



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

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MASS TIMES

Daily	8:30AM, Monday-Saturday, Church
Monday	7PM, Extraordinary Form, Chapel
Saturday	5:15PM, Vigil Mass, Church
Sunday	7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, Church

Holy Days

Vigil	5:30PM, Church
Holy Day	8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church
Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are on the first Sunday of every month. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office. Visit www.st-pius.org for more information or call the Parish Office.

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Deacon Don Ross at dnross@diobpt.org

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is available to anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or complete their initiation as a Roman Catholic. Call the Parish Office for more information.

PRAYER

Devotions

Adoration, Monday, 9AM-Friday 9PM, Chapel
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Friday, 9AM, Church
First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady, 9AM, Church

Prayer Line

To pray for others or to have others pray for you, email Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com.

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Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 3:13-15,
17-19

Res. Psalm:

4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

2nd Reading:

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel:

Lk 24:35-48

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There is a story I heard as a seminarian and which I have recounted many times since. If it isn't true, it ought to be. The story goes that a great professor of theology gained a reputation among his students, often immersed in a skeptical university environment, for his plainspoken approach to the discipline. At the beginning of each lecture, after a prayer, he would look at the lecture hall and say simply, "The Incarnation

happened," before proceeding with the lecture of the day. He signaled the end of his discourse by repeating once more, "The Incarnation happened." If the exact details of the story have gotten blurry in the retelling, the fault is mine, but I believe the message holds up. Jesus Christ, God the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, really and truly took on our human flesh, uniting His divinity to a real human nature, and He dwelt among us. This is no mere pious tradition, it is historical fact. The great G.K. Chesterton suggests that there is only one real subject, one real topic which all other things depend upon, and that is the Incarnation. Our theological understanding, our whole spiritual life, is built not on some superstition, but on the bedrock of God's intervention in human history.

As the Easter season continues, the Church proclaims not only that the Incarnation happened, but also that the Resurrection happened. Just as Jesus took on our human flesh and lived in this world, so too He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. And, as we joyfully claim each Sunday in the Creed, He rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. The tomb that once held the body of the Lord remains empty to this day because the Resurrection happened. The triumph over sin and death accomplished by our Lord through His Passion and glorious Resurrection is a reality with which we, and the Apostles, will

will be confronted again and again in this holy season. We will also see how this was God's plan all along.

Today's Gospel begins with the two disciples recounting what happened when they met Jesus on the road to Emmaus. On that seven-mile journey, our Lord appeared to them and opened their minds and hearts to understand everything that the Scriptures had said about the Messiah, that is, everything that God had revealed as His plan for the salvation of the world. Their eyes, finally, were opened when Jesus broke bread before them. With that story told, the Risen Jesus stands in their midst, proof of the Resurrection in the flesh. As He had on the road to Emmaus, Jesus summarizes all of Scripture, showing the apostolic band that everything written in the prophets pointed to the Messiah's glorious resurrection. With all of this said, Jesus commissions the apostles: "You are witnesses of these things."

It is in the apostolic mission that past meets present, that the stubborn fact of the Incarnation and Resurrection become more than events in an historical moment and are transformed into present realities. From Jerusalem, the Apostles will go into the whole world proclaiming both the historical events and the current reality that Jesus is alive, God has visited his people and still dwells among us. The mission of the Apostles, to be witnesses of these things to the whole world, is the mission of the Church, and thus the mission of each individual Christian. We are called to be witnesses of these things. Our witness will be stronger if we understand the history, the prophecies, and the living reality of our Risen Savior. The Easter season invites us to learn our history – the Incarnation and the Resurrection happened – and to engage with the God who is present with us here and now – Jesus is risen from the tomb and is alive, and we recognize Him in the breaking of the bread, the Eucharist. The Incarnation happened. The Resurrection happened. You are witnesses of these things.

Peace,
Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13

8:30AM+John DeMaio.....McIntosh Family

5:15PM.....+David P. Murano.....M. & F. Kelty

Sunday, April 14

7:30AMAll Parishioners

9AM.....+Larry G. Dunn.....Carpanzano Family

11AM.....+Steve Alves.....M. Lantowski

Monday, April 15

8:30AM...+Larry G. Dunn..Rev. S. Kachuba & St. Pius X Staff

7PM.....Joy Fierro.....D. Collins

Tuesday, April 16

8:30AM.....+Anna May Gleason.....Gleason Family

Wednesday, April 17

8:30AM.....+Jack Horan.....B. Horan

Thursday, April 18

8:30AM.....+Larry G. Dunn.....Fairfield Life Teen

Friday, April 19

8:30AM.....+Guido Conill.....G. Rodriguez

Saturday, April 20

8:30AM+Alice Collins.....Feeney Family

5:15PM.....+Brendan Charles O'Reilly.....Coyle Family

Sunday, April 21

7:30AM+Ralph Leonard.....O'Brien Family

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....+Mary Jane Kaner.....J. Kaner



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Robert Voccola
in the Chapel in Caron Keenan



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
Rev. James M. Bowler S.J., Lucy Marsillo, Ersidia
Groccia, Cameron Martin, Ernest John Csedrik, Sr.



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
Serafina Aurora Iannino, Salvatore Carmine
Iannino, Riley Rayne Jenks, Theodore Jones
Pagli, Mackenzie Anne Stevens

FRI

19

APR

Super Mario Bros. Movie, 7PM, Community Room

THUR-SAT

25-27

APR

Bobby Angel Retreat, Community Room

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Due to publishing deadlines, offertory amounts will be posted in the April 21 bulletin.



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

All money raised for the 2024 St. Pius X will go towards critical school repairs.

83%

\$ 206,648

Donated

\$ 250,000

Goal

12%

300

Gifts

2,460

Registered Families



SPX APPEAL

To give to our Annual Appeal, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Annual Appeal in the memo or visit www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page. You can also sign up for online giving while you're there!



BISHOP'S APPEAL

Contribute to the Bishop's Appeal and renew the diocesan efforts of charity, aid to the poor and educational programs. To donate and learn more about how the Bishop's uses your gift, visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home.

PRAYER



ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

Adore our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Consider signing up for:

- 1) Any hour with no adorer - Wednesday: 9AM, 11PM, Thursday: 2AM, 3AM and 5AM.
- 2) Any hour that has an adorer as we hope to have at least two adorers for each time slot.
- 3) A weekend hour. As soon as we have enough weekend commitments we will launch Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To sign up or to become a substitute visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/ or scan the QR code.



ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Fridays, 9AM, Church

Come pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy lead by Pat Heile. All are welcome to attend!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturdays, 9AM, Church

Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.

EVENTS



SPX FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 19, 7PM, Community Room

Bring your family, comfy chairs, and sleeping bags to watch the Super Mario Bros. Movie, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. \$15 per family for popcorn, candy and soft drinks. Venmo Tyler Lomnitzer or pay at the door. Questions? Email tyler.lomnitzer@kofc.org.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL with BOBBY ANGEL

Bobby is an author, national speaker, and personal mentor. He has over 20 years of experience in ministry, teaching, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are so excited to welcome him to St. Pius X!

Thursday, April 25, 7PM. Open to everyone. FREE.

Friday, April 26, 7PM. Open to everyone. FREE.

Saturday, April 27, 9-11:30AM. Open to all Catechetical leaders such as Youth Ministers, DRE's, and Catechists. Cost is \$20 per person. Use QR Code to register for April 27.



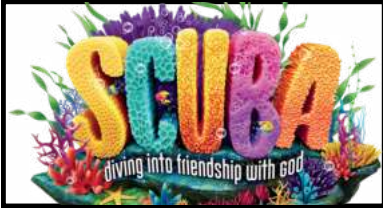
ST. PIUS X GOLF FUNDRAISER

Monday, June 10, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course & Boca Grill, Fairfield, CT, Presented by Knights of Columbus 16347

Join us for a fun filled day of 18 holes of golf, lunch, happy hour and dinner. There will also be live music, a silent auction and raffles. To register scan the code or visit www.TINYURL.com/spxgolfouting. Proceeds to benefit the St. Pius X building loan and Knights of Columbus outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net to volunteer, donate prizes or a sponsorship.



EVENTS



SCUBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PIUS X

July 15-19, Religious Education Center

Calling all 4-8 year olds! This year's VBS theme is SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God! Join us this summer for fun, friendship, and prayer! For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, visit www.st-pius.org/vbs or contact Kerry Sweeney at stpiusvbs@gmail.com.

SCUBA VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers, rising 8th graders and up, to run small groups, games, music, etc. for this year's VBS! If you are interested in this incredibly rewarding service opportunity, please fill out the VBS Volunteer Application at www.st-pius.org/vbs!

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT ST. PIUS X

Thursdays, 2-3:30PM, May 30 – August 1

St. Pius is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries Office to offer the New Day Bereavement Program. Visit www.ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/new-day-ministry/ to submit an inquiry form or contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023 or Deacon Donald Ross dnross@diobpt.org. Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of the bereavement facilitators regarding the next steps.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 6:30AM, Community Room

Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at drexel2424@optonline.net. We look forward to welcoming you!



WELL-READ MOMS BOOK CLUB

Saturday, May 4, 10-11:15AM, Munro Room

We invite you to our monthly discussion of great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversation. For more information or to RSVP, email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April, 14, After 9AM Mass, Hosted by Knights of Columbus

Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



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YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, May 6, 12PM, Community Room

Lunch with Law Enforcement! Meet some of Fairfield Police Department's finest officers who want YOU to stay alert about the latest scams. They'll also talk about their Crisis Intervention Team who assist people struggling with mental illness. There will be PLENTY of time for Q&A so write them down to share at our lunch. Lunch is \$7. Wear your best BLUE to show your support for our brave officers and RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong

Wednesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Canasta

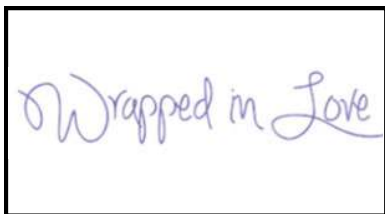
Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. You can just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Tuesday of the Month, 7-8:30PM, Community Room

All men of the parish are welcome to the Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council. The Knights meet each month to deepen their faith and fellowship while doing good works for the parish and greater community. Email Tyler Lomnitzer at Tyler.Lomnitzer@KofC.org for more information.



WRAPPED IN LOVE

This group crochets and knits blankets for our newly baptized babies as well as prayer shawls for those who are ill. Each stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the recipients. Once completed, the items are blessed by Fr. Brendan. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. We provide yarn.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, May 1, 5-7PM, Community Room

Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



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WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Munro Room

Thursday, 9:30-11:30AM, Community Room

Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic bible study, invites all women of the parish to join one of their scripture studies. To find out more information, email Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Life Teen + Edge, hosted at St. Pius X, is open to any middle and high school student from any church. We provide a space for students to rest, make new friends, and be reminded of God's love for them through the gift of their Catholic faith. Adults who would like to support our youth by helping on the CORE team, contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org or for more info, visit www.fairfieldlt.com.org.

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, 6:00-8PM, School Portable

Apr. 14: No Life Teen

Apr. 21: Adoration and Game Night

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

Apr. 17: No Edge

Apr. 24: Command Central-Heaven

COMMUNITY



FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION GALA

Thursday, April 25, Woodbury Country Club, Darien, CT

Celebrate Catholic education with the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano. This year's honorees are Michael Shea and M&T Bank. Event proceeds support Foundations in Education's mission to strengthen and transform the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport by providing tuition assistance to families in need, supporting innovation in academic programs, and fostering opportunities for the professional development of school leaders. To purchase tables, tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please call **203-416-1671** or visit www.foundationsineducation.org




ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday, 7-8PM, Religious Education Center, 2nd Floor Classroom

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting is open to any man seeking help with alcohol. The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. If you, or someone you know, is trying to get help, stop by, or share this information. Enter the Religious Education School via left side exterior Door #2.

VISIT WWW.VERITASCATHOLIC.COM/EVENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION



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THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 6PM


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THE EVENT INCLUDES A COCKTAIL RECEPTION WITH APPETIZERS, A SILENT AUCTION, A LIVE AUCTION & MEET & GREET THE PERSONALITIES OF ALL VERITAS SHOWS.





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FR. SAM KACHUBA &
MATT SPERRAZZA
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Jesus' Body Came Back to Life!



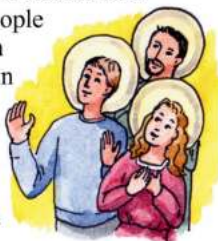
When Jesus rose from the dead, was He just a spirit or did He have a real living body?

Some of the disciples thought He was just a spirit or ghost at first and were afraid. But Jesus showed them He was really alive again, with a real body, by eating some fish. Of course, a ghost can't eat anything because it doesn't have a real body.

When we die, our body will be buried in the ground and turn back into earth. But our soul will not die. At the end of time we will get our body back, but not an old worn out body. This body will really be our own body, but it will be new and fresh, with no problems in it! Jesus showed us what it would be like when He came back to life after His death.



Did you know that we will get our bodies back one day in Heaven? God made people to have a soul and a body, so when we are perfectly happy with Him in Heaven we will be able to rejoice with our bodies and our souls!



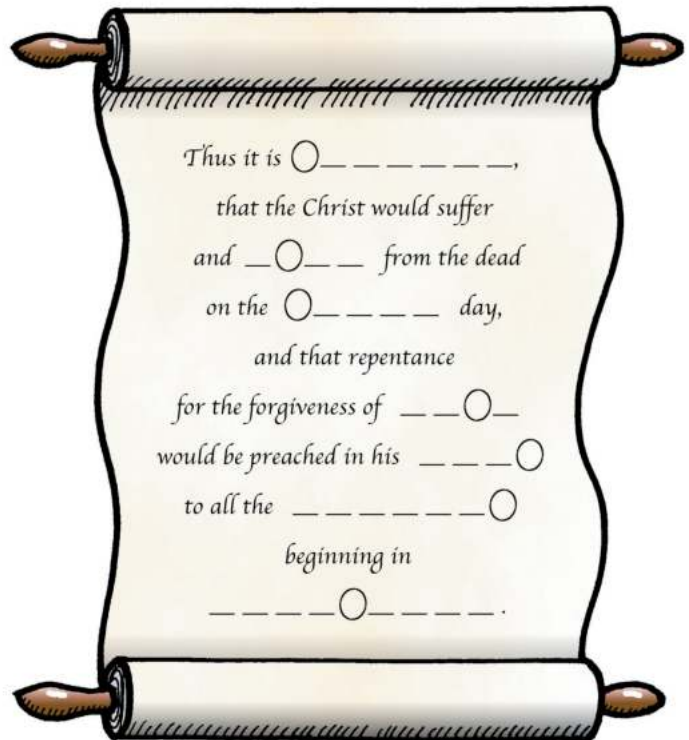
Alleluia!

Answers to Easter Word Puzzle: written, rise, third, sins, name, nations, Jerusalem, WITNESS.

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An Easter Word Puzzle

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks. Then use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.

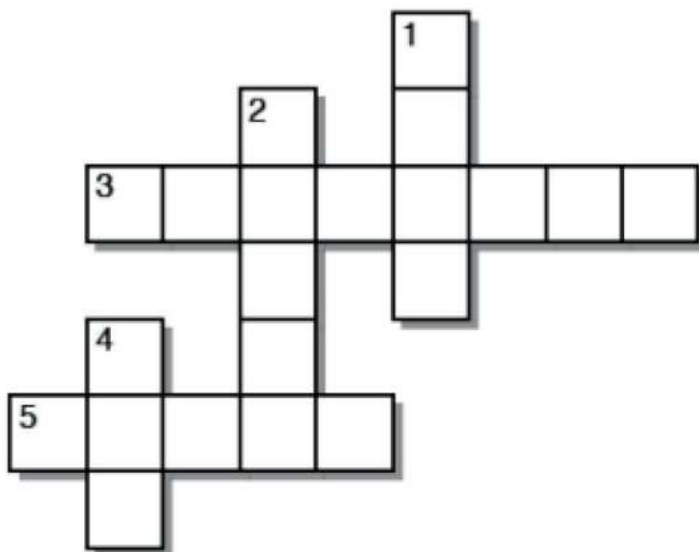


Jesus wants you to be His

_____ to the world!

JERUSALEM THIRD NAME
WRITTEN NATIONS SINS RISE

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- The disciples knew it was Jesus in the _____ of the bread.
- In the old testament, _____ was instructed by God to write the ten commandments.

Down

- Today's Gospel is from the Gospel according to _____.
- Jesus always greets his friends the disciples with this word after he has risen - "_____ be with you.
- Another word for happy, "they were filled with _____"!



**1,300+
Lunches
Made This
Lent!**



**And we're not done yet! Lunches will be
made every month moving forward!
Details coming soon!**

