



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, April 8

8:30AM Morning Prayer

7:30PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9, Easter

7:30AM All Parishioner Intentions

9AM All Parishioner Intentions

11AM All Parishioner Intentions

Monday, April 10

8:30AM +Patricia Brandao Donnelly Family

Tuesday, April 11

8:30AM Sargent Family Carpanzano Family

Wednesday, April 12

8:30AM +Bob Lenihan Rev. Samuel Kachuba

Thursday, April 13

7PM +Margaret Rooney Kahn Family

Friday, April 14

8:30AM Grace Rodriguez M. & M. Rush

Saturday, April 15

8:30AM +George Dieringer Parise Family

5:15PM All Parishioner Intentions

Sunday, April 16

7:30AM +Anna May Gleason Gleason Family

9AM +Mary Jane Kaner J. Kaner

11AM +Lorretta Schultz J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Gertrude & Louis Carbone**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Mildred Annuncio**

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.

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!

OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed:

Holy Thursday, April 6

Good Friday, April 7

Easter Monday, April 10



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Donated to Date: \$190,932

of Donors: 288 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.

Donate online at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive, mail or drop a check in the offertory with "ANNUAL APPEAL" in the memo. **THANK YOU!**



At Easter, symbols give way to reality: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it" (Jn 1:5): Life himself was killed, nailed to a Cross. But "in him was life and the life was the light of men" (Jn 1:4). And now in the Risen Christ that light finally shines. Lumen Christi. It was necessary that there should be "darkness over all the land" (Mt 27:45), so that the Light could shine in all its splendor. Life had to die, so that he could give life to all things. – *Pope St. John Paul II, Easter Vigil Homily 1996*

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to publishing deadlines, offertory totals will be posted in the April 16th bulletin.



**"We are an Easter people
and Alleluia is our song!" –
Pope St. John Paul II**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! He is risen! Today we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection of Christ from the dead. On Easter Sunday in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI spoke these words to the people assembled in St. Peter's Square:

"And lo, on the dawn of the day after the Sabbath, the tomb is found empty. Jesus then shows himself to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to his disciples. Faith is born anew, more alive and strong than ever, now invincible since it is based on a decisive experience: "Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own champion, slain, now lives to reign". The signs of the resurrection testify to the victory of life over death, love over hatred, mercy over vengeance: "The tomb the living did enclose, I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting".

Dear brothers and sisters! If Jesus is risen, then – and only then – has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then he, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in his message but in Jesus himself, for the Risen One does not belong to the past, but is present today, alive. Christ is hope and comfort in a particular way for those Christian communities suffering most for their faith on account of discrimination and persecution. And he is present as a force of hope through his Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice."

If I may be so bold as to add to the late Holy Father's words, I would add simply that Jesus desires to remain present with us in all things. Easter Sunday is often a day for many to return to Mass. May today be the day that all of us come to a new recognition of the desire the Lord has to remain with us in all that we do. As Benedict says, Jesus is indeed present for us today. Above all the ways He is present, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. And so the celebration of Mass, and our presence at Mass, becomes a privileged place of encounter and the best way that we can understand how Jesus wants to remain with us.

In the coming months, we plan to begin Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is deeply rooted in the Church's history and tradition. In Adoration, we spend time in prayer to Jesus, who is present for us in the Eucharist. To engage in this practice perpetually means to keep watch with Jesus at every hour of the day and night. It means that 24/7 someone is in prayer, recognizing the Jesus who remains with us in all things. Perpetual adoration will make us a center of prayer and devotion, not only for our parish, but for anyone who passes our way. Our chapel will become that refuge from the chaos, hatred, and confusion of the world where we can recognize that Jesus, our "hope and comfort" in suffering is "present as a force of hope through his Church, which is close to all human situations of suffering and injustice." Perpetual adoration is only possible with help from a great many people. If you would like to volunteer to spend an hour with the Lord in the Eucharist once a week, please email stpiusxadoration@gmail.com. Our Risen Lord is present for us, and He calls us to prayer!

Happy Easter!

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

The Gospel: John 20:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31



Malta House, located in Norwalk, is the only home for pregnant women above the age of 18 in Fairfield County. With 100% funding from donors, Malta House provides a transitional living program where a mom can stay with her baby for long-term support and a "hand-up" as she journeys to independence and hope.

Norwalk's Malta House is installing an on-site Health and Wellness Room for its residents. This room will be staffed by volunteer doctors and nurses to provide first aid care for mothers and babies, as well as provide health education. To donate items, please scan the QR code and visit the Malta House Health Room Wish List. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, email maltahousehealthproject2023@gmail.com.



2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

To date, eighty-six St. Pius X parishioners have pledged \$50,628 to the bishop's appeal. Our 2023 parish goal is \$234,000. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call 203-416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



WEEKLY ADORATION

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

ADORE 365

Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X

St. Pius X Parish is preparing to launch Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. With our Adore 365 effort, we are searching for people who are willing to commit to giving our Lord one hour each week. If you would like to participate in Perpetual Adoration or receive more information about this effort, please e-mail saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com, including your full name and phone number. Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our newly initiated members of the Catholic family! We welcome **Eric Ayora, Christopher Darrow, Brodie Carew and Kaler Carew** into Full Communion in the Catholic Church.



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. Scan the QR code for the link.

Easter Sunday

"We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him." - Romans 6:9



MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERING

Saturday Mornings, 6:30AM, 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 seeing you!



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April 23, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00AM Mass for food and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know each other better and support an important parish ministry. If you would like to help with coffee hour, please scan the QR code above or email Genevieve Ritch at Gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



TURKEY & SYRIA

SHOE COLLECTION FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

On February 6th, a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit the countries of Turkey and Syria, leaving 45,000 dead and over 500,000 homeless. The Natural Disaster Relief Club at Hopkins is partnering with Funds2Orgs to host a shoe drive to help the victims of this horrible event. Please place gently worn or new pairs of shoes in the church vestibule collection box through April 13th. Thank you for your help. – Nicolas Ciminiello, parishioner & student at Hopkins School.



CHAPERONES NEEDED!

We are looking for chaperones for our annual high school mission trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC) This year's trip is **June 18-23, 2023, in Richmond VA**. All chaperones must be at least 21 years old and VIRTUS trained. Please contact Emily Rauser at erauser@st-pius.org.



If you love cooking and sharing your gift with others, please consider joining our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team. This group prepares and delivers a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Genevieve Ritch at Gfanelliritch@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FAIRFIELD

Tuesday, April 11, 7pm. Tuesday Night Trivia at Local Kitchen and Beer Bar in Fairfield.

Friday, April 21, 7:30PM-8:30PM, Church. Young Adult Adoration. Scan the QR code for more info.



TASTEBUDS

DATE CHANGE to Monday, April 10, 5-7PM, Community Room. 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. To attend, email Catherine MacDonald at catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. Cost to cover your materials and meal is \$10. Kindred Spirits has generously contributed the wine pairing sample.



SWITCH TO ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful church and for helping us to carry out our parish mission. Your weekly offertory donations directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius. If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider switching—it's the easiest and safest way to donate.

Get started now: Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



HOME-MADE PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

If you or anyone you know needs healing, you may request a St. Pius X Prayer Shawl. These beautiful prayer shawls have been lovingly made by a group of dedicated parishioners and blessed by Fr. Sam. To request a prayer shawl, email Kimberlie Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. A minimum donation of \$25 per shawl is welcomed to defray the yarn cost. And, if you are interested in joining our group of prayer shawl knitters/crocheters, let Kim know!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEONS

• **May 8, (Note date change) P.T. Barnum.** Join us to hear from the Barnum Museum Docent Marian O'Keefe as she shares the history of Phineas Taylor Barnum (P.T. Barnum.) Barnum was an entrepreneur, museum proprietor, business leader, community benefactor, philanthropist, emancipationist, lecturer and author. He was committed to the intellectual and cultural development of society and was a voice for the pursuit of freedom and choice. This is your chance to learn more about this remarkable entrepreneur and entertainer in 19th century America.

• **June 5, Fairfield Museum Take 2!** Walt Matis, program coordinator of the Fairfield Museum, returns! We asked and Walt agreed to come back and continue his lively discussion about the history of our beloved town of Fairfield.

All luncheons are \$7 for sandwiches, chips, soda, water, coffee, tea, and dessert. **RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.** Also let Pete know if you can bake a treat. Spread the word and invite your friends to join us!

Day Trip to Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam:

We're planning a bus outing in May to the Goodspeed for a Wednesday or Thursday matinee to see the classic musical Gypsy. For more information on the play, go to **www.goodspeed.org** and then email Peter Carey at **aandp1964@aol.com** and tell him if you're interested. The cost for bus, lunch next door at the Gelston House, and the play will be \$132/person. Grab a friend or two and join us!

★ **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!



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 from any church.

High School Life Nights, Sunday, 6-8pm, Portable

- April 9: No Life Teen
- April 16: Immersive Exhibit-The Approval Process of Marian Apparitions

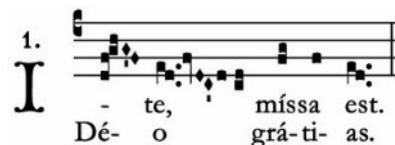
Middle School Edge, Wed, 6:30-8pm, School Gym

- April 12: No Edge
- April 19: Adoration and Bonfire 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** or contact Emily Rauser at **erauser@st-pius.org**.



CHORAL SCHOLA

We are now in the process of looking for singers (high school – up) to join our newly formed Choral Schola that will lead the liturgical music at the 11:00am Sunday liturgy as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. The Schola will be made up of volunteers and professionals who are committed to gather together to assist the congregation in singing the Mass and offering special music to help elevate the liturgy.

When singing during the celebration of the Mass, we are reminded of the saying “one who sings prays twice.” The Schola’s purpose is to enhance the liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with joy and reverence.

We hope that you will consider using your voice for this important ministry as we grow as a parish community. Some prior music experience would be helpful but is not necessary. Training will be provided. Rehearsals will be scheduled at everyone’s convenience, but some commitment will be expected.

Please feel free to contact Michael Lantowski via e-mail at **mikestro@gmail.com** (203-255-6134 ext. 119) or come see me after any Mass to inquire.

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UPDATE ON OUR ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL

► **12.6% of our parish has donated \$191,432**

► **2,011 parishioners have not donated and we need your help!**

1. SCHOOL: Our 60-year-old building, used daily and generates rental income, needs critical repairs:

- New windows on the 2nd floor
- Replacement of old and buckling gym floor along with asbestos abatement
- Replacement of all original toilets and sinks
- Replacement of original thermostats throughout the building

2. OUTSTANDING BANK LOAN: Pledges from the We Stand with Christ Campaign fell short—financial situations changed, people moved or passed on to their eternal reward.

► This has left us with **\$1,092,381** loan

**Please, prayerfully consider donating—
your gift, no matter the size, will directly fund the above needs
and help us to keep our wonderful parish afloat.**



YES! I want to help with the St. Pius X Annual Appeal. Here is my gift:

☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ Other _____

Full Name _____ **Phone#** _____

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