



Mass Intentions for the Week

Requested by:

Saturday, April 22

8:30 A.M. +Joseph Buturac

5:15 P.M. +Clare Bevans J. & K. Donnelly

Sunday, April 23

7:30 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners

9:00 A.M. +Maria Altieri E. Porco

10:30 A.M. +Mary & Angie Ioppola J. & V. Giuffre

12:00 P.M. +Constantino Lavrado J. Lovrado

Monday, April 24

8:30 A.M. +Peter J. Baldyca, Sr. V. & J. Zadrovicz

Tuesday, April 25

8:30 A.M. +Harold Lynch Jacobi Family

Wednesday, April 26

8:30 A.M. +Ann Cronan B. & B. Dunne

Thursday, April 27

8:30 A.M. +Helen & Edward Spence G. Patti

Friday, April 28

8:30 A.M. +Rosemary Rotzal Dr. Bird

Saturday, April 29

8:30 A.M. +Mary Cipolla Sacci Family

5:15 P.M. +Christopher Andrews J. & G. O'Connell

Sunday, April 30

7:30 A.M. +Mark Abramson T. Iannacone

9:00 A.M. +John & Edith Kachuba Monday Night Prayer Group

10:30 A.M. +Thomas Kennedy S & M. Ryan

12:00 P.M. +Ruben Rodriguez M. & M. Rush

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.

St. Pius X Staff

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, the Church invites our reflection on the merciful love of Christ poured out for us on the Cross, triumphant over death, and ever-present among us. His mercy is sacramentally present through the gift of Confession, where we bring the burden of our sins and our desire for forgiveness. His mercy is present in other ways through every Christian person who carries out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Today, let us be reminded of our need to receive his sacramental grace in confession, and to be instruments of his mercy by carrying out every work of mercy we are able.

With Holy Week now past, I would like to also extend a word of profound thanks to all who made our Easter celebrations so beautiful. Our choir, cantors, musicians, and music director Mike Lantowski put in many extra hours last week so that music could lift our minds and hearts to God. Our altar servers, ushers, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion gave generously of themselves and helped our liturgies run smoothly and reverently. The parish staff, in addition to their regular responsibilities, worked overtime to ensure that all necessary materials were prepared and the celebrations went off without a hitch. I am especially grateful to Fr. Crofut and Deacon Tim – without them, I would not have made it through the Triduum!

Finally, a note of thanks to all who gave to the St. Pius X Life Teen Youth Ministry's Beard Fundraiser! You'll see a less hairy pastor this weekend. Your generous donations brought in more than \$6000 (the final tally is not ready as of this writing) to help our young people with their mission trip with Catholic HEART Workcamp this summer! Thank you!

Peace,


WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

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



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MAIN CHURCH
 WILL BURN THIS WEEK
In Loving Memory of Orlando Falcone.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL
 WILL BURN THIS WEEK
In Loving Memory of Ruben Rodriguez.

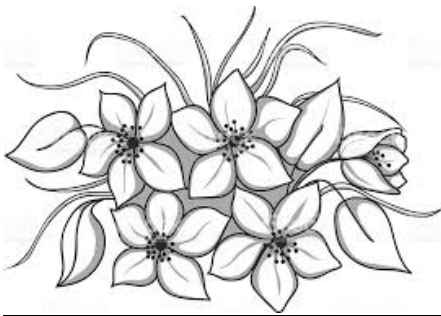
ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

March Calendar
April 23rd PJ Anderson Concert at St. Luke's in Westport 2:30-7:30pm
 \$10 per person to attend (Pizza dinner included)

April 30th LIFE NIGHT "Unexpected: St. Gianna and the Sacrament of Matrimony" 7-9pm

May 7th LIFE NIGHT "Abundant Sacrifice: St. JPII and the Priesthood" 7-9pm

May 13-14th 2nd Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale (NO LIFE TEEN)
 Flowers will be sold after every Mass this weekend to support St. Pius Life Teen.



WEEKLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR:
BEOME A HOSTING FAMILY!

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! COFFEE HOUR DATES: April 23 & 30; May 7 & 21; June 11 & 25.

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II. Anna Ruiz and Andrew Ashcroft



IT'S TIME TO REGISTER!

Registration for the 2017-18 school year of Religious Education for grades 1-8

began on Monday April 17 and will run through July 14th

Be sure to register early to ensure you get your first choice of class time!

Over 100 students are already signed up for next year.

Please see our Parish Website www.st-pius.org for our Registration forms that can be mailed in or dropped off to the **Religious Education Office** open **Mondays Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12-6**

A NOTE ABOUT THE ST. JUDE NOVENA

*The St. Jude Novena is a beautiful prayer made in faith, seeking the intercession of St. Jude for a variety of needs. Please **pray the novena anytime** you find yourself in need! However, it is common to find copies of the novena that state that the novena will only work if copies of the prayer are left in church each day. This is an exaggeration and encourages superstition. The efficacy of the novena does not depend on the number of copies left in church, but rather on the faith with which the prayer is offered! That said, if you feel it necessary to leave copies of the novena in the church or chapel, please leave them in a single, neat pile. **Please do not** hide copies of the novena prayer in hymnals, as this often results in wrinkling or dog-eared pages, as well as a generally untidy appearance for the church and chapel.*

ST. PIUS X SENIORS MAY 1: NOON

All are invited to us on Monday, **May 1** 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

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 for any week during the year (except Advent & Lent), please contact Terri Dawes in the Parish Office.

The cost of flowers for the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God is \$80.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION:
MAY 5**

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.

2017 WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

On Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:30pm at St. Theresa Parish in Trumbull, Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the 2017 Wedding Jubilee Mass. This Mass is for couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 plus year wedding anniversaries. This will be the only Wedding Jubilee Mass for 2017. Mass will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. To register to attend please contact the parish office, 203-255-6134, or visit:

<http://x.co/diobpt> Please RSVP by April 24th.

For questions, please contact Kim Quatela at (203) 416-1334 or kquatela@diobpt.org

PROJECT RACHEL HEALING MINISTRY

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today, the worldwide Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy and has been doing so since April 30th in the Jubilee year 2000. Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter and is originally based on the Catholic devotion to Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus. The Vatican acknowledges that in the 1930s, St. Faustina recorded these promises from Jesus in a diary. These include a promise of forgiveness of sins and the action of Jesus within the soul of each person who approaches the sacrament of Reconciliation with trust. In specific Jesus states that the soul that receives sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before), and receives Eucharist on the Feast of Divine Mercy shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. "...from this fount of mercy souls draw graces ...if one's trust is great, there is no limit to my generosity. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for souls. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open."

**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47). **Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118). **Second Reading** — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9). **Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

MOMS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Topic: "Spring Renewal"

Date: Wed., May 10th

9:30 am – 11:30am; Community Room.

RSVP: dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net;

Guest Speaker: Nancy Sadock, LMFT, Greenwich Center for Hope and Renewal.

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else's need?

**of Treasure****WEEKEND OF APRIL 8-9**

Weekend Offering – April 8-9	\$17,697.00
Last Year's 2016 Offering	\$16,067.00
Palm Sunday Offering	\$ 5,001.00
Easter Flowers (Additional)	\$ 255.00
Monthly Offering (Additional)	\$ 1,053.00
Parish Mission for Outreach (Additional)	\$ 292.00

WEEKEND OF APRIL 15-16

Easter & Sunday Offering	\$41,820.00
Last Year's 2016 Offering	\$37,815.00
Holy Land Collection	\$ 2,246.00
Monthly Offering (Additional)	\$ 264.00
Parish Mission for Outreach (Additional)	\$ 125.00

2017 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

Sharing God's Gifts, Transforming Lives

CONNected Catholics is the new outreach ministry of the Diocese to young adults, ages 18-35. The mission of this ministry is to accompany the young adults of the Diocese on their faith journey. This is accomplished through Diocesan Young Adult Masses, Catholic Underground, Theology on Tap, and various other social and service oriented events. This ministry is vital in trying to keep the young adult population connected to the Catholic Church.

St. Pius X Parish Goal: \$275,000

Raised to date: \$198,902

Percentage of Goal: 72.33%

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.

Notre Dame High School - Fairfield Presents**Les Miserables: School Edition**

The Notre Dame Drama Club is proud to present *Les Miserables: School Edition* on Friday, May 5th at 8pm and Saturday, May 6th at 1:30pm and 8pm at Sacred Heart University's Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for students and are available online through links at www.notredame.org. Come and join us for a story of redemption, romance, and revolution on May 5th and 6th! Please contact Joshua St. Onge, jstonge@notredame.org with any questions.

CLOTHES FOR A CAUSE SPRING CLEANING CLOTHING DRIVE

Clothes for a Cause, a club based out of Fairfield Ludlowe High School, is running a "Spring Cleaning" Clothing Drive. They will be collecting gently used articles of clothing, shoes, and backpacks, of all sizes and for both genders. Donations will be sent to organizations that cater to those in need in Guatemala, Syria, and other countries. The collection box is located in the front vestibule of St. Pius church. If you have further questions email kaleigh3brown@gmail.com

LONG TERM CARE SEMINAR

Thursday, April 27 @ 7PM

St. Theresa Church Hall, 5301 Main Street, Trumbull CT; FREE and Open to All

By 2020, approximately 12 million Americans will require services such as help with activities of daily living.

Are you prepared for the cost of long term care whether in a nursing home or in your home? Will your loved ones be in a position to assist you?

How to Prepare for College and Retirement

Jon Starr

General Agent, Knights of Columbus

Spiritual Leadership

Fr. John Connaughton

Director Vocations, Diocese of Bridgeport

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council #8013

The Scholars and Athletes Serving Others (SASO) 2017-2018 Membership Drive is on!

This outstanding Service and Leadership organization for high school boys and their mothers is currently recruiting new members for the upcoming year. All current 8th – 11th grade boys in the Fairfield area are invited to join. SASO members are provided with many opportunities to serve our local community, take on leadership roles and attend personal growth sessions. Please take a look at our website www.sasofairfield.org to find information on SASO events and partnerships as well as the current membership information and registration forms. The enrollment period closes on May 30th so please send in your registration forms ASAP! For more information regarding membership or getting involved with our Board please contact Co-Presidents, Fran Lynch fbccs@optonline.net and Debbie Stapleton dstapleton@optonline.net or SASO VP of Membership, Karen Duffy texasduffy@gmail.com with questions.