



## St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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### Parish Corp. Lay Members

• Kathryn Vogt  
• Arthur Wolf

### Parish Finance Council Chair

Jeremy Joyce

### Parish Office Hours

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

### 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).

### Online Giving

*Safe, Secure & Paper Free!*  
To sign up, go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://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 Anticipated Mass: 5:15PM  
• Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, and 11AM

### 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](mailto:lksgcrollins5@gmail.com)

### Devotions (Church)

• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is 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, January 7**

8:30AM Christine Ross C. & R. Earls  
 5:15PM Gloria Piccirillo L. & D. Gallo

**Sunday, January 8**

7:30AM +Mildred Merchant  
 9AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
 11AM +Mary Farren J. Kaner

**Monday, January 9**

8:30AM +Alfiero & Yolanda Martino H. Daly  
 7PM +Msgr. Ignaccio Barreiro-Carambula S. Terenzio

**Tuesday, January 10**

8:30AM +Nancy Tiranno Galbo Family

**Wednesday, January 11**

8:30AM +Johanna Orosz K. Grosso

**Thursday, January 12**

8:30AM +Dorothy Orlando P. Volpacchio

**Friday, January 13**

8:30AM +Sam Deahl G. Rodriguez

**Saturday, January 14**

8:30AM Thanksgiving & Intentions D'Cunha Family  
 5:15PM +Frank Agonito, Sr. J. & K. Donnelly

**Sunday, January 15**

7:30AM +Francis Rowe  
 9AM +Josephine Purcell Dr. Distassio  
 11AM +Vincent Comunale Carpanzano Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
 will burn this week for  
 All Those in Need of Healing**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
 will burn this week  
 For Blessings Upon the Merchant Family:  
 Amy, Nic, Hannah, Luke, and their newest  
 additions James and David!**

**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](mailto:stpiusxprayerln@aol.com).

“For I am the Lord, your God, who grasps your right hand; it is I who say to you, Do not fear, I will help you.”  
 —Isaiah 41:13



**STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION**

The three kings in today's Gospel traveled a great distance at considerable cost to offer their richest gifts to the Infant Jesus. How far will I go and what will I offer to do homage to this newborn King and Savior?

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

- December 25, 2022 Weekend Offertory: \$11,071
- 2021 Weekend Offering: \$10,023
- Christmas Offering: \$55,694
- Christmas Flowers Offering: \$1,782
  
- January 1, 2023 Weekend Offertory: \$13,214
- 2021 Weekend Offering: \$11,550
- Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$1,916
- Monthly Offering: \$785
- Maintenance Offering: \$230

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

**Sign up for Online Giving:**  
[www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)

*Please consider increasing your weekly contribution by \$1 or \$2 to help us keep up with the increased costs of running our beautiful campus.*



**FRIDAY ROSARY**

Come pray the rosary 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 and service. All are welcome to attend!



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not 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 great feast of the Epiphany of the Lord always brings me back to a powerful moment in my seminary formation. In my office, you will find photographic evidence of the Pope listening to me on Epiphany in 2006. At least that's how I've always liked to phrase it. However, knowing his theology and having witnessed his approach to all things liturgical, I am confident that Pope Benedict XVI would say he was not listening to me, but rather to the words of the Prophet Isaiah. Which, admittedly, is far more important. I was simply an English speaker living in Rome who happened to be available to proclaim the first reading at the Papal Mass that day. It is not only the feast of Epiphany, but also the events of this past week that bring to mind the life and legacy of Pope Benedict XVI.

If you take an active interest in ecclesiastical news, you have likely read many tributes and commentaries on the life and pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI. I suggest avoiding most of what the New York Times and other secular outlets say (they never quite seem to understand that a pontificate is not the same as a presidency, or that theology cannot easily be reduced to liberal/conservative political categorization). If you're looking for good items, visit [pillarcatholic.com](http://pillarcatholic.com), [cruxnow.com](http://cruxnow.com), [catholicworldreport.com](http://catholicworldreport.com), or other such outlets. But if you really want to understand the man, the theologian, and the pope, it is best to read his writings.

Born Joseph Ratzinger on April 16, 1927 (Holy Saturday, that year), he was baptized the same day. From a very young age, he was intent on becoming a priest. He entered seminary and was especially drawn to the theology of St. Augustine and St. Bonaventure. After his ordination to the priesthood, he became a theology professor, and eventually was called upon to be a theological advisor at the Second Vatican Council. After the Council, he published one of his most important works, *Introduction to Christianity*, which should be required reading for any theology student. He also helped to establish *Communio*, a theological journal that continues now in 16 languages to promote the theological disciplines and dialogue. While serving as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, he was often styled a "watchdog" by secular media outlets, but it would be better to see him in that role in light of his episcopal motto: *Cooperatores Veritatis* – Cooperators of the truth. Ratzinger understood that the truth of the Gospel, the truth of the person of Jesus Christ, is above all other ideologies and agendas. This was the primary concern of his entire academic and theological career – to teach the truth, and to teach the truth in love (which happens to be the title of one of his encyclicals – *Caritas in Veritate*/Charity in Truth). Among the other must-reads that came from the pen of Joseph Ratzinger/Pope Benedict XVI, I suggest the three-volume *Jesus of Nazareth*, which is a powerful reflection on the Gospels and the person of Christ, and the first encyclical of his pontificate, *Deus Caritas Est* – God is Love. You will find in his writings a cogent voice that intelligently communicates the truth about Jesus with a candor, gentleness, and affection of a true shepherd.

There is far more to say about Pope Benedict XVI than I could possibly write in this space. He remains my favorite theologian, and part of some of my greatest memories. I was in St. Peter's Square when he was elected Pope, had, as already mentioned, the privilege of reading at a Mass he celebrated, and found in his writings a clarity of thought that helped me understand and appreciate the Catholic faith more deeply.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Peace,  
Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**The Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11; Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8; Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday:** Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Ava Marie Chiapetta and Matteo John Chiapetta.



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Jerry Padula and Kathy Grob.



### ST. PIUS X MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our weekly men's fellowship group meets **6:30AM, Saturday mornings in the Community Room**. Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at [drexel2424@optonline.net](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net). We look forward to welcoming you in!

**you are called.**

### YOU ARE CALLED – SEEK23 CONFERENCE

**March 10-12 at St. Pius X Catholic Church**

*Every human heart is seeking the same thing—to find it, you must seek Him. **SEEK** is a national conference by FOCUS. At St. Pius X Parish, we have the pleasure of hosting it as a weekend conference experience (Friday evening through Sunday). This remote experience truly makes you feel united to the universal church! We hope to foster an encounter with the heart of Jesus through the sacraments, small groups, meals, and world-class speakers for our local community. After the event is over, you can continue meeting with your small groups throughout Lent as Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri take you on a scriptural journey through the story of salvation.*

Pray, share meals, listen to amazing talks, and build community!

Registration opens January 9.

Cost

- \$150 (Individual)
- \$450 (Family of 3 or more)

Learn more [www.st-pius.org/seek23](http://www.st-pius.org/seek23). For any questions, contact Paola Peña at [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org)



### TASTEBUDS

Join us for Tastebuds monthly gathering as we explore seasonal and celebratory cooking that will allow us to grow together in community, and connect our faith to our food! Cooking demonstrations will review a menu, recipe, and the process of bringing the meal to the table. Each gathering will end with a dinner of our creations. The December gathering will take place **5PM-7PM, February 1 and March 1, in the Community Room**. To attend, email Catherine MacDonald at [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com). Cost to cover your materials and meal is \$10. In Higher Spirits has generously contributed the wine pairing sample.

January 8, 2023: Epiphany of the Lord  
 “Where is the newborn King of the Jews?”  
 —Matthew 2:2

“Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the  
 glory of the Lord has  
 dawned upon you.”  
 —Isaiah 60:1



## ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

**Donated to Date: \$153,586**  
**# of Donors: 255 out of 2,300+**

**This Year's Needs:**  
 \$275,000 for School building renovations  
 \$1.2 Million to pay off construction loan

We're facing some very important financial challenges. Your gift, **no matter the size, will make a difference**.

- Our 60-year-old school building is used daily by parish students in faith formation/youth ministry and is also a source of income. Keeping it well maintained ensures it remains safe and is an attractive rental option for the community. Specific repairs/updates to the building are **approx. \$275,000**.

- We need to pay off our **\$1,215,700** bank loan related to the renovation of the church. While we continue to collect pledges from the We Stand with Christ Campaign, some pledges will not be redeemed as financial situations have changed, some have moved, and some have passed to their eternal reward.

**We humbly ask ALL families to donate in some way.**

### TWO WAYS TO DONATE:

- **Online** at [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)
- **Mail or Drop in Offertory** a check and put ANNUAL APPEAL in the memo

**THANK YOU!**



## YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

*12Noon in the Community Room*

**January 9:** Lunch and fellowship with some music! Lunch is \$7 for sandwiches, chips, and beverages.

**RSVP REQUIRED:** Peter Carey  
 at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081.



## YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Join us at **Young at Heart Seniors Game Day** to enjoy a variety of games or just come to meet new friends and have fellowship and conversation. See you in the Community Room **10AM-12Noon, on Tuesdays**. Questions? Contact **Margaret** at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or **908-399-2945**. Stop by and check it out!



## FOOTBALL, BROTHERHOOD, AND FAITH

*Sponsored by K of C Council 16347*

All men are welcome to attend a meeting **7:30PM, January 11 in the Community Room** for a video presentation on Football, Brotherhood & Faith. Join us as we watch a powerful video and learn from the pros:

- Super Bowl Champ New Orleans Saints Coach Joe Lombardi (Grandson of Vince Lombardi)
- Super Bowl Champ New York Giants Offensive Coordinator Kevin Gilbride
- Kansas City Chief Top Kicker Harrison Butcher

Come early and say the rosary with us at 7:15PM.



## FREE MOVIE NIGHT: MOTHER TERESA

All are invited to join us at **7:30PM, January 25 in the Community Room** for a free movie: Mother Teresa, No Greater Love, sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council 16347. Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on five continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

Adoration  
 of the  
 Blessed Sacrament



## WEEKLY ADORATION: TUESDAYS

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.



### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invites high school and middle school students in the local area into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen (High School Ministry) and Edge (Middle School Ministry) are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone one at any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen + Edge is to provide 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 for our Winter Kick-Offs!**

- Life Teen: Sunday, January 8, 6:30-8pm
- Edge: Wednesday, January 11, 6:30-8pm

### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE CORE TEAM

We need adult volunteers to be a part of our CORE teams for both our middle and high school ministries. CORE team members are essential in making Fairfield Life Teen + Edge a safe and welcoming environment where the teens are SEEN, KNOWN, and LOVED. They attend our weekly Life/Edge Nights, as well as planning meetings 2-3 times per semester. We are looking for adults to help with the following at the Life/Edge Nights:

- Set-up/clean-up
- Lead opening/closing prayer
- Prepare and give a short teaching on the topic for the night
- Lead small groups
- BE PRESENT with the teens

For more info, visit [www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com) or contact Emily Rauser at [erauser@st-pius.org](mailto:erauser@st-pius.org).



### HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area: **January 14, February 4, March 11, and May 20**. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call the Sisters of Life at 860-575-0075 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).



### ST. PIUS X MASS LIVESTREAM INFO

- Mass Livestream: 8:30AM, Daily Mass and 11AM, Sunday Mass (posted on our Facebook and YouTube.)
- Follow us on Facebook/Instagram @st.piusx\_church
- Like us and subscribe to St. Pius X on YouTube



### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WEEKLY MEN'S BEGINNER/SPEAKERS MEETING AT ST. PIUS

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting, **7PM-8PM, Tuesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom, Religious Education Center (School.)** Enter via **left side exterior Door #2**. Meeting is **open to any man** seeking help with alcohol. The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. If you, or someone you know, are trying to get help, stop by, or share this information.



### HELP US STAY CONNECTED TO YOU

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) with the subject line: "Update my Contact Info." Thank you for helping us keep our records current so we can stay in touch with you!



"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely."  
— St. Catherine of Siena



## GIVING AT ST. PIUS X

There are many ways to give to our beautiful parish—the easiest and safest way is Online Giving.

Get started today or take a minute to review your scheduled donations.

*“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”*

—Luke 6:38

### Benefits of Online Giving

- Safe and secure.
- You control the amount and timing and can change at any time.
- No more writing checks or handling cash.



[www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134