



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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- 9AM-4PM* (Mon-Thur)
- 9AM-1PM* (Fri)

*Parish Office open to the public 9AM-12Noon, M-F, otherwise staff working remotely due to Covid-19 safety precautions.

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: www.st-pius.org.

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible with parking 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 (Church)

- Monday-Saturday: 8:30AM
- Monday and Thursday: 7PM (Latin)
- Saturday Vigil: 5:15PM
- Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12Noon

Holy Day Mass Schedule

- Vigil: 5:30PM
- Holy Day: 8:30AM, 5:30PM, 7PM (Latin)

Confession

Saturdays: 4PM-5PM (Church*)
Wednesdays: 7PM-8PM (Church*)
*Temporarily held in the Community Room due to Covid-19 safety precautions.

Devotions

- The Rosary and a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed 9AM, Fridays by parishioners in the Church.
- Stations of the Cross are held 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, call 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.





WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 31

8:30AM +Peggy & Nicky Flynn A. Flynn
 5:15PM +Jennie Giuffre V. & J. Giuffre

Sunday, November 1

7:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 9AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 10:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 12Noon Intentions of All Parishioners

Monday, November 2

8:30AM +Doris Koehler Elinskas Family
 12Noon
 7PM Missa Cantata

Tuesday, November 3

8:30AM +Louisa Conte J. Minchiok

Wednesday, November 4

8:30AM +George Reilly Smecy Family

Thursday, November 5

8:30AM +Phyllis Caputo J. & A. Consiglio
 7PM Low Mass

Friday, November 6

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Saturday, November 7

8:30AM +Salvatore Longo T. Palsa
 5:15PM +Randisi & Avitabile Families J. & R. Avitabile

Sunday, November 8

7:30AM +Doris Koehler B. & S. Elinskas
 9AM +Martha & John Jacob S. Jacob Pierson
 10:30AM +Civita, Carlo, Rosa & Marina Limatola M. Vona
 12Noon +Marissa Ann Guido Guido Family



Sanctuary Lights in the Church will burn this week in memory of Elliot Pierson

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel will burn this week in memory of Henry Sodaro

PRAYER REQUESTS

ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email your petitions and/or thanksgivings to Pat Heile, anytime, at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com. Note: Please do not call the phone line for prayer requests as it is temporarily unavailable.

“They journeyed through the uninhabited desert, and in lonely places they pitched their tents; they withstood enemies and warded off their foes.”—Wisdom 11:2-3



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

“The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel.
 What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- October 25, 2020 Weekend Offertory: \$12,841
- 2019 Weekend Offering: \$10,861

ONLINE GIVERS HAVE INCREASED BY 30%!
 Please consider signing up for Online Giving at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive so you may continue to support your parish’s daily operating needs.

THANK YOU to all our new Online Givers and to everyone for being good and faithful stewards of God’s Blessings and Gifts especially at this time.



FRIDAY ROSARY RETURNS!

Now held in the Church...

Come pray the rosary with us following the **8:30AM Mass, Fridays in the Church**. After the rosary, Pat Heile will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Thank you to Pat for her dedication to making this all happen. All are welcome to attend!



PARISH OFFICE OPEN WITH LIMITED HOURS

We’re happy to have re-opened our Parish Office to the public with limited office hours as follows: **Monday – Friday: 9AM-12Noon.**

Protocol: Wear a mask upon entering the office, sign into the log, and state your request from 6’ away from the desk.

The staff continues to work remotely when they’re not physically in the office so you can email them anytime. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The celebration of the great solemnity of All Saints reminds us of the vast cloud of witnesses, those holy men and women who have, in the words of St. Paul, competed well, run the race, and now merit the unfading crown of glory. The book of Revelation shows us the sheer scope of this crowd - a multitude so vast that it cannot be numbered, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. Revelation shows us that there are and will be people from the world over who, following and loving Jesus in their lives, will attain everlasting glory. St. Paul goes so far as to apply the title "children of God" to those who have embraced the Gospel. Yet, he says, the world does not know us who are believers, the world does not know or understand we who have been redeemed by the Blood of Christ, does not recognize disciples of Jesus. All Saints' Day reminds us that we have access to this cloud of witnesses. We can call upon the saints for their intercession before the throne of God, we can look to the lives of the saints as examples for us to emulate. All Saints' Day reminds us that we are called to be saints, that the saving will of Jesus for us is that we would be counted in eternity among that multitude from every nation, race, people, and tongue who have been saved by the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The idea that we, ordinary folk, can be counted in that vast multitude, might at first seem unusual or difficult. Aren't the saints extraordinary, heroic men and women, usually priests and nuns, or martyrs, who have accomplished much for the sake of the Kingdom of God? Yes! And at the same time, many of the saints lived virtually hidden, unknown lives. In fact, Revelation points us to that deep truth: the vast multitude beyond counting that John sees surrounding God's throne in heaven is unnamed. In her history, the Catholic Church has canonized many saints, that is, has stated definitively that certain people are in heaven. Canonization, however, is not required for one to be a saint. Since the time of Christ, people who have followed Christ, who have confessed and lived by the Good News of the Gospel, have been seeking holiness of life and have gone before us to their heavenly reward. Anyone in heaven is a saint, a holy one, redeemed by God's saving grace, who now can intercede for us before the Father's throne.

Throughout the Church's history, we see people from all walks of life fervently embracing their faith and seeking holiness. Holiness is expected, especially, from those who have dedicated their lives to God and to proclaiming the Gospel, namely, clergy and consecrated religious. But the ranks of canonized saints are not limited to them. On the contrary, there are kings and queens, beggars and workers, men and women, children and adults who have attained the heights of holiness and been recognized by the Church for that sanctity of life. Nevertheless, in every age the Church has been called upon to remind people of the truth that they can become saints.

At the heart of the Second Vatican Council we find this cry once again. In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), the central chapter deals with the Universal Call to Holiness. In that brief but beautiful section, the Church calls all people, regardless of their state in life, to "the perfection of charity," to seek holiness and perfection according to their state in life. At the heart of the Council's document about the Church, that is, the expression of how the Church understands herself, we find this powerful emphasis on the universal call to holiness. This tells us that the Catholic Church not only wants all those who count themselves Catholic - whether clergy, religious, or laity - to hear the call of God to holiness of life. To be a saint, as St. Teresa of Calcutta said, is not something just for a few, but rather a simple duty for you and for me. If the universal call to holiness is at the heart of Vatican II's document on the Church, which is at the heart of the whole Council, then the heart of Vatican II is the call to holiness. The Church exists to sanctify the whole world. The mission for every Catholic is to become holy themselves, and with their very lives, to aid others on the path of true discipleship and sanctity.

All Saints' Day reminds us that we can become holy here and now. We look forward to the glory of heaven, but sanctity is not something that happens when we get to heaven. Rather, sanctity is something we seek, cultivate, and practice here and now, and it is that effort to be holy, that confession of faith in Jesus Christ, that life on earth that unites us to God in prayer, that leads us to the heavenly reward. We Catholics can call upon those who have preceded us on the journey, those witnesses, named or unnamed, who night and day praise God and intercede for the Church. We are never far removed from them. So today, let us call upon their intercession, follow their example, and seek, in union with the whole Church, to grow in holiness every day.

Peace, Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Psalm: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face (Psalm 24).

Second Reading: By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

Gospel: The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17 — 4:1; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13



CONGRATULATIONS!

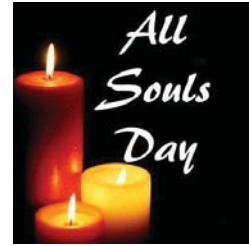
This past weekend, we welcomed these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Christian James Collison, Rory Margaret Hayes, Oliver Daniel Russo, and Scarlett Mary Ostrowski.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

November 3

On Election Day, **November 3**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed **9AM - 9PM in the Church**. Come spend some time with the Lord in prayer, uniting in prayer especially for our country!



ALL SOULS DAY

November 2

All Souls Day Masses:

8:30AM, 12Noon, and 7PM Missa Cantata

On All Souls Day, priests are given the privilege of celebrating three Masses: one for a particular intention, another for all the faithful departed, and a third for the intention of the Pope.



MASS INFORMATION

Remember to take all necessary health precautions and make decisions about attending with prudence.

Daily Mass: 8:30AM, Church. No pre-registration.

Weekly Latin Masses: 7PM, Monday/Thursday, Church. No pre-registration.

Weekend Masses: 5:15PM Saturday, and 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:30AM, and 12Noon on Sunday.

Pre-registration required.

- Pre-register online, you may also register to help check-in, usher, and/or help with after-Mass clean-up.
- Masks must be worn. Social distancing rules require that we limit attendance.
- Congregational singing is prohibited.
- No physical exchange of the sign of peace.
- Families/members of the same household may sit together.
- Holy Communion will be given during Mass. Priests will wear masks and sanitize their hands before the distribution begins and again anytime they make contact with someone, or after anyone receives on the tongue. Be conscientious about social distancing while coming forward to receive. While reception of Holy Communion is obviously of great importance, remember **no one** is *required* to receive.
- The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. No one should take unnecessary risks.

If you're not receiving info to pre-register for Mass, sign up to be added to the Flock Note distribution list by texting: **SPXFFLD to 84576**



ST. PIUS X LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE

• Daily Mass at 8:30AM and our weekend Masses are livestreamed and found on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

Please continue to connect with us on social media:

- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stpiusxflld
- Like us and Subscribe to St. Pius X on YouTube



JOURNEY TO LIGHT: BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY RETURNS

Our Bereavement Ministry, Part I and Part II will begin this year's nine-month program **11AM-1PM, Saturday, November 7, Community Room, Faith Center**. We are planning (as long as current CT Mandates regarding COVID remain status quo) to meet November to June. **Part I** encompasses working through the four tasks of grief—each session builds upon the previous ones—using the tools of dialogue, discussion, and journaling. **Part II, "Coping,"** is a discussion-based support program for those who have completed Part I. The "Coping" Program meets for one hour **11AM-12Noon**. Both groups gather together at 11AM for prayer and again at 12Noon for refreshments. For more information or to register, contact Denis Sullivan at denisrsullivan@msn.com or 203-997-1130.



MEMORIAL FOR THE DECEASED

During these days in which we worship and pray together, we continue to remember all deceased parishioners and especially pray for all those recently deceased including Roy Henderson.

The Solemnity of All Saints
November 1, 2020

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God."

— 1 John 3:1



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL MAILING BEGINS

A note from Fr. Sam...

What a year 2020 has been. So much has happened in the world, and in our lives, that has tested us and called us to reexamine our priorities and rely more on our faith than ever before. I wanted to let you know that our Annual Appeal mailing is now in the mail. In a normal year, the appeal helps us raise needed funds, especially for maintenance projects. In a year impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which has forced us to cancel events like the Parish Festival, fundraisers like the annual raffle, and other helpful revenue streams, this appeal is more important than ever.

Throughout the pandemic, we have worked hard to manage expenses while continuing to provide as much as possible to our parish family. These efforts have included daily livestreaming of Masses, extra cleaning of our facilities, and shifting to online learning platforms for sacramental preparation. Our dedicated staff continues to serve daily so that our ministries and parish life activities can continue in a safe manner. Your generosity in the weekly offertory has been incredible. The loss of our regularly scheduled fundraising activities, however, means that we are experiencing a deficit. We want to keep St. Pius X as a special home for each of you, a place that helps you grow in your relationship with God, a place that will be well-maintained for generations to come.

In this regard, I **humbly ask each of you to consider making a gift** to our Annual Parish Appeal so we may continue our mission. **Your gift, no matter the size, will make a difference.** It is not about how much you give, but about us coming together as a family of faith and **all** participating to reach our **goal of \$200,000**.

My hope is that everyone will give something. Full participation from our parish family will allow us to keep our campus in sound condition, and continue to minister to our parish family and those in need in our community.

I invite you to prayerfully consider a gift—in any amount—to help us reach our goal of \$200,000. It is my hope we can set a record for parishioner participation here at St. Pius X. **Two ways to give:**

- **Online:** www.st-pius.org/onlinegive. Easy & secure.
- **Mail:** Look for the Annual Appeal mailing in your mailbox and return gift card/envelope with payment.

Your response by **November 30, 2020** would be greatly appreciated. Your gift, **no matter the size**, will be gratefully received and prudently applied.



ST. PIUS X MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our weekly men's fellowship group meets **6:30AM, Saturday mornings in the Community Room**. We're taking all necessary COVID-19 precautions. Come join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! Contact Mark Drexel for more information: drexel2424@optonline.net.



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day. "Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights."—Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Join the Knights of Columbus today: KofC.org/JoinUs. As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. For more information, contact St Pius X Council 16347 Membership Director Patrick Colligan at pgcolligan@gmail.com.



UNITE OUR NATION EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND ROSARY RALLY

Join us **3PM, Sunday, November 1** for an All Saints' Day Unite Our Nation Eucharistic Procession and Rosary Rally. The Eucharistic Procession will begin immediately after Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 3PM at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Fairfield**. We will pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary as we process to Sherman Green. At Sherman Green we will pray the Litany of the Saints, asking the intercession of the whole Church in heaven to obtain the grace of unity and peace for our town, state, and nation. The procession will return to St. Thomas as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at approx. 4:30PM. Participants are reminded to wear masks and observe the other CDC-recommended health precautions! Join us in prayer and witness to our Catholic faith alive in the world!

"Do not let your hearts be troubled."

—John 14: 1



COAT DRIVE PRESENTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PIUS X COUNCIL # 16347

Don't miss this year's Coat Drive, **Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, taking place before and after Mass at all Church Doors**.

Bring your new or gently used winter coats to help support the Bridgeport Rescue Mission which offers clothing to those in need in our care, and in our community, through their Blessing Rooms for men and women.



COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE PRESENTED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PIUS X COUNCIL # 16347

Give a needy child a warm winter coat. Don't miss this year's Coats for Kids Drive **Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, taking place before and after Mass at all Church Doors**. You can provide a child in need a quality winter coat for only \$20. (All donations accepted!)

"Be strong and steadfast;
have no fear or dread of them,
for it is the LORD, your God,
who marches with you;
he will never fail you or
forsake you."

—Deuteronomy 31:6



Are you concerned about the vocations crisis in the Church?
Did you know that there is a way for you to help more
young people say yes to God's calling?

My name is Victoria Clarizio and I will be speaking after
Mass next weekend. I am very blessed to have the support of
Father Sam as I prepare to enter into my vocation.

I desire to serve the Church and humanity by offering
my life to God as a Passionist Nun in Pittsburgh, PA. The
Church desperately needs new priests, sisters, and brothers, but many of us with a
vocation (including myself) are blocked from answering God's call because of student
debt. By God's grace I've partnered with the Labouré Society, which helps aspiring
priests and religious to remove the obstacle of student loan debt so they can enter
formation.

I humbly ask for your prayers and financial support as I, and my Labouré classmates,
attempt to defray our education debt by December 31st. I look forward to seeing you all
next weekend and know you are in my daily prayers.

Please feel free to reach out to me for more
information about Labouré and my
vocation story at victoria@rescuevocations.org

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You can also find out more about the Labouré Society and my story at
rescuevocations.org/victoria