

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

April 11th, 2021
Divine Mercy Sunday



Holy Mary, Mother of DIVINE MERCY, Please Pray For Us.



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

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)

HAPPY EASTER



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

My Dear Family,

Today the Easter Octave comes to completion. With the story of the “*Doubting Thomas*” in today’s gospel, we are assured that the resurrection we are celebrating is real. Through the insistence of Saint Thomas, *we* are the ones who receive a blessing: “*Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.*”

In 2000 Pope St. John Paul II placed into the Church’s liturgical calendar the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday on the Second Sunday of Easter. In so doing he confirmed devotion to Christ as the Divine Mercy, a devotion which flowed from visions of our Lord received by St. Mary Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun whom Pope St. John Paul II also canonized on April 30, 2000.

Today’s gospel tells us, appropriately, of the Divine Mercy. Jesus’ passion and death was an act of Divine Mercy. His was a sacrificial death offered for the forgiveness of sins. With his resurrection from the dead, his victory over sin and death is complete. There seems to be a sense of urgency about Jesus in the narrative of today’s gospel, which tells of his first appearance to his disciples on the very evening of the resurrection: “*As the Father has sent me, so I send you. ... Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.*” Catholic Tradition regards this event as the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, through which Jesus has given the Church the power to forgive sins in his name. It is the sacrament of the Divine Mercy. For this gift our psalm refrain expresses our gratitude: “*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.*”

The devotions proper to Divine Mercy Sunday are being held at 2:30pm this afternoon in our church. All are welcome to attend. In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order “*to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence...so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God’s pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.*”

A *plenary indulgence* is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a

spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g., “Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!”)

Pray the rosary this week for the needs of the Church and for those in our parishes receiving their First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Confirmation within the next few weeks. As always, pray for peace.

May God bless his people with peace.

Fr. Valentine

We See God in the Ordinary



Eyes Have Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you’ve ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that’s not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn’t bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He’s not believing the hype. He’s going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We’ve all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven’t seen it with our own two eyes?

That’s when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It’s easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, “you didn’t believe the testimony of your friends!” But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can’t be seen with the naked eye.

?Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Monday, April 12

8:45 am Elliot Smith, Mary Rebello

Tuesday, April 13

(St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr)

8:45 am John Durante *(Birthday Remembrance)*

Wednesday, April 14

8:45 am Clare Crossley *(Living - Birthday)*,
Salvatore Neglia, Agnes Carr *(Birthday Remembrance)*,
Maria Angela Camarinha

Thursday, April 15

8:45 am Louise Buchanan & Family *(Living)*

Friday, April 16

8:45 am Dominic Rebello

Saturday, April 17

8:45 am Deceased members of the Colwin & Barnette Families

(Third Sunday of Easter)

3:45 pm Michal DuBritz, Salvatore Manziello,
Rudolph Lichwiarz, Matilde Marros
Bives, Claire Bozzone, Michael Aiello
(Living)

5:15 pm Isabel Notaro *(Living - Birthday)*, John &
Robin Yakacki & Family *(Living)*

Sunday, April 18

(Third Sunday of Easter)

7:00 am St. Pius X Parishioners

8:30 am Donald Guida, Phil Saglimbene *(Living)*

10:30 am Carmela Previ Minoli *(Birthday Remembrance)*,
Sal Manziello, Gloria Plaisance

12:00 pm Salvatore Manziello, Edward Lombardo

The Deceased & their Families

Edwina Von Runnen, Ingeborg & Remo DiTieri, Ed McKeon, Edilee Rosales Omoyon Gloria Plaisance, Fr. Simon Palliparambil *(Former Associate Pastor at St. Pius X)*, John Higgins, Anna Muscardin, Sal Manziello

The Sick

Tony & Marina Piccolo, Frances Manziello, Mario Muscardin, Michael Ferrari, Ann Mascarelli, Carl Smitelli, Lenny Schroder, Ed Thorgersen Sr., 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, Marion Celenza, Miriam O'Connell, Linda Ludwig, Anna Rafter, Joseph Witowski, Nina Antonio, Bridget & Charles McGuinness, Adeline Mifsud, Richard Dannenhoffer, Naomi Fonseca, Anne & George Bantleon, Eugene Purnell, Audrey & Ed Coyne, Mary Ellen Phelan, Marylou & Judy Kohler, Dorothy Walsh, Carol Herlihy, Veronica Gentile, Phil Saglimbene, Rosa Zulo, Anna Sinisgalli, Arlene Benigno, Grace Marino, Rosalie Zurlo, Bill & Elaine Murray, Lettie Graham, 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



**Intentions of the Holy Father Pope Francis
Universal - Fundamental Rights**

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

We Give & We Remember

Financially Speaking

April 4	\$2,350.00
Online	2,035.00
Total	\$4,385.00
Holy Land	\$ 198.94
Easter	\$19,968.35
Online	1,025.00
Total	\$20,993.35

Note: Second collection on April 24/25 is for the support of the St. Vincent dePaul Society.
Thank you for your generosity!



Clare Crossley
CMA Coordinator

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (as of April 6)

Goal Amount:	\$43,400.00
Pledges:	\$27,245.00
Payments:	\$18,842.50
Donors:	105



What is the Paschal Candle (or Easter Candle)

The Paschal Candle is blessed at the Easter Vigil and remains visible, 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.

Paschal Candle 2021 is dedicated to



Altar Candles

for the week of April 10 - 16
For Victims of Covid-19



Bread & Wine Sanctuary Lamp

for the week of April 10 - 16

In loving memory of

Audrey Maune

*Donated by Thursday Breakfast Ladies
 Audrey, Ann Marie, Dorothy,
 Mary, Sara Jane*



Monthly Food Drive Upcoming Dates

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

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| Joseph & Loretta Acker | Delores & John Mazzola |
| Thomas J. & Thomas M. Burke | Joe Mazzola |
| George & Linda Carter <i>(Living)</i> | Eugene & Stephanie Morda |
| Benny Ciuffo | Eugene Morda, Jr. |
| Nora & Denise Cudhay | Frank Motta |
| Margaret Dailey | Msgr. Thomas Mulvanerty |
| Michael DiCarlo | Fr. Simon Palliparambil |
| Ed Dressler | Rudy Palumbo |
| Michael A. DuBritz | Anthony & Connie Perone |
| Joseph John Durante | Dr. John & Thomas Pesiri |
| Matthew Etts | Mary & Frank Phelan |
| Frank Fidnarick | Michael Pizzurro |
| Fr. Joseph Gancila | Gloria & Ralph Plaisance |
| Carol Giannettino | Mary Plascyk |
| Frank Grillo | Przybyszewski Family |
| Marie Felicia Hall | Dominic & Mary Rebello |
| Lucy Hughes | Maryann & Joseph Rietschlin |
| James K. Loesch | Victoria & Benjamin Spano |
| Francesco LoManto | Teresa Thompson |
| Enid & Victor Lopes | Ed Thorgersen, Sr. <i>(Living)</i> |
| Sal Mascolo & Family | John Walsh |
| Audrey Maune | Victims of Covid19 |

We Pray & We Reflect



FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind,
and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,
but they had everything in common.
With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
and great favor was accorded them all.
There was no needy person among them,
for those who owned property or houses would sell them,
bring the proceeds of the sale,
and put them at the feet of the apostles,
and they were distributed to each according to need.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.”
Let the house of Aaron say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

Let those who fear the LORD say,
“His mercy endures forever.”

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling,
but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory
in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done;
it is wonderful in our eyes.
This is the day the LORD has made;
let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.



SECOND READING: 1 JN 5:1-6

Beloved:
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God,
and everyone who loves the Father
loves also the one begotten by him.
In this way we know that we love the children of God
when we love God and obey his commandments.
For the love of God is this,
that we keep his commandments.
And his commandments are not burdensome,
for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.
And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.
Who indeed is the victor over the world
but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?
This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ,
not by water alone, but by water and blood.
The Spirit is the one that testifies,
and the Spirit is truth.

We Pray & We Reflect

GOSPEL for Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) JN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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Remembering Maryann Rietschlin, D. Min.



SEDE VACANTE ~ The Chair is Empty

The St. Pius X parish family lost a beloved member of our community last month. Maryann L. Rietschlin, D.Min. passed away in the early hours of March 14th. Having celebrated her birthday less than a month prior on February 18th, Maryann was a young 79 ... it was her body and not her mind that failed.

In many ways Maryann was a woman ahead of her time. Not only was Maryann a wife, mother, grandmother & great-grandmother, she also pursued a career in education, specifically Faith Formation and excelled achieving her Doctorate in Ministry (D.Min.) from the Immaculate Conception Seminary in Huntington.

Maryann had three core values that guided her throughout her life ... *Faith, Family & Friends*. The order of these values is not by accident. Anyone who knew Maryann can attest that FAITH was the CENTER of her life. As a deeply spiritual woman, in times of joy, Maryann would give thanks to God ... in times of sadness, she would seek comfort in prayer ... in times of uncertainty, she would seek His guidance ... in times of personal challenge she turned to the cross.

Maryann faced many challenges with her health. Everyone with whom I have spoken cannot remember a time when Maryann was not confined to her wheelchair. But ... the *chair* did not confine Maryann at all. The *chair* was just a tool she used to continue to serve her family, friends, and parish family. It is my understanding that Maryann had a long history of back pain and had surgeries to treat her pain. While surgeries alleviated the pain, it was temporary ... nothing cured the pervasive pain. However, whenever you saw Maryann, she always had a smile ... always inquiring about YOU ... always asking what you need her to do. Never offer to help Maryann by pushing her wheelchair or opening a door. "Thank You very much, but I can do it," was her response. A response driven from her tremendous independence and pride. Maryann also embraced her *chair* as an opportunity to advocate for people with disabilities ... physical and developmental.



Maryann was always willing to help. She would often roll into the Parish Office and ask, "What do you need me to do?" She would assist with decorating the Church for Christmas and Easter by carrying plants back and forth in her lap from the school to the church with her *chair*. Nothing stopped Maryann. She assisted at every Feast and Golf Outing. When seeing Maryann at church, always seated in her *chair* near the Easter candle, families would come up to her for a hug.

Years ago, Maryann served as Director of Religious Education (*now known as Faith Formation*) at St. Pius X as well at St. Aidan's in Williston Park and St Mary's in East Islip. Upon my arrival as Pastor in 2013, I was quick to realize Maryann as an underutilized asset to our parish, especially to our Faith Formation program. At my invitation, Maryann served each year in our Faith Formation program teaching our transitional children as well as children with special needs and adults. Maryann was a devoted and passionate catechist.



Theologically, Maryann was also a woman ahead of her time. She was an advocate for the role of women in the church. It was not an easy task for Maryann to study at the Seminary in the company of seminarians and taught predominantly by priests ... her independence and convictions prevailed. Gratefully Maryann and I share similar theological and ministerial perspectives. I often relied on Maryann to preside at prayer services, offer a spontaneous prayer to start one of our meetings, or research a topic for me. Our parish family was gifted by her frequent scripture reflections in our bulletin. She delighted in sharing her faith in any way possible.

Maryann's chair at her family's table, her chair at the Table of Our Lord, her chair at our Pastoral Associate meetings, her chair teaching in our Faith Formation program, her chair serving at our various ministries ... Maryann's *chair* is now empty ... *sede vacante*. However, I have NO doubt that she is seated in her *chair* at the right hand of the Father where she will continue to advocate for all of us.





Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph as a Parish

December 8th, 2020 ~ December 8th, 2021

A Father for the Ages

A reflection on St. Joseph by Steve Rhoads, Youth Minister

I was, to be honest, a little puzzled as to why I was asked to write about my experience as Youth Minister and the Church's celebration of St. Joseph this liturgical year. There are many much better with words and with a broader grasp of such a critical figure in the history of our Faith.

We were never blessed with children, which made it all the more strange when I came home one day almost twenty years ago to find that my wife had agreed to become the volunteer Youth Minister at our home parish and that I, of course, was her new assistant. The inescapable thought running through my mind was, other than having been a teen once, what do I know about helping to mentor one...much less several of them? My wife has always been good with kids – a perfect mother figure, but me? Not so much.

In retrospect, it turned out to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life, the result of which changed me in ways I could never have imagined. Trying to help these kids navigate through their own spiritual journey as they grew into adults, and the hope that we made even a small difference in their lives, filled us with a sense of purpose that gave us a glimpse of what it was like to be a parent. Many of those kids are no longer kids, and are now friends of ours, with children of their own. Thanks to Fr. Valentine, my spiritual journey since then has led me here to St. Pius X, and has given me the chance to work with and mentor some of the amazing youth of this Parish for the past seven years. It's been a humbling blessing, knowing that all of it was the result of that one unexpected "leap of Faith" into something for which I thought I was totally unqualified.

This year we celebrate an ordinary man who took, perhaps, one of the greatest "leaps of Faith" in human history. While scripture says little about St. Joseph, we know that he was a man of humility, loyalty and spirituality. When an angel of the Lord spoke to Joseph to tell him that his future bride, Mary, was to give birth to the Son of God, there were a million reasons why Joseph could have simply walked away.

Joseph wasn't a soldier who was trained to fight to protect the boy who would become Jesus. He wasn't a rabbi who could help the future Savior enter into his ministry. He wasn't a wealthy man who could provide a life fitting for the King of Kings. Joseph was a carpenter who earned enough to provide for a small family. Raising someone else's child is difficult enough without that child being the actual son of the Almighty God! Talk about pressure! Joseph probably questioned whether he could actually do what he was being asked to do. But like the Virgin Mary, he said yes anyway. Joseph's Faith told him that if God thought Joseph was capable, that was good enough for him.

And Joseph was more than enough. While traveling, it was Joseph who led Mary to the safety of a stable in Bethlehem for Jesus to be born when there was no room for them at the inn. It was Joseph who listened to God's call to leave Nazareth to avoid King Herod's armies who were sent to murder the infant Jesus. It was Joseph that provided for his schooling and religious education and who taught Jesus the skills of a carpenter which Jesus used until His ministry began. It was Joseph that looked for Jesus when he was lost in the Temple. It was Joseph who was Jesus' earthly father who raised Jesus as his own son, even knowing the dangers that created at every turn. Joseph was the provider and protector of the Holy Family, whose willingness to be used as an instrument of God served Jesus' purpose here on Earth. All of which was the result of that one unexpected "leap of Faith" into something for which he thought he was totally unqualified.

The Iconic civil rights leader and Pastor, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., defined Faith as "taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase". Joseph did that and perhaps one reason why Joseph's story is so compelling today, is because it is the story of each of us, in our own way. It is both an example – and a challenge. Each of us is called to serve in different times and different ways, and while there's a good chance we will never be asked to do what Joseph did, are we listening to hear God's call? And when it comes, will we answer with the humility, loyalty and spirituality of Joseph? Saying yes may not be easy, but St. Joseph teaches us that it is most certainly worth it.



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 18th at 5pm

Family Rosary Night

Monday April 12th at 7:30pm in the church



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

Easter Flower Remembrances

The Easter Flowers that adorn our Altar for the Easter Season have been donated in loving memory of, or for the intentions noted:

Remembering a Loved One

Angel who donated Brandon's heart	James Fitzpatrick	Claudia Mamoroski	Henry Petagno
Thomas Burke	Fr. Joseph Gancila	Maniscalco Family	Sheila Petagno
George & Mary Caligure	Hayward & Sansone Families	Peter & Olga Manzi	Mary Plasyck
Pasquale & Concetta Ceriello	Winifred Heilig	Jerry Marks	Pollock Family
Antonio & Yolanda Cerrone	Charles & Margaret Heusel	Carmela Mascolo	Mary Przybyszewski
Maureen Cooke	Kerri Ann Hogan	Mary Masone	Joseph Reali
Kathleen Corrente	Peggy Jents	Frank & Anne Mauro	Lorraine & Buddy Schurman
Joseph, Rose & Michael Anthony D'Ambrosio	Lillian Kennedy	Delores Mazzola	Deceased Serpe Family
Maria DeMauro	Joseph & Mary Kosiba	Richard Montes	Victoria & Benjamin Spano
DiPrimo Family	Francesco LoManto	Joseph Morda	Anthony Tesorieri (son)
Jeanette Donohue	Giorgio LoManto	Eugene Morda, Jr	Anthony Tesoriero (father)
Michael DuBritz	Deceased Lombardi Family	Eugene & Stephanie Morda, Sr	Lawrene Zacaese
maryalice Feldman	Ludwig Family	Susan Olsen	Theresa Zararese
Fred Findarick	Mildred Maestrallis	Angela Palmieri	George & Viola Zetkov

Please accept our apologies for any name(s) that might have been misspelled. Names were recorded from the handwritten flower offering envelopes.

Blessing of the Home during Easter Season

Bless our home
AND ALL WHO ENTER

It is an ancient custom to bless the homes of the faithful at Easter. It is a simple blessing, not the full blessing of a new home. It may take place any time during the Fifty Days of Easter (Easter Sunday thru Pentecost Sunday) and it is an excellent opportunity for family and friends to come together in one another's homes to celebrate.

Begin with a greeting: "Peace be to this house, and to all who dwell in it." Continue with the *Blessing* that follows below. Then sprinkle the house and the people with some of the baptismal water that was blessed at the Easter Vigil. The service concludes with the exchange of the Sign of Peace, the greeting which the Risen Lord gave to his disciples in the Upper Room on the first Easter.

BLESSING

Lord, we rejoice in the victory of your Son over death: by rising from the tomb to new life he gives us new hope and promise.

Bless all the members of this household and surround them with your protection, that they may find comfort and peace in Jesus Christ, the paschal lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen



Holy Week & Easter

(Photos by Bobby Peña)



Annual Golf Outing ~ June 14th



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

Brookville Country Club - 210 Chicken Valley Road, Glen Head
Monday, June 14th, 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 10th 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**

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Week at a Glance

Worship for Sunday April 10/11
(Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday)
Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

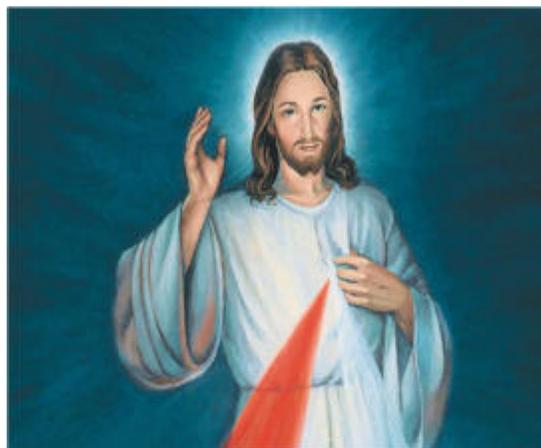
Saturday, April 10
3:45 pm – Fr. Chux
5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, April 11
7:00 am – Fr. Valentine
8:30 am – Fr. Chux
10:30 am – Fr. Valentine
12:00 pm – Fr. Valentine

Worship for Sunday April 17/18
(Third Sunday of Easter)
Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Saturday, April 17
3:45 pm – Fr. Valentine
5:15 pm – Fr. Chux

Sunday, April 18
7:00 am – Fr. Chux
8:30 am – Fr. Chux
10:30 am – Fr. Valentine
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Sacraments

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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.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Welcome!

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Newly Baptized

We welcome the following children recently baptized: Colin Michael McKenna, Concetta Margarita Moreno, Meadow Elizabeth Rudin.

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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