April 24, 2022
 3:00 p.m.
 5 & 25 years

 May 15, 2022
 3:00 p.m.
 50 years

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society.

Since we were unable to host these celebrations in 2020 and 2021, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years can also join us. Please note that whether the milestone anniversary took place in 2020, 2021, or 2022, the certificates will say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

Please call the Parish Office for more information and registration for the anniversary liturgies.

### MAKING DISCIPLES

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

#### First Eucharist & Confirmation

The past few Sundays, our First Eucharist and Confirmation Candidates were introduced to our parish community at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please keep these second and ninth grade parishioners in your prayers. That their hearts may become more receptive to the graces they will receive through the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

#### **Attention Students**

If you want a place to go after school, the St. Pius X Café is open until 4:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday. You are welcome to come on over to do some homework, play a board game, study, read, or watch TV. You must stop by the office to let us know that you are here and what time you will be staying until. We have full internet access and hot chocolate available. We just ask that you please be on your best behavior, be respectful, and return things to their rightful places.

If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education Office at 201-664-0927 or ReligiousEd@spxot.org

God Bless, Maria Charowsky & Christine Arthur

### ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2022 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

- 2. The obligation to observe the law of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- **3.** The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 6<sup>th</sup> to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 12, 2022.

\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

### PLEASE HELP A CHILD FEEL SPECIAL ON THEIR FIRST COMMNION!

There are several families in our community, and many just beyond our community in N.J. who cannot afford to purchase a Communion outfit for their child. Please help these children feel special on their big day by donating used or new Communion dresses, suits, shirts, head pieces or shoes.

We <u>have</u> set aside one day this year when donations will be received:

Saturday, April 9th, from 10:00am to 4:00pm at St. John the Baptist Church in front of the Parish Center (or call Kathy at 201 666-4185).

Please bring all articles, clean, on hangers and covered in plastic. Monetary donations will also be accepted. If you or anyone that you know may need an outfit, please contact Kathy. Thank you!

Many people falsely believe that if you want to be holy, you are not allowed to enjoy life...Holiness brings us to life. Holiness doesn't dampen our emotions; it elevates them. Those who respond to God's call to holiness are the most joyful people in history. They have a richer, more abundant experience of life, and they love more deeply than most people can ever imagine. They enjoy life, all of life.

~Matthew Kelly

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the promised land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

### Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

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#### A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

### HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

"And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation... We are ambassadors for Christ... We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

We are walking toward the great gift of mercy, the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. But why? Listening to Paul, returning with the younger son, we are in need of our Father's embrace. He is looking for me.

I ask myself, honestly – aren't there areas in my life right now, which need to be changed, forgiven and removed? As I stand before the Lord right now, is there not something for which I am ashamed and sorry? The Sacrament of Penance offers me the great opportunity as I really live this Lent.

My mantra for this week: "His great love is without end."

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, March 28:** Is 65:17–21; Jn 4:43–54

**Tuesday, March 29:** Ez 47:1–9, 12; Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday, March 30: ls 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 31:** Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, April 1:** Wis 2:1a, 12–22; Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

**Saturday, April 2:** Jer 11:18–20; Jn 7:40–53





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