



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: 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 lkgscrollins5@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 24

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 5:15PM +Mary (Gniadek) Genaway B. & S. Sterne

Sunday, July 25

7:30AM +Carlos Marsas D. Collins
 9AM +Nancy Marino G. Marino
 10:30AM +Patrick Lynch Kelty Family
 12Noon +Roy Ervin D. & B. Omohundro

Monday, July 26

8:30AM +Edward Finn Toner Family

7PM Missa Cantata

Tuesday, July 27

8:30AM +Clara Marino G. Marino

Wednesday, July 28

8:30AM +James McInerney P. & B. Carolan

Thursday, July 29

8:30AM +Maria Carmy Serino A. & S. Wolf

Friday, July 30

8:30AM +Mr. Koester J. & T. Carron

Saturday, July 31

8:30AM +Charles Curley A. & A. Toner
 5:15PM +Catherine Veglio M. Lantowski

Sunday, August 1

7:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 9AM +James J. Tini D. & B. DiStassio
 10:30AM +Gene Morris Kelty Family
 12Noon +Carmen M. Stark Sullivan Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week
 In thanksgiving for all of God's blessings**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week for
 All those struggling with addiction**

**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.

“They will fight against you, but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you—
 oracle of the LORD.”
 —Jeremiah 1:19



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” says the psalmist; “he answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the 5,000 saw this happen and knew it to be true.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- July 18, 2021 Weekend Offertory: \$11,287
- 2020 Weekend Offering: \$10,553
- Co-op Mission Offering: \$2,188
- Monthly Offertory: \$415
- Mission Offertory: \$105

ONLINE GIVERS HAVE INCREASED BY 30%!

Consider signing up for Online Giving at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive to support your parish’s daily operating needs.

**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 Gospel this weekend begins a several-week continuation of the Gospel of John, chapter 6. This powerful chapter is often called the Bread of Life discourse. I recommend taking some time each week to read through the entire chapter and so allow our Lord's words to really take root in your heart. We begin with the famous story of the feeding of the 5,000. A vast crowd has followed Jesus. We heard last weekend of how the heart of our Lord is moved with pity for those who are seeking Him, and this story is no different. Moved with that same pity, Jesus teaches the Apostles how to feed those who seek the Lord. Concerned by the great number before them, the Apostles recognize that a great amount of money would be required for even a single bite of food to be given to each person. Nevertheless, Andrew points out a boy who has five barley loaves and two fish. You know the story: Jesus blesses the food and gives it to the Apostles to distribute. Not only does everyone eat their fill, but twelve baskets of what is left over are collected.

And so the Bread of Life discourse begins with a show of the power that Jesus has to feed those who follow Him. It is not His power only, though. On display also is our Lord's burning desire to feed His people and to involve the disciples in the act of feeding. "Where can we buy enough food?" In the immediate sense, Jesus wants the disciples to be personally involved in the feeding of the great crowd. But the entire sixth chapter of John's Gospel is pointing us to a far greater purpose that Jesus undertakes: to feed His people not only physically but spiritually. At the Last Supper and in the Eucharist, Jesus will feed us, not with food that satisfies physical hunger but with the supernatural food that nourishes the spiritual life. In other words, the human heart, regardless of the circumstances in which one lives, hungers for real, solid, spiritual food, the kind of food that only Jesus can provide. But when He asks, "Where can we buy enough food?" the task of providing for this physical and spiritual hunger becomes a shared task. Jesus wills to share his ability with the Apostles. Throughout His public ministry, Jesus teaches the Apostles what service to the poor and outcast looks like, and at the Last Supper, gives them the command to celebrate the Eucharist. With that command, it becomes clear that the disciples of Jesus are to spend their lives answering the question "Where can we buy enough food?" and feeding people both physically (in works of charity) and spiritually (in the sacraments and the life of prayer).

Every Mass is a moment for us to receive this food that Jesus gives. In the Eucharist, we receive the Bread of Life, and with it, the spiritual nourishment we need to live out the Gospel in its fullness. While the Eucharist may not provide much sustenance in relief of physical hunger, in the Body and Blood of Jesus, we find, in fact, all that we need to sustain our souls. In the midst of this Year of St. Joseph, we have been invited to reflect on the silence of St. Joseph, on his obedience, and on his profound fatherly care. As the Year of the Eucharist overlaps with the Year of St. Joseph, I think we can find important parallels for meditation. One of the most powerful spiritual tools for prayer, especially when we are in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, is silence. In these weeks reflecting on John 6, we have an opportunity to join St. Joseph in prayer. To imitate the silence of St. Joseph and learn from him how to quiet our hearts as we behold his Son. To learn obedience to the Church's liturgical practice and open our hearts to understand how the Mass draws us in to deeper communion with our fellow parishioners and with the Church throughout the world. To see in the Eucharist the most vibrant example of the Father's love for us – that He gives His own Son for our salvation, and that St. Joseph is the instrument the Father uses to teach the Son obedience, virtue, and self-gift.

For the next few weeks, let us place ourselves in and among those 5,000 whom Jesus fed. Let us each week be aware of our hunger for God and of His desire to feed us and provide for our needs. What was it like for those who heard Jesus speak? How did they receive His words? We have an opportunity in this prolonged meditation and prayer to unite ourselves more completely to Him, to receive His words, to be fed by His grace. May our reflection on the Bread of Life discourse draw us in deeper communion and knowledge of the truth of the Eucharistic presence of Jesus.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

The Gospel: John 6:1-15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Jn 11:19-27

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

David Marsillio & Megan Kelly
Mark Long & Ashley Leukart
Ethan Rand & Carolyn Shea



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: John Richard Yuska, III and Brayden Ryan Wuestman.



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, please remember all deceased parishioners and especially all those recently deceased including Anne M. Blanck.



ST. PIUS X LIVESTREAM & SOCIAL

- 8:30AM Daily Mass and 10:30AM Sunday Mass livestreamed and posted on our Facebook and YouTube.
- Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @stpiusxflid



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.



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.

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.

July 25, 2021

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish but what good are these for so many."—John 6:9



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.

This week, I need to pause the exploration of the order of the Mass and its basic structure to acknowledge an important moment. Last week, Pope Francis issued a *motu proprio* called *Traditionis Custodes*. A *motu proprio* is an autonomous intervention by the Supreme Pontiff in the life of the Church.

This particular intervention restricts the use of the Roman Missal of 1962, often called the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite or the Traditional Latin Mass. Any priest wishing to celebrate Mass in this way must ask for his bishop's permission (since 2007, permission was granted universally to priests), and any place where the Extraordinary Form was celebrated must have explicit permission from the local bishop to continue celebrating in this way. Pope Francis suggests that places where the 1962 Missal is used foment division and are populated by persons who deny the validity of the Second Vatican Council.

I affirm the validity of Vatican II and my desire to be a man of communion, living in the communion of faith that is the Catholic Church. My personal experience offering it has been overwhelmingly positive, and I have found in the people who worship at Masses in the Extraordinary Form a profound faith in Jesus Christ and love for the Church. In obedience to the Holy Father's *motu proprio*, I have submitted a request to Bishop Caggiano for permission to continue celebrating Mass (at least in private, if not in public) in the Extraordinary Form, and to continue offering the Mass according to the 1962 Missal here at St. Pius X on Monday evenings and on Holy Days of Obligation.

I believe the Holy Father's intervention to be unnecessarily harsh, unfair in its tone, and imprudent in its restrictions. Respecting his office as Successor of St. Peter and cognizant my duty of obedience, I am happy to make the necessary requests for permission. I ask you to pray for Pope Francis, and in a special way, to pray for those people who are most devoted to the use of the 1962 Missal, for whom a genuine source of spiritual nourishment and consolation has now been taken.

—Fr. Sam



PASTOR'S WISH-LIST

Equipment

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

Volunteers

- **CATECHISTS**—Volunteers to teach the faith to children (grades 2-6) in the 2021-2022 academic year, Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays 4PM – 6PM (class runs 4:30PM – 5:30PM). Contact Shari Garcia at sgarcia@st-pius.org.

- **CORE TEAM MEMBERS**—Adults (especially men) to serve in a mentoring role to our Middle School and/or High School students. CORE Team helps 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 ppena@st-pius.org.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

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.



MEDITATION

"Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life. Rather look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things. And when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms. Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you today and every day. He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unflinching strength to bear it. Be at peace and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination."
—Francis de Sales



SOCCER SHOTS ON THE ST. PIUS X FIELD

Soccer Shots Southwest Connecticut will be renting the St. Pius X Parish field this Fall. Soccer Shots is an engaging, introductory soccer program for children ages 2-8 with a focus on character development. They are committed to providing a positive growth experience for children using and expert-approved curriculum to teach new character words and skills each week while having fun! Their curriculum is designed by education experts to meet children in an age-appropriate fashion where they are developmentally, and is aligned with Connecticut's Early Childhood Education Standards. Coaches are professionally trained, background checked, and fun. They pride themselves in having outstanding communication with families and partners. If you are interested to learn more about how to enroll your child in the Soccer Shots program, call 203-615-8225, email swct@soccershots.com, or visit www.swct.soccershots.com/content/fall2021.



BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK/BOOKLETS

Introducing the Building the Domestic Church series, a collection of popular CIS booklets focused on issues of vital importance for Catholic families seeking to build up and strengthen the church at home. A special display kiosk is located outside of the Community Room. Knights of Columbus Council 16347 has purchased a new series (Hart Series) of booklets for your reading pleasure. You can also view or listen to other series of booklets and a guide on how to pray the Rosary and Confession online at: www.kofc.org/un/en/cis/booklets.html#/all/1/20.



MEDITATION

Transformation is not just a positive change in behavior, still less a call to absorb unquestionably the moral values of a particular culture of religion. It is a change in consciousness in which one sees reality in a whole new and expanded way. All of one's relationships are illuminated by this light. One sees the good in everyone, the oneness of everything, and the wisdom of the divine creative and redemptive plan.—Thomas Keating, O.C. S.O., *Reflections on the Unknowable*



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS' LUNCHEON

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

• **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 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

pray

"When you pray, you only have to ask for two things: You should ask for the light to see the will of God, and you have to ask for the courage to be able to do the will of God."

— Venerable Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz



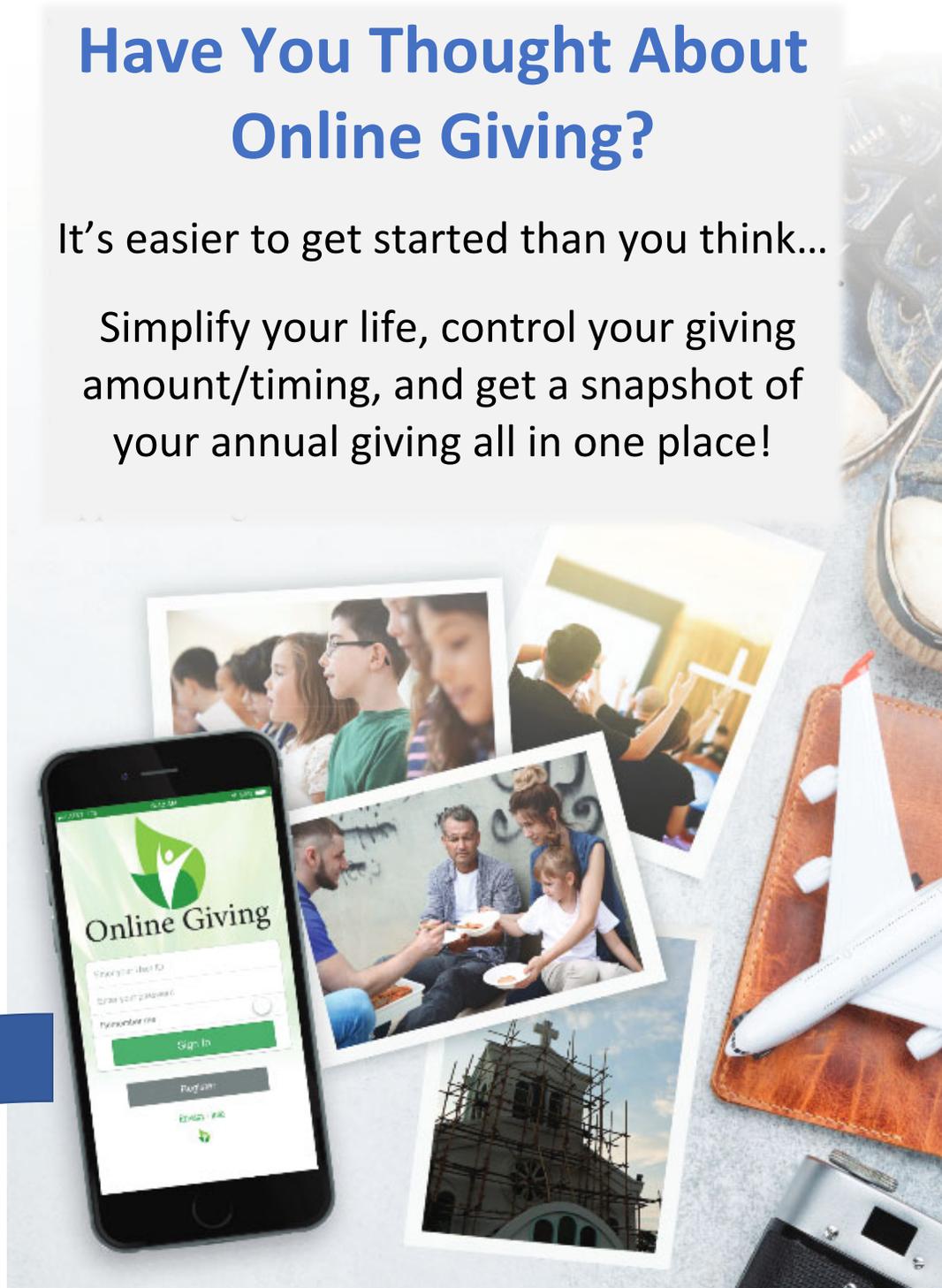
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