

April 17, 2011

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Monday, April 18

7:30 am Necha Hiller

Tuesday, April 19

7:30 am Michael Handley

Holy Thursday, April 21

7:30 pm *Evening Mass Of The Lord's Supper*

Washing Of The Feet

Quiet Adoration Until 10:30 pm

Good Friday, April 22

3:00 pm *The Celebration Of The Passion Of The Lord*

(Liturgy Of The Word/Veneration Of The Cross/Communion)

7:00 pm *Solemn Stations Of The Cross*

The Celebration of Easter

Holy Saturday, April 23

1:00 & 2:00 pm *Blessing Of Food (at Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Boonton)*

8:00 pm *The Vigil of Easter – Church*

(Service of Light/Baptism Renewal/Eucharist)

Easter Sunday, April 24

7:30 am *Eucharist - Church*

9:30 am *Eucharist – Parish Center*

11:30 am *Eucharist – Parish Center*

Celebrant Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday 7:30 pm Rev. Garbarino

Good Friday 3:00 pm Rev. Garbarino

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Rev. Garbarino

Easter Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am Rev. Garbarino

Parish offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 22.

Bishop of Paterson

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection Of The Lord

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In this passage, Peter testifies he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ's tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb, and saw the "wrappings" on the ground. The disciple who entered first "saw and believed."

MEMORIALS

Bread & Wine in memory of the Salerno Family requested by Marie LaMorte.

Sanctuary Lamp in memory of Robert Comprelli requested by Marian & Anthony Comprelli family.

MINISTRY NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY

April

1, 2 & 3 – SEARCH, All 11th & 12th Graders Invited

4 – SEARCH Meeting

6 – Homeless Solutions

6 – Devils vs. Toronto \$25.00 tickets

8 – Eric Johnson House

12 – Homeless Solutions

16 – Diocesan Youth Day

16 – Footprints, All 12th Graders Invited

***We are on FACEBOOK.** Please search for us under St. Pius X in Northern New Jersey. Additional updates will be sent every week from our page there.

For information on how to join our Youth Ministry, please call Kurt Kilanowski at ext. 110 or e mail at youth-ministry@st-pius-x.org or visit our website at: www.stpiusxym.com.

CARING CRAFTERS

Next meeting of the knitters and crocheters held **Tuesday, April 19th (new Day)** at 9:00 am in the Ministry House. We have yarn, patterns and ideas. Beginners welcome! For details or if you would like to donate yarn, please call Barbara Sanders at 973-334-6884.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting – Monday, April 18th at 8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room. Visit our website at: <http://StPiusXKofC.org/>.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Next meeting **Wednesday, April 27th** at 1:00 pm in the Ministry House. For information on how to join our Rosary Society, please call Stephanie Travers.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Elaine Dudek, L.S.W. – Staff Therapist/Youth Specialist-Bereavement Group. For special requests, please call 201-787-8623, or via email at: scriptanalyst53@aol.com.

BIBLE STUDY

We are studying Paul's two letters to the Corinthians, some of his most famous work...and responses to some of the most challenging questions and most difficult communities in which he planted the seeds of Christ. Please join us for fellowship, learning and refreshments. No experience of knowledge necessary. Ministry House, Tuesday evenings 7:30-8:30 pm.

BAPTISM

SHARING OF OUR TREASURE

April 11, 2010 \$15,423.00
April 10, 2011 \$17,134.00

Catholic Campaign For Human Development 2010 \$2,615.00

Catholic Campaign For Human Development 2011 \$3,998.00

Holy Thursday

Collection for the poor, including all "Rice Bowl" donations.

Good Friday

Collection for the support of the Catholic Churches in the Holy Land.

Next weekend's 2nd Collection is for *Project Faith*.

"Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" shout the crowds in today's Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

Bishop Serratelli's Letter: Good Friday – Holy Land Collection

Dear Friends In Christ,

The conflict in the Middle East has many victims. Among them are Christians who have fled the Holy Land in alarming numbers. This is most unfortunate since the place where Christ was born, lived, died and rose is intrinsically connected to our faith. As a Church, we must do all we can to preserve the Holy Land and make it a place where people of faith can live in peace and pilgrims can visit to strengthen their relationship with God.

Each year, a collection for the Holy Land is taken on Good Friday. I ask you to be especially generous to this cause this year. Funds from this collection are used to provide care to the poor by providing housing and medical treatment. It also offers educational and ministerial programs in 29 parishes including those in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth. Finally, through the work of the Franciscans and your support of this collection, shrines, chapels and sites in the Holy Land are maintained and repaired. Work has been completed recently in Gethsemane, Bethlehem and at the Grotto of the Nativity in Nazareth.

5,702 miles separate Paterson from Jerusalem, but in our hearts we are close. By contributing to the Collection For The Holy Land, we are helping our spiritual next door neighbor. Please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken on Good Friday.

Asking God's blessing on you during this holy East season I am

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.

Sundays at 1:30 pm, first time Parents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. For further information, please call the Ministry House.

PASTOR SECTION – Palm Sunday Of The Lord’s Passion

Parish Lenten Retreat

Where Charity and Love are, God is There

Ubi Caritas et Amore, Deus ibi est.

Artwork and Prayer Card

Artwork

A copy of Rembrandt’s *Portrait of Christ’s Head* is displayed to the left of the Nave over our music space and serves as a meditative focal point for prayer. Renamed “*Jesus Listens*” the artwork is also featured on our Lenten Prayer Card.

Prayer Card

You have received a Prayer Card picturing Rembrandt’s *Portrait of Christ’s Head* which we renamed “*Jesus Listens*.” Keep this Prayer Card in a place where you will see it often. Use the card as a prayer reminder. May the compassionate listening face of Christ remind us that Jesus is always waiting to listen. Our response to God’s presence with us is prayer. Wherever we are, whatever we are doing, however we might feel, “*God is There Deus ibi est.*”

Musical Component Chant & Meditation

Music can move us in ways beyond words. One musical element of our Lenten Retreat will be a line of Gregorian Chant. Our text in English is:

Where Charity and Love are, God is There.

These words are among the earliest hymn text known to Christianity. The chant was written in Latin, our Church’s ancient ritual language. We will sing the chant in Latin during our Eucharist celebration with the original melody. The words in Latin are:

Ubi Caritas et Amor, Deus ibi est.

Meditation can be focusing on a meaningful word or reflecting on our experience to become aware of God’s presence. Some thoughts for meditating on our musical chant will follow. *Caritas* translates into charity which involves generous actions, something given or done for a person in need. *Amor* translates as love which involves affective or the feeling dimension of relationship. When we act in charity or with love we encounter God in the most profound way. When we love “*God is There.*” “*God is There*” in our loving thoughts, feelings and deeds. “*God is There*” or “*Deus ibi est*” is the theme of our retreat.

Discovering the love of God in ourselves and in each other is at the heart of our spiritual journey. Our retreat will help us to become more aware of the God who is always there with us especially when we love.

Week VI

Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 26:14 – 27:66
The Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Stations of The Cross Reflection Questions

God is there for us in every situation in our life. This meditation may help us to speak in prayer with the Jesus who listens.

Station 1: Jesus is condemned to death.

One time in my life when I was unjustly judged or condemned was . . . A time in my life when I unjustly judged or condemned was . . .

Station 2: Jesus accepts the cross.

What crosses do I carry in my life? Whose burden may I help to shoulder?

Station 3: Jesus falls the first time.

In what ways do my thoughts cause me to stumble on the path of love? How is God inviting me to redirect my thoughts?

Station 4: Jesus meets his mother.

Sometimes the people closest to us are the most difficult to love. How am I being called into deeper relationship with my closest family and friends?

Station 5: Simon helps Jesus.

There are many Simons in my life who help me to carry my crosses. Say a special prayer of thanksgiving for these individuals.

Station 6: Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

How might I better share my time, talent and treasure in service for others?

Station 7: Jesus falls a second time.

In what ways do my feelings cause me to stumble on the path of love? How is God inviting me to redirect my feelings?

Station 8: Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem. How do I work for human dignity, social justice and peace?

Station 9: Jesus falls the third time.

In what ways do my actions cause me to stumble on the path of love? How is God inviting me to redirect my actions?

Station 10: Jesus is stripped of his garments.

What do I need to let go of so that I can focus more clearly on what is truly important in life?

Station 11: Jesus is nailed to the cross.

As I reflect on Christ’s suffering and pain, I realize that Jesus listens to my suffering and pain. How is God with me in difficulty?

Station 12: Jesus dies on the cross.

Our culture denies death. How do I grow in acceptance of death as a part of life? *(continued)*

Station 13: Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Many times in life I am called upon to take action in word or deed for the good of another. How does God help me to do what is necessary however difficult?

Station 14: Jesus is laid in the tomb.

God often speaks to us in silence. How can I better incorporate silence into my life?

Station 15: Jesus rises from the dead.

What do I believe is meant by the following words "Let him Easter in us." (Gerard Manley Hopkins, Poet)

Saint Pius X School

Narthex Art—"Jesus Listens"

Our eighth grade has painted a portrait of Christ inspired by the portrait named *Portrait of Christ's Head* by Rembrandt. The portrait named "Jesus Listens" by our faith community hangs in our Narthex amidst our Lenten prayer focus, desert scene. Our students are challenged to be all that God desires of them, including their efforts in our Art Department. When we live as Christian stewards, we give our all for Christ—and "God is There Deus ibi est."

"Jesus always listens to me—
He listens to me when I am everywhere."

Rocco DiPede
Grade One

Calendar Raffle 2011

St. Pius X Home & School Association

One \$10 ticket = 93 chances for YOU to win!

Here's how it works! Each day during the months of May, June, July 2011 a winning ticket will be drawn. That ticket will then be returned to the drum for continued chances to win.

There are 93 chances to win! Prizes are as follows:

Monday through Saturday	\$50.00 (daily)
Sunday	\$100.00 (each Sunday)
Holidays	\$200.00 (Memorial Day, 5/30; Flag Day, 6/23; Independence Day, 7/4)

Checks will be mailed to the winner within a week of the drawing. Winners will be posted on the School's website, www.spxnj.org, as well as published in the Church Bulletin. Tickets available after all Masses in the Narthex.

Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Music Ministry Opportunities

St. Pius X School

The School Choir Mass is on Easter Sunday 9:30 am Mass along with the Adult Choir. Our next School Choir Mass is Mother's Day, May 8, at 12 noon.

Adult Choir

Adult choir membership is open to anyone in Grade 9 or higher. Rehearsals are held most Thursdays 7 pm in the Church. Please contact Stephen Powers at the Ministry House if you are interested in joining.

Pastoral Minister/Music – Stephen Powers – Extension 114

Religious Formation

Thank You

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful volunteer teachers and assistants. You have helped to make this year a tremendous success!

If you have not handed in your teacher manuals, please do so as soon as possible. We also hope you will return next year to share the faith journey with our young people!

Attn: 2nd Grade Parents

First Eucharist Date and Rehearsal Schedule

<u>Eucharist Date</u>	<u>Rehearsal Time</u>
May 1	Friday, April 29 at 4 pm
May 14 & 15	Friday, May 13 at 4 pm
May 22	Friday, May 20 at 4 pm

(All rehearsals are in the Church.)

Pray For The Sick

Praying for fellow parishioners who are sick is an important component to our Faith. Due to privacy issues, however, people do not always appreciate their names being published. Requests for published names will only be taken from a family member accompanied by a phone number.

Alvira Conductor, John Farkas, Carol Geers, Fred Dunlea, Maryann Vanderyst, Lilliana Elyse Mahan, Linda Dudek, Marie Starr, Dawn Pandorf, Leslie Kondek, Mary Gibney, Corey Forlenza, Debbie Imhoff, Frank J. Somsy, Pattie Prezioso, Marie Cavallero, Eileen Scharwath, Jean Ambrosavage, John & Marilyn DeSantis, Ann Dimaira, Susan Lundy-Maute, Tom Carroll, Paul Tortorella, Victor Marmo, Mary Sessa, Jason McGaha, Marilyn Geffken, Tom Clayton, Addolorata Ditaranto, Kathleen Hartnett, Eileen and Michael Boos, Barbara Capsouras, Frank Ferrugia and Elizabeth Krone.

Please remember to notify the office when your family member has recovered in order to remove their name.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

May Crowning

On **Monday, May 2, at 7:30 pm**, our Diocese will honor the Mother of God. All are invited to our annual May Crowning at St. Anthony Parish, Hawthorne. All are most welcome.

Blue Mass

On **Tuesday, May 3, at 10:30 am**, at the Bishop Rodimer Center, we will celebrate the Blue Mass. We will honor and recognize the sacrifice of our police and remember those who have given their lives in service to their communities.

Beautification of John Paul II

Please join the Diocese of Paterson in celebrating a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beautification of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II on **May 1, 2011** at the Holy Rosary Church, Passaic. The main presider for this liturgy will be the Most Rev. Arthur Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson and concelebrating priests of the Diocese of Paterson. The event begins with a Religious International Concert, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and concludes with Mass at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend this joy-filled event.

Rembrandt and The Face of Jesus

The art exhibit, *Rembrandt and The Face of Jesus*, seven of the eight paintings of this rare series, will be displayed at the Philadelphia Museum of Art from August 3 – October 20, 2011. Our "Jesus Listens" original artwork will be displayed at this exhibition.

La Pietà

Resurrection Parish in Randolph invites you to see a life-sized replica of Michelangelo's masterpiece, La Pietà. Experiencing this magnificent sculpture of our Blessing Mother cradling her Son is a beautiful way to celebrate the Easter season. For more information visit www.resurrectionparishnj.org or call 973-895-4224.