



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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• Kathryn Vogt
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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 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

Monday, July 12

8:30AM +Jay Shannon M. & J. Salvatore
 7PM Missa Cantata

Tuesday, July 13

8:30AM +Lauren Marsillio A. & A. Kleban

Wednesday, July 14

8:30AM +Sean Tierney Conneely Family

Thursday, July 15

8:30AM +Kelly Anne Caulfield M. & M. Rush

Friday, July 16

8:30AM +Ralph Sabia R. Muller

Saturday, July 17

8:30AM +Terrie Marable Kahn Family
 5:15PM +Jack Horan B. Horan

Sunday, July 18

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman
 9AM +Mary Farren J. Kaner
 10:30AM +Margaret O'Loughlin V. & J. Giuffre
 12Noon +Frank Tedesco Senatore Family



Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in memory of
 Patrick Kelleher

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 Martin Randisi

**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.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."
 —Proverbs 3:5-6



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

Today's readings are about being chosen and sent. The prophet Amos was chosen by the Lord and sent to use his talents for the people of God. The Gospel recounts the story of the sending of the twelve. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we, too, are chosen. For what have I been chosen? To whom have I been sent?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- July 4, 2021 Weekend Offertory: \$14,961
- 2020 Weekend Offering: \$11,623
- Maintenance Offering: \$546
- Monthly Offertory: \$715
- Mission Offertory: \$408

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!



IMPORTANT INFO RE: ONLINE GIVING!

Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The radical simplicity of the mission Jesus gives to his disciples in the Gospel this weekend is powerful. They are sent out with the bare essentials for travel – a walking stick and sandals – and nothing else. To go and proclaim the Gospel requires no fancy equipment, no carefully crafted programs. Rather, our Lord gives the Apostles a share of his own divine authority over unclean, evil spirits, and they set out with his teachings on their lips to call those they meet away from sin and into a life of divine grace. This radically simple method of *kerygma*, of proclaiming the Gospel, continues today, and is especially carried out by mendicant communities such as the Franciscans. In recent years, we at St. Pius have benefited from the missionary work of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (www.franciscanfriars.com), who (*pace* their very nice website and media presence, made possible by generous donors and lay co-workers) carry out the greater part of their ministry on foot, among the poor, and with nothing more than the good news of Jesus Christ on their lips. We have also met the Little Sisters of the Lamb, who beg for their daily bread while sharing the gift of prayer and mercy with those they meet.

This Gospel passage and these mendicant communities are a strong reminder to us of what is most essential in the mission of the Church. Jesus never forbids the construction of buildings or the formation of programs and groups for the good of his people, but those things are never the most important. In fact, any building, any program, can only *follow* the fundamental *kerygma*, or proclamation of the Gospel. The Church then, is charged first with the apostolic mission. Given divine authority to teach and to heal, the Church is sent out to bring the message of Jesus to the entire world. This is the first and most important mission. From this evangelical mission flows the establishment of parishes, schools, and formation programs. With great wisdom the Church gives us this Gospel passage to reflect on so that we can remember our first and primary mission.

Of course, we will quickly recognize that we are not all Apostles. That is, we are not all called by God to carry out this mission in the same way. Jesus chose the Twelve from those who followed him and gave them a particular share of his authority. There were many others who also followed him who did not receive this exact mission. Nevertheless, all those who follow Jesus are given a share in this mission, though it will not always be expressed the same way. I would like to suggest two ways in which we can all be refreshed by the simplicity of this Gospel charge.

First, we can find consolation and confidence in the fact that Jesus does not predicate our mission on the resources we have available. In other words, to be a witness to Jesus' love and mercy to others does not require one to have an advanced degree in theology, or unlimited funds, or the most up-to-date technology. All that is required is that we have met Jesus, encountered him especially in the Eucharist and in Confession, that we have heard the Gospel and want to help others hear that message. Every single baptized person can be a witness to the world.

Second, we can experience the simplicity of this message in a way that, at first glance, may not seem all that simple. We find the simplicity of the apostolic *kerygma* in the Church's liturgy, especially the Mass. No matter where the Mass is celebrated, be it at the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica, an ordinary parish church, or on a makeshift altar in a camp, hospital, or prison, the simple fact is that Jesus is made present and the truth of his mercy and love is proclaimed. The Mass does not depend on our abilities – whether there is music or not, competent preaching or not, etc. – Jesus still shows up. The Mass does not depend on our preferences, but rather takes us outside of ourselves, for the words of the Mass do not belong to a particular community or to an individual priest, but to the whole Church. In fact, the Mass helps us to remember that we carry out the evangelical Gospel mission not by our own authority, but only *under* the authority of Jesus Christ. The Mass is given to us, it is not something we create. When Jesus tells the apostles to go out and proclaim the good news, it is not something they must invent, but rather a gift they have received and now are to share. In the same way, we ought to see that the Mass is something given to us, something that remains simple even in its most ornate expressions, and that it is a gift for us to receive and share.

These two things – a personal encounter with Jesus and the liturgical/sacramental life of the Church – are the essentials. These are the walking stick and sandals of the Christian life. We are all called, in various ways, to the kerygmatic mission. As we go out to proclaim Jesus as Lord to the world, we need only take with us our walking stick and sandals, for our encounter with Jesus and the prayer we offer under his authority will be our support. So let us go out, taking nothing for the journey but those essentials, and proclaim repentance, mercy, and the presence and love of Jesus Christ.

Peace, Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1: 3-10

The Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

William Baumann & Meredith Petralia

David Marsillio & Megan Kelly



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Cole Thomas Domans and Christopher Robert Lux.



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.



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 @stpiusxflld



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.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers needed to help...

Join us **Sundays after the 9AM Mass** for Coffee Hour. This is a great way for us to gather as a community and get to know one another a bit better. Weather permitting, we'll hold the Coffee Hours outdoors behind the Community Room! We're looking for volunteers to help, if you are interested, email Tom Dolan at tmdolanjr@aol.com.



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.

July 11, 2021

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus summoned the twelve and began to send them out two by two."

—Mark 6:7



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 2

- After the *Agnus Dei*, the priest prepares himself for Communion. The people kneel as a sign of their own preparation. After genuflecting to the Blessed Sacrament, the priest elevates the fractured host over the chalice, showing it to the people, and saying, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Then, together, the priest and the people pray, adapting the words of the Roman centurion (Matthew 8:8), "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed."
- Before receiving Communion, the priest prays "May the Body of Christ keep me safe for eternal life." Then, before drinking from the chalice, the priest prays, "May the Blood of Christ keep me safe for eternal life." A bell is often rung as the priest drinks from the chalice to indicate that the sacrifice is now complete. In the Jewish tradition, a sacrifice was only completed when it had been consumed, that is, eaten and/or burned. The priest, as the one who offers the sacrifice of the Mass, must consume the Eucharistic species. Those who assist may also then share in the sacrifice by receiving, though it is not required that they receive in the same way as the priest.
- Communion is then distributed to the faithful. The priest presents the Eucharist to each person, saying "The Body of Christ." The response, "Amen," is an assent of faith made by the person receiving, a "yes" to the truth that Jesus is really present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist, and a "yes" to the communion of faith professed by Catholics everywhere.
- In the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, the priest, holding the host, makes the Sign of the Cross over the person receiving while praying in Latin, "May the Body of Christ keep you safe for eternal life. Amen." In this, the same prayer the priest offered for himself is offered individually for each person receiving. The use of the same prayer the priest prayed for himself emphasizes both the priest's role as intercessor for the congregation, and the spiritual union of the whole people of God, clergy and lay alike.
- While Holy Communion is distributed, there are four options for singing. "(1) the antiphon from the Missal or the antiphon with its Psalm from the *Graduale Romanum*, as set to music there or in another musical setting, (2) the antiphon with Psalm from the *Graduale Simplex* of the liturgical time; (3) a chant from another collection of Psalms and antiphons

approved by the Conference of Bishops or the Diocesan Bishop, including Psalms arranged in responsorial or metrical forms; (4) some other suitable liturgical chant approved by the Conference of Bishops or the Diocesan Bishop. This is sung either by the choir alone or by the choir or a cantor with the people." (GIRM 87).

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.



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. Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information: Mark Drexel at drexel2424@optonline.net.



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 Kelty at tkelty@gmail.com



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



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.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS' LUNCHEONS

Upcoming events... join us, bring a friend!

• 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. **To reserve, 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!" Plus, our luncheon raffle giveaways continue! A very BIG thank you to Connie VonZwehl for arranging to have Mike entertain us. **RSVPs needed, call Peter Carrey at 203-673-2081.**



SHU COMMUNITY THEATER & STURGES RIDGE PRESENT CLASSIC MATINEE SUMMER SERIES

3PM, Wednesdays—Seniors get in FREE!

- July 14: Citizen Kane
- July 21: North by Northwest
- July 28: Magnificent Ambersons
- August 4: Singing in the Rain
- August 11: Sunset Boulevard
- August 18: The Artist
- August 25: The Bandwagon

More information: www.shucommunitytheatre.org

ST. PIUS X
FAITH FORMATION &
YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS

AS WE CONTINUE TO PREPARE FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAMS
TO BE IN FULL SWING THIS FALL, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**ELEMENTARY
FAITH
FORMATION**

Catechists
Gr. 2 - Wednesday
Grades 3, 4, & 6 -
Mon, Tue, or Wed

Student Desks
Need: 100 desks @ \$150/desk
Total: \$15,000
Checks payable to **St. Pius X**
with "Student Desks" in the memo

Contact
Shari at sgarcia@st-pius.org
Subject line:
"I want to be a catechist!"

**EDGE &
LIFE TEEN**

**Edge Core Team
Members**
meetings every
Wednesday from
6:30pm - 8pm

**Life Teen
Core Team Members**
meetings every Monday
from 6:30pm - 8pm

Contact
Paola at ppena@st-pius.org
Subject line:
"I want to be a Core Team
member for ____!"



RAISED TO DATE: \$2,900

**THANK YOU FOR GENEROUSLY SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT IN SERVICE OF
OUR YOUNG PARISHIONERS!**



FAIRFIELD STUDENT MINISTRIES @ ST. PIUS: LIFE TEEN AND EDGE

Open to All High School and Middle School Students!

Fairfield Student Ministries invites high school and middle school students in the local area into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through Life Teen (High School Ministry) and EDGE (Middle School Ministry). Fairfield Life Teen and Fairfield Edge are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone one at any church. We have been meeting weekly and in-person since June 2020 while adhering to all COVID-19 recommendations by the CDC and Diocese of Bridgeport. We are so grateful to still be able have a space for students to rest, make new friends, and be reminded of God's love for them through the gift of their Catholic faith.

JOIN US!

- **Life Teen** (High School): 6:30PM-8PM, Mondays, Community Room, Faith Center
- **EDGE** (Middle School): 6:30PM-8PM, Wednesdays, Gym, School/Religious Education Center

Visit our website at www.fairfieldlt.com to learn more.