



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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 during Lent

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church  
Monday, 7-8PM, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stpiusxprayerln@aol.com).

Art Credit: The Raising of Lazarus, Aertgen Claesz van Leyden, 1530, Rijksmuseum.



## Pastor's Note

### Today's Readings

**1st Reading:**  
Ez 37:12-14

**Res. Psalm:**  
130:1-2, 3-4,  
5-6, 7-8

**2nd Reading:**  
Rom 8:8-11

**Gospel:**  
Jn 11:1-45

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates the Third Scrutiny for those entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. Having reflected on the Gospel stories of the Samaritan woman at the well and the healing of the man born blind, we now reflect on Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. The Scrutinies have drawn our attention to the desire of God for relationship with us, just as Jesus engages a Samaritan woman in conversation and leads her both to conversion and to become an evangelist. They also point us to the ways that God desires to restore what is broken in us, to lift the veil that blinds us to God's grace, as the man born blind is given the gift of sight for the first time. These are also moments in which God reverses the effects of sin in our lives. Sin breaks our relationship with God, but Jesus comes to us to reconcile us in that bond. Sin blinds us to God's goodness and mercy, but Jesus heals our blindness. Finally we come to the raising of Lazarus from the dead, and we realize that sin destroys our spiritual life. To be cut off from relationship with God, to be blind to His goodness and grace, is to experience spiritual death. And not just spiritual death, but the bodily death that is the consequence of original sin. In raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus is preparing us for two resurrections: His, on Easter Sunday, and our own bodily resurrection on the last day.

For those who believe, death is not the end, the Church's funeral rites proclaim. Rather, when this mortal body lies in death, we await the day when we will be raised up to share in the resurrection of Christ. In the words and actions of Martha and Mary, we see a reflection of our own processing

of grief in the face of death. Their responses are perfectly understandable and appropriate. Jesus first promises resurrection, which seems outrageous. But then he commands Lazarus to come out of the tomb and the dead man rises. Suddenly resurrection, new life, life after death, all of these things do not seem so strange. Rather, through the eyes of faith we are invited to contemplate the mystery and to hope for life, even as we confront death and grave.

While the Scriptures we have read these last three Sundays point us to the way that God is restoring fallen humanity, the Church does something that might seem odd. The statues and images in the Church, except for the Stations of the Cross, are covered. We are entering upon the last days of Lent, traditionally called Passiontide. Covering the statues encourages us to focus less on earthly beauty, and by visually fasting, to ask God for greater spiritual vision to see and know His mercy and grace. The covered images also reflect something that the Scriptures have told us in these weeks: that while the Samaritans are able to receive Jesus, His own people reject Him; the once-blind man who has little education in the Scriptures is ridiculed by the Pharisees, the experts, but Jesus calls them blind; Lazarus is raised from the dead, but even with that great sign, many still refuse to believe Jesus. This is the tension in which we live at every moment. While we believe and strive to be disciples of Jesus, we sometimes find ourselves struggling to believe, feeling distant from God, or spiritually dead. We live in a world that, like the Pharisees, might mock us for our faith. The covered images of Passiontide give us a stark reminder of that tension. In all of this there is good news! The tension we experience now will be resolved with the celebration of the Easter mysteries, and in the most perfect and complete way, when Christ comes again in His glory!

Peace,

Fr. Sam

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, March 16

8:30AM .....+Terry Clancy.....B. & D. Omohundro  
 5:15PM.....All Parishioners

## Sunday, March 17

7:30AM .....+John & Helen Guman.....B. Guman  
 9AM.....+Robert Baird Jr.....S. Barret  
 11AM.....+Jay Kowalsky.....K. Kowalsky

## Monday, March 18

8:30AM.....+Wilma Barret.....S. Barret  
 7PM.....+Joseph Fierro.....D. Collins

## Tuesday, March 19

8:30AM.....+Nancy Hackett.....B. & C. Bergeron

## Wednesday, March 20

8:30AM.....+Rosalba Rizzo.....M. & M. Rush

## Thursday, March 21

8:30AM.....Sunil D'Cunha.....B. & M. D'Cunha

## Friday, March 22

8:30AM.....+Christine Gombos.....Dr. Thimons

## Saturday, March 23

8:30AM .....+Robert Smith  
 5:15PM.....+Libua & Anthony Annuncio...T. Annuncio

## Sunday, March 24

7:30AM .....All Parishioners  
 9AM.....+Janet Pagano.....B. Norton  
 11AM.....+Frederic Mascolo.....Lynch Family



**Sanctuary Lights will burn**  
 in the Church in memory of Margaret Weissauer  
 in the Chapel for the McAuliffe Family



**Baptisms**  
 We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Gigi Rhodes Daniello
- Miles Kelly Meyer



**In Memoriam**  
 Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:  
 James Zadrovicz

# STEWARDSHIP

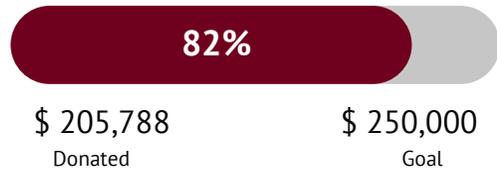
## Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Mar 3	Mar 10
Weekend	\$ 13,581	\$ 13,470
Weekend 2023	\$ 14,915	\$ 12,167
Monthly	\$ 825	\$ 2,806
Mission	N/A	\$ 515
CRS & Latin Am. Church	N/A	\$ 1,667



## 2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

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



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



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](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home).

MON

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Jesus in the Eucharist Study, 7-9PM, Community Room

MAR

WED

20

Eucharistic Revival Night, 7PM, Church  
 Lenten Sandwich Making, 8-9PM, Community Room & Kitchen

MAR

THUR

22

Padre Pio Relics, Veneration 12-6:30PM, Mass 7PM, Church

MAR

## 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 - Tuesday: 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/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/) or scan the QR code.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Friday, 7PM, Church**

The Stations of the Cross detail fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus at any time of the year, though it is most popular during the Lenten season. -*Hallow App*

### ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

**Friday, 9AM, Church**

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

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

**First Saturday, 9AM, Church**

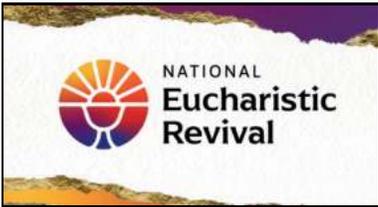
Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.

# RECONCILIATION MONDAY

**Monday, March 25, 3-9PM**  
**St. Pius X & St. Thomas Aquinas**

Come and receive God's love and mercy through the sacrament of Reconciliation as we start Holy Week. Confessions will also be heard at St. Pius X regular times of Wednesday, 7-8PM, and Saturday 4-5PM.

## EVENTS



### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

**Wednesday, March 20, 7PM, Church**

Everyone of every age is welcome! Bring your friends and family! Adoration, music and confession are from 7-8PM. This month Dave Roness shares his testimony from 7:30-7:45PM. Fellowship and service to follow in the Community Room at 8PM.



### PADRE PIO RELICS AT ST. PIUS X!

**Friday, March 22, 12-6:30PM, Veneration of Relics, 7PM Mass, Church**

We are incredibly grateful to host some of Padre Pio's relics this Lent. Do not miss this opportunity to venerate the relics of a holy, modern day saint. To learn more about the Padre Pio Foundation visit [www.saintpiofoundation.org](http://www.saintpiofoundation.org).



### DIOCESAN ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Saturday, March 23, 9AM, Catholic Center**

The Diocese of Bridgeport invites practicing Catholic adults who are not yet confirmed to a workshop on how to prepare to celebrate this great sacrament. Scan the QR code or visit [www.formationreimagined.org/event/adult-confirmation-march-2024](http://www.formationreimagined.org/event/adult-confirmation-march-2024).



### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL with BOBBY ANGEL

**SAVE THE DATES. Thursday, April 25 - Saturday, April 27**

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! More details to come.

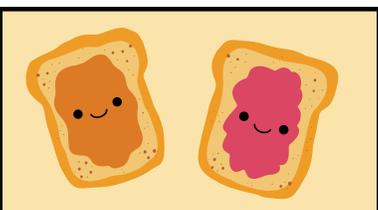
## SERVICE



### OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

**Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen**

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](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### SPREAD THE LOVE, LENTEN SANDWICH MAKING

**Wednesday, March 20, 8-9PM, Community Room**

**Saturday/Sunday, March 23-24, After all Masses**

Donate supplies, make sandwiches at home or onsite for the Merton Center, nOURish Bridgeport, and Operation Hope. Our goal is to make 100 lunches every Wednesday during Lent. Email [mariapiccolo310@gmail.com](mailto:mariapiccolo310@gmail.com) to sign-up.

# MINISTRIES

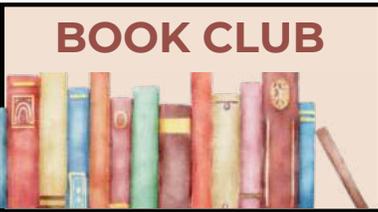
## COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday, 6:30AM, Community Room**

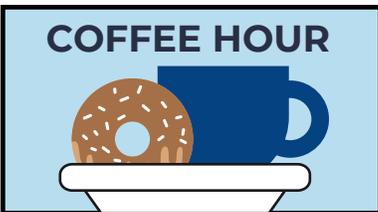
Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at [drexel2424@optonline.net](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net). We look forward to welcoming you!



### 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](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com).



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**March 17, 24 & April, 7 After 9AM Mass, Community Room**

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](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



### 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 600 AM, 107.3 FM. He will share stories about his fascinating career and answer any questions you may have! Lunch \$7. RSVP to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



### 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](mailto: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](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.st-pius.org/www](http://www.st-pius.org/www).

## MINISTRIES

### COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



#### 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](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org) or for more info, visit [www.fairfieldlt.com.org](http://www.fairfieldlt.com.org).

#### LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL

**Sunday, 6:00-8PM, School Portable**

March 17: Redemption Through the Cross

#### EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church**

March 20: Eucharistic Revival Night

## COMMUNITY



#### MARCH FOR LIFE CT

**Wednesday, March 20, 12PM, State Capitol, Hartford, CT**

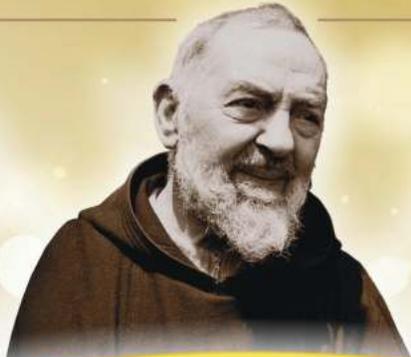
If you're interested in attending the Connecticut March for Life Rally, visit [www.marchforlife.org/connecticut/](http://www.marchforlife.org/connecticut/) for more information. Make your voice heard by contacting your state legislator. Visit [www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp](http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp) for their contact information.



#### 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.



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**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024**  
**VENERATION: 12-6:30PM**  
**MASS: 7PM**

**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**834 BROOKSIDE DRIVE**  
**FAIRFIELD, CT 06824**

**THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO**

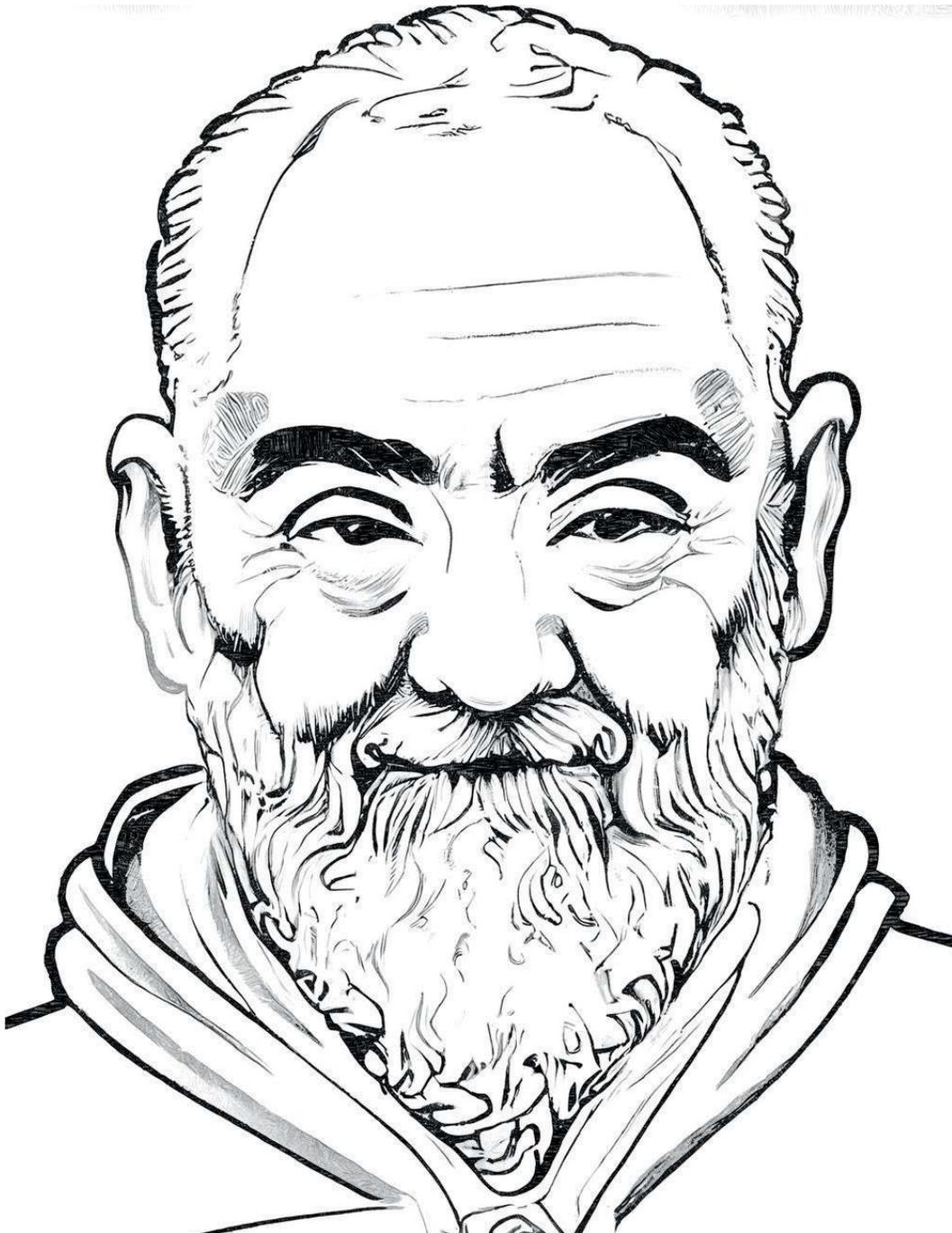


1 SAINT PIO'S CRUST OF THE WOUNDS 2 A PIECE OF SAINT PIO'S MANTLE 3 SAINT PIO'S WHITE FINGERLESS GLOVE 4 SAINT PIO'S HANDKERCHIEF 5 A LOCK OF SAINT PIO'S HAIR

# PADRE PIO, PRAY FOR US!

## FEAST DAY, SEPTEMBER 23

In 1910 at the age of 15, a young Italian man named Francesco entered the Capuchin Order and took the name Pio. Padre Pio grew to be very humble and holy and had a great love for the poor. He received many spiritual gifts from the Lord, including bi-location, reading of souls, and the stigmata. Many miracles are attributed to him both during his life and after his death. Scan the code below to hear a short children's story about this great modern day saint!



SCAN FOR A STORY  
ABOUT PADRE PIO



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

AT ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"The cross is a paradox. What it represents... is the worst thing that human beings have ever done, and the greatest thing God has ever done."

-Dr. Sean Innerst

## **Palm Sunday, March 24**

5:15pm, Saturday, Vigil Mass  
7:30am, 9am, & 11am, Sunday Mass

## **Reconciliation Monday, March 25**

8:30am Daily Mass  
3pm - 9pm Confessions  
7pm Traditional Latin Mass in Chapel

## **Tuesday, March 26**

8:30am Daily Mass

## **Wednesday, March 27**

8:30am Daily Mass  
7pm - 8pm Confessions

## **Holy Thursday, March 28**

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Until 11pm, Altar of Repose, Chapel

## **Good Friday, March 29**

8:30am Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
12pm Stations of the Cross  
3pm Passion Service  
7pm Tenebrae

## **Holy Saturday, March 30**

8:30am Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
10am Blessing of Easter Food  
4pm - 5pm Confessions  
8pm Easter Vigil

## **Easter Sunday, March 31**

7:30am, 9am, & 11am Mass