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**Easter Sunday John 20:1-9**



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

**Easter Prayer for New Beginnings**

Father of us all, today is a new day. This is the day you have given to re-create ourselves and make our world a little better. We do struggle with ourselves and our weaknesses just as we struggle with the weaknesses of others. We do cling to death sometimes as if we wish to stay in the tomb, looking to the past and nursing old grudges. Yet, by Jesus' resurrection, You offer us healing and new life to rise above past hurts. Help us to look beyond the tomb, and to seek what is above. New opportunities and goodness await us. Indeed, we know that is the calling of Easter. We are called to be Easter people, O Holy and Living God. We are called to let the past be in the past, to grasp the new life you have given us, and to fully integrate joy into our lives. Let us move forward with these loving ideas in mind, gracious God, that you may be glorified and that we may lay aside the burdens that hold us back on our journey to know you and follow you more fully each and every day, as we make our prayer in name of your Risen Son, Amen.

Weekly Mass Readings April 4 – April 11	
Sunday, 4/4	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 /Jn 20:1-9
Monday 4/5	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday 4/6	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday 4/7	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday 4/8	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
Friday 4/9	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday 4/10	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
Sunday 4/11	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

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**St. Pius X  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
Saturday- 4:30 pm  
Sunday- 10:00 am

† **Daily Mass**  
Tuesday-6:00 pm  
Wednesday-8:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-  
8:00 am*

† **Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am  
Wednesday - 6:00 pm

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook  
for anyone at home**

Find us on Facebook at:  
*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic  
Churches*

**Parish Office Hours**

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**St. Anthony of Padua  
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month-8:00 am  
Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**  
Wednesday-9:00 am  
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each  
month-9:00 am*

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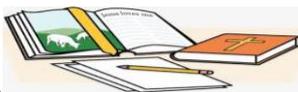
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# FROM THE PASTOR

A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson



April 4, 2021

John 20:1-9

Happy Easter! Is there something in the water? I recently asked some young people, what is it that makes a seed grow? Right soil, right temperature (penetrating sun UV rays?) or is there something in the water that activates the whole process? Of course, for we Christians, there is something in the Water! The Easter Water brings us to new life! Each person's first Easter was their baptism! God entered us to bring us His life, giving us a share in Himself, when we were baptized! Resurrection faith and all of its rebirth and new life come from having received the sacrament of baptism. Letter to the Romans 5:5 says this so clearly, "Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given us." That is Easter! Jesus' resurrection validates the eternal offer of rising again for everyone united to Him: Jesus is the foundation of all new life: all beginnings, refreshenings, renewals and rebirths.

So, again, Happy Easter! Today, life breaks out all around us! Jesus is alive and risen from the tomb! Have things ever looked greener? Every spring amazes me as our brown yards and fields green up and vibrant colors appear again on the trees and bushes as flowers and foliage dress the trunks and adorn the limbs of our trees and shrubs. I recall the time I was most struck by the sight of such spring transformations. It happened when I was a kid and I had gone to Panama city for spring break. Of course, the bright Florida sun can dim your awareness of the subtlety of color's tones, but also the white beach and blue-green coastal waters overwhelmed my mind and eyes. But as we returned to Kentucky, we traveled by night to ease the pain of a long trip (a warm rain back in Kentucky the whole week helped this come about too!) But, I recall so vividly being overwhelmed as we drove back into our home Daviess County in the morning. We kids had just awakened, and looking out the car windows it was like Ireland or something, as everything seemed so deep and dark green! It was like every yard's grass was a golf course- just as green and thick as blankets. I had a similar reaction the first time I entered the MLB stadium of St Louis Cardinals as a kid. Having become used to the downtown walks, we grew accustomed to seeing only asphalt, concrete and stone buildings. But then, when we entered the stadium gate and walked through the ramps and stairs to actually go into the seating part of the ballpark, the vivid green field was like an oasis. As I remember it, even the fresh brown dirt looked so fresh with color as it dotted the field at the bases and pitcher's mound or as it lined the runner's path. It was almost like the fields were alive, (yes, with the sound of music-percussion of bat and ball connects-hits with chants and cheers of fans)! Easter morning in our churches also reflects this new freshness of color, sound and life. Jesus is alive and present among us. On Good Friday, we left a lifeless crucifixion scene seeing only blood red, rusty nails, dull stones and barren wood. Yet entering the sanctuary on Easter morning, we smell fragrant lilies, lush green leaves, the lights of new Easter candles and joyful festive song and bells. New Life! God has come to us again! Easter proclaims new beginnings, life restored and the joy of refreshment and renewal. So, our psalms today proclaim especially the new life that comes to us in Christ's resurrection and the joy awakened in the world for us to appreciate anew.

Some teachers refer to certain 'creation psalms' that celebrate God's hand bringing life from the earth and designing the skies. I like to think about a subgroup of the creation psalms that I call Springtime Psalms, like 118, 84, 19 and 8 to name a few. We hear from 118 especially today in mass, with the most popular prayer phrase, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it" (118:24). The whole psalm speaks of the refuge and care provided by the Lord's Work and the Lord's House. We marvel at what God can build out of bad events. The psalmist's voice is desperate as he/she feels pinned in from all around by death, suffering and destruction. But then God intervenes and creates a new space teeming with life and new opportunity. "I was surrounded (v. 11), my foes closing in like bees, fire & thorns (12)...I'm hard pressed and falling (13)". But, then comes the joyful shouts (v.15). The psalmist sees the Hand of God being victorious over those opposing life and good. God breaks through. God wills life and overcomes these 'foes' of death and destruction. This psalm is an underdog's vindication- some good person tested by bad events comes through stronger and more alive. Yet, also this psalm can refer to the seasonal cycles of the dead of winter turning & being overcome by the shots (shoots) of spring revealing new life. What we reject out of hand (barren & blank winter), God takes up in His hand and uses to bring about new life. The psalm goes on to speak of the Lord's gate opening and God's triumphantly creative will making things new. We can think of the gate as 'Spring'. Enter it. God's design and building is one of Life. The 'leafy branches in procession' (118:27-like fern fronds unrolling or stems rising to branch leaves) coming forth fresh, mark the new beginning of God's reign again. I realize some people may say I am stretching this Easter Psalm too far making it into a 'Spring Celebration'. It wouldn't be the first time, the risen Jesus was thought to be a 'gardener' (John 20:15). Again, it's Easter. Let's plant something (hope) and watch it grow!

Peace, Fr Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague: St Filippo Smaldone

St. Filippo was born in Naples on July 27, 1848, at a time of political and social turmoil in Italy and in the Church. Despite all of the social unrest, St Filippo found refuge in his faith and religious practice. He was the first of seven children born to Antonio Smaldone and Maria Concetta De Luca. He made his First Communion in 1858 and received the sacrament of Confirmation in 1862. At an early age, he felt called to become a servant of Christ and took to heart Jesus' call to comfort and nurse the sick. He thought he might be called to become a priest but felt more urgently the need to minister to the sick, especially the deaf and mute. He saw that the deaf and mute were being ignored and neglected in his city. Eventually later, he accepts both callings, and serves the deaf-mute community as a priest, tending to both their physical and spiritual needs.

While away from home, studying philosophy and theology in the Diocese of Rossano-Cariati, he often volunteered to help the marginalized sick. He spent so much time volunteering service to the sick that he shorted his time with classes and study, and he almost failed the examination for minor orders. However by the grace of God, he was ordained a subdeacon in July 1870 and ordained a deacon in March 1871. Then St. Filippo was ordained to the priesthood on September 23, 1871. He returned to Naples and affiliated with the Archdiocese of Naples, and sought to start up some programs of care and education to the deaf and mute. He experienced many obstacles and grew discouraged with his attempts to minister to the deaf. He even became disillusioned about his vocation and asked his Archbishop if he could leave Naples and his teaching posts, to enter the foreign missions. Being guided by a wise spiritual director, St Filippo was persuaded that God called him to serve the deaf of Naples. In the meantime, a cholera epidemic struck the area in 1884 and St Filippo caught it. He became gravely sick and was thought to be dying, when he miraculously recovered. He claimed that Our Lady of Pompeii interceded for him, and guided him back to health. In 1885, St Filippo went to Lecce, Italy, in March 1885, and founded an institute for deaf-mutes with Fr Lorenzo Apicella and a group of Sisters he had specially trained. This group of dedicated nun-friends became the origin of the Congregation of the Salesian Sisters of the Sacred Hearts. After the founding of this Lecce institute, which became the Motherhouse of the Congregation of Sisters he founded, later in 1897, St Filippo opened other institutes in Rome and Bari, Italy. In December 1912, his order was subsumed into the Order of Friars Minor. He expanded his outreach to include blind children, the orphans and other abandoned children from the streets. Though his foundations flourished, they also brought great grief and trials to him. He always struggled with administrative politics and tried to stay clear of various city intrigues from metropolitan leaders. Something he liked to say about personal challenges was that "The Lord sends us trials and tribulations to settle our debt to him". He persevered through challenges by his fidelity to prayer and work.

St Filippo founded both the Eucharistic League of Priest Adorers and the Eucharistic League of Women Adorers to promote devotion to the Holy Eucharist. His spiritual leadership was universally recognized and he served for a brief period of time as the superior of the Missionaries of Saint Francis de Sales. He was made a canon of the Lecce Cathedral, and in 1880 he was sent to Milan as an expert at a conference of specialist teachers for the deaf.

On June 4, 1923, he died from diabetes-related circulation problems and heart disease. His remains were later relocated in 1942 to the order's motherhouse. He died in Lecce surrounded by the prayer and affection of many of the Sisters. By 2005, there was a total of 40 houses of Sisters of the Sacred Heart with 398 religious in nations as diverse as Rwanda and Moldova. St Filippo is a great saint for our pandemic time because of his own survival of the Cholera epidemic, early in his life. But also his lifelong struggle with Diabetes brings him close to current Pandemic sufferers who have worse outcomes from COVID because of such complications. But also, Filippo spent much of his life frequently caring for sick patients. He claimed the Holy Madonna as an intercessor for his own healing. We can ask his intercessory prayer now for those among us suffering from COVID. St Filippo Smaldone, pray for us!

**So Many Thanks:** Thanks to all of the extra people that helped make the Holy Week and Easter Masses so special. With the extra beautiful music and wonderful decorations, you made our Easter celebrations the high holy points and uplifting spiritual liturgies they are meant to be! Your work blessed our prayer!

### Spiritual Thoughts for Easter Season

Ronald Rolheiser wrote a splendid book 'The Holy Longing' that outlines a process of spiritual transformation based on the Lent-Easter-Pentecost Seasons of our liturgical year. The outline of growth consists of 1) Name your deaths (Lent to Good Friday) 2) Claim your births (Easter Morning) 3) Grieve for what you have lost & own/adjust to the new reality (Easter Season) 4) Don't dwell over/cling to the old. Let it ascend and give you its blessing. (Ascension Day) 5) Receive the Holy Spirit for the new life God has for you. (Pentecost). Consider this schedule of holy change!



**Gasper River Summer Camp Registration** is open for this coming summer! Space is limited, please register soon. Scholarships are available. Please contact Paula Schmidt for the scholarship application information. Visit [gasperriverretreatcenter.org](http://gasperriverretreatcenter.org) for more information about camp and to register for camp.

**Also, YOUTH 2000 July 17-28, 2021 COVID-Modified Retreat** is being planned still. Watch for more details. Please let Paula know of your interest.

### Possibility of New Life and Easter Change

Lent is a season of change and conversion, but Easter is even more a time of transformation. The writer Leo Tolstoy once said, "Everybody wants to change the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." What can God do with us this Easter season? How can we grow new? How can we serve Him?

**Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse:** The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

### Remember in Prayer

**St. Pius X:** John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Eileen Sacks, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Jeanette Hayes, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers  
**St. Anthony of Padua:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

### Pray for Our Military

**St. Pius X:** Julianne Utley, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.  
**St. Anthony of Padua:** Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

### FFY Faith Formation Youth News:

We will meet on Wednesday, April 14, for our **FFY In-Person Session at 6:45pm**. If the Marshall County School System is on virtual learning, we will meet via Zoom. Emails will be sent with activities and celebrations for the youth!

### Birthdays & Anniversaries:

**April 5 – April 11**

#### Happy Birthday:

St. Pius X

April 7 Philip Scheidegger

April 7 Danny Shea

April 7 Theresa Wilson

April 8 Catherine Broks

April 8 Marilyn Brooks

April 8 Andrew Riter

April 8 Brooke Riter

April 8 Lisa Tack

April 9 Fr Brian Johnson

St. Anthony of Padua

April 9 Fr Brian Johnson

#### Happy Anniversary:

St. Pius X

April 6 Jim & Rose Drury

St. Anthony of Padua

No anniversaries this week

### Bridge Builders – Easter Series @ Your Home!

Apr 22 @ 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

If you are active in a multicultural parish, we invite you to journey with us during Easter 2021 to explore how we can build bridges to integrate our parishes more fully. We will study two books together to work on better bridging skills within our communities. Patti Gutiérrez, host of the Gente Puente Café and Podcast, will guide the discussions. Registration per individual: \$10 Follow the text of "Best Practices for Shared Parishes: So That They All May Be One" For more info contact Deacon Chris Gutiérrez at [chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org](mailto:chris.gutierrez@pastoral.org) or (270) 880-8018.

**St. Pius X**

Mass Intentions April 5 – April 11		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Dr Sidney Edds
Wednesday	8:00 am	Irene Rudnicki
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Adam Reichert
Thursday	8:00 am	Return to Good Health for Shane O'Brien
Friday	8:00 am	Fr Brian Johnson
Saturday	4:30 pm	Chester Rudnicki
Sunday	10:00 am	Catherine Vick

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (3/28/21)	\$ 553.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (3/28/21)	\$ 1,791.00
Online Giving (3/28/21)	\$ 1,170.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 144,621.20

**Stories of Faith: Church Witnesses Then & Now**

Celebrate the Easter Season with leaders from around our diocese on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 PM for the seven weeks of Easter, April 7-May 19. Zoom in for one night or attend all seven. Each evening we will pray together, read an excerpt from the Acts of the Apostles, share what we heard, listen to the faith story of a leader from around our diocese and learn about the importance of sharing our faith stories with others. Special guests will include; Fr. Larry McBride, Lauren Johnson, Zach Alt, John Knight, Deacon Corey Bruns and others! The host of the seven sessions will be Dr. Jeff Andrini, the Director of Evangelization and Discipleship for the Diocese of Owensboro. Please register for these Zoom meetings by using the form on this page:

<https://owensborodiocese.org/stories-of-faith/>

**Parish Council**

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

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Fran Dacus (618)383-4646

**Other Groups**

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions April 5 – April 11		
Wednesday	9:00 am	Successful Surgery of George Wilts
Friday	9:00 am	Lang Family
Sunday	8:00 am	Lynette Blum

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (3/28/2021)	\$ 995.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 47,751.00

*Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!*

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No Dues for the First Year!

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**Livingston County Helping Hands**



**Non perishable items needed:** paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, canned fruits, canned vegetables

There is a collection container at the back of the church for your donated items. Thank you for your generosity!

**Parish Council**

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Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

**The Holy Sacraments: Preparation for and Reception of the Sacraments**

- † **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
- † **BAPTISM:** Preparation is needed prior to the Sacrament. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 3 months prior to birth.
- † **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- † **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency)
- † **CONFESSION:** Saturday at 3:30 St Pius; or please ask Fr Brian before any mass, or to set an appt, please call him at 270-395-4727
- † **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- † **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)