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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

April 2, 2023

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Schedule of Liturgies

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

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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.

Faith Formation & Family Ministry: 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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

Saturday April 1st – Vigil: Palm Sunday 4:30 p.m. People of the Parish

req. by

Sunday April 2nd – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Brian Duffy

req. by Maura Duffy & Family

10:00 a.m. Bea & Michael Charowsky

reg. by Janice & Maria Charowsky & Family

12:00 p.m. Frank McBride

req. by Rosemarie Loffredo

Monday April 3rd – Monday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. Robert Arthur

req. by Mitchell & Marilyn Arthur

Tuesday April 4th – Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. Ralph Passante, Sr.

req. by Lucia Passante

Wednesday April 5th – Wednesday of Holy Week

9:00 a.m. Zach Jordan Goldstein

req. by Mary Lombino

Thursday April 6th – Holy Thursday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

For People of the Parish

Friday April 7th – Friday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday April 8th – Easter Vigil 7:30 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday April 9th – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

of the Lord

8:00 a.m. People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. People of the Parish People of the Parish



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL & THEIR CARETAKERS

Dyanne Alvine, Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Claire Collins, Laurie Deluca, Timothy Goldsmith, Kelly Hayes, Nazar Lesiv, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Anne Newkirk, Danielle Newkirk, Albina Perez, Elissa Perrone, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Joanna Smith, Eva Sweeney, Mia Tangredi, 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.

GOD IS A GOD - WITH - US

Again and again you see how Jesus opts for what is small, hidden, and poor, and accordingly declines to wield influence. His many miracles always serve to express his compassion profound with suffering humanity; never are they attempts to call attention to himself. As a rule, he even forbids those he has cured to talk to others about it. And as Jesus' life continues to unfold, he becomes increasingly aware that he has been called to fulfill his vocation in suffering and death. In all of this, it becomes plain to us that God has willed to show his love for the world by descending more and more deeply into human frailty.

~Henri Nouwen, Daily Meditations, March 25, 2023





WEEKLY MASS OFFERING

April 1 - 7, 2023

The Sanctuary Candle, In Memory of Clare Collins

Requested by Cathy Mullen

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The Bread & Wine, In Memory of Ralph Passante, Sr. Requested by Lucia Passante

OUR COLLECTION - MARCH 26, 2023

Envelope Collection:	\$ 4	4,856.00
We Share Collection:	\$ 2	2,057.00
Parishsoft Giving:	\$:	1,040.00
Assessment:	\$	75.00
Music Ministry:	\$	185.00
Snow Removal:	\$	20.00
Utilities:	\$	30.00
Soup Kitchen:	\$_	135.00
Total:	\$ 8	3,398.00

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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER KEVIN

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this pastoral letter, the preparations for Cardinal Tobin's visit are underway! A special thank you to Kathy Sheridan, Roberta Manganaro, Kathy Shields, Cilia and Natalie Galasso, Pat Boscia and Terry George for helping to set up the narthex and purchase the food for our reception. Thanks to Janet Natale, parish secretary, for creating a beautiful slideshow filled with parish memories made over the last few years, which will be displayed on our narthex screens.

I remember when the Lord first placed the desire in my heart for World Youth Day. It was almost a year ago to the day. It seemed impossible, but I'm humbled and very excited to announce that 43 pilgrims will be journeying to Lisbon, Portugal, this summer! This has been made possible, in part, because of the \$70,000 in scholarships we've raised from the Archdiocese and friends. World Youth Day changed my life, and I believe God is doing something beautiful in the heart of each pilgrim journeying with us.

I also want to thank in advance all who came to Mass to pray and celebrate with Cardinal Tobin. The explosive growth within our community is something we're all responsible for. These have been the most fruitful and fulfilling years of my priesthood — the best part being you, dear parishioners, many of whom I've also come to know as friends.

At the 8 am Mass last week, I thanked Barbara Ramig, who has led our Mommy and Me Ministry for the last several months. She and Roberta Manganaro have worked hard to create fun-filled activities for our little ones. This week, they hosted an Easter Egg Hunt with live bunny rabbits! The kids were delighted. There are nearly 30 little ones benefitting from this new ministry.

Given Mommy and Me's growth, we are now asking for help. With the warmer weather, the children are able to play outside. However, we are short on supplies. If anyone has any of the following items and would like to donate them — either new or gently used — please contact the parish office:

Little Tike Playhouse / Easy Score Basketball set / Push and Ride Racer / Bubble Lawn Mower / Teeter Totter Seesaw / Cozy Coupe large push car.

As we turn to Palm Sunday, I pray this will be a spiritually fruitful week for all as we "journey together with Jesus" to Jerusalem, Calvary, and thanks be to God, the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

In Christ,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore

BUILDING COMMUNITY

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 their life and it can be overwhelming. If you are grieving the loss of a spouse, parent/s, child/children, siblings, or friends, you are not alone in your grief. We at St. Pius X now have our third series of meetings starting shortly.

Eight Wednesday evenings from 7-8 p.m. in the Family Chapel as follows:

04/12/23 (1) Welcome & Introductions

04/19/23 (2) Feelings 04/26/23 (3) Anger

05/03/23 (4) Family Systems, who plays which role?

05/10/23 (5) Grief (6 stages) 05/17/23 (6) Guilt ♂ Regrets

05/24/23 (7) Hopefulness / Candle Service

05/31/23 (8) Loneliness / Caretaking / Recovery

Eight weeks, a short time to hopefully feel a lot better. Grieving can be difficult and is meant to be a shared experience. Contact Lorraine Delling, at lldelling@gmail.com or 201-722-0982 or just come and register at the first meeting.

SPX PLAYTIME – EASTER EGG HUNT

Come join Moms, Dad, Aunties & Uncles, Grandmoms & Granddads and bring your preschool aged child to our first Egg Hunt and St. Pius X!

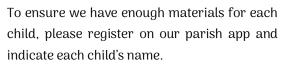
We will have crafts, and an egg hunt, snacks, and live bunnies to view.



DATE: Wednesday, April 5, 2023

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: St. Pius X Church





PLAYTIME MINISTRY REQUEST!

The Playtime Ministry is looking for donations for outside play. Gently used tricycles, ride on cars, toddler equipment, playhouses, push toys, outdoor toys, etc.



Contact Kathy Goldrick at <u>goldrick@verizon.net</u> if you have any questions. We can pick up if needed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

BLOOD DRIVE



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a blood drive at St. Pius on May 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. As you probably know,

emergency blood supplies run low during these months, so our help is requested and very much needed. You may make your appointment one of two ways. Those who are 18 or older may call Vitalant Blood Services at 1-877-258-4825 or go to our parish app to register. You will be asked to create a username and password once on the site. This event will take place at St. Pius X Church, look for the Bloodmobile in the parking area.

The Knights invite Catholic men over 18 to become members of the Knights. To join go to **KOFC.ORG/JOIN** or to request more information about membership, contact our membership director at MEMBERSHIP@KOFC9021.ORG, or at 201-233-5993. Information about the Knights of Columbus can always be found at WWW.KOFC.ORG.

WORSHIPPING GOD



2023 SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 6th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (no morning Mass) 7:00 p.m. – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday - April 7th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (no morning Mass) 3:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday - April 8th

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (no morning Mass) 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass (Please note no 4:30 p.m. Mass)

Easter Sunday - April 9th

8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

During Holy Week, each faction of our ministry will serve, so our congregation has the benefit of experiencing all of them in one week.

Holy Thursday: SPX Guitar Club and guests offer contemporary and traditional music.

Good Friday: An a cappella vocal quartet marks the solemnity of the day.

Easter Vigil: select senior members of our Day By Day Singers lead a youth-centered celebration with contemporary music selections.

Easter Sunday: Day By Day Singers at 10:00am for our Family Liturgy and the Fellowship Choir glorifies God with traditional Easter selections at 12:00PM.

If you would like to participate in any of this music making, please contact Sara Armstrong at music@spxot.org right away. Experience Holy Week as a music minister!

Peace,

Sara Armstrong, Music Ministry Director

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Pius X Parishioners and guests are very fortunate to have the opportunity to experience the warm and welcoming presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during our Holy Hour every first Tuesday of each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All are invited to join us on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2023 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.

- 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, February 26th to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.

*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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

In a tone of quiet sadness, Isaiah describes the buffets and insults given to the Suffering Servant. The passage ends on a note of hope.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

In exultant tones, Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice because Christ became man, died on the cross, rose from the dead, and sits triumphantly at the right hand of the Father.

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

This is the solemn narrative of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Matthew recounts the treachery and betrayal of Judas and then describes the events of the Last Supper, culminating in the institution of the Eucharist. Jesus endures the Agony in the Garden; he is then brought before Caiaphas and Pilate and condemned to death. After His resurrection, the centurions shouted, "Clearly this was the Son of God!"

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'the Master has need of them.'... Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not deem equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross."

Interesting the statement 'the Master has need of them.' There is a reversal of roles, for God does not need us, but we have a never ending need of Him. That is why we begin the solemn week, not for His sake, but for ours.

We embark on a week we call holy, but through our prayer, sacrifice and action, we make these days truly holy. As I reflect upon the words of Paul, a hymn of the early church, I am forced to consider how great was the Father's love in sending Jesus as our needed Savior and as He poured out His blood for us, He gave it all, because we needed it. He became one of us, except for sin, to rescue us and bring us back to the Father, who was and is waiting for us to respond. The reversal of roles also includes the fact the 'Master has need of us' to continue His mission. Are you ready?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 3: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 4: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 5: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 6: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

First Friday, April 7: Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

UPCOMING EVENTS

RECURRING SPX MINISTRIES & SPX EVENTS. COME & SEE!

SOUP KITCHEN: Every Monday, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

EUCHARIST ADORATION: First Tuesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m. **BIBLE STUDY:** Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. **PLAYTIME:** Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

> BAKING CAFÉ: Every Saturday, 12:00-4:00 p.m. **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** Every Wednesday 7-8 p.m.

GUITAR CLUB

DATE: Monday, April 3, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Pius X Family Chapel



SAVE THE DATE!!

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is coming to St. Pius X Church!!

Opening Mass will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at 9 AM Sign up on APP to lead the rosary.

Follow St. Pius X Church on our Social Media platforms to stay up to date with our many events, read Father Kevin's "God minute" and more! Use QR codes below to download onto your mobile phone or tablet today!











COOKING WITH CHEF JOHN

Chef John Greco is sharing his recipe for Chicken Saltimbocca. Cost is \$20 per person, cash payment at the door. You must register on our parish app.



DATE: Thursday, April 20, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Pius X Narthex

MONSIGNOR ROBERT SHEERAN TALK

"Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

A holy week reflection of the Passion of Christ in the Four Gospels.

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: St. Pius X Church

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