



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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Parish Office Hours

• 9AM-4PM* (Mon-Thur)
• 9AM-12PM (Fri)

*Parish Office open to the public 9AM-12Noon. The staff works remotely when not in the office.

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.

Online Giving

Safe, Secure & Paper Free!

To sign up, simply go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive

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.

Weekly Mass Schedule *(Church)*

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

Holy Day Mass Schedule *(Church)*

• Vigil: 5:30PM
• Holy Day: 8:30AM, 5:30PM, 7PM (Extraordinary Form)

Confession *(Church)*

• Saturdays: 4PM-5PM
• Wednesdays: 7PM-8PM

Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Larry Rollins at lksgcrollins5@gmail.com

Devotions *(Church)*

• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on Tuesdays, 8PM-9PM and the First Friday of the month, 9AM-9PM
• Rosary and a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed 9AM, Fridays by parishioners in the Church.

Baptism

For information about Pre-Baptismal class and to schedule Baptisms, call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill and would like to be anointed, 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, July 3

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
5:15PM +Carmine Barbato Fucci Family

Sunday, July 4

7:30AM +Vincent Martin Buckley Family
9AM +Harry Ackley K of C Assembly #118
10:30AM +Joseph V. Giandurco, Jr. Kelty Family
12Noon +Alex Skultety J. Skultety

Monday, July 5

8:30AM +Rosalie Schroeder M. Misevich
7PM Missa Cantata

Tuesday, July 6

8:30AM +Malcom Ward Emmanuel Family

Wednesday, July 7

8:30AM +Jim Wasilko Emmanuel Family

Thursday, July 8

8:30AM +Robert P. Manning K. Clegg

Friday, July 9

8:30AM +Jack Teitell C. Teitell

Saturday, July 10

8:30AM +Elliot Pierson J. & S. Walker
5:15PM +Martin Randisi R. & J. Avitabile

Sunday, July 11

7:30AM +James S. Shukie J. Kelly
9AM +Ann Cole G. Horsford & L. Noble
10:30AM +Rosemarie Burke Steed Family
12Noon +Gene Fairfield J. Skultety



Sanctuary Lights in the Church will burn this week in memory of Raymond Tomasko

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel will burn this week for God's blessings upon the United States of America

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.



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

During this time, we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, "Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy." May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- June 27, 2021 Weekend Offertory: \$11,945
- 2020 Weekend Offering: \$11,417
- Peter's Pence Offering: \$864
- Monthly Offertory: \$595
- Votives (Church & Chapel) Offertory: \$416

ONLINE GIVERS HAVE INCREASED BY 30%!

Consider signing up for Online Giving at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive

WE STAND WITH CHRIST CAMPAIGN REDEMPTION UPDATE

- Total Pledged: \$2,759,570
- Total Collected as of 5/28/21: \$1,796,712 (65.11%)

To make a payment on your pledge, visit www.givecentral.org/wswc or call 203-648-9050.



FRIDAY ROSARY

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 HOURS

The Parish Office is open to the public as follows: **Monday – Friday: 9AM-12Noon.**

The staff works 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 Independence Day reminds us of the great gift of our freedom. That this freedom is a gift from God is affirmed politically in the Declaration of Independence, and theologically in the Church's constant teaching that humanity is endowed with the gift of free will, that is, that human beings created in the image and likeness of God are possessed of a true freedom to act and to love. As we celebrate our nation's independence, we do well to reflect on the gift of freedom a bit more deeply, for it is a gift often misused because it is often misunderstood.

Pope St. John Paul II famously clarified the true meaning of freedom, saying "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought." In these words, he reminds us that our actions, our choices, must be properly ordered. Our world will often tell us that we are free to do what we want. Sheryl Crow famously sang "If it makes you happy, it can't be that bad." Of course, if our actions are not properly ordered they lead to a counterfeit happiness which, in fact, is very bad for us! The gift of free will is a gift of love. When we love God, we seek to act as we ought, that is, to live our lives according to God's plan for human flourishing. We are free to choose to live according to God's plan or to live according to our own plan. John Paul II, having survived and fought against the totalitarianism of both Nazi and Communist regimes, understood that the state is not the source of freedom. Rather, freedom is written into our very natures by God. Even with state interference, we are free to do what we ought, what is right, what corresponds to God's plan for us. In oppression, we see that freedom is far more than just doing whatever we want or whatever feels good. In fact, freedom is a responsibility to do what is right, what ought to be done, what is truly good. Freedom does not depend on my feelings.

In the month of June, the Church dedicates prayer in a special way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We are encouraged to be more closely conformed to the merciful heart of the Savior, to Jesus who died for our sins so that we might have life, who died for our sins so that we would be slaves to sin no longer. The more closely we are conformed to Jesus, the more we seek to imitate him, the more we listen to and understand the Gospel he preached, the more we live in the power of his mercy and love, the more we will find the freedom that only Jesus can offer. In the Sacred Heart, we are invited to draw near to Jesus, to be set free from sin and captivity, to be released from spiritual darkness and slavery. It is in the Sacred Heart of Jesus that we will learn the true meaning of freedom. When we try to live freedom on our own terms, doing whatever we like, whatever we think makes us feel good, we actually tend to find misery. The pleasures of the world do not last and they wear us down. But love for Jesus, conformity to the Gospel, and rightly ordering our desires to align with the plan of God for our salvation leads us to a lasting happiness.

As Independence Day is marked this year, it follows this month of the Sacred Heart. Our freedom is truly a God-given right. As such, it has a proper order and end. Freedom is ordered to living according to God's plan, according to his love for humanity. Freedom's purpose, as John Paul II reminded us, is not for doing whatever we want (though because we are free, we *can* do what we want). Rather, the purpose of freedom is to grow in our conformity to the infinite love and mercy of God. May this Independence Day help us to live our freedom with greater authenticity and joy. May we treasure the gift of freedom and live it according to God's plan for our good and our flourishing.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 2-5

Second Reading: II Corinthians 12: 7-10

The Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED 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 Dr. Kenneth Catandella, John MacDonald, and Peter Stephens.



ST. PIUS X LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE:

●8:30AM Daily Mass and 10:30AM Sunday Mass livestreamed and posted on our Facebook and YouTube.

Connect with us on social media:

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

July 4, 2021: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”—Mark 6:4



The Parish Office will be closed in honor of Independence Day on:

Monday, July 5

Let us all prayerfully pause and give God thanks and praise for the precious gift of our American freedom.

We remember those who risked their lives for our freedom, beginning with the author and signers of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. May we pray as a united citizenry that our nation will return to its pledge to be “one nation under God.”

**Happy 4th of July.
 GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.”
 —Psalm 33:12

“Eternal God, stir thou our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism as we approach the Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people, and for the people truly alive in our world. Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of thy holy name and the good of our nation and of all mankind. Amen.” *Source: Congressional Record, Prayer by Chaplain, Rev. Edward G. Latch on July 3, 1974 in the U.S. House of Representatives*

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



WEEKLY ADORATION

Come spend some time with the Lord each week! Eucharistic Adoration is 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.



ARS CELEBRANDI

In this space, we will examine the art of the celebration of Mass, drawing on the rubrics of the Roman Missal, the wisdom of liturgical theologians and saints, and the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, with the aim to grow together in our understanding of the beauty and meaning of the Church's liturgical prayer.

The Communion Rite – Part 1

- Following the great doxology of the Eucharistic Prayer, the Communion Rite represents the final step of preparation to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. The GIRM tells us that “it is desirable that in accordance with the Lord’s command his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those of the faithful who are properly disposed” (GIRM 80).
- The Lord’s Prayer, the prayer that Jesus taught the disciples, is offered. In this great prayer, we petition God for our daily bread (the Eucharist, especially) and for purification from sin. While the Our Father (like the Penitential Rite at the beginning of Mass) does not substitute for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, it is a prayer that helps us in an immediate way to once again turn our attention to the Lord and prepare our hearts for reception of the Eucharist.
- At the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer comes a prayer for peace, in which we petition the Lord to grant peace to the world and peace in our community. In it “the faithful express to each other their ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the sacrament” (GIRM 82). The invitation to exchange a sign of peace is optional and when offered, the Church asks that the sign of peace be given in a sober, calm manner only to those in close physical proximity.
- The Fraction: “The gesture of breaking bread done by Christ at the Last Supper, which in Apostolic times gave the entire Eucharistic Action its name, signifies that the faithful are made one body (1 Cor 10:17) by receiving Communion from the one Bread of Life, which is Christ, who for the salvation of the world died and rose again...the Priest breaks the Bread and puts a piece of the host into the chalice to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord in the in the work of salvation, namely of the Body of Jesus Christ, living and glorious” (GIRM 83).
- While the Fraction takes place, the *Agnus Dei* is sung. *Agnus Dei* is Latin for “Lamb of God.” The final repetition of the *Agnus Dei* always ends with the words *dona nobis pacem*, “grant us peace.” Throughout the Mass, we pray for God’s mercy to be poured out upon us, for it is in His mercy that we find true peace.

“All the nations you have made shall come
to bow before you, Lord, and give honor to your name.
For you are great and do wondrous deeds; and you alone
are God.”—Psalm 86: 9-10

Wish List

PASTOR’S WISH-LIST

Equipment

- Desks and chairs for elementary-level Faith Formation in the school building. \$150 purchases a desk/chair set.

Volunteers

- CATECHISTS—we’re looking for volunteers to teach the faith to children (grades 2-6) in the 2021-2022 academic year. Time commitment will be Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays 4PM – 6PM (class runs 4:30PM – 5:30PM). Contact Shari Garcia at sgarcia@st-pius.org for more information.
- CORE TEAM MEMBERS—we need adults (especially men) to serve in a mentoring role to our Middle School and/or High School students. The CORE Team helps the youth minister organize activities, games, talks, and discussions for youth ministry, and serves as an adult witness of actively living the Catholic faith. Contact Paola Peña at ppeña@st-pius.org for more information.
- BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE—we are seeking parishioners with expertise in building management, construction, real estate, engineering, contracting, plumbing, electrical, carpentry...really any field pertaining to the long-term maintenance of facilities. This committee will help the pastor assess the physical needs of the campus and provide advice and assistance with formulating a coherent plan for the upkeep of all parish buildings. Contact Fr. Sam at fr.samuel.kachuba@diobpt.org if you can help.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT: PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN AWARENESS TRAINING

Important Information for All Volunteers!

All parishioners of St Pius X Parish who wish to volunteer within the parish must enroll in the Diocesan-mandated Safe Environment: Protecting God’s Children Awareness Training Program. To register for an upcoming training session, visit the Virtus website at www.virtus.org/virtus or call Erin Neil at 203-416-1406. Once you have completed your training, St. Pius X will receive your certificate of completion.



CROSSES BY CLAUDIA

If you have walked through the vestibule in the Church or the Chapel, you may have noticed a basket/bowl full of pretty needlepoint crosses. These crosses are being hand made by Claudia, a loving joyful vibrant 24-year young woman with mild autism and a mild intellectual disability. Claudia loves our Lord Jesus, our Blessed Queen Mother, going to mass, prayer, and praying the rosary. She loves her family and friends and loves making new friends. Claudia really enjoys having something to give people—this is her ministry. She has needlepointed several hundreds of these crosses and is proud of herself that she can do something for Jesus.

Most recently, in honor of the 4th of July, Claudia made 75+ patriotic crosses that were mailed to our homebound parishioners with the weekly Bulletin and given out at our Young at Heart St. Pius X Senior Ministry Luncheon. Claudia also made her delicious homemade star sugar cookies for our Senior Ministry Luncheon—a real treat for everyone!!!

THANK YOU, Claudia for all you are doing to be the hands of Christ and spread love and joy!



OLD AND TATTERED AMERICAN FLAG COLLECTION

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 118

Retire your worn American Flags with respect and dignity! Simply place your worn flag in the collection box located in the vestibule, outside St. Pius X Chapel.

We will be collecting flags until the end of July.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE ST. PIUS X COUNCIL # 16347

9AM, Saturday, August 14, St. Pius X Field
(Rain Date Saturday, August 21)

Limited Spaces: Limited to the first 15 to respond.
Free competition open to boys and girls
ages 9 to 14 years old

Copy of Birth Certificate and Signed Parental
Authorization Form Required

It's a penalty kick competition.
The goal is divided into 5 scoring zones.
Each competitor gets 15 shots. Most points wins!

For Parental Authorization Form,
contact Patrick Colligan at pgcolligan@gmail.com



4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION AT ST. PIUS X

Msgr. William J. Blake Assembly 118 will be hosting the next 4th Degree Exemplification on **Saturday, July 17** at **St. Pius X Church**. Honorees: **Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba** and **Msgr. William J. Blake Assembly 118**. Registration: **10AM-11AM**, Community Room; Ceremony: **11:30PM-1PM**, Church; Lunch: **1:30PM-3:30PM**, following ceremony, Community Room. *Must be a 4th Degree Sir Knight or a 3rd Degree Knight Candidate to attend. Dress for Candidates and Sir Knights of the 4th Degree. Cost: Candidate Fee \$50. For more information, email Tom Kelly at tkelly@gmail.com



"It is suffering, more than anything else, which clears the way for the grace which transforms human souls. Suffering, more than anything else makes present in the history of humanity the powers of the Redemption."

— Pope St. John Paul II



ST. PIUS X JUNE SENIORS LUNCHEON

● **June 28:** More than 55 seniors had a great time welcoming back Kathleen Donnelly last week as our guest speaker. Kathy opened her talk with a quote by St. Irenaeus: "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive." And she proceeded to share her insights about retirement with the group. "Retirement is GREAT because it offers so much! Let me explain..."

G: Graces, grandchildren, gratitude, and gifts

R: Rejuvenates, refreshes, renews

E: Energizes because you have time to catch up with friends

A: Adventures. Remember to respect your limitations and be Ok to only do what you can

T: Timely, it was time and will allow us to go where we are supposed to go next

Kathy said retirement gives us the time be alone with God and be quiet. She prays every morning and the gift of quiet has grown during her retirement. However, she is still actively working on a few things and said that, "the surprise of God is remarkable." Kathy is working as a Spiritual Director which she was certified as at Fairfield University in 2017. She currently directs 10 people a month. Kathy was also asked by Fr. Bob Kinnally to lead the St. Aloysius Church Bereavement Group via Zoom with 30 people. She was also asked to work with the Diocese on prayer formation with men discerning vocations as deacons. And, she continues to lead a small group in scripture study via Zoom!

The group enjoyed listening to Kathy share and enjoyed some Q&A afterwards. She closed by sharing some wisdom that the group thoroughly agreed with, "You grow in wisdom and grace as your physicality decreases."

After Kathy's talk, we enjoyed a patriotic raffle and homemade star cookies (see article at left) in honor of the 4th of July. A big thank you to all the ladies who baked or brought desserts...they were all delicious!



UPCOMING LUNCHEONS

● **July 13: Day Trip to AquaTurf.** Music by Richie Mitnick and Friends. *Richie has been entertaining New England and New York for years with "easy listening" that transcends generations. All you can eat lunch, coffee/donuts, complimentary glass of wine or beer. Cost is \$77 and includes the above plus bus transport leaving from St. Pius X Parish parking lot. **To reserve your spot, call Peter Carrey at 203-673-2081.***

● **August 2: Mike Proscino Piano & Smooth Vocals--LIVE!** Don't miss this special event. Mike's piano style, smooth vocals and performance of nostalgic requests (oldies) promise to "bring theater back to our St. Pius X Seniors!" A very **BIG** thank you to Connie VonZwehl for arranging to have Mike entertain us. **RSVP for lunch, call Peter Carrey at 203-673-2081.**