



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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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.

Online Giving

Safe, Secure & Paper Free!
To sign up, 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 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

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, February 4

8:30AM +Raymond Tomasko D. Tomasko
5:15PM +Anthony Annuncio T. Annuncio

Sunday, February 5

7:30AM +All Parishioners
9AM + Annie Raynor Gleason Family
11AM +Frank Agonito, Sr. A. Lesko

Monday, February 6

8:30AM +Cheryl Callen F. Girard
7PM +Special Intentions for Nicholas S.

Tuesday, February 7

8:30AM +Janice Marie Dougherty Nunziata Family

Wednesday, February 8

8:30AM +Lillian & Greg Patti G. Patti

Thursday, February 9

8:30AM +Gertrude & Louis Carbone D. Tomasko

Friday, February 10

8:30AM +Glenn Volk K. Flynn

Saturday, February 11

8:30AM +Marc San Angelo Dr. Thimons
5:15PM +Jacqueline Mahar M. Eigel

Sunday, February 12

7:30AM +Mr. Vito Mario
9AM +Rosa Limatola Vona Family
11AM +Anthony J. Cialone Violone Family



Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week for
Ron & Brian Davis



Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

“Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!”— St. Josephine Bakhita



Time Talent Treasure

STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

In the first reading, Isaiah urges us in the name of the Lord to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. If we do so, he assures us, the Lord will hear and answer *our* cries for help in time of need.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- January 22, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$11,261
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$12,246
- Monthly Offering: \$117
- Latin America Offering: \$1,285
- January 29, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$13,014
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$10,140
- Monthly Offering: \$405
- Maintenance Offering: \$740

SEE PAGE 6 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.

Sign up for Online Giving:

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

The 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,

To be salt and light for the world is certainly a tall order. In our most idealistic moments, we can imagine ourselves tackling the grandest challenges of global scale. We have - or had at one time - the capacity to dream big dreams, and the enthusiasm to try to impact the whole world. When Jesus tells us to be salt for the earth and light for the world, then, the dreamer within is awakened. How often the dreamer is met by the pragmatist, though. How often we are reminded of just how small we really are, just how limited our resources turn out to be, and just how challenging it is to scale our dreams to the global level. It is not unusual, with that realization, for one to feel discouraged. With so many obstacles before us, how can we possibly bring the flavor of Christ to a bland world? With so much darkness, how can we make the light of Christ shine brightly for the whole world to see?

The enthusiastic idealist and the discouraged pragmatist might find their common ground in the words our Lord offers in the Gospel today. *"A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lamp stand, where it gives light to all in the house"* (Mt. 5:14-15). Think of a dark room in your home, and the effect of turning on a lamp that sits on an end table. The rest of the house may be dark, but that room becomes instantly brighter. The purpose of the lamp is to give light right where it is, not to destroy all darkness everywhere. But even while the house may remain dark, the light coming from that one room is enough to follow. The effect of the light becomes stronger the closer we get to the source from which it shines. So long as the light shines there, the darkness is overcome. The lamp, lit and situated according to its purpose is able to give light where light is needed. A lamp on a lamp stand is not expected to light up each and every place where darkness exists, but rather to function according to its purpose, and to shine brightly there.

Whenever we see Jesus send his disciples out, He always sends them out in pairs. They begin their mission close to home, and only later do we see the disciples of the Lord going further afield. While St. Paul made numerous journeys to evangelize and in the process probably saw more of the Mediterranean world than any other disciple, he did not, by any means, go to the whole world. In fact, St. Paul was somewhat disappointed that he didn't make it to certain places, like Macedonia and what is now Spain. But eventually disciples of Christ made it to those locations and beyond. And so we find two truths that we can hold simultaneously and without contradiction. Jesus sends His disciples into the whole world to proclaim the Gospel, to be salt and light, *and* He asks His disciples to be salt and light right where they are.

All this means that if we find in ourselves the idealist, we need to remind said idealist to be the light that is needed right here and now, and not to wait until standing on the global stage to begin shining, that is, to begin proclaiming the saving grace and mercy of God. If we find in ourselves that jaded pragmatist, we need to encourage the negative one to see what is possible, and to recognize that the grand dream can and should also include that which is small and local. Jesus calls us to be salt for the earth and light to the world. The first step to giving flavor to the whole world, and dispelling all darkness wherever it may be, is to light the lamp and let the light that God has given to each of us shine, now, today, right where we are. We will be amazed at how much that light transforms, how much that small amount of salt gives new taste, and how much God can multiply our small offerings for His glory.

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Ralph Cafiero, Sr., W. Jeffrey Polster, Shaw Cote



WEEKLY ADORATION: NOW ON WEDNESDAY

Come spend some time with the Lord each week! Eucharistic Adoration will be held **every Wednesday, 7PM-8PM**, in the **Church** while confessions are being heard. 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.

February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**“Your light must shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds
and glorify your heavenly Father” – Matthew
5:16**



YOUR GIFT AT WORK

Future priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport receive comprehensive formation in theology, pastoral ministry, personal growth, and, most importantly, the spiritual life at seminaries chosen by the Bishop to best suit the needs of the seminarian and of the diocese. Preparation for the Priesthood takes anywhere from six to eight years, depending on the age and educational background of the man when he enters. All our seminarians receive graduate degrees in theology prior to their ordination. Through your generous gift to the Bishop's Appeal, the Diocese will be better able to support men who are discerning priesthood and may respond generously and courageously to that call. Thank you for your gift.



CATHOLIC MEN ARE INVITED INTO THE BREACH

In a world and a Church experiencing confusion and conflict about what it means to be a man, God calls men into the breach, to live an authentic masculinity, to live for excellence. Join us on **Wednesday, February 8 at 7:30pm in the St. Pius X Community Room** for a special video presentation, as we hear from Mike Phelan, MLB pitcher Trevor Williams, and others, and are inspired to be the husbands, fathers, friends, and men God calls us to be. Open to all men. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Rosary will be said at 7:15pm prior to the video.



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Donated to Date: \$175,245
of Donors: 278 out of 2,300+

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

We still have some very important financial challenges. If you have not yet contributed to the St. Pius X Annual Appeal, we ask you to prayerfully consider it. Your gift, no matter the size, will make a difference.

- Our 60-year-old school building is used daily and requires significant repairs/updates: approx. **\$275,000**.
- We have a **\$1.2 million** outstanding bank loan from the renovation of the church that must be paid off.

We humbly ask ALL families to donate in some way.

TWO WAYS TO DONATE:

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

THANK YOU!



"In her voyage across the ocean of this world, the Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship but to keep her on her course."

—St. Boniface



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!

Upcoming Life Nights (Sundays, 6-8pm)

Feb. 5: Heart Healthy-The Compassion of God in Luke's Gospel
 No Life Teen Feb. 12 and Feb. 19
 Feb. 26: Sacramentally Delicious-The Presence of God in John's Gospel

Upcoming Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm)

Feb. 8: Time Machine-Where Does the Mass Come From?
 No Edge Feb. 15 and Feb. 22
 Mar. 1: The Gateway-Why Do I Need to Go to Mass?

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 or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@st-pius.org.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

12Noon in the Community Room

●**February:** We will break for February as many fly South for some sunshine. See you in March! And don't forget you can still join us at Game Day each week- see below for details.

●**March 6:** Save the Date for when we return for Spring! Details to come. **RSVP REQUIRED:** Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.

●**Calling on Knitters and Crocheters!** If you or anyone you know loves to knit or crochet and would like to share your talents by being a part of our beautiful and special Prayer Shawl Ministry, email Kim at kleon@st-pius.org with the subject line: Prayer Shawl Ministry. We're looking for a few folks to jump start our prayer shawl production as our prayer shawls bring healing to those in need from our community and for the Quiet Room at Bridgeport Hospital's Oncology Department. We provide the yarn and you can work at your own pace at home or **come during Game Day on Tuesdays to knit and crochet to your heart's content!**

★**GAME DAY**★

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Join us at **Young at Heart Seniors Game Day** to enjoy a variety of games such as Mah Jongg, cards, and Canasta! If anyone knows Canasta and can help us learn it, we'd love to have you join us. If these games are not your thing, bring your own OR just come and 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 or **908-399-2945**. Stop by and check it out!



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

All, especially the sick, the frail and the handicapped are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick on **Saturday February 11 at St Aloysius Church, New Canaan at 1:30PM**. Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm and the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. For more information, contact Hope at hopecarter77@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Order of Malta in CT and Westchester.



FREE TAX PREP AND FILING AT THE LIBRARY!

Fairfield Public Library will once again be offering free tax preparation to all individual filers. All are welcome; no age or income restrictions. Particularly suited for low- and middle-income households, and those over 60. Prepared/Filed by IRS-Certified Counselors and Administered through the AARP/VITA/IRS Volunteer Tax Assistance program. Bring all 2022 tax report forms (W-2s, 1099s, brokerage statements, etc.); Social Security and official photo identification; health insurance documentation (Form 1095-A) and, if possible, your 2021 return. No appointment necessary, **9:30AM-4PM, Rotary Room, Main Library, Tuesdays, January-April 18**. For more information, visit www.fairfieldpubliclibrary.org.



ST. PIUS X MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our weekly men's fellowship group meets at **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. We look forward to welcoming you in!



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



HELP US STAY CONNECTED TO YOU

Do you have a new phone, 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 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!



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.



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