



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, 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

Monday, November 23

8:30AM Thanksgiving & Intentions D'Cunha Family D'Cunha Family
7PM Low Mass

Tuesday, November 24

8:30AM +Edward T. Schorr S. & G. Milano

Wednesday, November 25

8:30AM +Rita M. Bradtmuller S. Barrett

Thursday, November 26

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Friday, November 27

8:30AM +Phyllis Coviello J. Coviello

Saturday, November 28

8:30AM +Anne Fabian
5:15PM +Margaret & John Riordan Reda Family

Sunday, November 29

7:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
9AM +Ann & John Gleason Gleason Family
10:30AM +Josephine Penford Lantowski/Tipler
12Noon +Paul L. Magnano M. Buckley



Sanctuary Lights in the Church will burn this week in memory of George Annuncio

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel will burn this week this week in memory of Joseph Jacaruso

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 plead with you—never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid."
—Pope Saint John Paul II



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

When the son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessing and inherit the kingdom.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- November 15, 2020 Weekend Offertory: \$11,279
- 2019 Weekend Offering: \$12,685
- Votives (Church & Chapel) Offertory: \$245

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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,

In his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius of Loyola meditates on an earthly king who asks people to follow him. It is the king's desire to win great victories and for all who go with him to share in these triumphs. The king says to those he meets *"Therefore, whoever would like to come with me is to be content to eat as I, and also to drink and dress, etc., as I: likewise he is to labor like me in the day and watch in the night, etc., that so afterwards he may have part with me in the victory, as he has had it in the labors."* Next, St. Ignatius meditates on what the response to the king ought to be. If we engage this meditation a bit, we might first imagine ourselves encountering a king. He speaks directly to us, sharing his desire to win glory. Imagine your heart inspired by his words and the vision he lays out. More than the vision, are you inspired by being invited to share in everything that the king shares? To not only share in it, but to share those things *with* the king? A king willing to lead from the front, willing to share everything with his subjects, willing to face everything his followers will face, is surely an inspiring figure. Thus, St. Ignatius says, the proper response to such a leader is one of love and devotion, and to ignore such an invitation would be a great shame to the person who has rejected companionship with the king.

The meditation continues in a second part. In this reflection, St. Ignatius suggests we replace the earthly king with Jesus in our imagination. He writes *"how much more worthy of consideration is it to see Christ our Lord, King eternal, and before Him all the entire world, which and each one in particular He calls, and says: "It is My will to conquer all the world and all enemies and so to enter into the glory of My Father; therefore, whoever would like to come with Me is to labor with Me, that following Me in the pain, he may also follow Me in the glory."* Consider how Jesus comes into our human condition, and, taking the form of a slave, enters into the depths of human suffering. His aim is to conquer sin and death, to draw all people to Himself, and thus allow us to experience in fullness his grace, love, and mercy. In Jesus we see the God who accompanies His people, who shares with us in our sufferings. He is also present in our joys and gives consolation to those who seek Him. In just the same way that we would respond to the earthly king, so we ought to respond to Jesus. St. Ignatius writes *"[T]hose who will want to be more devoted and signalise themselves in all service of their King Eternal and universal Lord, not only will offer their persons to the labor, but even, acting against their own sensuality and against their carnal and worldly love, will make offerings of greater value and greater importance, saying: **"Eternal Lord of all things, I make my oblation with Thy favor and help, in presence of Thy infinite Goodness and in presence of Thy glorious Mother and of all the Saints of the heavenly Court; that I want and desire, and it is my deliberate determination, if only it be Thy greater service and praise, to imitate Thee in bearing all injuries and all abuse and all poverty of spirit, and actual poverty, too, if Thy most Holy Majesty wants to choose and receive me to such life and state."***

As we celebrate the great solemnity of Christ the King, our attention is again drawn to this invitation from Jesus who is our king. Next week with the start of the Advent season, we will reflect on how Jesus enters our human condition. Taking our human flesh, born in the simplicity of the manger in Bethlehem, obedient to Mary and Joseph in Nazareth, Jesus understands what it is to be human. He has humbly divested Himself of the glory of heaven in order to unite humanity and divinity more perfectly. By His public ministry, His teaching, His miracles of healing, His compassion and kindness to sinners, the poor, the marginalized, the God who desires to restore unity between humanity and the Godhead is revealed. In the crucifixion, our Lord enters the utter darkness of human misery. Rising on the third day, Jesus manifests his ultimate victory over sin and death, over the tomb, over the evil effects of the Fall. Then, by ascending into heaven, Jesus shows us that we will one day share in the glory of heaven, body and soul. On Pentecost, He sends the Holy Spirit to those who have followed faithfully, so that they might both share in His ultimate victory and become instruments of His mercy and message. Jesus has never stopped calling us. He remains united with us in the Eucharist, gives us His mercy in Confession, and lets His voice be heard in the words of Scripture we read. In the sacraments, He shares with us in our joys and triumphs, and in the Church's liturgy, Jesus identifies with us in every moment and circumstance.

What is our response to such a king? Jesus has invited us to follow, to share everything with Him, to live so closely united with Him that we will share in everything which He experienced. The reward for such following is tremendous, beyond our imagining. For the reward is heaven itself. On this solemn feast of Christ the King, let us respond to our King who calls us, and be confident that no matter what we must face in this life, we face it with His grace and mercy. Entrusting ourselves to this great and loving King, let us fall in His mercy, serving Him here and now, and looking forward always to the gift of eternity in His heavenly kingdom.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading: As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel: Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



CONGRATULATIONS!

This past weekend, we welcomed this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: Kyle Joseph Montellese.



GOSPEL MEDITATION FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - A

Sunday's gospel exhorts us respond generously to the needs of those around us. Those who believe in God hear Jesus' testimony as from God. If we hear Jesus' voice, we must wrestle honestly with his message for our time and one helpful, contemporary resource in our search for truth today is the rich tradition of Catholic social justice teaching. Catholic social teaching insists on our responsibilities to one another, protects the dignity and rights of workers, puts the needs of the poor first, urge global peace and development as well as care for creation. (Joan Mitchell, CSJ – goodgroundpress.com)



Thanksgiving Day Mass:
9AM, Thursday, November 26



The Parish Office will be closed in honor of
Thanksgiving:
12Noon, Wednesday, November 25
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27

Wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!



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



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 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: Teale Stevens.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 22, 2020

“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink.”
— Matthew 25:35



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE!

- **Monetary Goal:** \$200,000
- **Monies Raised to Date:** \$66,384
- **Parishioner Participation Goal:** 2,300 families
- **Parishioners Participating to Date:** 204 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**, 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.



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.



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

"If God is for us,
who can be against us?"
—Romans 8:31



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous donations to our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive that benefited two parishes and eight area agencies and ministries! Today's Gospel message is brought to life through the words and actions of our St. Pius parishioners. *Whatever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto Me.*



MEDITATION

"But in what does this "power" of Jesus Christ the King consist? It is not the power of the kings or the great people of this world; it is the divine power to give eternal life, to liberate from evil, to defeat the dominion of death. It is the power of Love that can draw good from evil, that can melt a hardened heart, bring peace amid the harshest conflict and kindle hope in the thickest darkness. This Kingdom of Grace is never imposed and always respects our freedom. Christ came "to bear witness to the truth" (*Jn 18: 37*), as he declared to Pilate: whoever accepts his witness serves beneath his "banner", according to the image dear to St Ignatius of Loyola. Every conscience, therefore, must make a choice. Who do I want to follow? God or the Evil One? The truth or falsehood? Choosing Christ does not guarantee success according to the world's criteria but assures the peace and joy that he alone can give us. This is demonstrated, in every epoch, by the experience of numerous men and women who, in Christ's name, in the name of truth and justice, were able to oppose the enticements of earthly powers with their different masks, to the point that they sealed their fidelity with martyrdom.

Dear brothers and sisters, when the Angel Gabriel brought the announcement to Mary, he predicted that her Son would inherit the throne of David and reign forever (see *Lk 1: 32-33*). And even before she gave him to the world, the Blessed Virgin believed. Thus she must certainly have wondered what new kind of kingship Jesus' would be; she came to understand by listening to his words, and especially by closely participating in the mystery of his death on the Cross and in his Resurrection. Let us ask Mary to help us too to follow Jesus, our King, as she did, and to bear witness to him with our entire existence."
—Pope Benedict XVI, Nov. 22, 2009

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 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, 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.

THANK YOU for your generosity!