


**Mass Intentions
for the Week** Requested by:
Saturday, June 11

8:30 A.M. +Stewart Todd Kage, Sr. Collidge Family
5:15 P.M. +Ron & Brian Davis J. Davis

Sunday, June 12

7:30 A.M. +Margaret Haggar L. Riccio
9:00 A.M. +Anthony Federice C. Gladstone
10:30 A.M. +Arnie Palmieri M. Lantowski
12:00 P.M. Intentions of all Parishioners

Monday, June 13

8:30 A.M. +James Cataldo Sheriff Family

Tuesday, June 14

8:30 A.M. +Dr. Anthony Fichera Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Wednesday, June 15

8:30 A.M. +John & Edna Myers J. & J. Myers

Thursday, June 16

8:30 A.M. +Michael J. Galella J. & L. Rositio

Friday, June 17

8:30 A.M. +Charles (Mick) McCullough DeBona Family

Saturday, June 18

8:30 A.M. +Robert Barry DeMaria Family
5:15 P.M. +Mary Ellen McAuliffe

Sunday, June 19

7:30 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
9:00 A.M. +Donald Schroeder D. Schroeder
10:30 A.M. +Margaret & Romeo Mentrasti K. Leon
12:00 P.M. + Susan St. Onge Delaney Family

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,

This week, I had the chance to travel to the Catholic Youth Ministry Conference in Scottsdale, AZ, sponsored by Life Teen. As many of you know, Life Teen is the leading Catholic youth ministry organization in the country, and here at St. Pius, we use their high school and middle school youth ministry programs. With Paola Peña, our youth minister, and Shari Garcia, our middle school youth minister, the conference was an absolute joy and a great opportunity to learn.

One of the important lessons that was reaffirmed for me this week was the importance of building a parish culture instead of relying on programs. In other words, we should always aim to build a culture of faith and community that forms every parishioner to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Our programs have to contribute to that culture. However, there is a great temptation (and I experience it all the time!) to focus on the program instead of on the culture. Again, our parish programs are not ends on themselves - our parish programs are meant to build up a culture that helps all of us grow as disciples, as men, women, families committed to our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are in the process of forming a strategic plan for our parish and in the coming weeks, you will hear more about this process. Central to this process is the culture of discipleship that we must foster as a community of faith. I am so grateful to all of you for your commitment to your faith and for the many ways you contribute to building up a parish culture, and most of all, for your prayerful desire to know Jesus more!

Peace,


St. Pius X Staff

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*Are you considering a vocation to the
priesthood or religious life?*

Let me help!

Fr. John Connaughton, Vocation Director
(203) 322-5331 or vocations@diobpt.org



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE

MAIN CHURCH

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

**In Loving Memory of
Mae and John McGovern.**



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

In Loving Memory of Martin Randisi.

AT HOME WITH GOD'S WORD

All are invited to participate in this faith-sharing program (based on the Sunday Gospel) that meets on **Thursdays (11a.m.)** at the home of Debra Bradley, 32 Hickory Lane, 06824. For more information, contact Debbie by phone, 1-203-405-2568 or email dkbra2693@aol.com.

**2016 PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT:
DONATIONS NEEDED**

BY JULY 15

During the month of August, Bridgeport-based Project Homeless Connect will distribute 300 donated backpacks filled with various items to men and women who attend this annual day of information regarding local services available for those who are homeless. Sr. Eileen Boffa, RSM, has invited our Family of Faith to contribute 300 small containers (4oz) of talcum powder for those backpacks. (The powder provides soothing relief from the heat of summer!) A plastic bin marked with a sign is available in the foyer. Many thanks!

Almost 50 containers have been donated...we are 1/6 of the way to our goal!!

**MINISTRY OF SUPPORT
FOR CAREGIVERS:**

JUNE 14

“St. Pius Forget-Me-Nots” is a ministry of support for those who are taking care of family and friends who are chronically ill and/or elderly. All are invited to join us for discussion on “Planning a Mass of Christian Burial” and lunch on **Tuesday, June 14**, at noon, in the Community Room in the new Faith Center. New participants are always welcome!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I and II Ashley Iwaszkeiewicz and Michael Gentilozzi

CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Isla Rose Nocerino.**

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.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

The Rubio Family: Santos and Valerie and their daughters: Alexa & Gabriella; **The Patterson Family:** James and Elizabeth and their children: **Anna Ruiz; Andrew Ashcroft; The Price Family:** Adam and Mary and their children: Brooklyn & Reid; **Kristin O’Gorman** and her three sons: Ethan, Luke & Declan; **The Donovan Family:** Michael and Mary and their son: Charles; **The Teed Family: Meghan and Damien** and their children: Riley & Colin; **The Lefebvre Family:** Marc and Kristine and their daughters: Gabriella & Francesca; **Lois Guarino; The Simon Family:** Thomas and Mary and their sons: Brady & Charles; **The Tuckman Family:** Joseph and Joan and their son: Ryan; **The Hublitz Family:** Kyle and Ellen and their sons: Finn & Lukas; **Steven Martano; Gina Kulas; and Marc Rosenfeld.**

MEDITATION

Everyone faces stormy times, when God’s presence is hard to perceive. One of the most common struggles in the spiritual life is a feeling of God’s absence during painful times. Even some of the saints report this. Why is this so common? Perhaps because when we are struggling, we tend to focus on the area of pain. It’s natural, but it makes it more difficult to see where God might be at work in other places, where God is not asleep. Expressing our emotions honestly can make it easier to talk to God honestly (“How long, O Lord?” laments the psalmist. “Will you forget me forever?”) This in turn enables us to notice God’s presence in other parts of our life. (excerpted from Jesus – A Pilgrimage by James Martin, SJ.)

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

A Parish Nurse will take blood pressure readings after the 7:30 a.m. Mass next weekend in the Faith Center.

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

LIFE TEEN Calendar of Events

June 12th 12pm Mass & Trip to Rockin Jump in Trumbull at 2:30-4:00pm

*Please email stpiusyouthgroup@gmail.com for permission slips

*No evening youth group due to Rockin' Jump

June 19th Father's Day – NO YG

June 26th CHWC Mission Trip – NO YG

St. Pius X College Ministry

A special welcome back to all those just returning home from college! This summer, we will be starting a college ministry where you have the opportunity to grow spiritually and continue to build friendships with your peers at St. Pius X.

We will plan to meet weekly on Tuesdays. A calendar of events will be posted in the bulletin flyer for June 12th.

Our first event will be an outdoor BBQ in June! (Date TBD)

If you would like to join, please email Paola at ppena@st-pius.org.

Peace,

Paola

ppena@st-pius.org

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD forgives David for taking the wife of Uriah, and for having Uriah killed (2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13). **Psalm** — Lord, forgive the wrong I have done (Psalm 32). **Second Reading** — If justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing (Galatians 2:16, 19-21). **Gospel** — Jesus forgives the woman because of her great love (Luke 7:36 — 8:3 [7:36-50]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

FATHER'S DAY SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE

A special envelope is included in the June packet for the remembrance of our deceased fathers.

Inscribed envelopes will remain near the tabernacle until June 30th.

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.

BAPTISMAL GARMENT MINISTRY: HELP NEEDED!

We are in need of volunteers for cutting out the garments from cloth (patterns available.) Those who are adept at embroidery are also needed. Please contact Eleanor Burke, 203-255-5335 for more information. Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Registration period for next year is quickly coming to a close! As we all get ready to enjoy the summer months PLEASE remember to register your children for Religious Education for the 2016-17 year prior to June 30th. The Religious Education Office is now open Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 AM-3PM.

Registration forms, important policies and procedures, and the 2016-17 Religious Education calendar may also be found online at www.st-pius.org. Download and print at home at your convenience but be sure to mail everything in by June 30th.

We will not be accepting registrations after this date and our office will be closed for the entire month of July.

****Catechists****

Have you have 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 crucial ministry.

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

Today's Gospel calls us to consider how we serve God. Do we consume like the Pharisee who simply reclines at the table and expects to be served? Or, do we contribute like the woman who kneels before Jesus and washes His feet? Every day we must make a choice. Take or give? Consume or contribute? Recline or serve?

**of Treasure**

Last Weekend's Offering	\$15,073.00
Last Year's 2015 Offering	\$13,143.00
Monthly Offering for Parish Support (Additional)	\$ 800.00
Parish Mission for Outreach	\$ 828.00

*Thank you for being good and faithful stewards
of God's Blessings and Gifts!*

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS NEEDED

The Diocese of Bridgeport seeks transformational Catholic School principals and teachers to evangelize, form, advance, and lead our school communities. Our Diocesan Catholic Schools serve 9,000 students in 28 elementary schools, 5 secondary schools and 1 school for students with special needs. In comparison to national norms, diocesan students are on average at or above grade level in reading, language and math. 98% of 8th graders are admitted to the high school of their choice. 99% of all high school seniors are college bound. Please visit the Careers Page of www.DioceseofBridgeportCatholicSchools.org to review Open Positions.

SOLARIZE FAIRFIELD

The Town of Fairfield has launched Solarize Fairfield, a state-supported initiative to offer solar energy to homeowners at discounted pricing, making it more affordable. In recent years, more than 290 Fairfielders have benefitted from going solar; now, you can join them in being a steward of God's natural resources by harnessing the clean energy of the sun. To learn more, you are invited to a Solar Workshop on Monday, June 13 at 7 p.m. at the Black Rock Congregational Church, 3685 Black Rock Turnpike; you can also sign up for a no-cost, no-obligation evaluation of your home for solar at solarizect.com/Fairfield.

Fifty-eight communities in our state, including Fairfield, have participated in Connecticut's Solarize program, with over 2,100 homeowners going solar so far. All Green it Solar has been selected through a competitive process to be the solar installer for the Fairfield initiative, offering a set, discounted price for residents. To qualify for the discounted cost, you must sign an installation contract by July 28, 2016.

If you do not live in Fairfield, but still want to see if your home is a good fit for solar, you can also sign up for a no-cost, no-obligation evaluation at solarizect.com/signup.

HEARTS RENEWED:**A PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED
& DIVORCED: JUNE 17**

This group is for men and women who are in different stages of separation and divorce. Hearts Renewed offers emotional and practical support. 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.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Together we are the "living stones" (1 Peter 2:5) that build communities of faith in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, together with those of your fellow parishioners, will be used to bring Christ's healing presence into the lives of those who are spiritually and materially challenged throughout Fairfield County. For us to fulfill our Baptismal call and vocation to bring the faith to others and continue this work of the Lord's, we will look to participation and financial generosity of our entire diocesan family. Thank you for your support.

St. Pius has raised 495 gifts worth \$244,852 bringing the parish to 89% of its \$275,000 goal.

**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 2016 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.

The competition will be held **Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 9 AM** at Ludlowe Middle School Soccer Field, 689 Unquowa Road, Fairfield (behind school). A rain date is set for Saturday, August 13, 2016. 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, CT 06824.