


**Mass Intentions
for the Week** Requested by:
Saturday, February 25

8:30 A.M. +Richard Donahue H. Brennan
5:15 P.M. +Dr. Arthur Pinto Goldowsky Family

Sunday, February 26

7:30 A.M. +Vito Mario
9:00 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
10:30 A.M. +John McGovern J. & V. Giuffre
12:00 P.M. +Elizabeth Butler McKegney M. Grosso

Monday, February 27

8:30 A.M. +Gaspare Palmeri Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Tuesday, February 28

8:30 A.M. +Mary Farren J. Kaner

Wednesday, March 1 – ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
5:30 P.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
7:30 P.M. Intentions of all Parishioners

Thursday, March 2

8:30 A.M. +Barbara Ann Mick Theel D. Comforti

Friday, March 3

8:30 A.M. +All Souls

Saturday, March 4

8:30 A.M. +Dominick Verrastro A. Armstrong
5:15 P.M. +Harry R. Ackley, Jr. C. Jaques

Sunday, March 5

7:30 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
9:00 A.M. +Alfred M. Elter B. & L. Viselli
10:30 A.M. +Nicolas Huydic Huydic Family
12:00 P.M. +Honorable Thomas J. Giaimo M & M. Besterey

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.**

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WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

Join us every Friday, immediately following the
8:30 A.M. Mass.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I ask your prayers in a special way this weekend for the men of our parish who are on retreat at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford, and for the members of our Youth Group who are on retreat in Ivoryton. May their time of prayer and reflection be for them a graced renewal in faith and zeal for the Gospel! I am with our teens this weekend and look forward to seeing you all this week.

As you know, Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday. We begin the holy season of Lent. Our Mass schedule for that day is published in this bulletin. Lent is a privileged time for us to grow in our relationship with God and to trim away those things that are not essential so that we can focus on Him. I want to encourage you to very prayerfully choose some practice of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving and to be accountable to your discipline throughout the forty days of this holy season. Notice that the list says “fasting, prayer, *and* almsgiving.” This is deliberate – to the best of our ability, we should adopt all three of these. They are three pillars on which the spiritual fruitfulness of our Lenten season depends. We will reflect more on these in the coming weeks.

Finally, my friends, I am happy to tell you that Bishop Frank Caggiano will visit us next Sunday at the noon Mass. As shepherd of the entire Diocese of Bridgeport, Bishop Frank is very interested in coming to parishes for their regular liturgical celebrations (in addition to his very packed schedule of confirmations and special parish occasions). As a parish, we look forward to welcoming our Bishop next Sunday!

Peace,


Annual Parish St. Patrick - St. Joseph Party

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Faith Center Community Room

**A flier / reservation form is an insert
in this weekend's bulletin.**

This is a popular event each year so don't delay!

**The reservation form is also on our
parish website: www.st-pius.org and our
FaceBook page.**

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

The rules for fast and abstinence in the United States are:

Every person 14 years of age or older must abstain from meat (and items made with meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Every person between the age of 18 and 60 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, we are permitted to eat one full meal daily. Eating at other times is permitted; provided the smaller meals combined do not equal one full meal.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE

MAIN CHURCH

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

In Loving Memory of Bradley Jones.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

**For the Intentions of
Gary McDonough & Family.**

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN**Calendar of Events**

Feb 24th-26th Winter Retreat. *Please keep us in your prayers. 30 students will be on retreat!*

Feb 28th LAST DAY: SIGN UP FOR THE CHWC MISSION TRIP!! *10 spots left.*

Spend a week doing service work in and around Groton, MA and spend your 4th of July at an amusement park in NH!

Spots are limited and fill up fast! We hope that you are able to join us for an unforgettable week!

Open to all high school graduates and students entering 9th -12th grade in the upcoming 2017-2018 school year.

Cost: \$475

Dates: July 2-8, 2017

Please email Paola for more details at ppena@st-pius.org

Feb 28th Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner 5:30-7pm in the Community Room. Plenty of Pancakes and Bacon! Dinner will take place after Elementary Religious Education and before EDGE Middle School Ministry.

ENDERS ISLAND – Mystic, CT: Day of Recollection

With Sr. Eugenia Brady, SJC ; Ash Wednesday, March 1st \$50 includes: Served Hot Lunch; www.enders.is/marchdor or 860-536-0565

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

March 1st

MASS SCHEDULE:

8:30am, 5:30pm & 7:30pm

Ashes will be distributed during the Mass.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The first four daily Masses of Lent present to us the essentials of Lenten observance: *prayer, almsgiving, fasting, and repentance*. Lenten materials will be available at all exits.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS**JOIN US ANY/EVERY LENTEN FRIDAY:**

The Stations of the Cross are a simple yet powerful and devotional way to mark Jesus' pilgrimage to Calvary as seen through the lens of our personal life experience. Stations are prayed in the chapel and begin at 7:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCING WALKING WITH PURPOSE**Lenten Series for Women**

Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? You don't have much Scripture knowledge, but you would like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life?

If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose. We will follow, *Living in the Father's Love*, a six-week course that is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself this Lent. In this brief but powerful study, we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love.

Walking with Purpose is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

WWP will meet for six consecutive Thursdays starting March 2nd from 9:30-11:30am in the Community Room (3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6). Bring a friend! To order a *Living in the Father's Love* study guide, please visit www.walkingwithpurpose.com. For questions or to RSVP, contact Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or Allyson Marcus at allysonmarcus@optonline.net You can also visit www.walkingwithpurpose.com for more info.

CAREER PLANNING GROUP

Please join fellow Parishioners and our guest speaker from The WorkPlace (www.platformtoemployment.com)

for professional networking, employment strategy and conversations leading to gainful employment.

Date: March 6th from 7:00-8:30pm in the Faith Center. For any questions please contact Paul O'Brien - obrienpaul17@gmail.com.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God will never forget you (Isaiah 49:14-15)

Psalms — Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62). **Second**

Reading — Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4:1-5). **Gospel** — God feeds the bird and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs. (Matthew 6:24-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

HEARTS RENEWED:**A PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED: MARCH 3**

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!

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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

The Way of the Cross as a devotion came late in our Church tradition and it is only at the end of the 17th century, under the influence and spiritual guidance of the Franciscans, that the creation of the fourteen stations became a common practice in churches and chapels. In the wake of the biblical renewal initiated in the 1950s and of the Vatican II, many churches have aptly added a fifteenth station – the Resurrection – to give the devotion its proper complement and conclusion. Passion plays became very popular in the Middle Ages; they had been preceded by Easter plays in the late 10th century. (God's Word Today, March 2010)

ST. PIUS X SENIORS MARCH 6: NOON

All are invited to us on Monday, March 6 in the Community room at noon. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch is \$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

WEEKLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR:**HOPING TO INCREASE HOSTING FAMILIES!**

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!

Please contact Tom Dolan (203-8959513 or tmdolanjr@aol.com.) for more information.

PARISH OUTREACH...DID YOU KNOW...

St. Pius X Parishioners bring non perishable food to the church and leave it in the wooden boxes in the usher's room in the front foyer. Parish volunteers deliver the food to Blessed Sacrament and St. Charles Parishes in Bridgeport as well as The Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport and Operation Hope in Fairfield. If you would like to participate in this ministry, then please bring your food donations at anytime and it will be delivered weekly. Thank you for caring and sharing!

FIRST FRIDAY LECTURE SERIES at St. Luke Parish, Westport continues on Fri., **March 3**, 7:30 pm (wine and cheese reception, 7 pm.) Harold Attridge, Ph.D., Sterling Professor of Divinity and former dean of Yale Divinity School will speak on "Jesus and Empire: Early Christians and the Power of Rome." All are welcome. For more info, call 203.227.7245.

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

We must know and accept the fact that God is with us and that God loves us. Our trust needs to be in Him, not in earthly matters or earthly riches. It is often said that at the heart of stewardship is trust.

**of Treasure**

Last Weekend's Offering	\$12,012.63
Last Year's 2016 Offering	\$13,659.63
Monthly Offering (Additional)	\$ 544.00
Parish Mission for Outreach (additional)	\$ 152.00

Thank you for being good and faithful stewards!

*Our prayers of gratitude to those who have remembered
St. Pius X Church in their will with a bequest.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As disciples of Christ, we are called upon to follow in His footsteps. When we answer His call and share in the mission of the Church, lives are changed. I am grateful for your generosity and the gifts you share with others, many of whom you may never meet. The 2017 **Annual Catholic Appeal, Sharing God's Gifts, Transforming Lives** offers us the opportunity to thank Him in return for all we have been given by supporting vital ministries and programs and continuing the Gospel message. The Appeal is a source of hope and charity to those in need and for the future of the Church. Each year I prayerfully ask for your help so we can continue our Christian journey; together we can transform lives. I offer my daily prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

FATHER JOE MALLOY DEDICATION

Saturday, March 25, 4:00 PM. St. Ann Parish will honor Fr. Joseph Malloy with the dedication of the "Father Joseph Malloy Parish Center." Mass at 4:00 PM, followed by the ceremony and reception in the Gym/Parish Center. \$20 per person, includes food, beer, wine and music! RSVP to the parish office, 203-368-1607. (Donations greatly appreciated.)

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL - FAIRFIELD

Notre Dame High School, the oldest high school in the Diocese of Bridgeport, will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary with a gala celebration on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Sacred Heart University. For information regarding tickets and sponsorships, please contact the Notre Dame Advancement Office at tmarzik@notredame.org or [203-372-6521](tel:203-372-6521).

THE CHAPEL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Our beautiful chapel in the Faith Center is open Monday through Friday for daily Mass at 8:30 a.m. and remains open for private prayer. The main door of the Faith Center leads directly into the Chapel. Consider making a visit. Bring your joys and your sorrows to the Blessed Mother. The Blessed Mother is a very powerful intercessor!

MOMS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Topic: "Forgiveness"

Date: Wed., March 8, 9:30 am – 11:30am
Faith Center Community Room.

Organizer: Dawn Carpanzano;

RSVP: dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net

Guest Speaker: **Elizabeth Schneider, LMFT,**
Director of Family Services for Tiny Miracles

GENESIS HEALTH CARE -**ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER-6448 Main St., Trumbull**

St. Joseph's Center is in need of day time volunteers to assist with transporting residents to various in-house appointments and activities. The need is between 9:00am-3:30pm, Monday – Friday. Evening programs are run M,T,W, & Thurs. from 5:45pm-7:00pm., helping with crafts and games. A gift shop is open 5 days a week and is in need of volunteers to help in the shop. Also, there are many other opportunities. The feeling of helping someone is very rewarding! If interested, please contact Sharon Lockshier, Volunteer Coordinator at 230-220-2823 – Tues. & Thurs.

NOTRE DAME OF EASTON CHURCH is hosting a Pub Night for their parishioners and their friends and family on Saturday, March 4th. The evening will feature music by the popular New England area band "Americano". We wanted to extend the invite out to our neighboring parishes!

Sat., March 4: 7:00 pm - Doors open; 8:30 pm show begins; Notre Dame of Easton Church Hall
\$30 per person; Make checks payable to Notre Dame of Easton and send to: Michelle Falcone, 10 Laurel Drive, Easton, CT 06612

Please include your email address in the memo field to receive confirmation.

Ticket price includes entertainment and lite pub fare (appetizers / sandwiches). BYOB – Ages 21+

CALLING ALL KOLBE HIGH SCHOOL MEN

from the Class of 1967! We are planning your 50th Reunion event and want to hear from you. We are looking for your updated contact information and ideas for this great celebration. Please email rsantoli@kolbecaths.org to update your contact information and to learn more!