

St. Pius X Parish, R.  
"To Restore All Things in Christ"

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

remember



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"REMEMBER  
THAT NOTHING  
IS SMALL IN THE  
EYES OF GOD."

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## Mission Statement

Love God. Love Others. Make Disciples and Strive to "Restore all Things in Christ."

## Welcome to our Parish

No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church;  
No matter what your current family or marital situation;  
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;  
You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved  
at St. Pius X Roman Catholic Church.

## Mass Schedule

**Monday - Saturday:** 8:45 am  
12:15 pm (*Friday, only*)

**Saturday:** 3:45 pm - 5:15 pm

**Sunday:** 7:00 am - 8:30 am - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

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# Scripture Reflection

(by Fr. Valentine, Pastor)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent



Today I am going to tell you the secret to life. You probably already know what I am going to tell you, though you may not have thought of it as the secret to life. It's something you've seen and experienced over and over. It's one of those secrets hidden in plain sight. It's also one of those secrets that can trouble the soul, so we often turn away from it or close our eyes to it.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24). So there you have it. Now you know. That's the secret to life. It's the pattern of loss and renewal that runs throughout our lives and our world. Even if you've never thought of this as the secret to life, you've lived and experienced it, sometimes by choice and other times by chance. Either way it's there.

Look at the way this pattern is present in your life. Have you ever fallen in love and committed your life to another? If so, you had to let parts of your old life go and something of your single life died so that you could be with that other person. How about parenting? If you are a parent, you know that there are sacrifices of yourself and your life to be made for the new life of your child to emerge and grow. We give up parts of ourselves for the other. Parents are continually letting go of their child so she or he can grow up. Have you ever been the caretaker of another? If so, you could name the parts of your life that died so that another might live with dignity, compassion, and love.

What are the costs, the losses, you paid for an education or a career? You chose certain losses and let go of some things so that other things could arise. For every choice we make, every *YES* we say, there is at least one no and probably many. This same pattern is in nature. You can see it in the changing of the seasons, falling leaves and new blooms, and the setting and rising of the sun.

Think about the scriptural stories of loss and renewal. Innocence in Adam and Eve died so that consciousness might be born. Abram left his country and kindred so that he might be made a great nation, renamed Abraham, and be a blessing to all the families of the earth. Jacob lost his old identity and was wounded so that he could become a new man, Israel, with a new life. James and John left their father, boats, and nets to become disciples of Jesus and fishers of people. Jesus taught his disciples, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again" (Mark 9:31).

The secret is out. It's everywhere. It is a pattern of loss and renewal, dying and rising, letting go and getting back, leaving and return. It's at the core of our baptism and it's what we declare every Sunday in the Eucharist.

Christ has died ... Christ is risen ... Christ will come again!

What in your life do you need to let go of today? What might you need to leave behind? What needs to die so that something new can arise? I don't think it's a coincidence that today's gospel (John 12:20-33) is set in the context of the Passover feast. Remember what that's about? The Passover is the celebration of the Israelites' liberation from bondage in Egypt. It's about freedom and new life. It's about letting go, leaving behind, and moving into a new life.

There is something about this pattern that is the lens through which we see Jesus. Some Greeks come to Philip and say, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." I don't know why they want to see Jesus but I have a few guesses. Jesus turned water into wine. He cleansed the temple. He healed the son of the royal official. He healed the paralytic. He fed 5000 with a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. He walked on water. He gave sight to the man born blind. He raised Lazarus from the dead.

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Me too. That's the Jesus I want to see. Don't you?

Philip tells Andrew about the Greeks and their request. Philip and Andrew tell Jesus. And Jesus says to them, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." That's his response to those who want to see him; to the Greeks, to you, to me.

And you've got to know that dying is about more than our physical death. Yes,

it is that but it's also more than that. We die a thousand deaths throughout our lifetime. The loss of a loved one, a relationship, health, opportunities, a dream; all deaths we didn't want or ask for. Other times we choose our losses and deaths. We give up parts of ourselves for another. We change our beliefs and values so that we can be more authentically ourselves. And sometimes there are things we need to let go of, things we cling to that deny us the fullness of life we want and God offers: fear, anger or resentment, regret and disappointment, guilt, the need to be right, approval.

Seeing Jesus isn't a spectator sport. It is a way to be followed, a truth to be embodied, a life to be lived. It's being a grain of wheat that falls into the ground and dies so that it might bear much fruit. That's where we see him. It's the letting go, the emptying, the leaving behind, and the dying that makes space for new life to arise.

You've probably had at least one time in your life that when you look back on it you say, "I never want to go through that again. But I wouldn't trade that experience for anything." What is that time for you? What happened?

As difficult or painful as that experience was it bore much fruit. Your were changed and your life was renewed. It was one of those times when you were the grain of wheat that fell into the earth and died. And I'll bet it was one of those times when you knew you had seen Jesus, when you experienced the holy, when you were absolutely convinced that God was present and working in your life.

I've had those times too. But, probably like you, I've also had those other kind of losses. The greatest loss in my life so far has been the death of our son. God knows I've learned a lot about myself and life as a result of that, and my life has been reshaped and reformed in some very good and positive ways because of that. I know I've seen Jesus. But I would trade it all to have Brandon back. And maybe that's what I need to let go of.

Maybe that's my grain of wheat that needs to fall into the earth and die. That doesn't mean I don't want him back or that I would not undo what has happened if I could. It just means that I want to trust Jesus' promise of new life more than my wishful thinking. And sometimes that's really hard. You know that as well as I.

Letting go, however, does not mean rejection or walking away. And it does not mean choosing absence over presence. Instead, letting go is what allows us to be more authentically present to ourselves and another. It makes room for new life and new ways of being present to arise. Our letting go gives God something with which to work. Why then would we continue to cling, to live as an isolated, self-enclosed, single grain wheat?

This is the soul-troubling secret to life. "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." So what is the grain of wheat in your life today that needs to fall into the earth and die? What are the things that if you lost them you are sure you would just die? Maybe those are the very places waiting to bear much fruit in your life. Maybe that's where you'll see Jesus.

This secret, this pattern of loss and renewal, will be unveiled everyday throughout Holy Week. I think that's why we hear this text today, a week before Palm Sunday and the start of Holy Week. It's our preparation for Holy Week. And you know where Holy Week ends, right? At Easter, the empty tomb, the dawn of a new day, and the renewal of life. The single grain has become the Bread of Life.

But you also know that you don't plant a seed and go back in ten minutes or the next day and see a new sprout. Growth can be slow and the fruit of new life takes time, usually longer than we want it to. Yet, even when unseen, unbelieved, or unrecognized, the power and life of God are present and at work in the depths of our life, in the dark and hidden places. That's the mystery of life.

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

- Monday, March 22**  
8:45 am Kathleen Wright (*Living*), Kathi Cirillo (*Birthday Remembrance*)
- Tuesday, March 23**  
(*St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*)  
8:45 am Marie & Richard Marcantonio (*Living*)
- Wednesday, March 24**  
8:45 am George & Anne Bantleon (*Living*)
- Thursday, March 25**  
(*The Annunciation of the Lord*)  
8:45 am Mary Plascyk
- Friday, March 26**  
8:45 am Br. Patrick Murphy, Dr. Leslie Gonsalves  
12:15 pm Maryann Rietschlin, Mark Phelan & Family (*Living*)
- Saturday, March 27**  
8:45 am John & Thomas Pesiri  
*(Palm Sunday)*  
3:45 pm Josephine & Frank Girolyme, Enid M. Lopes, Virginia Washa, Anthony Elenio  
5:15 pm Maryann Rietschlin
- Sunday, March 28**  
*(Palm Sunday)*  
7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners, Mercedes Colwin & Family (*Living*)  
8:30 am Kristen Assemi, Joseph Sadowski  
10:30 am Sileo Family (*Living*), Fred Beuth, Victoria & Benjamin Spano  
12:00 pm Steven Gurr, Mary Plascyk, Joseph & Maryann Rietschlin, Loretta Ciuffo & Family (*Living*)



**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis Evangelization - Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**The Deceased & their Families**

Concetta Romeo, Wilcom Pereira, Sal Manziello, Ann Muscardin, Maryann Lucy Rietschlin, Violeta R. Garcia, Louise Preziosa, Donald Miller, Mary Plascyk, Irene Fucarino, Donald E. Rizzi, Benjamin "Benny" Ciuffo, Antoinette Tarantino

**The Sick**

Frances Manziello, Mario Muscardin, Michael Ferrari, Frank Fidnarick, Ann Mascarelli, Carl Smitelli, Angela Burhanzai, Lenny Schroder, Ed Thorgersen, Jan Schatzberg, Julia Noya, Debra Jean Fisher, Mike & Maureen Kenney, Donna Tortora, Gianna Ragusa, Lisa Hulsen, Stacey Bell, Rachel Staiano, Joseph P. Pisanti, Marie & Joe Giambalvo, Rufina Storelli, Thomas Reilly, Marion Celenza, Miriam O'Connell, Mary Ellen Fagan, Linda Ludwig, Anna Rafter, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Adeline Mifsud, Richard Dannenhoffer, Joe DiRaimo, Naomi Fonseca, Anne & George Bantleon, Eugene Purnell, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Dorothy Walsh, Evelyn Ludwig, Marina Piccolo, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Rosa Zulo, Anna Sinisgalli, Arlene Benigno, Grace Marino, Rosalie Zurlo, Bill & Elaine Murray, Lettie Graham, Gloria Plaisance, Margaret LiCausi, Janet Morrissey, Adelaide Motta, Julia Serpe, Joanne Pirraglia, Nancy Pesiri, Mary Canty, Phyllis DeGregoris, Robert Perham, Anne Dailey, Rose Bell, Angela Artale, Lena Jankowski, Angela Borruso, James D. Quinn, Adam Volpe, Rose Rutigliano, Phil Roeske, Rosemary Burke, Donna Lawson Ceparano, Dorothy McKeever, Ann Abitabilo, Barbara Zmoos, Peter Mancini, Eugenie Schirm, Susan Pabst Behrens, Alistair Magee, Patti Sullivan, Marie & Richard Marcantonio, Tom Flynn, John Brusdeilins, Terese Blakeney, Rosa Crispino, Carolyn Holland, Russell Worth, Gloria Romuno, Bob Corrigan, Gabrielle Wolf, Pat Walsh, Robert & Muriel Reahl, Debbie Lahey, Mary Posch, Richard Harrigan, Fr. Bob McGuire, Fr. John Whelan, Cathy Gerrity, Grace Carbone

*Names of the sick will remain on the Prayer List for 1 month. Please notify the Parish Office if prayers are still requested after 1 month or if the person is deceased.*

**Safety of our Parish Members in the Armed Forces**

Michelle Meyers, Rafael Borrero, Kathleen Donovan (*Army*)  
Brandon Sassone, John Brennan (*Navy*)



**God Bless the USA!**

Special Devotions

- Novena to the Immaculate Conception:** Every Monday following the 8:45am Mass
- Rosary:** Monday - Saturday following the 8:45am Mass
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Friday following the 8:45am Mass until 10:15am in the church and the last Tuesday of each month from 9:15am to 7:00pm
- Care of the Sick:** Please notify the Parish Office if there is any parishioner who is ill at home so that we may administer the proper spiritual care.



NO ADORATION  
until further notice

## Financially Speaking

March 14 .....	\$ 3,993.00
Online .....	1,275.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$ 5,268.00</b>
Catholic Relief .....	\$ 355.00

**Note: Second collection on March 27/28 is for the support of the St. Vincent DePaul Society.**  
*Thank you for your generosity!*



Clare Crossley  
CMA Coordinator

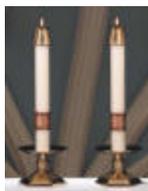
## Catholic Ministries Appeal 2021

Goal Amount: .....	\$43,400.00
Pledges: .....	\$ 8,715.00
Payments: .....	\$ 7,735.00
Donors: .....	47

## Bread & Wine Altar Candles Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of March 20 - 27

**For all Victims of Covid-19**



## Can you help???

Save a Life with Kidney Donation



Long time Parishioner and good friend and supporter of St. Edwards, Syosset, Mike Ferrari, is in need of a kidney transplant. Should you seriously wish to consider assisting Mike and his family during their time of great need, please contact Mike's wife Caroline for more specific details. Caroline's email address is: sewnora@gmail.com

*"Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it." Proverbs 3:27*



## Monthly Food Drive Upcoming Dates

**March 27/28  
April 24/25**

In our community there are many families who rely on our generosity!

**Put donations in separate bags:  
Canned & Boxed Goods / Toiletries**

**Make sure food items have not expired - No produce**

## Easter Paschal Candle

**Dedicate the Paschal Candle  
to your loved ones**

The Paschal Candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil and remains visibly present in the sanctuary throughout the year. The flame of the Paschal Candle symbolizes the eternal presence of Christ, light of the world in the midst of his people. It is lit at every Mass throughout the Easter season in addition to special occasions such as Funerals, Baptisms, and Confirmations. The name of the person to be remembered will be printed in the bulletin as well as on the Paschal Candle. The donation is \$50 per donor. To arrange for a dedication, contact the parish office at 516-938-3956.

## Easter Flowers

**Easter Flower  
Remembrance**



Remember your loved ones by making a donation for the purchase of flowers and other decorations to adorn our church for Easter. The names of loved ones will be inserted in the bulletin and remembered in our prayers during the Easter season. Place your donation with names of those to be remembered along with your name in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Flowers Donation" and drop the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

# We Pray & We Reflect



## FIRST READING: JER 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD,  
when I will make a new covenant with the house of  
Israel  
and the house of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant I made with their  
fathers  
the day I took them by the hand  
to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;  
for they broke my covenant,  
and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD.  
But this is the covenant that I will make  
with the house of Israel after those days, says the  
LORD.  
I will place my law within them and write it upon their  
hearts;  
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
No longer will they have need to teach their friends  
and relatives  
how to know the LORD.  
All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the  
LORD,  
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their  
sin no more.



## RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness;  
in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my  
offense.

Thoroughly wash me from my guilt  
and of my sin cleanse me.

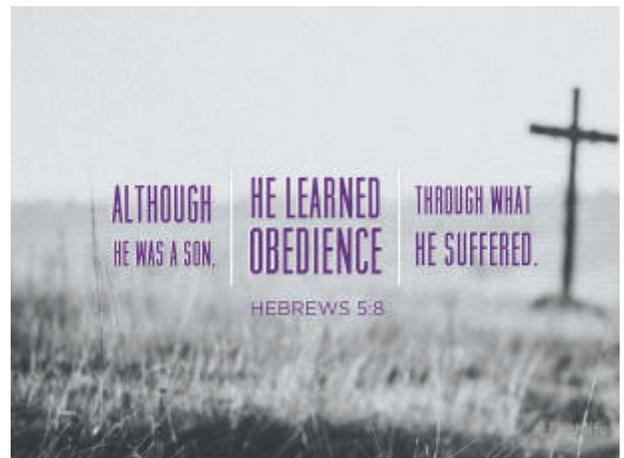
### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God,  
and a steadfast spirit renew within me.  
Cast me not out from your presence,  
and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

How Give me back the joy of your salvation,  
and a willing spirit sustain in me.  
I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners shall return to you.

### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.



## SECOND READING: HEB 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh,  
he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and  
tears  
to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard because of his reverence.  
Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he  
suffered;  
and when he was made perfect,  
he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey  
him.

# We Pray & We Reflect

## GOSPEL for Fifth Sunday of Lent JN 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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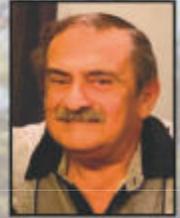


# Annual Golf Outing ~ June 14<sup>th</sup>



## In Honor of and Tribute to Michael DiCarlo 19<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Pius X R.C. Church GOLF OUTING

Brookville Country Club - 210 Chicken Valley Road, Glen Head  
Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021



Proceeds To Benefit St. Pius X Youth Group and the St. Pius X Parish

### Schedule

9:30am ..... Players' Registration Begins  
10:30am-12:00pm ... Buffet Breakfast  
12:00pm ..... Shotgun Start  
..... Barbecue Lunch at 10<sup>th</sup> Tee  
6:00pm ..... Cocktails  
7:00pm ..... Dinner

- Use of driving range and practice putting green
- Lunch / Refreshments on Course
- Golf and Raffle Prizes / Auctions for Vacation Getaways

Golfer - All Inclusive:..... \$350  
Guests - Dinner Only: ..... \$90  
Seniors (65+) - Dinner Only: ..... \$80

**Proper Golf Attire Required which including Collared Shirt.  
"CARGO STYLE" Pants/Shorts ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**MAIL, EMAIL THIS REGISTRATION FORM TO:  
1 ST. PIUS X COURT, PLAINVIEW, NY 11803**

### SPONSORSHIPS

- Event Sponsor: 1 Foursome** (includes Dinner), Event Signage, Full Page Journal Ad, and Reserved Table at Banquet . . . \$5,000
- Dinner Sponsor: 2 Golfers** (includes Dinner), Event Signage, Full Page Journal Ad, and Reserved Table at Banquet . . . \$2,500
- Colona Sports Challenge Sponsor: 2 Golfers** (includes Dinner), Event Signage and Full Page Journal Ad . . . \$2,500
- Golf Cart Sponsor:** Name on Carts and 1/2 pg. Ad . . . \$2,000
- Caddie Sponsor: 1 Golfer** and Name on Sign and 1/2 pg. Ad . \$2,000
- Flag Sponsor: 1 Golfer**, Name on Pin Flag at ALL Holes . . . \$2,000
- Cocktail Hour Sponsor: 1 Golfer** and Name on Sign . . \$1,500
- Lunch Sponsor: 1 Golfer** and Name on Sign . . . . . \$1,500
- Giveaway Corporate Sponsor: 1 Golfer** and Name on Sign \$1,000
- Tee Box Sponsor: 1 Golfer** and Name on Sign at ALL 18 Tee Boxes . \$1,000
- Breakfast Sponsor: 1 Golfer** and Name on Sign . . . . \$1,000
- Closest to the Pin Sponsor:** Name on Sign . . . . . \$500
- Refreshment Tent Sponsor:** Name on Sign . . . . . \$500
- Putting Green Sponsor:** Name on Sign . . . . . \$300
- Driving Range Sponsor:** Name on Sign . . . . . \$300
- Commemorative Flag Sponsor:** Name on Pin Flag . . . \$250
- Longest Drive Sponsor:** Name on Sign . . . . . \$300
- Straightest Drive Sponsor:** Name on Sign . . . . . \$300
- Tee Sponsor:** Name on Sign . . . . . \$150
- Sign Sponsor:** . . . . . \$50
- Dinner only - \$90 ea.** No. of guests \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Dinner only - Senior \$80 ea.** No. of guests \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2021 St. Pius Golf Outing Donation** (not attending Golf or Dinner) . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Prize or Raffle Donation** - Contact Parish Office to submit your donation
- Journal Ads:**
  - 1/4 page . . . . . \$75     Inside Front Cover . . . \$500
  - 1/2 page . . . . . \$175     Inside Back Cover . . . \$500
  - Full page . . . . . \$250     Back Cover . . . . . \$1,500

### REGISTRATION FORM

Player # 1:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 2:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 3:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Player # 4:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Golfers \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$350 Each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Sponsorship Donation . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is a check for . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make Checks payable to St. Pius X R.C. Church*

Check type of Card:  Visa  MC  AMEX  DISCOVER  
Card No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 3 or 4 digit code: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Cardholder's Name (Signature) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

For more information call the Parish Office at (516) 938-3956

Send Completed Registration Form to: MAIL - 1 St. Pius X Court, Plainview, NY 11803, EMAIL - FrVal.STPX@gmail.com

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## LIVING STATIONS of the CROSS

*presented by the St. Pius X Youth Group*

**Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00pm**

ALL are invited to witness our Youth Ministry's rendition of the final hours of Jesus' life! Our teens have worked very hard to prepare for the Living Stations for you and to show their love and commitment for our Lord!

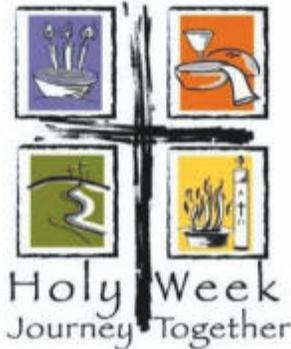




# Holy Week & Easter 2021

Holy Week marks the beginning of the most sacred period of our Christian faith – the most *Holy Week* of our liturgical calendar. It is a time when we gather together as a community of faith to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem, to stand with him before his accusers, to walk to Golgotha, and to stand at the foot of his cross. Finally, on Easter Sunday, we will joyously celebrate the resurrection of Christ, lifting our voices in praise of the hope that is ours and the world's.

Join us for all of it, if you can, remembering that without the journey of Holy Week, Easter becomes an empty gesture. We encourage you to invite a friend.



## PALM SUNDAY - PASSION OF THE LORD — MARCH 27/28<sup>th</sup>



Masses at **3:45pm & 5:15pm** (Saturday)

**7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (FAMILY LITURGY) & 12:00pm** (Sunday)

## † A DAY OF RECONCILIATION — MARCH 29<sup>th</sup>

**9:15am to 10:00am and 5:00pm to 6:00pm** (Monday)

## † HOLY THURSDAY — MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

Morning Prayer at **8:45am** followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation

**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: 7:30pm**

## † GOOD FRIDAY — APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>

Morning Prayer at **8:45am** followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation

**LIVE** reenactment of the Stations of the Cross *presented by* Youth Group at **12:00pm NOON**

Celebration of The Lord's Passion **3:00pm**

Stations of the Cross *presented by* Parish Council at **7:30pm**

**BLOOD DRIVE 12:00pm – 8:30pm, Gym**

## † HOLY SATURDAY — APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>

Morning Prayer at **8:45am** followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation

**THE EASTER VIGIL at 7:30pm**

## † EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 3<sup>rd</sup>

Masses at **7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm and 1:30pm**

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**12:00pm – 8:30pm**

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## St. Pius X Seniors

Lou Fabiano, President

In the spirit of keeping you informed, I am relating the substance of several conversations between the Board and myself and the Nassau County Office of the Aging.

As you know, we meet in a Nassau County facility in Bethpage. I contacted them to get some understanding as to when they expect to reopen the facility. Unfortunately, they have NO definitive date for reopening. There best guess is after the rollout of the vaccine has reached most of the people. Not sure what that means exactly.

Obviously, this means that at this time NO meetings of the club have been scheduled.

**Trips:** Several trips are being discussed, Namely:

- An overnight trip to Sight and Sound (casino included)– date TBD
- An overnight trip to Cape May, and casino in May/ June time frame.

Please note these are being discussed and no actions are needed at this time. Any interest in trips call Carol Schroeder at 516-314-7806

- The trip to Nashville in SEPT is still planned – you will be kept informed in future communications.

Nominations for Board members and subsequent elections will be held immediately upon the return of regular meetings. Please consider running for any position. We need everyone to participate in the support of this fine club.

### **STAY WELL & GOD BLESS**

**For information on upcoming trips or events, please call Lenny or Carol Schroeder at (516)596-2348.**

**Membership:** Questions about membership, please call Vic Orlando at (631)414-7899.

**Sunshine:** Please call Rose Bell at (516) 694-9086 or (516) 574-9834 with information regarding illnesses, etc.



## St. Pius X Knights of Columbus

Tom Hoefling, Grand Knight

The Key Principals of our orders are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. There is no better way to experience love & compassion than by helping those in need.

**Mar 25:** Social Meeting,, 7:30pm

**Apr 1:** Officers Meeting, 7:30pm

**Apr 8:** Rosary, 7pm, Church followed by General Meeting, 7:30pm

**For information, contact Tom at [thoefling@optonline.net](mailto:thoefling@optonline.net)**



## St. Pius X Rosary Society

Barbara Brown, President



**MEETINGS:**  
April 10 & May 15, 11am., Rm 1

*WELCOME TO OUR NEW ROSARIANS!*  
Carol Zacaese and Louise Panetta

May the Risen Christ be with all of my Rosarians especially this Easter & fill their hearts with Joy as we sing ALLELUIA! Wishing all my Rosarians & their Families a Blessed Easter!

Interested in joining us, contact, Barbara Brown, 516-359-9060.



## Columbiettes

Anna Ensmenger, President

Next general meeting: March 22, 7:30 pm

**For information, contact Anna at [stpiousxcolumb@gmail.com](mailto:stpiousxcolumb@gmail.com)**



## St. Pius X Columbiettes

Auxiliary 10332

The St. Pius X Columbiettes are raffling off two baskets to celebrate Easter.

One will be an adult basket with a \$50 gift card to Uncle Giuseppe's, two bottles of wine (a white and a red) and Easter treats. The child's basket will have an assortment of toys and Easter candy.

Each raffle is \$5.00 and winner gets both baskets. The winner will be selected on April 1<sup>st</sup>. You can purchase your raffle ticket from a Columbiette before mass, send a payment using Paypal (QR code below) or send a check for \$5.00 to:

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The St. Pius X Columbiettes wish all a blessed Easter.

# Week at a Glance

## Worship for Sunday March 20/21

*(Fifth Sunday of Lent)*

2 Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

## Saturday, March 20

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

## Sunday, March 21

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Chux

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

## Worship for Sunday March 27/28

*(Palm Sunday)*

Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

## Saturday, March 27

3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine

5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

## Sunday, March 28

7:00 am – Fr. Valentine

8:30 am – Fr. Chux

10:30 am – Fr. Chux

12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

## We See God in the Ordinary

### *When Our Own Hour Comes*



We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

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## ***YOUTH GROUP ~ ALL ARE WELCOME***

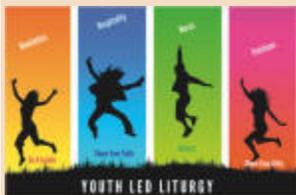
*Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister & Ryan Farrell, President*



The Youth Group invites the parish family to join them for ...

### ***TEEN Mass***

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm**



### ***Family Rosary Night***

**Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the church**



The Rosary is led by the youth group along with talented Youth providing inspirational music

## St. Pius X Parish

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Website: www.stpiusxrc.com

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday and Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Emergency: 516-661-5117

### Bulletin Submissions

E-mail submissions to admstpx@gmail.com by 5pm the Saturday one week prior to the bulletin date, and it will be reviewed for inclusion as space allows. Please note the deadline is earlier for all holidays.

### Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays, 3:00-3:45pm or by appointment.

**Baptism:** The baptismal preparation program is offered throughout the year. Baptisms are celebrated on the second and third Sundays of each month. Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956 to schedule a baptism date before making other plans. Allow at least one month preparation time.

**Marriage:** Engaged couples must contact the Parish Office at (516)938-3956 at least six months prior to the wedding date you desire and before making any other arrangements.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Every second and fourth Wednesday of each month after the 8:45am Mass

**Other Sacraments:** Please contact the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

**RCIA:** Are you interested in learning more about Catholicism? Do you have friends or acquaintances who are questioning what Catholicism is all about? Do you have Catholic family members or friends who have fallen away from the Faith? Invite them to investigate the truth about Catholicism by joining the RCIA group here at St. Pius X. Call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

### Banns of Marriage:



Vanessa A. Okeke & Odera U. Dim

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



## Stay Connected

### Keep us Updated!

Have you moved? Married? Changed your email address? Help us keep our parish database up-to-date by sending us such changes via e-mail to: spxrecty@optonline.net or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956. Remember to include your name, address, phone, cell, email and other relevant information.

### We Need You!

We invite you to review our ministries and get involved! If you wish to volunteer for any ministry, please contact Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or 516-938-3956 for more information.

### Ministry for the Sick and Homebound

Please inform us about parishioners or loved ones who are hospitalized, homebound or in a nursing home by e-mailing the pastor at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

### Visit our Website!

Check the parish website to stay current with parish activities and events [www.stpiusxrc.com](http://www.stpiusxrc.com)

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## Tweet of the Week



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@Pontifex



If God so loves us that he gives himself to us, the Church too has this mission. She is not sent to judge but to welcome; not to impose, but to sow; not to condemn, but to bring Christ who is our salvation.

## Welcome Newcomers

### **Welcome!**

We are glad you are here. We encourage you to explore the offerings of our parish. We think you will find much here to encourage your engagement in our common spiritual journey.

### **Register as a Parishioner**

If you regularly worship at St. Pius X Parish, we ask that you register with us. Simply e-mail Fr. Valentine at FrVal.STPX@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 516-938-3956.

### **Information for Families with Young Children**

Welcome! Many families with children tend to worship at the monthly Family Mass at 10:30am as well as the 5:15pm Mass on Saturdays which offers contemporary music.



Here are some suggestions to parents to help their children learn to pray the Mass, and create a reverent, prayerful atmosphere at Mass for all ages.

- If you have time, visit the church and walk your child around the worship space and acquaint them with the art, statues and architecture of our beautiful Catholic tradition. Show them the baptismal font and talk about their baptism. Point out the beauty of our stained glass. Stop by the Parish Office - if the pastor is available, he will gladly accompany you on your visit.
- For Mass, arrive early to use the restroom, get a drink, and settle in.
- Children are curious. Sit toward the front. Children will be able to see what the priest is doing and with your help will pay more attention.
- Help your children pray and embrace the Mass. The Mass offers a teaching moment with your children to develop a sense of reverence and respect for the Mass and the sacred.
- Model full participation for your child by actively participating in the Mass responses and singing the hymns.

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