



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Group Leaders Needed!

Grade 8 – Monday evening 7-8:30 p.m.

Grade 7 – One evening each month on  
Wednesday

Are you available to be a substitute?

Please contact Denise (dheady@st-pius.org) in  
the religious education office.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE

**MAIN CHURCH**

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

**For the intentions of all Parishioners.**



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE  
**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL**

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

**For Catherine McDonough.**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5). **Psalm** — Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122). **Second Reading** — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14). **Gospel** — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;  
Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;  
Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

**FAMILY ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS****FIRST WEEK: HOPE**

We gather around the Advent Wreath before the evening meal begins. As the first purple candle is lit, we pray, "Lord Jesus, we turn to you during this Advent Season, to awaken within us what is right and just in our world and in our families. Grant us wisdom, caring hearts and a gentle spirit, especially within our home. You are our hope. You are the light of our family."

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

Individuals as well as families are invited to sign up for the lighting of the Advent Wreath which will take place at the beginning of each Sunday liturgy during Advent. A Sign-up sheet will be available in the foyer after Thanksgiving.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

II. Kristin Leary and Philip Flor

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Reagan Kathleen McGuire** and **Finley Shea Tracy**.

**ADVENT**

Advent is the season of waiting. We wait because something already within us is waiting to come to fruition. We carry within us the seed of all that will happen in the future. (Henri Nouwen)

**CATHOLIC FAITH/CATHOLIC LIFE: ADVENT**

Advent, from the Latin, *ad venire*, "to come to," is a season of joyful expectation with a twofold character: it prepares us for the commemoration of the Incarnation (Word made flesh – God becoming man) and it looks forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. This wonderful, holy season also helps us to spiritually prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts at Christmas. Praying with an **Advent Wreath** is a wonderful way to mark this time of preparation. The evergreens and circular form point to the everlasting love of God – whose love for us has no beginning and no end. The four candles represent the time of waiting for the Messiah; specifically, the four hundred years of silence (no prophet's voice was heard) prior to John the Baptist. Purple candles and vestments remind us to change our hearts and live for Christ; rose-colors during this time point to joy. The **first week candle** points to our **hope** for salvation which resides in Christ; **second week**, points to the **peace** of Christ; **third week**, to Christ, our **joy** and **fourth week** to **God's love** and our response, in gratitude, to that love.

**AT HOME WITH GOD'S WORD – ON-GOING**

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](mailto:dkbra2693@aol.com).

## ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Thank to all who came and supported our first Family Fun Night! Your support is greatly appreciated and we can't wait for next year!

A special thank to all parents and parishioners who volunteered a lot of their time and resources for this parish event! We are so very grateful to have a supportive community!

-Paola

### Calendar

**Nov 27** No Life Teen - Happy Thanksgiving!

**Dec 4** Life Night 7-9pm

Paola Peña

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

w 203.255.6134 ext 15

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

**December 2nd**

We offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of the month from 9 AM – 9 PM in the Faith Center Chapel. All are invited to spend time in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord! If you wish to volunteer for a particular hour, e.g. 10am – 11am), please contact the parish office.

### MOMS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Topic: “Keeping Christ in Christmas, Living Christmas Fully.”

**Date: Wed., December 7, 9:30 am – 11:30am**

**Faith Center Community Room.**

Organizer: Dawn Carpanzano

RSVP: [dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net)

Guest Speaker: **Fr. Sam Kachuba**

### DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The R.C.I.A. process is a wonderful and prayerful journey of faith during which adults learn about and grow closer to God through the Catholic experience of faith, worship and prayer. Invite someone you know to come and find out who we are. Please email or call Kathleen Donnelly, 255-6134, ext. 13 ([kdonnelly@st-pius.org](mailto:kdonnelly@st-pius.org)) for more information.

### GIVING TREE: WRAPPED AND TAGGED GIFTS DUE DECEMBER 11!

The Advent Giving Tree is up! We only have two more weeks to collect gifts! Please consider taking some tags from the tree and purchase those items. We will be donating to 11 area agencies that depend on our generosity to help keep their clients warm, fed and hopeful. All wrapped gifts are due back under the tree by the weekend of December 10-11. It is very important that the original tag be attached to your package. Each agency is represented by a different color and this is how we know where to send that gift. Our St Pius Parishioners are always wonderfully generous, and for this we are grateful. (*Giving Tree Committee*)

### ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP: SUNDAY DECEMBER 4: HELP NEEDED

All are invited to participate in this delightful event for children of all ages. Advent crafts (\$4 per family) are available for children as are materials (\$10 per wreath) to create a “live” Advent wreath from fresh cut pine greens. Workshop will take place in the Religious Education Center from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. **Help is needed.** Please contact Rhiannon Kelty, [rhiannonkelty@gmail.com](mailto:rhiannonkelty@gmail.com).

### WEEKLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR: WE NEED YOUR HELP TO HOST!!

Weekly Parish Coffee Hour follows the 9:00 and 10:30a.m. Masses. Hosting a Coffee Hour is easy and is also a great way to help with parish community building while meeting people at the same time! Donating baked goods or fruit adds to the fun and delight of the children! Please contact Tom Dolan (203-8959513 or [tmdolanjr@aol.com](mailto:tmdolanjr@aol.com).) to sign up to host a Mass (or two!) from October – June.

### ST. PIUS X SENIORS DECEMBER 5: NOON

All are invited to us on Monday, December 5 in the Community room at noon. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. Our gifted and joyful Music Director, Mike Lantowski, will enchant us with Christmas music...we might even sing-a-long! 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](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com)

**MONSTER MINI GOLF** with Catholic Young Adults of Greater Danbury (CYAD), ages 18-35. Come play mini golf and enjoy a night of fun and friendship. Cost: \$9 per person. Tues., **Nov. 29**, from 7:30-9 pm at 14 Starr Rd., Danbury. For more info, email [catholic.ya.danbury@gmail.com](mailto:catholic.ya.danbury@gmail.com) or join us on Facebook at “Catholic Young Adults of Greater Danbury.”

**STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE**

“At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come,” says today’s Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.

**of Treasure**

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and an early publishing deadline, the offertory collection for the weekend of November 19-20, 2016 will be printed in next weekend’s bulletin.

**ST. PIUS X ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL**

**Goal: \$170,000**

**Received as of Nov. 17: \$45,845.00**

**Percentage of Goal: 27%**

**Please help us reach our goal.**

**Thank you to all who have made a gift to our Annual Appeal. This Appeal helps us each year to make capital improvements (energy efficient measures) and balance our operating budget. The Parish Finance Council determines the goal each year and believes that if every family does its part, we will meet and perhaps even surpass our goal.**

*Thank you for your consideration, and thank you for being good and faithful stewards!*

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CELEBRITY BREAKFAST**

We’d like to invite you to Catholic Charities 24th Annual Norwalk Celebrity Breakfast in continued celebration of The Centennial Celebration of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County; featuring guest speaker Father Reggie Norman  
When: Friday, December 9th, 2016 at 7:30 A.M.  
Where: Shorehaven Golf Club, Norwalk

Reserve Your Spot at:

[www.2016NorwalkBreakfast.EventBrite.com](http://www.2016NorwalkBreakfast.EventBrite.com)

Join us for a morning of celebration and giving back!

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** at St. Jude Parish, Monroe, will be held Sat., **Dec. 3**, from 10 am-4 pm (snow date Sun., **Dec. 4**). This event features craft artisans from around Connecticut and nearby states. Crafters interested in participating can email [stjudechristmasfair@gmail.com](mailto:stjudechristmasfair@gmail.com) or call the parish: 203.261.6404 or Elizabeth Edgerton: 203.258.3354.

**VENDORS/CRAFTERS** wanted for the Holly Fair sponsored by the Women's Group of St. Margaret Mary Church, Shelton. The fair will be held on Sat., **Dec. 3**, from 9 am-4 pm. Table rental is \$30. For more info, call Sharon: 203.305.6503 or email [smwspicer@gmail.com](mailto:smwspicer@gmail.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: SPONSORED BY ST PIUS X COUNCIL 16347**

**Now through December 31<sup>st</sup> – Yankee Candle Sale** – visit [www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com)  
*Use our council’s assigned order number 990100205 so we get credit.*

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Due Date for Keep Christ in Christmas (Ages 5 to 14) Children’s Poster Contest**  
*Winners Announced Dec 18 after 9:00 AM Mass in Community Room*

**January 21, 2017 – Youth Basketball Foul Shooting Contest** – St Thomas’s Gym 9:00am

**March 18, 2017 – Annual Parish St. Patrick - St. Joseph Dinner Dance** – Community Room

**HEARTS RENEWED:****A PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED: DECEMBER 2**

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!

**JOIN IN PRAYING** the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary for Persecuted Christians from your home/car/office the first Tues. of every month (**Dec. 6**) at 7 pm with a conference phone number. How? Before 7 pm, call 877.216.5269 type in the pin number 96869.

**HOLY DAY** of obligation: Join the Catholic Young Adults of Greater Danbury (CYAD), ages 18-35, for Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a social following. Thurs., **Dec. 8**, from 8-10 pm at WCSU Westside Campus, Room 218, 43 Lake Ave. Ext, Danbury. For more info, email [catholic.ya.danbury@gmail.com](mailto:catholic.ya.danbury@gmail.com) or join us on Facebook at “Catholic Young Adults of Greater Danbury.”