

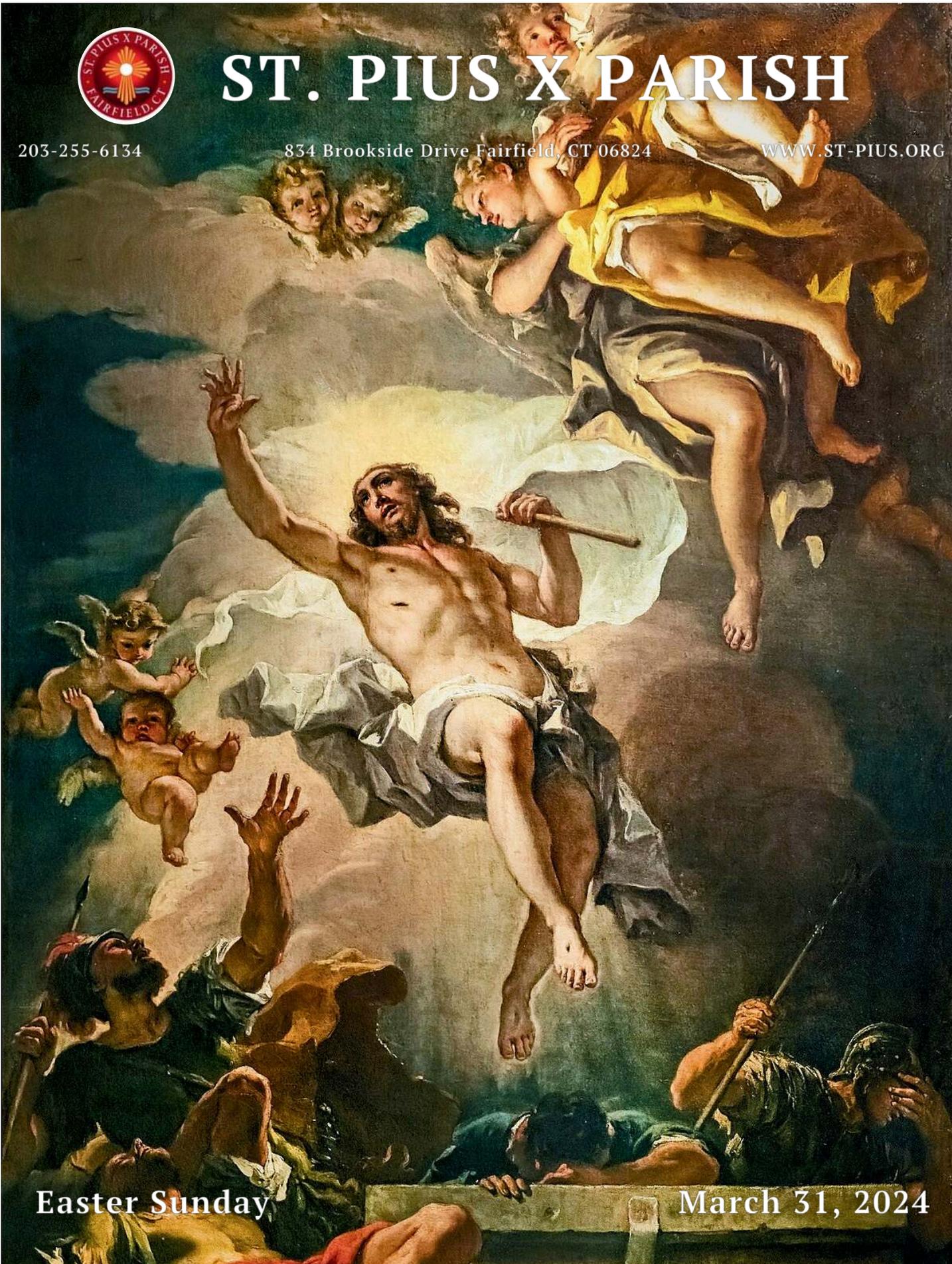


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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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Friday 9AM-12PM

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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 10:34a,
37-43

Res. Psalm:

118:1-2, 16-17,
22-23.

2nd Reading:

Col 3:1-4

Gospel:

Jn 20:1-9

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In his 1975 Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, Pope St. Paul VI wrote "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." On this Easter Sunday, the first reading gives an account of St. Peter's powerful witness. He testifies to the history: Jesus came into the world, proclaimed a message of healing and hope, was crucified in Jerusalem, and rose

from the dead. Peter tells his listeners that he and the other apostles have been given the mission to testify to these events. From our moment in history, we can look back and see that this mission was lived out, as the apostles gave their testimony not only in words and teachings, but with the very manner of their lives.

These great apostolic witnesses are inspired by the witness given in the Gospel today. St. Mary Magdalene, is, in many ways, the first witness. Her fidelity to Jesus impelled her to go to the tomb to pray. Finding it empty, she goes to Peter and bears witness that something has happened. Her testimony is enough for him to go and see, though he and John leave the tomb before anything else can happen. Mary, however, remains a while longer at the tomb, and as a result, encounters the Risen Jesus. Our Lord sends her to testify to the apostles, to share with them the joyful news that not only is the tomb empty, but Jesus has really been raised and she has seen Him. Mary Magdalene becomes a living witness to the other apostles. Through her initial testimony, St. Peter went to the tomb. Through her continued testimony, St. Peter began to understand the powerful truth of the Resurrection.

As we celebrate this great solemnity of Easter, the witness of the apostles and Mary Magdalene can serve as an inspiration

for each of us, called also to bear witness in the world to the joyful news of the Resurrection. Mary did not fully understand what had happened yet was able to lend her voice to tell the story. Peter did not fully comprehend the cost of witness yet spoke boldly of the truth of Jesus Christ. Every baptized Christian is called to share the good news of Jesus Christ in some way. We may worry that our understanding is incomplete. We may fear the implications of sharing the fact that we believe with others. In the face of these concerns, St. Paul VI continues the quote above with these words: "It is therefore primarily by her conduct and by her life that the Church will evangelize the world...the witness of poverty and detachment, of freedom in the face of the powers of this world, in short, the witness of sanctity" (*Evangelii Nuntiandi* 41). The Apostles and first followers of Christ were not perfect. By the power of Christ risen from the tomb, though, they were able to be authentic witnesses and transformed the whole course of human history.

Today is Easter Sunday. Whether we find ourselves enjoying a deeper understanding of the Gospel, or struggling to indicate to anyone that we believe in Jesus, the mystery we celebrate today urges us forward. The tomb is empty. With Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene, we too are witnesses of this great mystery. Like the apostles, we have passed through the challenging test of Lent, and the sufferings of Holy Week. May we share in their joy today as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. Truly He is risen from the grave! Death and sin have no power, for Jesus has defeated everlasting death and won forgiveness for our sins! The mercy of God endures forever in our Risen Savior. What a privilege for us to be witnesses of these things. Happy Easter!

Peace,

Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 30

8:30AM.....Morning Prayer

8PM.....Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31

7:30AMAll Parishioners

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....All Parishioners

Monday, April 1

8:30AM.....+Caterina Beluiso Mattia.....E. O'Hara

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

Tuesday, April 2

8:30AM.....+Constance M. Lacovelle.....C. Teitell

Wednesday, April 3

8:30AM.....+Rosemarie Tramontano.....Foley Family

Thursday, April 4

8:30AM.....+Marlene Spence.....F. & J. Nunziata

Friday, April 5

8:30AM.....+Kathy Grob.....A. & S. Wolf

Saturday, April 6

8:30AM+Diana Sayegh.....Sell Family

5:15PM.....+Loretta Schultz & Jim Skultety.....J. Skultety

Sunday, April 7

7:30AM+Marie Guman.....B. Guman

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....+Gregory Raymond.....C. & R. Raymond



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Michele Hubler
in the Chapel in Rev. Thomas F. Maddem



Welcome!

Congratulations to our newly initiated members
of the Catholic Church! We welcome,

Clara De Jesus

Linda Versea

Hannah Peck

Nicole Proffitt

Gabriel Reisinger

STEWARDSHIP

Due to publishing deadlines, offertory totals will be posted
in the April 7th bulletin.



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

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



\$ 205,888

Donated

\$ 250,000

Goal



284

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.



Donation towards Easter Flowers

in memory of Michele Hubler

MON

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Parish Office Closed, Easter Monday

APR

WED

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Tastebuds, 5PM, Community Room and Kitchen

APR

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 - 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.



AN EASTER THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all our readers, altar servers, ushers, and musicians, who made our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter such a beautiful time of prayer. So much extra work goes into these special liturgies—thank you for your service to our community and for helping us to pray! Thank you also, to our RCIA teachers and catechists who dedicated themselves so generously to helping our newest Catholics prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil! And thank you to our new Catholics—your desire to grow in faith and in your knowledge of the Lord is inspiring! To all of you who joined us in prayer during the Triduum and Easter celebrations, thank you, for your presence is a true sign of our communion as a family of faith! He is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!



Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful church and helping us carry out our parish mission. Your weekly offertory directly supports the operating expenses of St. Pius. If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider switching—it's the easiest and safest way to donate. Get started now: Go to www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page/.



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EVENTS



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL with BOBBY ANGEL

SAVE THE DATES. 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.



SCUBA VACATION BIBLE STUDY 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.

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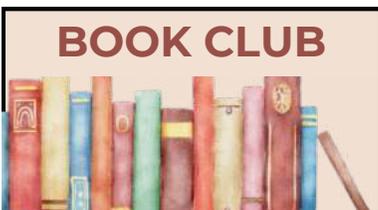
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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, April 6, 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.

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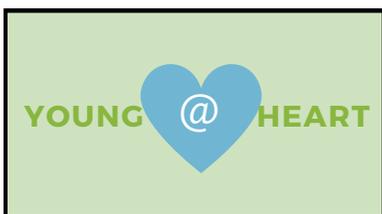
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SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April, 7 After 9AM Mass, Hosted by Walking with Purpose

Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee, treats and to find out more about our women's bible study group, Walking with Purpose. For more information, email Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglocal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, April 8, 12PM, Community Room

We're happy to welcome Paul Piorek, award winning meteorologist. After 25 years at News 12 CT, Paul is currently the chief on-air meteorologist at WICC 600AM & 107.3 FM. He will share stories about his career and answer any questions! Lunch \$7. 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

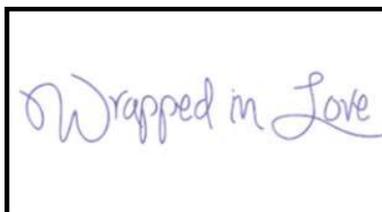
Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. You can just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945.



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.

MINISTRIES

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TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, April 3, 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.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

NEW!!! Wednesday, April 3-May 29, 6:30-8PM, Munro Room

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

Starting April 3, Ordering Your Priorities will help you discover and prioritize what matters most in life. To find out more information, email Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/www.



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. 7: Praying with Scripture

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church
Apr. 3: Share Your Location-Now What?

COMMUNITY



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesdays, 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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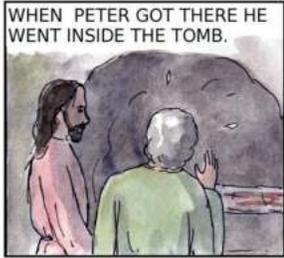
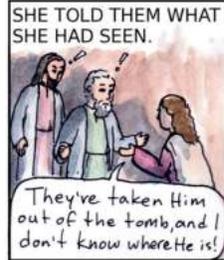
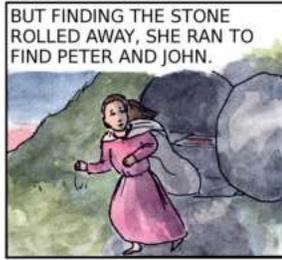
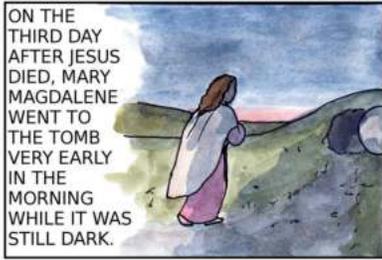
THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 6PM SERAFRESCA AT THE ITALIAN CENTER 1620 NEWFIELD AVE, STAMFORD CT

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

HOSTED BY OUR VERY OWN
FR. SAM KACHUBA & MATT SPERRAZZA OF THE TANGENT

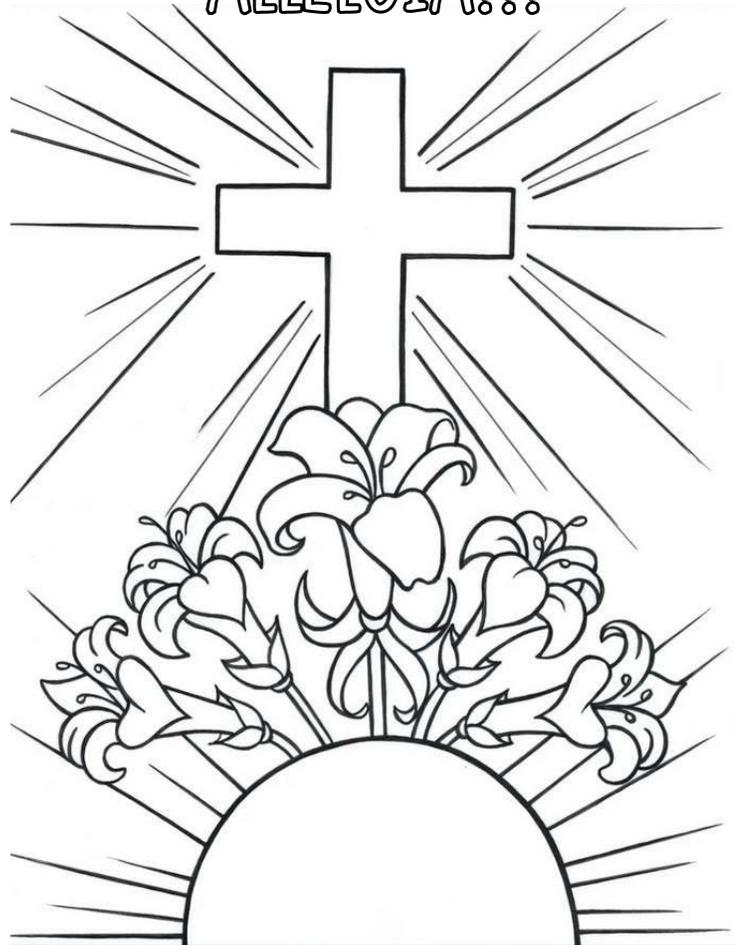
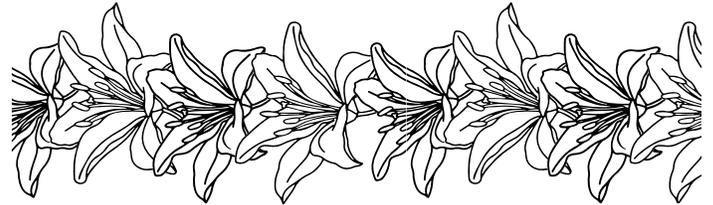
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FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN



THE DISCIPLES WERE VERY SAD AND AFRAID AFTER JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS. ON THE SUNDAY MORNING MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO SEE AND HONOUR THE BODY OF JESUS, BUT HE WAS GONE! LATER IN THE DAY JESUS APPEARED TO THE WOMEN AND THEN TO THE APOSTLES. CAN YOU IMAGINE THEIR JOY?

CHRIST IS RISEN,
ALLELUIA!!!



Early on Easter morning some women went to the tomb and saw that Jesus' body was gone!
Can you help the women find their way to the tomb?





THERE'S STILL TIME TO DONATE TO THE ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL!

\$250,000

Every Donation Funds Critical School Repairs:

- New 2nd Floor and Gym Windows **FUNDED!**
- Plumbing Upgrades – Sinks and Toilets **FUNDED!**
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\$200,000

Our 60 year-old school is used daily by parish families, for Rel Ed, rented as a source of income and must be updated.

\$150,000

ANY AMOUNT APPRECIATED!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$250,000!

GIVE TODAY!



Mail in the form below or visit www.st-pius.org/onlinegive.

YES! I want to participate in the 2023-2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal.

Here is my gift: \$5,000 \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 Other

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Mail this form with credit card information or a check payable to St. Pius X Parish Office, 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield CT 06824