


**Mass Intentions
for the Week** Requested by:
Saturday, July 23

8:30 A.M. +Michael Altieri M. & M. Porco
5:15 P.M. +Margaret Sack J. & K. Donnelly

Sunday, July 24

7:30 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
9:00 A.M. +Mike Altieri F. & P. Perazzini & Family
10:30 A.M. +Martin Cavanaugh Kely Family
12:00 P.M. +Gene Richter Dr. P & B. Carolan

Monday, July 25

8:30 A.M. +Frank J. Thompson Burns Family

Tuesday, July 26

8:30 A.M. +For the sanctification of all married couples

Wednesday, July 27

8:30 A.M. +Jennie Bird Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Thursday, July 28

8:30 A.M. +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Friday, July 29

8:30 A.M. +Ed O'Connor M. & M. Rush

Saturday, July 30

8:30 A.M. +Dennis Murphy Clafin Family
5:15 P.M. +Anthony Mastroberardino E. Mastroberardino

Sunday, July 31

7:30 A.M. +Patrick McFadden A. M. O'Keefe
9:00 A.M. +Robert Northcott N. Berarducci
10:30 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
12:00 P.M. +Gene Richter P. & J. Fracassini

ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!

Petitions and thanksgivings may be emailed at any time to stpiusxprayerln@aol.com, or called in to **Ann Cole, 203-362-5178, Mon. through Fri. (anytime). Feel free to leave a message.**

WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

The Rosary is prayed every Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed immediately following the rosary.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our readings this weekend show us the great daring of Abraham, who courageously asks God to change his mind. Jesus invites us to be bold in approaching our Heavenly Father in prayer. The great adventure of the spiritual life, then, is on full display for us. Perhaps less clear is this lesson: prayer is meant to humble and transform us as we recognize God's goodness.

Our God is a God of mercy. He knows us, He knows our needs, He knows our hearts. Are we willing to be like Abraham and boldly ask for what we need? Jesus reminds us that we know how to care for ourselves and others, but often forget that God knows us so intimately. Do we trust in God's goodness and love?

Hidden in all of this is the need for our lives to be transformed by prayer. There is in our world today, a dangerous spiritual pride. This pride takes the shape of believing that God doesn't care about our actions because He is merciful, and it leads us, frequently, to think that God approves of everything we do, as long as we are "basically good people." In truth, though, we need to be like Abraham and acknowledge our lowliness. We need St. Paul's words to echo in our hearts, reminding us that we were once "dead in transgressions," and that Jesus has "obliterat[ed] the bond against us....removed it from our midst," and set us free. When we pray, we must be ready to change our lives.

When we make the decision to allow the Gospel to change our actions, words, and thoughts, we open ourselves more fully to the merciful love of God who invites to approach him boldly. We should never be afraid to go to God with all our needs. We should never be afraid to ask God's mercy for our sins. We should never be afraid that sin has power over us. Rather, humbling ourselves like Abraham, recognizing Christ's power like St. Paul, and heeding the words of Jesus in the Gospel, we should knock and find the door opened, seek and find the mercy we desire, forgive and have our sins forgiven.

Peace.


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**The Chapel Altar Flowers this week are
for a Special Intention.
- A Gift from a Parishioner.**



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MAIN CHURCH
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
**in Loving Memory of
Henry and Jeanne Stockman.**



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
in Loving Memory of Margaret Ryan.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32). **Psalm** — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138). **Second Reading** — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14). **Gospel** — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;
Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18;
Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34;
Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17;
Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

HEARTS RENEWED:

A PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED: JULY 29

Our group is made up of men and women who are in different stages of separation and divorce. Your participation in HEARTS RENEWED will offer you emotional and practical support. At this time in your life, it is important to know that you are not alone! Bimonthly Meeting: **First & Third Friday...7:30pm-9:30pm:** St. Pius X Religious Education Center – Portable Classroom -
Facilitator: Bette Huckabee, 203-338-0503. For more information, contact Bette or Kathleen Donnelly at the parish office. All are welcome!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Sophie Francis Snyder.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Emily O'Brien and Matthew Tyksinski
III Meghan Dobson and Joseph Ercolano

ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

"Thank you," James and Lynne Chesbro for Chairing our Annual Parish Raffle. I ask that you support their efforts by picking up raffle tickets (packets are in the pews) at any Mass this weekend. **We need to record who has taken tickets; therefore, we ask that you write your name and address (pencils are in the pews) on the yellow slip stapled to the envelope and return it before leaving church. Fill in the tear-off and place it in the offertory basket or in one of the raffle boxes located at each door.**

You may drop your return in the slotted box at each church exit, in the offertory basket or at the parish office. The drawing will be held at the parish picnic on September 11, 2016.

Only ONE name is permitted on each ticket, together with the full address and phone number. The State of Connecticut does not permit usage of mailing labels on the tickets. Ticket information must be handwritten. **Thank you!**

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH FOOD PANTRY IS NEARLY EMPTY!

The Food Pantry shelves at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bridgeport are in need of replenishing. Our parish Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Food Drive this weekend (July 23/24.)

Please bring the following non-perishable items to church:

canned vegetables; canned soup; canned fruit; canned meats; canned Chef Boyardee pasta; pasta sauce; cereal; oatmeal; pancake mix; and syrup. Collection bins will be available at church exits. Thank you for your help and generosity!!

ST. PIUS X SENIORS AUGUST 1: NOON

All are invited to us on Monday, August 1 in the Community room at noon. A light lunch and beverages are available for \$5. Our main purpose is to relax together in an informal setting. We will be sponsoring more day trips, speakers, etc. For lunch reservation, please call or text **Peter Carey, 203-673-2081...** or drop him an email: aandp1964@aol.com

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Calendar of Events

Sundays from 7-9pm in the Religious Ed. Building

July 24th Hiking Day at Sleeping Giant at 1pm

July 31st Life Teen 7-9pm

August 5th (Fri.) Volunteer Opportunity with the Sister of Life (please email) *Stamford, CT*

August 6th (Sat.) Profession of Vows for the Sisters of Life at 11am *Stamford, CT*

August 6-7th "SPX Lock-IN" Sleepover, games, campfire, Adoration, and more! Starts at 8pm on Sat and ends after the 9am Mass on Sunday. No evening meeting on Sunday.

College Ministry: "College Life"

All young adults home from break or recently graduated are welcome to attend. Come meet new people and grow in your faith this summer!

We will be meeting every Tuesday until August 23rd from 6:30-8pm in the Munro Room of the Faith Center.

Recap: Wine and Cheese Life Teen & Edge Info Night

Because of the many people who attended, we ran out of copies of the CORE and Life Support application for Life Teen and Edge (great problem to have!). If you were not able to receive a copy, please email Paola for Life Teen at ppena@st-pius.org and Shari for Edge at sgarcia@st-pius.org.

— *Applications are due August 1st. Please email or drop off at the Parish Office.* —

Edge Middle School Ministry is in need of **4 more CORE members for Tuesday nights** and **6 more CORE members for Wednesday nights**. Edge is part of the Religious Ed. program and runs from 7-8:30pm both nights.

Life Teen meets every Sunday from 7-9pm and is in need of **3-4 more CORE members** for the upcoming school year.

CORE members plan Edge/Life nights, facilitate small group discussions, give talks, and most importantly build relationships with the teens they are leading. They are mentors in the faith. The mission of Life Teen and Edge is to lead teens closer to Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.

CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS

Our celebration of the Eucharist has been enhanced with the addition of fresh flowers. If you would like to make a memorial offering in the name of a loved one, or a special intention, for any week during the year (except Advent & Lent), please contact Terri Dawes in the Parish Office, 203-255-6134. The cost of flowers for the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God is \$80.

Religious Education

*******IMPORTANT REMINDER*******

REGISTRATIONS WERE DUE BY JUNE 30th!
We are not currently processing registration requests. The Rel. Ed. office is closed for the month of July.

****Catechists****

Have you thought about sharing your faith with our young parishioners? We are in need of catechists for every age level. We provide training, all learning materials, fellowship, and classes meet at a variety of times throughout the week - so there is likely a perfect time for you to join us! Please contact us at 203-259 4800 and we will find just the right place for you to join us in this beautiful and important ministry.

ST. PIUS X PARISH PICNIC **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

Our parish picnic opens with an outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. on the parish grounds and runs until 5:00 pm. There will be plenty of tasty food, baked goods, amusement rides, children's games and prizes, a huge tag sale, the parish raffle drawing, a DJ and more. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

It's picnic time once again at St. Pius and we need your help to make this year's picnic even better than last year's. Where can **your** time and talents best be used?

There will be plenty of volunteer activities available to choose from. So, get your thinking caps on and figure out what you'd like to do to help. Watch for information, in the coming weeks, on how to sign up to be a volunteer. Be sure to sign up early to get your 1st choice of activity and time slot.

Thank you, in advance, for all your help and support.

Volunteer Staffing Committee

CONFESSION: ST. PIUS X IS A CENTER OF

MERCY: Thursdays, in the Faith Center Chapel, until Nov. 17, 2016, 7:00pm – 8:30pm; Confessions are also heard on Saturdays in the Church from 4:00pm – 4:45pm.

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

Jesus is describing God's immeasurable generosity when He says in today's Gospel, "Whoever asks, receives; whoever seeks, finds; whoever knocks, is admitted." But it should also be the description of us as Christian stewards – those seeking to follow Christ by using our gifts in service to others.



of Treasure

Due to vacation schedules, last weekend's offertory gifts will be reported next weekend.

The Children's Prize Booth is in need of new items for our Parish Family Picnic.

Below are just suggestions of prizes that could be donated:

- baby dolls ● barbies ● beach balls
- legos ● puzzles ● outdoor sidewalk chalk
- bubbles ● dinosaurs ● board games
 - beanie babies ● action heroes
 - stuffed animals ● toy cars
- jewelry making kits ● art kits ● play dough
 - toy trucks ● paint sets ● learning toys
 - wiffle ball/bat sets ● playground balls
- dress up costumes (princess, fireman, policeman)
 - building blocks ● outdoor games

Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated, and may be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you very much,

Donna DeBartolomeo, Prize Booth Chair,
203-292-6698

LANCER OPEN

Notre Dame High School, Fairfield, is currently taking reservations for their **16th Annual Lancer Open in memory of Bob Shea**. This year's golf tournament will take place at Brownson Country Club in Huntington, on Mon., **Sept. 12**. Entry fee: \$200 per player. This includes 18 holes of golf (scramble format) with cart, on-course cold beverages, tournament gifts and raffle prizes, BBQ lunch, silent auction, 2 hour open bar with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner and individual and team awards. For more information please log on to notredame.ejoinme.org/MyPages/2016LancerOpen or contact Theresa Marzik: 203.372.6521 or tmarzik@notredame.org.

SOMETHING NEW ABOUT GOD**- POPE FRANCIS**

When we live out a spirituality of drawing nearer to others and seeking their welfare, our hearts are opened wide to the Lord's greatest and most beautiful gifts. Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God. Whenever our eyes are opened to acknowledge the other, we grow in the light of faith and knowledge of God. (Evangelium Gaudium)

**Knights of Columbus St. Pius X****Council #16347 Youth Soccer****Challenge Competition**

All boys and girls ages 9-14 (by September 1, 2016) are invited to participate in the Soccer Challenge.

The competition will be held **Sat., Aug. 6, at 9 AM** at Ludlowe Middle School Soccer Field, 689 Unquowa Road, Fairfield (behind school). The rain date is Sat., Aug. 13. The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. The Soccer Challenge is a penalty kick competition. Each competitor gets 15 shots. Winners of each age group will win an Official Knights of Columbus Soccer Ball. All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event. **Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of Birth Certificate) and written parental consent.** For entry forms or additional information contact: Tom Kelty at tkelty@gmail.com. Please **Preregister** by emailing a copy of the Birth Certificate and Parental Authorization Form to the above email address or mail to St. Pius X Church, c/o Knights of Columbus, 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield.

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING MINISTRY

During this Jubilee Year of Mercy come begin your healing journey and experience God's love and mercy! For those suffering from a past abortion. Offering opportunities for Entering Canaan Days of Prayer and Healing and ongoing support with Monthly Gatherings. For further information call our confidential phone line at 203.416.1619 or email projectrachel@diobpt.org.

FAITH ON TAP WITH FR. JOSEPH GILL

Join us for some great food and an inspirational talk titled "How to Get More Out of the Mass" with Father Joseph Gill; **Mon., July 25** from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Down The Hatch, 292 Candlewood Lake Rd., Brookfield.
PARISH FAMILY PICNIC PRIZE BOOTH