



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, May 13

8:30AM +Phelan Rumley B. Norton
5:15PM +Grace Rodriguez M. Lantowski

Sunday, May 14

7:30AM All Parishioner Intentions
9AM +Frank & Anne Lanzo A. Costello
11AM +MaryAnn & Lucy Cialone Violone Family

Monday, May 15

8:30AM +Sarah J. Noyes A. O'Keefe
7PM +Dino Stillo Stillo Family

Tuesday, May 16

8:30AM +Terry Liuzzo M. Sodaro

Wednesday, May 17

8:30AM +Louis Reale C. & T. Santangelo
5:30PM All Parishioner Intentions

Thursday, May 18

8:30AM All Parishioner Intentions
5:30PM All Parishioner Intentions
7PM All Parishioner Intentions

Friday, May 19

8:30AM +Etta Dieringer Parise Family

Saturday, May 20

8:30AM +Angela Carey P. Carey
5:15PM +All Parishioner Intentions

Sunday, May 21

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman
9AM +Robert Hall Carpanzano Family
11AM Wood Family S. Barrett



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in honor of
All Mothers**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for a
Marion M. Leon**

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!



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

Those who obey the commandments, Jesus says in today's Gospel, are the ones who really love Him. Does my stewardship reveal my love for Jesus?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

| Offerings | April 23 | April 30 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Weekend | \$ 11,576 | \$ 10,612 |
| Weekend 2022 | \$ 11,024 | \$ 14,163 |
| Monthly | \$ 165 | \$ 305 |
| Mission | \$ 125 | \$ 855 |

SEE PAGE 6 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.

Sign up for Online Giving:

www.st-pius.org/onlinegiving

Please consider increasing your weekly contribution to help us keep up with the rising costs of running our beautiful campus.

If you're interested in making a larger donation to support critical repairs in the school, contact Kimberlie Leon at kleon@st-pius.org to discuss.

THANK YOU!



Lord Jesus Christ, You, chose to put yourself—tiny, needy, and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honor our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons, and daughters, always honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.

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,

*"Motherhood involves a special communion with the mystery of life, as it develops in the woman's womb. The mother is filled with wonder at this mystery of life, and "understands" with unique intuition what is happening inside her. In the light of the "beginning", the mother accepts and loves as a person the child she is carrying in her womb. This unique contact with the new human being developing within her gives rise to an attitude towards human beings - not only towards her own child, but every human being - which profoundly marks the woman's personality. It is commonly thought that women are more capable than men of paying attention to another person, and that motherhood develops this predisposition even more. The man - even with all his sharing in parenthood - always remains "outside" the process of pregnancy and the baby's birth; in many ways he has to learn his own "fatherhood" from the mother...In any event, the mother's contribution is decisive in laying the foundation for a new human personality."- (Pope St. John Paul II *Mulieris Dignitatem*, 18)*

On this Mother's Day, as we give thanks for the gift of our mothers, I am struck not only by the gifts and lessons handed on to us in a practical way by our mothers, but also by the deeper senses of humanity that must be transmitted to us by mothers. In his Apostolic Letter on the Dignity and Vocation of Women, *Mulieris Dignitatem*, Pope St. John Paul II highlights the fact that the role of a mother goes far beyond feeding and clothing her child. Rather, a woman living out the gift of her feminine genius, living out her maternal vocation, is the first teacher of the fact that "love is an ontological and ethical requirement of the person" (*MD* 29). From our mothers, we learn what it is to be loved, and from our mothers we first learn how to love.

Pope St. John Paul II also highlights the many ways in which the feminine genius has a maternal expression, explaining that maternity is not limited to biology. Motherhood is lived out beautifully by women who stand in the place of biological mothers, by women who give the gift of spiritual motherhood, and by countless women who teach us, by their words, actions, and attitudes, what it is to love and to be loved.

"Therefore the Church gives thanks for each and every woman: for mothers, for sisters, for wives; for women consecrated to God in virginity; for women dedicated to the many human beings who await the gratuitous love of another person; for women who watch over the human persons in the family, which is the fundamental sign of the human community; for women who work professionally, and who at times are burdened by a great social responsibility; for "perfect" women and for "weak" women - for all women as they have come forth from the heart of God in all the beauty and richness of their femininity; as they have been embraced by his eternal love; as, together with men, they are pilgrims on this earth, which is the temporal "homeland" of all people and is transformed sometimes into a "valley of tears"; as they assume, together with men, a common responsibility for the destiny of humanity according to daily necessities and according to that definitive destiny which the human family has in God himself, in the bosom of the ineffable Trinity.

The Church gives thanks for all the manifestations of the feminine "genius" which have appeared in the course of history, in the midst of all peoples and nations; she gives thanks for all the charisms which the Holy Spirit distributes to women in the history of the People of God, for all the victories which she owes to their faith, hope and charity: she gives thanks for all the fruits of feminine holiness.

*The Church asks at the same time that these invaluable "manifestations of the Spirit" (cf. 1 Cor 12:4ff.), which with great generosity are poured forth upon the "daughters" of the eternal Jerusalem, may be attentively recognized and appreciated so that they may return for the common good of the Church and of humanity, especially in our times. Meditating on the biblical mystery of the "woman", the Church prays that in this mystery all women may discover themselves and their "supreme vocation." (*Mulieris Dignitatem*, 31).*

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8

Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18

The Gospel: Jn 14:15-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension);

or Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a;

or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Kathleen Keating & Timothy Weiss

Victoria Clarizio & James Bergin



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Oliver Charles Ashcroft, Callum Lawrence Flaherty, Thomas Hugh Michael Langdon, Fionnbharr Sweeney McCormack, Emilia Kerry Salamone

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise.

Say to God, "How tremendous are your
deeds!" Ps 66:1-2



ASCENSION OF THE LORD: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil Mass Wednesday, May 17, 5:30PM

Holy Day Masses, Thursday May 18, 8:30AM,
5:30PM, and 7PM (Traditional Latin Mass)



ADORE 365

St. Pius X Parish is preparing to launch **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on May 13, 2023**. 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, you may sign up at www.st-pius.org/adore365. To receive more information about this effort, please e-mail saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com and include your full name and phone number. Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



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 X. 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.



Bishop's Appeal Goal \$ 234,600

Total Pledged \$ 106,228 (45%)

Donors to Date 147

Thank you for participating in the 2023 Bishop's Appeal. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider supporting the appeal. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEONS

• **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 to the Goodspeed for a matinee of The Twelve in the Fall. This is the last call for folks to sign up. 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. Pete will give you details on the cost. 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 Mahjongg, 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!



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.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, May 21, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00 a.m. 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.



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

- No Life Teen May 14
- May 21: Last Life Night

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

- May 17: Heartbeat Dreams-The Heart of God
- May 24: Last Edge 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.



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 welcoming you!



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, June 14th from 5PM to 7PM in the Community Room. Are you interested in seasonal food preparations and new techniques? If so, we welcome you to come share Tastebuds monthly gathering and grow together in community and connect our faith to our food!

Along with cooking demonstrations, we 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. Our dinners are being paired with some lovely beverage selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield.

If you would like to attend, please email, catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.



DON'T MISS: K OF C FR. MCGIVNEY BBQ

Mark your calendar for **6:30PM, Saturday, June 3, on the St. Pius X Field**. Join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, and ice cream truck. BYOB. All are welcome! Bring your favorite yard game, wiffle ball, football... and join the fun! Family Package \$40 (4 Burgers & 4 Dogs), Couples Package \$30 (2 Burgers & 2 Dogs), Individual Package \$15 (Burger & Dog). Make your Check payable to K of C St. Pius X Council 16347 and mail to St. Pius X Parish Office or Venmo @TomKeltyJr **no later than June 1**. Questions: Email Tom Kelty tkelty@gmail.com. *Rain Date June 17.

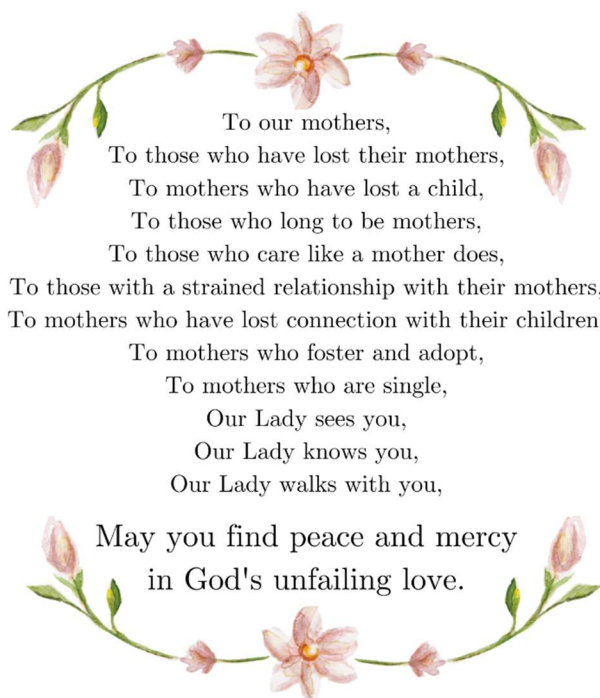


SPX USED CATHOLIC BOOK SALE

June 3-4 after the 5:15 Vigil & 9AM Mass in the Community Room. Join us at the first SPX Used Catholic Book Sale. Peruse our selection of great spiritual works and select a few for your summer reading.

Now – May 30 To supply the sale, we are accepting donations of used Catholic books - literature, spiritual reflections, theology, children's books, etc. Collection bins are in the church vestibule, outside the chapel and in the parish office.

If you'd like to help prepare for and/or work at the book sale, email ccoyle@st-pius.org.



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

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| Construction Loan | \$1.2 Million |
| School Building Renovations | \$ 275,000 |
| St. Pius X Registered Families | +2,300 |
| Donated to Date | \$198,162 |
| # of Donors | 301 |

We are grateful for our parishioners' generosity in sharing their time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. As a parish, 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.

Ways to Donate - Scan the QR code, visit www.st-pius.org/onlinegive, mail or drop a check in the offertory with "ANNUAL APPEAL" in the memo.

THANK YOU!



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AT ST. PIUS

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting, **7PM-8PM, Tuesdays, 2nd 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, is trying to get help, stop by, or share this information.

CONNECT with SPX

GET EMAILS, TEXTS, + UPDATES!



Text SPXFFLD to 84576



secretary@st-pius.org



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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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