



## 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](http://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 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

**Monday, November 16**

8:30AM +John T. O'Boyle P. O'Boyle  
 7PM Low Mass

**Tuesday, November 17**

8:30AM +Margaret Cooney M. Greeley

**Wednesday, November 18**

8:30AM +Richard Quynn McTague Family

**Thursday, November 19**

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
 7PM Low Mass

**Friday, November 20**

8:30AM +Nicholas A. Leppla Consiglio Family

**Saturday, November 21**

8:30AM +Joyce Mulligan St. Pius X Parish  
 5:15PM +Thomas M. Magee, Sr. S. Fisher & Family

**Sunday, November 22**

7:30AM +Hugh Devlin O'Keefe Family  
 9AM +Edward & Genevieve Morris Malane Family  
 10:30AM +Romeo, Peggy, & Robert Mentrasti A. & K. Leon  
 12Noon +Philip Steinborn J. Steinborn



Sanctuary Lights in the Church will burn this week for the special intentions of Jane O'Connor

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel will burn this week this week in memory of Robert J. Kehoe

**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.

“Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil.”

—Psalm 23:1



**STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION**

The “worthy wife” described in today’s first reading is a perfect example of active stewardship, reaching out her hands to the poor and extending her arms to the needy.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

- November 8, 2020 Weekend Offertory: \$11,466
- 2019 Weekend Offering: \$12,478

**SEE PAGE 5 FOR AN UPDATE ON ANNUAL APPEAL**

**ONLINE GIVERS HAVE INCREASED BY 30%!**

Please consider signing up for Online Giving at [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://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,

I had a very pleasant time at the Department of Motor Vehicles this week.

Given all that 2020 has been, and the many things that seem plausibly to indicate the coming of Armageddon, a sentence such as the above is, in the best case scenario, an indication that I have had the opportunity to visit bizarro-world, or, in the worst case scenario, a confirmation that the end is, indeed, nigh. While I adhere to the Biblical truth that I can know neither the day nor the hour of our Lord's second coming, the fact that a visit to the DMV was a perfectly fine experience did give me pause to think about my eternal end.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus uses a parable of servants given a varying amount of money each. All but one servant use what has been given to them to increase the size of the gift. The one who does nothing simply buries the single coin he is given. Those who used their allotted funds to invest and earn more are commended for their good stewardship and are entrusted with greater responsibility. They have earned not only material wealth, but also the esteem and trust of their master. The servant who buries his coin does so out of fear. He knows that his master is tough and demands a return. Even with a small amount, a small responsibility, the servant freezes and is unable to do anything productive. The parable is meant to remind us of our responsibilities, especially as believers. We who have been given the gift of faith have received a treasure. This treasure is not meant to be buried, hidden away, and forgotten. Rather, we are meant to invest, to use the faith to our full spiritual advantage and so grow in the grace of God. The talents entrusted to each servant have, in an analogous way, been entrusted to us. We have the gift of faith, which is a gift that can grow if properly cared for, properly invested. We have the sacraments, which when used regularly and appropriately help us to experience the ever-increasing grace of God in our hearts and lives. We have the moral law, which instructs us on how we are to behave. To know the rules is a tremendous advantage while also a great responsibility. To one who knows the rules, to one who has received the faith, a great spiritual responsibility is also given. And so this parable challenges us to fulfill that great responsibility well and with confidence. Unlike the servant entrusted with little, we have been given much, and so we must act accordingly.

This parable reminds us also of our ultimate destiny. We will stand before the judgment seat of God one day and give an account of our lives. We will review the treasure that was given to us and how well we stewarded that gift. Did we invest well? Did we live in the grace of the sacraments? Did we share the faith with others and so multiply the profits that Jesus, our master, would receive? Did we bring others to share in the master's joy or did we keep it hidden away, buried in a field, just for ourselves? Am I ready to give this account?

I had a very pleasant time at the DMV. This was because the service I needed was fairly simple, insofar as an interaction with the DMV can be simple. I checked the website ahead of time to make sure I knew what forms needed to be filed, what ID would be required, and that it was possible to set an appointment. Having reserved a time, brought the necessary documents, and prepared myself for the possibility that a mysterious form that can only be obtained in person after free climbing a rock wall while being pelted with eggs might be required, I put my mask on and went inside. They confirmed my appointment, checked my temperature, asked what my appointment was about and ensured that I had all the necessary paperwork. Let me highlight that part...before I was even sent to wait for an available window, a DMV worker checked to ensure that I had everything necessary and was ready to give me any forms I lacked. I had time to pray a rosary before being called to a window, and my transaction was completed quickly, efficiently, and courteously. While I waited, though, I could hear some people being turned away at the door because they did not have an appointment. Some others scrambled to fill out forms that they should have brought already completed or were simply missing necessary paperwork. When much is required - and the DMV requires much - we must prepare well. But everything that would be required of me was provided, I had only to make use of it. The availability of appointments and the paperwork needed were all available online. Had I forgotten a form, someone was ready to provide for me. All I had to do was use what had been given.

So in our faith. Everything we need for salvation is provided. Jesus has already won the victory over sin and death for us on the Cross. God has fully revealed everything and we encounter this revelation in the Catholic Church. We have been given much, and all we have to do is use what has been given. If we won't use the resources provided, or won't make the appointment or fill out the paperwork ahead of time, we find ourselves turned away, held responsible for something we *could have* done but failed to do.

I had a pleasant experience of the DMV. That is not a sign of the apocalypse. But it is a reminder of the end. It is a reminder that I have been given much, that Jesus Christ, through the Catholic faith gives me the means for salvation. And I desire to hear those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Come, share your Master's joy."

Peace, Fr. Sam





### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

**Psalms:** Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading:** Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

**Gospel:** Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28, or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



### CONGRATULATIONS!

This past weekend, we welcomed these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Olivia James Kurzman and Madison Elizabeth Massone.



### 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



### 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**



### 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 including: Margaret Baker.



## JOURNEY TO LIGHT: BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY SECOND SESSION

*December 12*

Our Bereavement Ministry, Part I and Part II has begun **11AM-1PM, Saturdays, November-June, Community Room, Faith Center**. We are planning (as long as current CT Mandates regarding COVID remain status quo) to meet. **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](mailto:denisrsullivan@msn.com) or 203-997-1130.



## 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 [ppeña@st-pius.org](mailto:ppeña@st-pius.org).

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 15, 2020

“Blessed are you who fear the LORD.”  
— Psalm 128:1a



## ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE!

- **Monetary Goal:** \$200,000
- **Monies Raised to Date:** \$49,500
- **Parishioner Participation Goal:** 2,300 families
- **Parishioners Participating to Date:** 158 gifts

*Reminder from Fr. Sam...*

As you know, our Annual Appeal mailing was mailed a few weeks ago. 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. **The easiest way to give is online at [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)**, it is totally safe and secure. Or, you may return the mailed 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](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net).



### JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

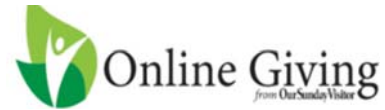
We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much good and necessary work to be done in this world, and that's what Knights do every day. "Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights."—Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Join the Knights of Columbus today: [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://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](mailto:pgcolligan@gmail.com).



### MEDITATION

*Turn My Mourning into Dancing*

The final healing will be when we can hear the voice of love, experience true freedom, and have the deepest desire of our heart fulfilled. If we hold more lightly our lives and give ourselves away to God, we will find ourselves ever more grateful, but not likely more popular and successful. Dying is about giving yourself away, trusting yourself to God. None of us ultimately avoids the reality of death, for all our denial; none of us can undo many of the "givens" we inherit at birth. Someone—not some new thing—has to free us, rescue us. Someone from above. Jesus would say to us, 'I want to give you my love, my heart, my breath, the Spirit. I want to lift you into my own circle of love. Not after you are dead, but now, in this life, so that you feel forgiven, loved, free.' We still ache in grief when death visits those we love or flinch when it approaches us, of course. We will suffer in many ways—but our pangs will be more like labor pains that bring new life. Inviting God into our grief will mean that we never walk alone.—Henri Nouwen



### 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](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive). Questions: Email Terri Dawes at [tdawes@st-pius.org](mailto:tdawes@st-pius.org).



### HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

Do you have a new phone (land line or mobile), email, or mailing address? If so, please let us know so we can update our Parishioner Database. Email your updated information to [secretary@st-pius.org](mailto:secretary@st-pius.org). Thank you for helping us keep our records current so we can stay in touch with you!

*"If then my people, upon whom my name has been pronounced, humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their evil ways, I will hear them from heaven and pardon their sins and heal their land."*

—2 Chronicles 7:14

The Giving Tree



# St. Pius X Giving Tree 2020!

Now more than ever, our local agencies need our support to make this year's holiday season special for those in need.

## What's Different This Year Due to COVID-19

Our agencies will only accept GIFT CARDS. No tags will be used this year.

### Gift Cards Needed

#### WALMART

This is the number one gift requested by all our agencies. You may purchase these gift cards online at [www.walmart.com](http://www.walmart.com) and they will be mailed right to your home!

#### Grocery

- Stop and Shop
- Shop Rite
- BJ's

#### Drug Store

- CVS
- Walgreens

#### Retail

- Target
- Sephora
- Old Navy

#### Coffee

- Dunkin Donuts (small denominations)

### Drop Off Gift Cards by November 29

Place all gift cards in the secure drop-off box located in the St. Pius X Church Vestibule.

**NOTE:** You may also donate via St. Pius X Online Giving at [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive), simply choose **Christmas Giving Tree Gift** and we will take the funds raised and purchase gift cards.

#### Agencies Supported

St. Charles, Mercy Learning Center, Saint Jude, Merton Center, Conger House, Operation Hope, Prospect House, Cambridge Manor, Sister Eileen's Bridgeport Street Ministry, Bridge House, Child Guidance Center, and Homes for the Brave.

#### Questions?

Contact Cathy or Doug Van Tornhout at [stpiusxgivingtree@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusxgivingtree@gmail.com).

**THANK YOU for your generosity!**