



## A Roman Catholic Community

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### Pastor

Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

### Weekend Assistants

Fairfield Jesuit Community

### Priest in Residence

Rev. Msgr. Ernest Esposito

### Director of Music & Organist

Michael Lantowski

### Pastoral Assistant

Kathleen Donnelly

### Faith Formation *(formerly Rel. Ed.)*

Kara Clegg (Grades 1-5)

Shari Garcia (Edge Middle School)

Paola Pena (Life Teen High School)

Barbara Kwiatkowski (Assistant)

### Parish Office

Terri Dawes, Administrative Assistant

Kimberlie I. Leon, Business Manager

Amy O'Donnell, Office Assistant

### Parish Corp. Lay Members

Kathryn Vogt

Arthur Wolf

### Parish Finance Council Chair

Jeremy Joyce

### Parish Office Hours

9AM-4PM (Mon-Thur)

9AM-12NOON (Summer Fri)

### Parish Membership

We encourage every family in the parish to register as it is our only means of certifying you as a member of our parish family. Register online at [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org)

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible with parking located at the sides of church.

Thank you for turning off all personal electronic devices before entering the church.

### Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Pius X Parish, are a Roman Catholic family of faith rooted in the Eucharist, nourished by God's Word, and faithful to the sacramental life of the Church. We are committed to welcoming every person we encounter with the love and mercy of Christ. We strive to imitate Christ in all that we say and do. We are committed to teaching and sharing the Gospel, to supporting one another in prayer and action, and to reaching out to those in need, so that, as a community of disciples, we can embrace our parish patron's call to "restore all things in Christ."

### Weekly Mass Schedule

8:30AM, Monday-Saturday

5:15PM, Saturday Vigil

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM & 12Noon on Sunday

### Holy Day Mass Schedule

5:30PM Vigil

8:30AM & 7:30PM Holy Day

### Confession

4PM-4:45PM, Saturdays (Church)

7PM-8PM, Wednesdays (Chapel)

### Devotions

The Rosary and a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed each Friday by parishioners at 9AM in the Chapel. Stations of the Cross take place at 7PM on Lenten Fridays in the Chapel.

### Baptism

Pre-Baptismal class is held the first Sunday of every month at 1PM. Pre-registration is required. Call Kathleen Donnelly in the Parish Office for information. Baptisms are celebrated 1:15PM on Sundays.

### Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office. There are no Sunday weddings.

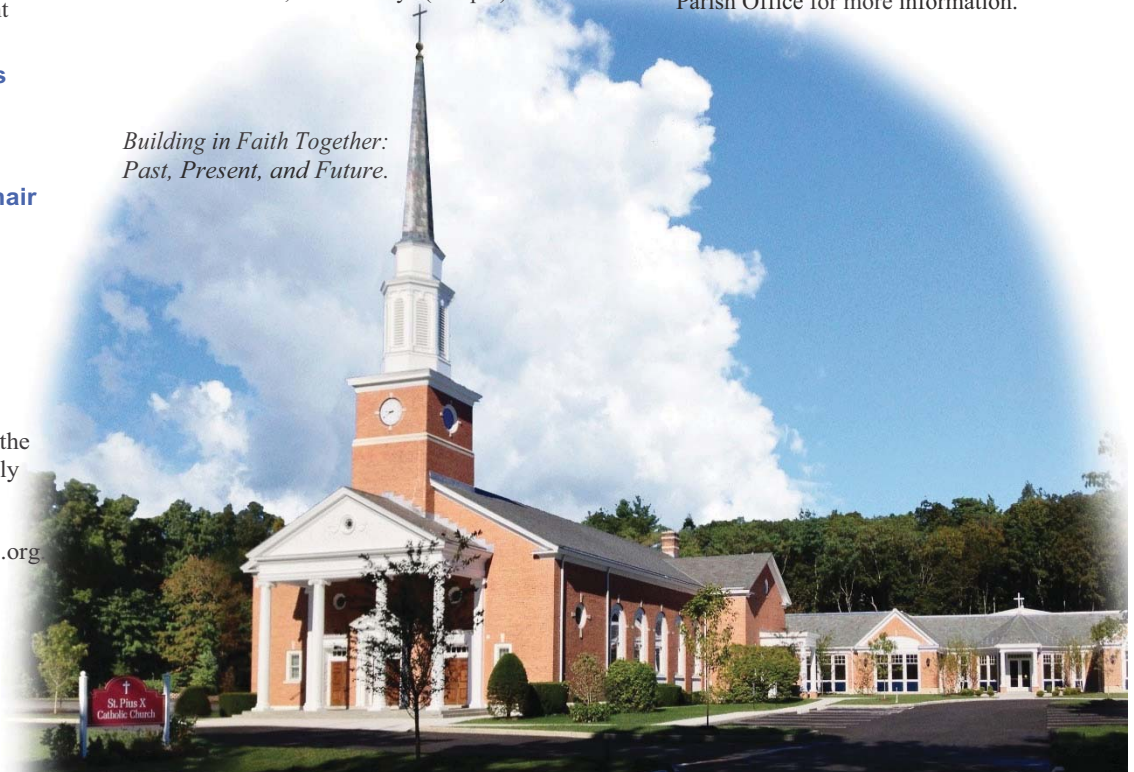
### Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill, contact the Parish Office.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is available year-round to anyone who wants to inquire about our faith, baptism, or completing their initiation as Roman Catholics with Eucharist and/or confirmation. Call the Parish Office for more information.

*Building in Faith Together:  
Past, Present, and Future.*





### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, August 11

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

5:15PM +Andrew Sterne B. Sterne

#### Sunday, August 12

7:30AM +Bud Confoy Carter Family

9AM +Albert & Margaret Johnson P. Johnson

10:30AM +Shirley Okerblom Sacchi Family

12Noon +John E. Kennard, Sr. Rhatigan Family

#### Monday, August 13

8:30AM +Karen Maddock McKnight Family

#### Tuesday, August 14

8:30AM +Vivian Kral & Michael Murphy E. & P. Fitzgerald

5:30PM Intention of All Parishioners

#### Wednesday, August 15

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

7:30PM Intentions of All Parishioners

#### Thursday, August 16

8:30AM +Michael Murphy Peloso Family

#### Friday, August 17

8:30AM +Michael & Catherine Calise Mr. & Mrs. Sodaro

#### Saturday, August 18

8:30AM +Stephen Charles T. Dawes

5:15PM +Mary P. Kennard Rhatigan Family

#### Sunday, August 19

7:30AM +Gianna Rapallo Vassallo Family

9AM +Jean O'Leary M. DeMasi & Family

10:30AM +Helen Laffey C. & B. Barry

12Noon Intentions of All Parishioners



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
John Wheeler**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in memory of  
Helen Laffey**



**Flowers in the Chapel this week  
in memory of  
Dominic Palladino from the Arduini Family**



### ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

*We must never underestimate the power of prayer!*

Let us pray for you! Email petitions or thanksgivings anytime to Pat Heile at [stpiusxprayerln@aol.com](mailto:stpiusxprayerln@aol.com) or call Ann Cole at 203-362-5178, Monday-Friday and feel free to leave a message.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you know, August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. This particular day dedicated to Our Lady has special significance for our parish, and not only because there are two parishes of that name in close proximity or because the Fairfield/Westport deanery is under the patronage of Mary, Queen of the Assumption. Our parish chapel was dedicated on this day in 2014. Of even greater significance, the first Mass ever celebrated in St. Pius X Church was on August 15, 1958. Though the parish was established in 1955, the community gathered for Mass at Fairfield University until construction on the church building was completed. Thus, sixty years ago this week, our parish family began to worship in our beautiful church.

For sixty years, generations of St. Pius parishioners have gathered at the altar to receive Jesus, the Bread of Life, in the Eucharist. For sixty years, this parish family has celebrated life milestones, joys, sorrows, ups, and downs. For sixty years, the story of our faith has been heard, proclaimed, and passed down. The cycle of the liturgical year reminds us that the annual celebrations of the mysteries of the life of Christ are not meant to be viewed once only, but rather celebrated again and again. So returning to the Church week after week provides us with the opportunity to celebrate and receive the gift of God's merciful love for his people.

Much has changed in these sixty years, especially in the area of catechesis. What was once taken for granted in the teaching of the faith can no longer be presumed. Greater effort than ever is needed so that every generation represented in our parish population can engage their faith and be familiar with our history of salvation, rooted as it is in Christ, the Bread of Life. Once again, I invite you to participate in our monthly gatherings for faith formation, that as a community of faith, we would be better able to articulate our faith and understand what it is we do in this church building every week. To sign up, visit: <https://www.st-pius.org/lff-monthly/>

As things have changed in these sixty years, much has also been done to prepare for the future. What will the next sixty years look like for St. Pius X Parish? I reflected recently on the fact that I was a new pastor during the sixtieth anniversary year of the parish. As I thought about it, it dawned on me that, God-willing, I will be approaching retirement sometime around the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish. I prayed that I would be invited to come back to visit the parish for that jubilee. And then I was struck by the hope that something of the work I do here will be worth keeping around for so many years. What will we each leave to this parish and to the generations of Catholics who will come after us? What is God asking us to do to ensure that the story of our faith will still be told even after we are gone?

Sixty years ago, the holy sacrifice of the Mass was offered in St. Pius X Church for the first time. May Mary, the Queen of the Assumption, who first enjoyed the fullness of heavenly union with God, intercede for us as we gather at the altar again. May each Mass we offer be for God's greater glory. May our faith continue to grow in our own hearts, and in the hearts of those who will come after. Peace,

Fr. Sam



**QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP**

The gifts of God that the angel brought to Elijah—food, water, rest, and encouragement—were given, not for his own good alone, but to strengthen him for service. How am I using my gifts to serve others?



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

- August 5, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$14,997
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,238
- Mission Offering: \$881
- Monthly Offering: \$580

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



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

- II Alexandra Vertriz and Mitchell Intrieri
- III Kristen Wall and Brendan Lloyd



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Caden Dale Fahey.**



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

*Wednesday, August 15, 2018  
Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

**Vigil Mass:** 5:30PM, Tuesday, August 14, 2018  
**Holy Day Masses:** 8:30AM and 7:30PM,  
Wednesday, August 15, 2018



**ST. PIUS X PARISH FESTIVAL**

*The St. Pius X Grill is Back! Menu below.  
Join us Sunday, September 9!*

GRILL FAVORITES	PRICE	TICKETS
<b>Plain 'n Simple</b>		
● Hot Dog	\$3	3
<b>Kicking it Up</b> <i>Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Included!</i>		
● Hamburger	\$5	5
● Cheeseburger	\$5	5
● Grilled Chicken	\$5	5
<b>Back by Popular Demand!</b>		
● Sausage and Peppers	\$5	5
● Roast Beef	\$5	5
<b>On the Side</b>		
● Corn on the Cob	\$1	1
● Bag o' Chips	\$1	1
<b>BEVERAGES</b>		
● Soda	\$1	1
● Bottled Water	\$1	1
● Juice Box	\$1	1
● Glass of Wine	\$4	4
● Glass of Beer	\$4	4
● Pitcher of Wine	\$10	10
● Pitcher of Beer	\$10	10

- **TICKETS** for Grill and Beverages.
- **CASH** for Bake Sale and Micalizzi's Italian Ices.

**We need volunteers! See page 7 to sign up.**



**TAG SALE DONATIONS IMPORTANT INFO**

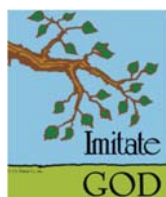
We will be accepting donations at the **BACK LEFT SIDE of the Religious Education Center** on:

- 3PM-6PM, Thursday, September 6
- 9AM-2:30PM, Friday, September 7

**Please do not leave items by the door if no one is there to receive them.**

**Items NOT accepted include:** linens, clothing/shoes, VHS/cassettes, encyclopedias, outdated electronics, tube TVs/monitors, file cabinets, or large furniture.

Please be sure that your treasures are clean, unbroken, and not more than gently used 😊 Thank you!



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

**Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading:** Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

**Gospel:** Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday:** Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28; Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Thursday:** Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1

**Friday:** Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday:** Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday:** Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The dogma of the Assumption, promulgated by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950, states that "the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven." With the encouragement of the Catholic bishops of the world who affirmed the doctrine was both possible and opportune, the pope declared the faith of the Church that Mary in the fullness of her historical personality lives now in union with the risen Christ. The religious meaning of this dogma centers on the eternal victory of God's grace freely given in Christ, which consecrates and ultimately saves the whole person, both body and soul. Mary, assumed into heaven, is the first to share in the fullness of the Resurrection and to follow where Christ, her Son, had ascended. May her intercession lead us on the way to Heaven!



### ST. PIUS X SENIORS DAY TRIP TO LOURDES OF LITCHFIELD!

*All are invited to join the St. Pius X Seniors on September 19 for a visit to this Connecticut Shrine.*

Join the St. Pius X Seniors Wednesday, September 19. The group will leave from the St. Pius parking lot by 10AM to arrive in time for daily 11:30AM Mass at the Shrine. Lunch is available for purchase. Visit the website [www.shrinct.org](http://www.shrinct.org) for information about the Shrine. To register for the trip, RSVP Peter Carey via phone or text, 203-673-2081 or email him at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com).



### MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

*All are welcome August 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, guest speaker and lunch (\$5 donation) **12Noon, Tuesday, August 14, in the Community Room.** RSVP to Esther Lawless at 203-368-4222. New participants are always welcome!



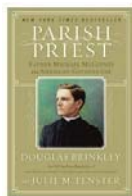
### DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

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. For more information, email or call Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 or [kdonnelly@st-pius.org](mailto:kdonnelly@st-pius.org).



### MUSIC NOTES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

For the past three years, the music settings of the responsorial psalms have been composed by myself or my colleague and dear friend, Michael Andrew Cooney, Director of Music at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish here in Fairfield. We began this ambitious project to compose original and fresh new musical settings of the responsorial psalms that we sing and proclaim at all Masses. We are happy to report that we have almost completed the project and will be finished by the time this liturgical season ends. We started with Year C and have fully completed both Years C and A and we are coming close to completing Year B. The need for this project began when we were at a loss to find resources available for new and interesting settings of the psalms. We hope you have been enjoying these new settings to enhance your prayer at Mass. Mr. Cooney and I also started to set the Communion Antiphons as well. This will be phase two of our compositional projects. Check out our webpage at <http://sacredmusic.cooneystudio.com/the-psalter-project/>.



### "PARISH PRIEST"

*Father Michael McGivney And American Catholicism  
"Father McGivney's Vision Remains as Relevant as Ever in  
The Changed Circumstances of Today's Church and  
Society." — Pope John Paul II*

Is now the time for an American parish priest to be declared a Catholic saint? In Father Michael McGivney (1852-1890), born and raised in a Connecticut factory town, the modern era's ideal of the priesthood hit its zenith. The son of Irish immigrants, he was a man to whom "family values" represented more than mere rhetoric. And he left a legacy of hope still celebrated around the world. In this incredible work of academic research, Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster recreate the life of Father McGivney, a fiercely dynamic yet tenderhearted man. Though he was only thirty-eight when he died, Father McGivney has never been forgotten. He remains a true "people's priest," a genuinely holy man - and perhaps the most beloved parish priest in U.S. history. Moving and inspirational, *Parish Priest* chronicles the process of canonization that may well make Father McGivney the first American-born parish priest declared a saint by the Vatican. Order *Parish Priest* online at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.



### COFFEE HOUR RETURNS!

*Join us August 26 Following the  
9AM and 10:30AM Masses.*

We will honor our patron, St. Pius X (feast day is August 21) with Coffee Hour **following the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses, Sunday, August 26.** We need hospitality people/baked goods, contact Tom Dolan: 203-895-9513 or [tmdolanjr@aol.com](mailto:tmdolanjr@aol.com).



### ANNUAL ST. PIUS X WOMEN'S RETREAT

*September 28-30*

*"No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life"*

All women are invited to join the Holy Family retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection **September 28-30 at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat House in West Hartford.** God has called all of us to lives of holiness. "No Ordinary Path" will explore way that we can be attentive, intentional and cooperative with God's grace in serving the world. Together we will take a journey, with the hope of discovering that who we are and what we do matters. We will reflect on how living an ordinary life of holiness can lead to extraordinary happiness and peace. The Retreat Center is celebrating 66 years of Retreat Ministry! Online registration is available soon. For more information, call 860-521-0440 or visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).



### NO HARSHNESS

*Fight all error, but do it with good  
humor, patience, kindness, and love.  
Harshness will damage your own soul  
and spoil the best cause.*

*—St. John Kanty*

## ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

### WEEKLY SUMMER SCHEDULE

*Hey Teens, join us in the Portable Classroom in the Religious Education Center!*

- **Youth Group**

7PM-9PM, Sundays (This time for Summer, normal meeting time is 6PM-8PM during the school year.)

- **Open Hangouts**

12Noon-2:30PM, Tuesdays. Join us for snacks, ping-pong, foosball, and games!

- **Alumni Nights**

7:30PM-8:45PM, Wednesdays. High School graduates and college students welcome back!

- **Young Women's Small Group Study**

11AM-2PM, Thursdays

- **"Mass and Saints"**

12Noon-2PM, Fridays. Mass is at St. Thomas at 12:10PM. Bring a bagged lunch and learn about a new saint every week!

For more information on any of these events or Life Teen in general, email Paola Pena at [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org) today.



### WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

*Join us Fridays, following the 8:30AM Mass.*

Join us for this peaceful time of prayer following the **8:30AM Mass every Friday in the Chapel**. You can participate or sit, listen, and reflect. All are welcome!



### ST. PIUS X CALL TO MILITARY

*You answered our country's call to serve.  
Let your parish support you on your journey.*

Whether you're active, or a veteran, we want to hear from you. We're working on activities for veterans and active service members to support each other as a parish and as brothers/sisters in arms. Contact Russell Edgett, Afghanistan veteran, parishioner and founder of *The Freedom Isn't Free Ride* at 475-225-9694 or [RussellJ.Edgett@gmail.com](mailto:RussellJ.Edgett@gmail.com).



**GIVE ONLINE—GO GREEN!**

Make your weekly gift online with Online Giving. It's easy and totally secure and helps us go green and save money on mailing the printed offertory envelopes.

- No more writing checks or handling cash.
- Set up automatic contributions for each week of the year—you control the amount and timing.
- Change the amount, or the timing, of your gift at any time—you have total control.

**Get started now:** Go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive).

If you have questions or need help getting started, call Terri Dawes in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



**Are you interested in joining or finding out more about the Knights of Columbus?**

**Are you a Knight who recently moved to Fairfield?**

**Are you a Knight interested in transferring into our St. Pius X Council?**

**Are you a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight interested in the St. Pius X Assembly?**

#### **For More Information**

**Contact** Tom Kelty at 203-209-2895 or [TKelty@gmail.com](mailto:TKelty@gmail.com)

**or**

**Go to** <http://www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html>

As a Knight, you receive a wealth of resources to help you grow in your faith and become a better Catholic man, as well as access to Catholic news. You will also be able to stay informed on major developments of interest to Catholics with your monthly subscription to *Columbia*, the Order's flagship publication.



# Volunteer for the St. Pius X Festival

12Noon-5PM, Sunday, September 9, 2018

**Back by popular demand!** The **St. Pius X GRILL** with Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Grilled Chicken, Corn on the Cob, AND Sausage and Peppers and Roast Beef from **A&S Italian Fine Foods**  
Live Music featuring **The Highland Rovers and the Bar Car Band** • The Tag Sale  
Bake Sale with **Micalizzi's** Italian Ices • Inflatables and Games—\$20 All-Day Wristband  
1<sup>st</sup> Responders Touch A Truck

## Two Easy Ways to Sign Up to Volunteer!

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Festival activities.

It's going to be a GREAT day, ALL ARE WELCOME, so come join the fun.

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✓ **ONLINE:** Go to [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org) and click the  **Volunteer Sign-up!** button which will bring you to SignUp.com.

✓ **Enter your email address.**

✓ **Sign up!** Choose your spots via SignUp.com and SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

*Note: You will Not need to register for an account. SignUp.com does not share your email with anyone.*

**OR**

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✓ **PRINT:** Pick up a flyer by the entrances to the Church or Chapel and complete all your information and drop it back to the Parish Office.

Questions? Email: [StPiusFestival@gmail.com](mailto:StPiusFestival@gmail.com)

**Thank you and we look forward to  
having you join the Festival Volunteer Team!**