



## 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, March 4**

8:30AM +Hernando Rodriguez F. & J. Nunziata  
5:15PM +Intentions for all Parishioners

#### **Sunday, March 5**

7:30AM +Cristina Manocchio M. Guligni  
9AM + Cristina Manocchio M. Guligni  
11AM +Caitlin Ann Flynn McAuliffe Family

#### **Monday, March 6**

8:30AM +Kathy Brelsford Catalano Family

#### **Tuesday, March 7**

8:30AM +Angela Carey P. Carey

#### **Wednesday, March 8**

8:30AM +Terence Brady Fr. Samuel Kachuba

#### **Thursday, March 9**

8:30AM +John Corcoran Foley Family

#### **Friday, March 10**

8:30AM +Bernard Neugebauer McIntosh Family

#### **Saturday, March 11**

8:30AM +Robert Renehan  
5:15PM +Gabriel & Nancy Marino J. & K. Donnelly

#### **Sunday, March 12**

7:30AM +Danny Sheehan Dr. & Mrs. Boldrighini  
9AM + Michael Matarese Galbo Family  
11AM +Edwin Schmedlin Ilhlefeld Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week for  
Colleen & Brendan O'Reilly**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in memory of  
All Those Struggling With Hope**

### **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).

#### **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!



### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

- February 19, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$12,570
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$11,443
- Monthly Offering: \$3,256
- Votive Offering: \$598
- Maintenance Offering: \$150
- Mission Offering: \$95
- February 26, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$11,871
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$12,087
- Monthly Offering: \$125
- Ash Wednesday Offering: \$1,172

**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)

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Wednesdays, 7:00PM-8:00PM, Church.** Come, spend some time with the Lord each week! Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church while confessions are being heard.



"So, could you not watch with me one hour? Mt 26:40

With Fr. Sam's blessing, we are starting Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X Parish in the Chapel. Before we begin, **we need 336 Adorers to commit to one hour a week in Adoration with our Lord.** Can we count on you? Are you willing to give Jesus one hour a week out of 168 hours?

If interested in becoming an Adorer, please email your contact information to [saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com](mailto:saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com). We are looking for you to commit to one hour at the same time each week. We will begin Perpetual Adoration once we have built a foundation of 336 Adorers. Stay tuned for more details. Thank you!



### **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. We look forward to seeing you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin the second week of the holy season of Lent, we might pause and notice some of the ways that the nature of the season is reflected back to us in and through the Church's liturgy. Since Lent is a penitential season, the liturgy is meant to take on a more somber character. This is expressed in the decoration of the sanctuary, in the words spoken or not spoken, in the vestments worn, and in the music employed in the worship of God.

Last week, we reflected on the experience of Jesus in the desert. For all the beauty of the desert, it remains, generally, a stark landscape. And so the sanctuary of the Church, reflecting the starkness of the desert, has very little in the way of decoration. You will notice that flowers do not adorn the altar during these weeks. A visual fasting begins in this small, simple way. The visual fast will increase as we go further into Lent: from the fifth Sunday of Lent until the Easter Vigil, the images and statues in the church, save the Stations of the Cross, will be veiled, symbolically inviting us to focus our whole attention on the mystery of our Lord's Passion. The veils will be purple in color, like the vestments worn throughout these forty days. The color purple is linked to penance, waiting, and mourning. And so the vestments are a visible reminder that, while we wait for the day of the Lord's glorious Resurrection, we mourn our sin, turning back to God with penitent hearts.

During Lent, two important prayers fall silent. We do not sing or say the Gloria ("Glory to God in the highest"), save for during Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 19), the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25), and at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. This hymn of the angels, sung at the birth of Christ, is celebratory in nature. As a penitential season, Lent is a time when celebration is put to the side. There will be a time for celebration, but that time will come, and for now we must enter into this time of penance and preparation. In addition to the Gloria, we do not sing "Alleluia." In Hebrew, the word means "praise the Lord." While we, of course, praise God at all times and in all seasons, the liturgical retiring of this song of praise helps us to remember that we are in the desert. There is a time for joyful song, and a time for somber song. Just as music can affect our mood, so liturgical music can remind us that the season we have entered is distinct from all other times of the Church's worshipping year.

Finally, during Lent, we sing some of the Mass parts in Latin. Gregorian chant is especially suited to the liturgy, but also to a cappella singing. This was recognized by the Second Vatican Council, which taught: "The Church acknowledges Gregorian chant as specially suited to the Roman liturgy: therefore, other things being equal, it should be given pride of place in liturgical services." (Sacrosanctum Concilium 116). Continuing that theme, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal says "The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy. Other kinds of sacred music, in particular, polyphony, are in no way excluded, provided that they correspond to the spirit of the liturgical action and that they foster the participation of all the faithful. Since the faithful from different countries come together ever more frequently, it is desirable that they know how to sing together at least some parts of the Ordinary of the Mass in Latin, especially the Profession of Faith and the Lord's Prayer, according to the simpler settings." (GIRM 41). During Lent, you will also notice that organ accompaniment changes slightly, so as to be more sparing. This becomes even more apparent when, from Holy Thursday until the proclamation of the Resurrection on Easter, the organ is completely silenced. At the end of Mass, we chant the salutation to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ave Regina Caelorum (Hail, Queen of Heaven). The text and translation of all the parts of the Mass used in Latin can be found in the worship aid available at the door of the church. The procession out of the church at the end of Mass takes place in silence, a tangible reminder, again, of the penitential nature of the season.

Peace,  
Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Genesis 12:1-4a

**Second Reading:** ; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

**The Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday:** Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday:** Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Olivia Marguerite Perillo, Capri Christina Nannini, Kennedy Mae Morgan



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Charles A. Woods, Florence Bailey, Brendan Charles O'Reilly, Geraldine Guerra

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us to pray and meditate on the Stations of the Cross, a simple, powerful devotion to mark the Passion of Christ and Jesus' sacrifice for us. Stations will be prayed, **7PM, Fridays in the Church** during Lent.

**March 5, 2023**

**2nd Sunday of Lent**

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matthew 17:5



### MOTHER OLGA IN PERSON AT ST. PIUS X SEEK23 MARCH 10-12

*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 will host it as a weekend conference experience from 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 and build community through the sacraments, talks, small groups and meals.

Cost is \$150 per person and \$450 for a family of 3 or more. Learn more at [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).



### 2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The Institute for Catholic Formation supports parish and school sacramental and catechetical programs that provide religious formation for children ages 5 – 13 and their families. This is accomplished through days of formation, parish visits, program assessments and ongoing consultation of catechetical programs from development to implementation. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal supports the Institute's efforts to reach children and adolescents in their journey to know Christ.

To give towards this year's appeal, or for more information, please visit [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are a practicing Catholic over 18 who somehow missed Confirmation when you were younger, the Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting a workshop for you to discover all you need to know to prepare to celebrate this great sacrament. The class will take place on April 1 at 238 Jewett Ave in Bridgeport. Scan the QR code or visit the [formationreimagined.org](http://formationreimagined.org) event page to register.



### INTO THE BREACH

**Wednesday, March 8, 7:30pm, Community Room**

All Christians are called to be witnesses of their faith to others. To share the faith a man must know the faith. Join us for a video presentation, as we hear from Ryan Young, Camp Veritas founder, Matt Birk, former NFL player and Dr. Scott Hahn and are inspired to step into the breach and evangelize those around us. Open to all men. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Rosary will be said at 7:15pm prior to the video.



### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 18, 9AM, Community Room.** "If it wasn't for people, we could all be holy." Those words from Mother Angelica are funny, but also convicting. These words are also an *opportunity*. You're invited to enjoy breakfast while listening to the founder of the Veritas Catholic Network, Steve Lee, speak on Mercy and Forgiveness. Visit our website to register.



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

*12Noon in the Community Room*

**March 6:** More than 75 have RSVPd to our St. Patrick's Day celebration and we've already placed our lunch order so if you did not RSVP but would like to join us, please call Peter to see if there's space. For those who have already responded, don't forget to wear your best green and get ready to party with live music from the Shamroques. Calling on all bakers to bring some sweet green treats to the party! Lunch is \$7 with an additional \$3 to help defray the cost of the band. Contact Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.

### **★ 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!



### ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

**Donated to Date: \$188,832**  
**# of Donors: 285 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](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)
- **Mail or Drop in Offertory** a check and put ANNUAL APPEAL in the memo **THANK YOU!**



### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invite high school and middle school students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen and Edge are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone at any church.

#### **High School Life Nights, Sunday, 6-8pm**

- March 5: Brain Fog-Why Suffering Exists
- March 12: Heavy Heart-Redemptive Power

#### **Middle School Edge Nights, Wednesday, 6:30-8pm**

- March 8: Remembrance-Why Can't I Just Go to My Friend's Christian Church?
- March 15: Social Night

### 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. 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).



### THE EASIEST AND SAFEST WAY TO GIVE TO ST. PIUS X

Your weekly offertory donations directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius. Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful Church and for helping us to carry out our parish mission. If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider setting up your account online—it's simple and the easiest and safest way to give. Many parishioners have already discovered the benefits and ease of giving online:

**Get started now:** Go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive).

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

### FREE ONLINE AWARD-WINNING CONTENT



**WORD ON FIRE** features podcasts, videos, books, articles, and Scripture studies. To access our parish subscription:

- Visit [www.wofdigital.org/login](http://www.wofdigital.org/login)
- Enter the email you registered in SPX Flocknote and follow the directions in your confirmation email
- Enjoy your free content!

## FORMED

- **FORMED** offers media from 40+ of the best Catholic content producers. Free access to thousands of studies, films, audios, and eBooks for all St. Pius X parishioners. To access our parish subscription:
- Visit [www.st-pius.formed.org](http://www.st-pius.formed.org)
- Enter St. Pius X Parish Fairfield, CT when prompted
- Enter the name and email registered in SPX Flocknote

Questions? Email Paola Pena at [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.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



### CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Connecticut March for Life is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hartford**. Our Knights of Columbus are coordinating a bus to and from St. Pius X Parish. Transportation costs are \$35 and discounts are available for those who may need assistance. Reservations may be made at [rally.co/ct-march-for-life](http://rally.co/ct-march-for-life). Contact Tom McShane at [tommcshane@optonline.net](mailto:tommcshane@optonline.net) with any questions.



### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2023 CAMPAIGN

**Feb. 22 – April 2, 2023** - Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired millions of volunteers and saved thousands of lives! Please join us at one of these three locations, Bridgeport, Danbury or Stamford. To find out more information on any of these locations or to sign up for vigil hours visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).



### 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: **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).

### MEN'S WEEKLY ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**Tuesdays, 7PM-8PM, at St. Pius X**, Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers 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. Meetings are in the **2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom, Religious Education Center (School)**. Enter via **left side exterior Door #2**.

# Local Mass + Confession Times

## Fairfield



### Holy Cross Church

**Saturday:** 4:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 10:00 AM  
**Confessions:**  
Saturday 3:45 PM– 4:15 PM

750 Tahmore Drive



### St. Thomas Aquinas Church

**Monday – Friday:** 7:00 AM,  
12:10 PM  
**Saturday:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
12:00 PM  
**Confessions:**  
Saturday 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

1719 Post Road



### St. Anthony of Padua

**Saturday:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM,  
11:30 AM

149 S. Pine Creek Road



### Our Lady of the Assumption

**Monday – Friday:** 7:30 AM,  
5:30 PM  
**Saturday:** 7:30 AM, 4:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
10:30 AM, 12:00 PM  
**Confessions:**  
Thursday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM,  
Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

545 Stratfield Road



### Holy Family Church

**Monday – Friday:** 7:45 AM  
**Saturday:** 4:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, Noon  
**Confessions:**  
Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

700 Old Stratfield Road



### St. Emery Church

**Sunday:** 7:45 AM (Latin),  
10:00 AM (English),  
4:00 PM (Syro-Malabar  
Rite)

838 Kings Highway E.



### St. Pius X Church

**Monday – Saturday:** 8:30 AM  
**Monday:** 7:00 PM (Latin)  
**Saturday:** 5:15 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
11:00 AM  
**Confessions:**  
Wednesday 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM,  
Saturday 4:00 PM– 5:00 PM

834 Brookside Drive



### Fairfield University

**Monday – Friday:** 12:30 PM  
**Tuesday & Thursday:** 8:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 11:00 AM, 7:30 PM  
**Confessions:**  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and  
Thursday, 8:00 PM

Egan Chapel  
Bellarmine Road

## Westport



### Church of the Assumption

**Monday – Saturday:** 7:30 AM  
**Saturday:** 5:00 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
11:00 AM, 5:00 PM  
**Confessions:**  
Saturday 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

98 Riverside Avenue



### St. Luke Church

**Monday – Saturday:** 8:00 AM  
**Saturday:** 5:30 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,  
11:00 AM, 5:30 PM  
**Confessions:**  
Saturday 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM

49 N. Turkey Hill Road