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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

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
April 4, 2021

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 a.m. Mass.

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MASS INTENTIONS
SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021

Saturday	**April 3rd – Vigil: Easter**
8:00 p.m.	Ralph Passante, Sr.
	req. by Lucia Passante
Sunday	**April 4th – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Anthony & Anna Condello
	req by Kathy & Charlie Mancuso
12:00 p.m.	Anna & Eugene Tarantini
	req. by Daughter & Granddaughter
Monday	**April 5th – Monday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00 a.m.	Michael Ramig
	req by Amelia Brackenbury & Family
Tuesday	**April 6th – Tues. within the Octave of Easter**
9:00 a.m.	Claire Collins
	req. by Jean & Jack Welby
Wednesday	**April 7th – Wed. within the Octave of Easter**
9:00 a.m.	Bob Searson
	req. by Thom & Grace Calabro
Thursday	**April 8th – Thurs. within the Octave of Easter**
9:00 a.m.	John & Nicolina Mattessich
	req. by Nevio & Joann Mattessich
Friday	**April 9th – Friday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00 a.m.	Maria Piccinich
	req. by Alphonso & Carolina Piccinich
Saturday	**April 10th – Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter**
4:30 p.m.	People of the Parish
Sunday	**April 11th – Second Sunday of Easter**
8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:00 a.m.	Sergio Gagliardi
	req by Vito & Maria Cuocci
12:00 p.m.	Doris Behrens
	req. by the Behrens Family

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL & THEIR CARETAKERS

Margie Aracaroli, Gary Bagnoli, Alice Bauer, Maria Burke, Matthew Cea, Claire Collins, Laurie Deluca, Carol Filice, Fred Forcelatti, Timothy Goldsmith, Kelly Hayes, Paulette Ley, Teresa & Michael Lotierzo, Rick Lutz, Jaqui Lyman, Arthur, Michele McKeown, Donna Morris, Albina Perez, Jean Richardson, Marius Richardson, Dennis Ryan, Joanna Smith, Nicholas Storms Vita Sullivan and Baby Berkley Williams.

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

A CATHOLIC EASTER PRAYER

Lord, the resurrection of your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, and the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it. Amen

WEEKLY MASS OFFERING
April 3 - 9, 2021

The Sanctuary Candle: In Loving Memory of **Maria Kober**
Requested by Renew Prayer Group

The Bread & Wine: In Loving Memory of **Genesio Vicini**
Requested by the Vicini Family

OUR COLLECTION – MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday Collection:	$ 7,003.00
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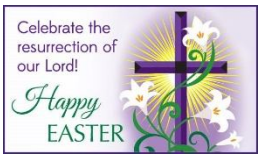
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Pius X invites you to join us for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on first Tuesday each month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

"The daily adoration or visit to the Blessed Sacrament is the Practice which is the foundation of all devotional works."
~ Pope Pius X

A Message from Father Kevin



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

He is Risen! Alleluia!

This "theme" of resurrection is so important for our faith community and our world today. While the resurrection of Christ from the dead is of paramount importance, truly changing the course of human history, there are other smaller "resurrections" – new beginnings – we're starting to celebrate, as well. Spring is in the air. Vaccinations are increasing. Slowly, we're returning to normal.

There's also the resurrection of our parish. Every week I'm meeting new families. Some are parishioners who haven't been to church since the start of the pandemic. Others are newly registered parishioners, families who've been away, or just visitors, curious to know more about the energy pulsing through our faith community.

Something that's stirred great excitement lately is the creation of our new pastoral council. Along with the finance council and our parish staff, the pastoral council will help provide a balanced approach to our vision and leadership.

There are currently seven members on the council (including me). You can find a brief bio of the other six members in today's bulletin. They represent a wide range of talents and experience, while all nurturing a deep love for our Lord and a great devotion to our parish.

The pastoral council is tasked with developing a strategic plan for our parish. Meaning, "Where do we go from here? Where do we want to be in 6 months? 3 years? 5 years? What are our goals? Objectives? How will we measure growth? How do we get others involved?" and so on. Everything we do at St. Pius X – from worshiping the Lord at Mass, to religious education, and (when possible) parish events, will be driven by our new mission, which is three-fold:

Building community. Worshipping God. Making disciples. (A disciple is someone who loves God and demonstrates that love concretely in service to their neighbor). I believe people with our shared beliefs will be drawn to St. Pius X once they know our mission and see the results.

I'm delighted to start building the future of our parish with you. We should dream big but move forward with intention. Your input and ideas are most welcome – and necessary – as we continue. Please share them with members of our council, and of course, with me.

May the Risen Lord, who inspired his disciples to preach the Good News to the ends of the earth, inspire us to share the Good News of the Gospel – and the good things happening in our parish – with everyone we meet.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Kevin Kilgore

Christ the Lord is risen today!

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

EASTER BLESSINGS

New Worship Aids have been prepared for the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday, please pick one up in narthex.

Having young children in our house has been a challenge and a blessing, many times over. Any parent knows, the questions are ceaseless and sometimes seem to come out of nowhere! Our daughter has become particularly curious about the events of Palm Sunday and Holy Week. "Mommy, why did Jesus wash someone's feet?" "Mommy, did Jesus give up and get sad and that's why he died?" "Mommy, why did Jesus rise exactly on Easter Sunday?" The challenge is clear – how do we come up with these answers in a way that will be meaningful to a five-year-old? The blessing – we're forced to find new ways of understanding the Lord's suffering and God's immense gift to us in order to be able to explain it to our children. The other blessing, when we fail in answering, we simply pray for help as a family!

As our daughter sat coloring a picture of Jesus washing His disciples' feet, looking for answers, words failed me. So, I started singing Dan Schutte's "As I Have Done For You." That did the trick – for now.

Music is an incredible teaching tool. If you find it difficult to explain the Lord's Passion to your children, to a friend, to a non-believer, or difficult to understand yourself, give music a chance. Music also effectively portrays a mood, and this is very powerful for children especially. To understand Jesus' love, we can't just describe it, we have to feel it – and that is what music does best.

Here are some questions you might face, and suggestions of songs that, while they could never tell the *whole* story, get the conversation started and help weave the story together:

Why did Jesus die for us?
"What Wondrous Love Is This" – American folk hymn, pub. William Walker
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsVnvN3EVxY

Why did Jesus wash His disciples' feet?
"As I Have Done For You" – Dan Schutte
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8oRRHghUDpE

If we were alive when Jesus was alive, would we have yelled "Crucify Him?" like in the Passion reading?
"Were You There" – spiritual
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpSSclCWJ9M

Wasn't Mary so sad to watch her son die? Couldn't she stop them?
"Be Joyful Mary" – Anthony Giamanco
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpSSclCWJ9M
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Why is Easter Sunday so significant?
"Three Days" – Gustav Holst
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5jiBrtygws

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

HAPPY EASTER

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very blessed and joyous Easter.

Happy Easter

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

During this Easter Season, we ask you to keep all the First Eucharist and Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive their prospective sacraments. Pray that these children of God open their hearts to the love and goodness that Jesus has to offer them!

Maria Charowsky & Christine Arthur
Religious Education Office at 201-664-0927

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
HE IS RISEN! HAPPY EASTER!

The Knights of Columbus is a worldwide Catholic Men's fraternal and charitable Order with over 2 million Members. Why not **strengthen your faith** during the Easter Season with a membership in the Knights? Even better, you can join for ***free*** up until July 1 this year! Some of the faith enhancement benefits available to you upon joining are the **'Fathers for Good'** program, Columbia Magazine, 'Into the Breach' video series, access to some of the best Insurance products anywhere through **K of C Insurance**, and much more. You may have seen our own council in action through our 'No Neighbor Left Behind', 'Food for Families', and our recent pro-life 'Baby Bottle' Drive. Please visit **KOFC.ORG** to learn more or speak to any of our members. Even if you have no time to give right now, the benefits of being in the Order are well worth it. Joining takes only about an hour. Fight the pandemic by coming back to Church as a Knight.

During April and into May we will be doing our annual **'Intellectual Disabilities'** Drive where all donations received benefit the Special Olympics and the Felician School for Exceptional Children. More info to come soon!

Our Council, Immaculate Conception Council 9021, is a men's Catholic Fraternal organization with 140 members who have been **'Stepping into the Breach'** for over 35 years. Join us by going to ***KOFC.ORG and clicking on 'JOIN'***. Use the promo code **MCGIVNEY2020** for free membership and more information about our council. You can always contact us at KOFC9021@GMAIL.COM, or call 201-233-5993 to speak to our Membership Director.

Meet Our Parish Council

Rosemarie Loffredo, Chair Parish Council – Rosemarie has been a parishioner of St. Pius X Parish since 2000 and has been a member of the Finance Council and a lector for over a decade. "I have always seen the potential for St. Pius X Parish to be one of the most thriving parishes in the Archdiocese – as the center for parishioners of all ages to gather as a community in the worship of God and in support of each other within and outside our parish walls. I am flattered to be asked by Fr. Kevin to work with him to reestablish and chair the Parish Council. I look forward to supporting existing and new programs that will enrich our faith and our lives".

Scott Litchfield, Vice President Parish Council – Scott and his family (Beth, Evan and Will) have been active St. Pius X parishioners since 2008 and are long time Harrington Park residents. Most recently Scott served as Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee, a position he held for the last several years, He also has been very active in the planning and execution of many church celebrations and fund-raising efforts over the years that include the 65 the Anniversary Gala, the annual golf outing and the quarterly 50/50 raffles. "Some of the most enriching friendships I have developed over the last 10 years is a direct result of my active participation with St. Pius X. I look forward to continue building our spiritual community under Fr. Kevin's capable leadership."

Deacon John McKenna and his wife, Linda, have three children (Kathleen, John, and Kevin). He was ordained a deacon of the Roman Catholic Church on June 1, 2002, and was assigned to St. Pius X. Currently, he's the Executive Director of Human Resources and Vice Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Newark, as well as the Director of Deacon Personnel. Deacon John has been involved over the years in faith formation at St. Pius X, particularly through his leadership in bible studies and RCIA. He also enjoys reading, running, and golfing.

Christine Clarke became a parishioner of St. Pius Parish in 2015 when she moved to Old Tappan with her family. Christine gained an interest in learning more about the sustainability of our parish pre-COVID and is excited to join the parish council. Christine would like to develop a deeper sense of community for the children of our parish and assist in implementing a weekly family Mass through the leadership of the pastoral council.

Alicia Soltys moved to Old Tappan 6 years ago. "I immediately fell in love with the small-town New England feel of Old Tappan having grown up in Massachusetts. I am wife to, Ed, of 18 years, and we have two sons, Harrison and Oliver. I took a hiatus from working as a physician assistant, to be present in the daily lives of our sons. My undergraduate education was at the College of the Holy Cross and graduate school took place at Rutgers/UMDNJ. I am a Eucharistic Minister and Faith Formation teacher at St. Pius X. I was very humbled when Father asked me to be a part of the Pastoral Council of St. Pius X. St. Pius X's origins have many treasures that are rooted in fellowship, community, and a vibrant faith. I believe that many seeds of grace have been planted on these grounds, and we are called to re-ignite these faith filled ministries. I believe all of us would like St. Pius to be the "Beating Heart" of Old Tappan. A place where we can come to be nourished in the faith and to take our internal spiritual experiences to an external manifestation of God's love for one another through our ministries and fellowship with one another. St. Pius X, our namesake, was a farm boy that became Pope. His motto is, "To Restore all Things in Christ", let us together as the collective Body of Christ, restore St. Pius X to the vibrant parish it once was.

Kathy Sheridan has been a resident of Old Tappan and an involved member of the St Pius X Community for over 40 years. "I served on the first Women's Cornerstone team as well as several subsequent Cornerstone Retreats. I taught CCD for many years during the time my children (Amy, TJ, Katie and Elizabeth) were in the program. I, along with my husband Jack, were part of the Marriage Prep Team at St Pius. Together we were involved in the Parish Life Committee which coordinated social activities including parish picnics and St Patrick's Day and New Year's Eve dances. I was also a member of the Welcoming Committee for new parishioners at St Pius X. I have felt very blessed to be part of this wonderful faith community of St Pius for so many years. I feel the people of this parish are what make it so special. Along with the other members of the parish council and under Father Kevin's leadership, I look forward to fostering a welcoming atmosphere and promoting a renewed spirit of community.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1–4
Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears, and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1–9
When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

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A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ~ April 4, 2021

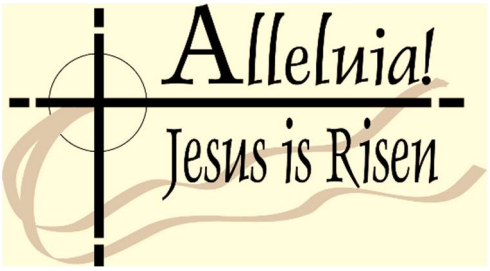
"You know what happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all he did both in the country of the Jews and all Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."

This sermon of Peter, one of many in the Acts of the Apostles, summarizes well the reason for our belief today. His words sum up the mission of Jesus as part of the plan of God. He went about doing good and healing all.

The work of Jesus continues today in His church. The presence of the Risen Christ summons us to continue His work. Rather than criticize and complain, consider whether I am a true witness of Christ for others and ask how can I bring the message of His presence to others. Jesus lives and He lives in us today. Happy Easter.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 5:	Acts 2:14, 22–33; Mt 28:8–15
Tuesday, April 6:	Acts 2:36–41; Jn 20:11–18
Wednesday, April 7:	Acts 3:1–10; Lk 24:13–35
Thursday, April 8:	Acts 3:11–26; Lk 24:35–48
Friday, April 9:	Acts 4:1–12; Jn 21:1–14
Saturday, April 10:	Acts 4:13–21; Mk 16:9–15



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Virtual Bible Study

Happy Easter!

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