

APRIL 9, 2017
PALM SUNDAY



Monday, April 10, 7:30 am

People Of The Parish

Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 am

Steve Harasts

Holy Thursday, April 13

8:00 pm Inga Streicher

“Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper”

Washing of the Feet, Quiet Adoration

Good Friday, April 14

3:00 pm “The Celebration of the Passion of the

Lord” Liturgy of the Word/Veneration
of the Cross/Holy Communion

8:00 pm Stations of The Cross, Church

The Celebration of Easter

Holy Saturday, April 15

10:30 am Blessing of Easter Food, Narthex

8:00 pm James & Helen Vollmayer

“The Vigil of Easter” Service of Light
Baptismal Renewal, Eucharist

Easter Sunday, April 16

In Church:

7:30 am Michael Iorio

9:00 am Rosalie Grabusnik

10:30 am Mehri Walsh

12:00 pm Antonietta Biase
Franca Raguseo

In Parish Center:

10:30 am People Of The Parish

Celebrant Easter Schedule

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Fr. Dominik

Easter Sunday

Church - 7:30 am Fr. Mark

9:00 am Fr. Mark

10:30 am Fr. Mark

12:00 pm Fr. Dominik

Parish Center - 10:30 am Fr. Dominik

Parish offices will be closed April 13-17 for the Easter holiday.

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

Thank you for your support and generosity!

April 3, 2016 \$ 13,528.00

April 2, 2017 \$ 14,297.00

*Next weekend’s second collection is
Hope For Children*

MEMORIALS

*Bread & Wine in memory of Christine D’Ascenza requested by
the Catanzaro Family.*

CARING CRAFTERS

The next meeting of the knitters and crocheters will be held on
Tuesday, April 11th at 9:00 am at the Ministry House. For more
information, call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

MINISTRY NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, April 17th at 8:00 pm in the Knights
of Columbus Room. Thank you for your support at the Fish ‘n
Chips Dinner. Be assured that all proceeds are used wisely for
local charities. But more than the financial support, the
comradery was wonderful!

Save The Date: Sunday, April 23rd, Communion Breakfast
after the 7:30, 9 and 10:30 am Masses in the Parish Center.

Knights of Columbus Hero Of The Week

Our hero this week, the week of the Passion, could only be
our friend, our Brother and our Lord, Jesus Christ. There is no
greater gift than to lay down one’s life for a friend and he did
that for us. And he did more.

He, in one week, went from the cries of Hosanna from a
crowd so welcoming that they tore branches from the Palm
Trees to lay before him, to the shallowness of a mob that
called out “Give Us Barabbas.”

At the last supper with his friends, he left us the gift of his
body and blood so we need never be lonely, and at the same
meal, when his friends argued about who was the greatest, he
the King, washed our feet to teach us that the greatest is he
who serves. He suffered the agony and fear at Gethsemane
and after asking his best friends to stay and keep watch with
him, they fell asleep. They could not stay awake in his time of
loneliness. After being deserted by his best friends and at
times by us. He suffered unimaginable agony on the cross,
and in the terror of it all, he implored the Father, “Forgive them
they know not what they do.”

All too often we do know what we do, but He always finds a
way to forgive us. Walk with Him, our Hero, through Holy
Week and with the Mass of Remembrance Thursday night
2,000 years later.

With hope you can stay awake with us on Friday to die with
him so that you can rise again and fully share the Joy of
Easter.

Live a week in the life of our Hero, Jesus Christ.

PRAYER GROUP

St. Pius X Spirit of Love Prayer Group meets semi-monthly on
the **second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 12:45
pm in the Chapel at the Ministry House.** What do we do?
We offer prayers for our parish family including those listed in
the bulletin and for the petitions written in the Book of
Intentions in the Deacon David Library.



† Good Friday, April 14th – 8:00 pm, Youth Of The Parish
Paul Carroll/Kurt Kilanowski

Operation Rice Bowl

Many thanks to all who participated in Operation Rice
Bowl this year. Please bring your Rice Bowl to Church or
to the Ministry House before Easter Sunday.



Update On The Future Of St. Pius X School

When it comes to operations of the school, fiscal realism is always a concern. We are in the stages of a long term commitment to evaluate, adjust and continue the vibrancy of the school. In taking those steps, we have formed a Strategic Planning Committee, which myself and Tom Welsh are leading, and together we will take this time to strengthen our enrollment as well as the quality of our education.

I am happy to inform you that we recently had a meeting with the Strategic Planning Committee. It was a unanimous decision to set goals in regards to the vitality of our school.

1. Immediately pursue accreditation for our STEM school status from the Diocese.
2. Have a campaign to establish a school playground for younger children as well as older children.
3. To make significant strides in our academic, technological and our extracurricular activities. Both in the short-term and long-term planning.
4. Long-term commitment to evaluate, adjust and continue the vibrancy of the school.
5. Strengthen our enrollment as well as the quality of our education.

Please send any questions, suggestions or comments to office@st-pius-x.org or call the Ministry House at 973-335-2894.

Peace & Blessings,

Fr. Mark

Dear Friends In Christ,

During this Lenten season, as we reflect on the life, death and resurrection of our Lord, it is fitting that a collection is taken on Good Friday to assist Christians in the Holy Land. The places where Jesus lived, died and rose again hold a special meaning to us as Catholics and deserve our support.

The Holy Land Collection is allocated for educational and ecclesial projects, programs and ministries in the Middle East. Last year, the collection supported 29 parishes, four homes for orphans and three academic institutions. In addition, it provided financial assistance to schools, helped educate men for the priesthood, rehabilitated 80 homes for Christian families and provided senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth. Dozens of shrines connected to the life of Jesus, and so important to our faith, were preserved thanks to the Holy Land collection. This important work is made possible with your help.

As part of our Lenten call to almsgiving, I ask you to please join in making a financial offering to this special collection when it is taken up on Good Friday.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.

Bishop of Paterson

Easter Food Blessing

Since we have had numerous requests from parishioners, we will be available on Holy Saturday at 10:30 am in the Narthex, to bless Easter food, as this is a tradition with many cultures.

Adult Education Program

On Wednesday evenings, we will be presenting Bishop Robert Barron's *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*. Each week will feature a new topic beginning with a 25 minute video followed by a short discussion. This program showcases a handful of saints, artists, mystics and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization.

This week we focus on the life of **G. K. Chesterton**, the Evangelist, publicly and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

Please join us on Wednesday evening, April 12th, at 7 pm at the Ministry House. For more information, contact Peter O'Brien at the Ministry House.

BIBLE STUDY

Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother

April 25th-June 13th, 7 pm, Ministry House

This Bible Study program is an extraordinary pilgrimage that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of her earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever.

Please register at Ascensionpress.com and click on *Mary: A Biblical Walk With The Blessed Mother*. Log in with your e mail or password, or if you don't have an account, select "Create An Account" and fill in your name, e mail and password. Select "Checkout" and follow the instructions to register for the study.

Music Ministry

Parish Children's Choir

All children in the parish (Grades K-8) are invited to sing for the following Holy Week Liturgies.

Good Friday - Evening Stations of the Cross

Rehearsal - Tuesday, April 11 - 2:45-4 pm in the Church

Stations of the Cross - Friday, April 14 - 7:30 pm

Rehearsal, 8 pm Stations

Easter Sunday

Rehearsal - Tuesday, April 11 - 4-4:45 pm in the Church

Mass - Sunday, April 16 - 10 am Rehearsal, 10:30 am

Mass in the Parish Center

ROSARY SOCIETY

Please join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room to pray the Rosary.



Please join the Knights of Columbus and Rosarians after the 9:00 am Mass in the Cry Room, *Sunday, April 30th*, to pray the Rosary.

Catholic Schools

... Faith, Academics, Service.



Dear Parents, Parishioners & Friends,

The Easter season can be seen as a time of peace, joy, and hope following the death and resurrection of Jesus. "Hope is our confidence that God will never abandon us, no matter what trials we face in this life. Hope is at the heart of our faith, and Easter marks the greatest hope for all humanity." (Bishop David Zubik, Diocese of Pittsburgh) In Jesus' own words to us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27)

The Easter season offers us the renewed opportunity to have a relationship with God, to embrace His abundant graces, and to live lives of peace, joy, faith, hope, and charity. This can happen through daily prayer, regular reception of the sacraments, and good works done in faith. It is God's grace that frees us to love him above all things and our neighbor as ourselves.

As the school gets ready for Easter and vacation, I pray that the commemoration of Jesus' Passion and the celebration of Easter strengthen your faith and draw you closer to Jesus. Please attend the services of Holy Week and Easter with your children. Let them, as they grow in their faith; see you practicing your faith and doing it together with them.

I hope that the vacation will provide some needed rest and relaxation. I also hope that it will help put an end to all of the viruses that have been circulating around these last few months. I hope that your sons and daughters will return to school healthy and ready to finish the school year.

Happy Easter!

Mr. Welsh, Principal, St. Pius X School

Registration

St. Pius X School is now registering for the 2017/2018 school year. We have openings in all grades and would welcome any inquiries either by phone 973-335-1253 or in person. Please call for a private tour of our school. Come in and talk to us about our Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 Programs to see what wonderful things are going on in our classrooms.



St. Pius X School Golf Outing

Save The Date: Monday, May 8th

Chance to win a car and other great prizes!

Register now to play or sponsor at spxnj.org

or call/text Tara Polking 917-658-7293



School Musical, Willy Wonka, Jr., May 11th & 12th

Divine Mercy Sunday



Sunday, April 23rd, Divine Mercy will begin with Confessions at 2:00 pm, Devotion at 3:00 pm in the Church. All are welcome.



Vacation Bible School

Save The Date: July 17-21

Grades K-5; Volunteers Needed High School & Older
More Information To Follow

Interest or Inquiries: cdeary@optonline.net

Youth Ministry

April

11 – Homeless Solutions

23 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

May

7 – 9th Grade Confirmation Class

9 – Homeless Solutions

12 – Eric Johnson House

Please contact Kurt Kilanowski at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org for more information.

Religious Formation

Schedule of Classes for April 9, 2017

Glory Middle School –

Grades 6, 7, 8 – 7:30 am Mass; Class 8:15 – 9:30 am

Glory Elementary School –

Grades 1– 5 – 9:00 am Mass; Class 10:00 – 11:00 am

Schedule of Classes for April 16, 2017

No Religious Formation classes are scheduled this weekend.

Pray for the Sick

Praying for fellow parishioners who are sick is an important component to our Faith. Due to privacy issues, however, people do not always appreciate their names being published. Requests for published names will only be taken from a family member accompanied by a phone number.

John Farkas, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Corey Forlenza, Frank J. Somsy, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Ann Dimaira, Victor Marmo, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Barbara Capsouras, Elizabeth Krone, Christine Paglia, Ragan Kilkell, Adrian Simone, Paul Perrone, Janet Babbitt, Bruno Stillo, Michael Mascari, Marjorie McArthur, Charlie Auskings, Eileen Kapotes, Stephen Koczo, William Schicke, Remedios Gatuz, Annarita Gardinella, Linda Bitetto, David Tafe, Gregory Sugra, Jose Nunez, Kevin Deege, Jason Fass, Terry Cox, Giovanna Mele, Pasquale Mastriani, Christina Adamski, Francoise Wagener, Brooklyn Auskings, Paul DiPiazza, David Douglas, Walter Sedlacik, Joseph Egan, David Dery, Joseph Horvath, Sr., Gayle Sullivan, Nicky Miller, Peter Henschel, Maryann Halleran, Agnes Koczo, Richard Dickau, Agnes Corazza and Hilda Lundy.