



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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Parish Office Hours

- 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, 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

Monday, November 9

8:30AM +Rev. Charles C. Anderson G. Marino
7PM Low Mass

Tuesday, November 10

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Wednesday, November 11

8:30AM +Philip Fracassini J. Fracassini

Thursday, November 12

8:30AM +Ada DeSante J. Barrett
7PM Low Mass

Friday, November 13

8:30AM +Kathryn Ventricelli M. Ventricelli

Saturday, November 14

8:30AM +Rebecca Scalera (living) M. Martere
5:15PM +Joseph & Elizabeth Farrace J. Skultety

Sunday, November 15

7:30AM +Wilma L. Barrett S. Barrett
9AM +John Witt L. & R. Farley
10:30AM +Terrance Cannan Fogarty Family
12Noon +Mary Stablein P. & B. Carolan



Sanctuary Lights in the Church will burn
this week in memory of
Mae & John McGovern

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Randisi & Avitabile Families

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.

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be hindered.”—Job 42:2



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

Like the sensible bridesmaids in today's parable, good stewards make sure that they, and whatever gifts are theirs to share, are ready to serve when the Master calls.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- November 1, 2020 Weekend Offertory: \$12,114
- 2019 Weekend Offering: \$13,009
- All Saints Offering: \$767
- All Souls Offering: \$315
- Monthly Offering: \$1,295
- Votives (Church & Chapel) Offering: \$125

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.



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,

This week, the state of Connecticut returned to Phase 2 coronavirus protocols. For houses of worship, we will simply have a reduced indoor capacity – we are asked not to exceed 100 persons attending a given Mass. Obviously, we continue to observe social distancing, we continue to wear masks as a precaution, we encourage frequent hand sanitizing, we clean the church regularly, and we encourage those who most at-risk or who are feeling ill to remain home. Our live stream is up and running for every single Mass on both YouTube and Facebook, so that parishioners who cannot join in person can still be connected to their parish family and spiritual home. A change like this was not entirely unexpected. Nevertheless, I confess to feelings of disappointment and even defeat.

Disappointment and defeat because we did all the things we were supposed to do. We wore our masks, washed our hands, sat farther apart, eliminated congregational singing, and limited attendance. While there have been cases where someone who attended Mass at a parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport later tested positive for COVID-19, there have been no cases of infection traced back to attending Mass. We did everything correctly. How do we end up taking steps backward?

Now if I stayed in a disappointed, defeated mentality, I would make the mistake of thinking of the Phase 2 protocols as a punishment. That idea, of course, is silly. This is a serious precaution taken to protect as many people as possible, to stay ahead of the virus' spread. We still have public Mass, we can still have people in attendance. I'm not happy that we have to pull back on numbers, but I understand. If I step away from disappointment and look at the return to Phase 2 as a metaphor for the spiritual life, I will learn something else. That is, in the spiritual life, we can do everything possible, exert every effort, check all the boxes, and still see little progress. We can feel like we have prayed and prayed for something, and are getting no response. If we allow that defeated, disappointed mindset to creep in, we view the apparent lack of progress as a punishment, or worse, as though we are being ignored. But just as the Phase 2 rollback is intended to protect and help, so too our apparent lack of spiritual growth can actually be an invitation to patience and healing.

We're moving back to Phase 2 because those precautions helped. We might not always enjoy them, and they are certainly not perfect, but they have helped. Look at your own spiritual life. Are there practices you once had that worked well for you? I can point to times when my prayer life was especially strong, and I know that those practices worked well for me. If I find myself in a time of spiritual stagnation, returning to those practices can help me get on track. Knowing that some way of praying helped me in the past does not mean that it was perfect. Going back to that way of praying, aware of its imperfections, is an opportunity to approach it in a more perfect way, to refine its rough edges and adapt it to my present circumstances. Going back to something I know works in the spiritual life also helps me persevere.

Perseverance is the key. Great saints have endured long periods of the spiritual desert. St. John of the Cross famously called his struggles the "dark night of the soul." St. Teresa of Calcutta likewise endured years in which she felt almost nothing in prayer. Yet they persevered in prayer, persevered in living virtuous lives, persevered in seeking God's plan every day. The way we will best weather the storm of COVID restrictions is by our perseverance. This does not mean we accept blindly every directive, nor does it mean surrender of liberty, nor does it mean we enjoy the restrictions. It means rather that we carry the cross of restricted attendance with courage. It means wearing the mask even though we don't like them, understanding that it can protect us from illness and it makes those around us feel safe. It means doing what we know works, even though we might want things to be different. So persevere! With God's help we will get through this. More importantly, persevere in prayer!

Peace, Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Wisdom is easily discerned by those who love her (Wisdom 6:12-16).

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God (Psalm 63).

Second Reading: Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 [13-14]).

Gospel: Stay awake! You know neither the day nor the hour (Matthew 25:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]



CONGRATULATIONS!

This past weekend, we welcomed these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: William Lawrence Woodard.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Come spend some time with the Lord. We are pleased to announce that Eucharistic Adoration will now be held every **Tuesday, 8PM-9PM, in the Church**. This is a wonderful way to take time away from the chaos of the world, quiet your mind, pray, and deepen your connection with the Lord.

“Good friends find pleasure in one another’s company.

Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart.”—St. Alphonsus de Liguori



The Parish Office will be closed in honor of Veterans Day:

Wednesday, November 11

We remember and thank all veterans past and present who served/serve to protect us and our freedom.
God Bless America!



ST. PIUS X 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**

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8

“Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”—Matthew 25:13



ST. PIUS X LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE

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

Connect with us on social media:

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



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.



CROSSROADS 4 CHRIST FAIRFIELD

A young adult ministry hosted at St. Pius X

Are you a young adult seeking authentic community? Are you looking for a place to deepen your relationship with Jesus and increase your understanding of the Catholic faith? Join us for Crossroads for Christ **every Tuesday** night in the **Faith Center Community Room** at 7PM-8PM for fellowship and faith discussion, and then 8PM-9PM for adoration and confession in the Church. For more information contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.

“I have spoken but did not understand;
things too marvelous for me,
which I did not know.”

—Job 42:3



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL IN THE MAIL!

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.



"You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shade of the Almighty, say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust." He will rescue you from the fowler's snare, from the destroying plague, He will shelter you with his pinions, and under his wings you may take refuge; his faithfulness is a protecting shield. You shall not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that roams in darkness, nor the plague that ravages at noon. Though a thousand fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, near you it shall not come. You need simply watch; the punishment of the wicked you will see.

Because you have the Lord for your refuge and have made the Most High your stronghold, no evil shall befall you, no affliction come near your tent. For he commands his angels with regard to you, to guard you wherever you go. With their hands they shall support you, lest you strike your foot against a stone."— Psalm 91:1-12



SUPPORT YOUR PARISH ONLINE

We continue to feel the strain of the lingering affects of the Corona Virus, as we still depend on weekly offertory donations to keep our Parish running. Our staff is working hard in the office and from home and our large campus grounds and multiple buildings are still being cleaned and maintained—these behind the scenes costs are fixed but still very real.

If you do not already, please consider signing up for Online Giving to help us continue our ministry here at St. Pius X. Your offertory donations **directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius**. Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful Church and helping us to carry out our parish mission.

Benefits and ease of giving online include:

- Plan out what you want to give each week. Even though you may not be able to attend Mass in person, you can still support your parish!
- Set up automatic contributions—you control the amount and timing and can change any time.
- Secure, save, and no more checks or cash.
- Help St. Pius save money from not printing and mailing envelopes—and help the environment by going Green.

Get started now: Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive. Questions: Email Terri Dawes at tdawes@st-pius.org.



COAT DRIVES THIS WEEKEND!

Presented by Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council # 16347

Don't miss the Coat Drives **THIS WEEKEND, Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8, 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.
- Give a needy child a warm winter coat. You can provide a child in need a quality winter coat for only \$20. (All donations accepted!)

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

ST. PIUS-X CATHOLIC CHURCH

**NOVEMBER 14-15, 2020
AFTER ALL MASSES**

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC, MANY OF OUR AGENCIES
HAVE REQUESTED GIFT CARDS TO:

**STOP&SHOP
SHOPRITE
PRICE RITE**

- PLACE GIFT CARDS IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE" & DROP IN THE COLLECTION RECEPTACLES AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH.
- WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOODS TO DONATE AS WELL.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- BAGGING ON SUN, NOV 15TH 10:30AM-12:30PM
- DELIVERY DRIVERS ON MON, NOV 16TH

PLEASE CONTACT
PAOLA PEÑA AT PPENA@ST-PIUS.ORG

