



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, June 10

8:30AM +Colette Dunham V. Ihlefeld
5:15PM +John Mocker Carpanzano Family

Sunday, June 11

7:30AM +Etta & George Dieringer Parise Family
9AM +Intentions of all Parishioners
11AM +Joseph Farrace J. Skultety

Monday, June 12

8:30AM +Mary & John Gleason Gleason Family

Tuesday, June 13

8:30AM +Michael Birdy L. Devere Family

Wednesday, June 14

8:30AM +Dominick Lacerenza B. & J. Coords

Thursday, June 15

8:30AM +Lea Guarasic Carpanzano Family

Friday, June 16

8:30AM +Isabel Carella McAuliffe Family

Saturday, June 17

8:30AM +Mary Ellen Thompson Thompson Family
5:15PM +Mary Ellen & Thomas McAuliffe McAuliffe

Sunday, June 18

7:30AM +RoseAnn Hickey R. & E. Boldrighini
9AM +Anthony J. & Anthony M. Violone Family
11AM +Alex Skultety J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in honor of
Joan Kelly**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for
Rita Whispell**

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!

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!



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

"It is love that I desire, not sacrifice," says Hosea in today's first reading. But for love of us, Jesus sacrificed everything – even His life. Are my small sacrifices gifts of love and gratitude?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	May 28	June 4
Weekend	\$ 13,622	\$ 11,944
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,115	\$ 12,592
Monthly	\$ 1,077	\$ 380
Votive Candles	\$ 553	-



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated. And yet, we still have critical financial challenges.

Only 13% of our parish has given to our Annual Appeal.

For those who have not donated, would you consider giving \$50? —\$50 is the cost of giving up a week's worth of Starbucks.

Construction Loan	\$1.2 Million
School Building Renovations	\$ 275,000
St. Pius X Registered Families	+2,300
Donated to Date	\$204,301
# of Donors	310

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!

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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church calls our attention to the great Mystery of Faith, which is the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In this sacrament, we are able to draw close to Jesus and receive divine nourishment for our souls. The act of receiving Communion is both personal and communal. When I receive Jesus in the Eucharist, our Lord gives Himself to me in an intensely personal way. Those moments after receiving are truly moments of great union with our Savior. As Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Mane Nobiscum Domine*, "Receiving the Eucharist means entering into a profound communion with Jesus. 'Abide in me, and I in you' (Jn 15:4). This relationship of profound and mutual 'abiding' *enables us to have a certain foretaste of heaven on earth*. Is this not the greatest of human yearnings? Is this not what God had in mind when he brought about in history his plan of salvation? God has placed in human hearts a 'hunger' for his word (cf. Am 8:11), a hunger which will be satisfied only by full union with him. Eucharistic communion was given so that we might be 'sated' with God here on earth, in expectation of our complete fulfillment in heaven." At the same time, to say "Amen" at the moment of Communion is to say "Yes, I believe, I am with all who profess this faith." That is, receiving the Eucharist is not a neutral act. It is a public, visible act, and one which we rarely undertake alone – rather we are shoulder to shoulder with our brothers and sisters in faith.

In the United States, we are in a period of Eucharistic revival (www.eucharisticrevival.org). This is a time to reinvigorate our faith in Jesus real presence, and to appreciate more deeply what it means to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Today (Sunday), in honor of Corpus Christi and following a long tradition in the life of the Church, we will hold a Eucharistic procession, carrying our Eucharistic Lord from the church building out into our neighborhood. While the route of the procession is short and simple, a procession is a very visible sign. In this procession, we accompany Jesus in a very real way. This is a sign of what we want to do spiritually every day: we want to bring Jesus to the world in which we live. When our procession reaches the park at the intersection of Brookside Drive, Mill Plain Road, and Burr Street, we will pause for Eucharistic benediction, calling down the blessing of Jesus Christ upon our entire parish, town, and community.

Additionally, as we continue through this time of Eucharistic revival, I would like to encourage the practice of Eucharistic adoration. This practice is profoundly simple, yet deeply significant. Jesus, present in the Eucharist, is placed in a monstrance, a special vessel used to allow us to see the Eucharist for a prolonged period of time. We then spend time with Jesus in prayer. We are only a few hours away from being able to start holding continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Mondays at 9 AM until Fridays at 9 PM. I am profoundly grateful to everyone who has volunteered to spend an hour each week with Jesus. To anyone who has not yet signed up, I encourage you to commit to an hour that is convenient for you: <https://www.st-pius.org/adore365/>.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:16-17

The Gospel: Jn 6:51-58

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15 — 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36—10:8



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Donald Richard Maselli III, Mara James Mazzucco, Joseph Malinzi Nsadha



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Mae Lindquist, Fran Thompson, Jose Gomes

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**



REGISTRATION

Registration for Elementary Faith Formation is officially open! The Elementary Faith Formation program is open to all children in grades 1-6 and includes preparation to receive First Holy Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 6).

For more information and to register your children, please visit us at www.st-pius.org/faith-formation-registration or scan the QR code below!

If you are interested in volunteering as a catechist for grades 2-6, please contact Shari Mellinger at sgarcia@st-pius.org for more information.

ADORATION



Wednesdays, 7:00PM-8:00PM, Church. Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. This is a beautiful way to pause, be still, and connect with Him. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church while confessions are being heard.

only
10
more



ADORE 365 UPDATES

- We only need 10 more adorers to sign up before we launch Adoration!
- When we start, we will have Adoration Monday – Friday. Adoration will begin Mondays at 9 AM and continue without interruption until Friday at 9 PM.
- The chapel is being prepared with a coded lock that will be shared with our adorers.
- Security cameras are in place in the vestibule and in the chapel.
- If a schedule conflict arises, it is easy to request a substitute for your hour through our AdorationPro software.

We are extremely grateful to those who have committed to an hour of adoration and want you to know that your willingness to give your time to Jesus is deeply valued!

Please consider sharing the link for Perpetual Adoration with friends and family www.st-pius.org/adore365/



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!

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

“Amen, amen, I say to you,
unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink his blood,
you do not have life within you.” – John 6:53



JUNE RECAP
Close to 70 gathered to listen to our fan favorite Walt Matis from the Fairfield Museum who gave a fascinating talk on the history of witches in Fairfield. Thank you Walt and everyone who helped bake, set up & clean up! Join us on July 10 when, Nick Couture, St. Pius X Seminarian, will talk to us about how he was called to discern the priesthood & his experience at seminary.



★ 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 or cards. 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](mailto:Margaret_at_blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945. Grab a friend, stop by, and check it out!



THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help heal the wounds of loss. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents walks with parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents will hold a one day spiritual retreat at **St. Pius X on June 24 from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm.** The retreat is sponsored by Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. There is no cost for retreatants of any faith. Please join us, all are welcome. To register for the retreat, visit www.emfgp.org. For more information, contact 203-404-0023, info@ctcemeteries.org, or Deacon Don Ross, dnross@diobpt.org.

Congratulations!

SUPERINTENDENT'S AWARD RECIPIENTS

We are excited to share that the following students from our St. Pius X Community recently received the 2023 CAPSS Superintendent's Student Recognition Award:

Jessica Sweeney, Colin Greene, Liam Nori, Max Townsend, Ida Moczerniuk, Molly Boldrighini



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Weekend of June 17-18 after all Masses. The Knights of Columbus are holding a patriotic fundraiser to support Habitat for Humanity. Donate \$5, \$10 or \$20 and receive a patriotic gift.

From now until August 31. The Knights are collecting worn or damaged flags for an American Flag Retirement Ceremony. Bring your flags to the collection bin in the chapel vestibule from now until August 31.



COFFEE WITH FR. SILVA

Sunday, June 25, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass and take a moment to thank Fr. Silva for his generous service to our parish while in residence at St. Pius X. If you would like to help with the coffee contact, Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, June 14th from 5PM to 7PM in the Community Room. 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.

Thank you

GIVING THANKS!

We are so sorry that last week we missed a few devoted and loyal volunteers.

Thank you to **Grover Carter** who serves as an usher at our 5:15PM Mass.

We're also grateful to **Luann Barchie, Patti Mucha, and Sharon Wolf** who have worked alongside Eleanor Burke for years, providing the Baptismal Garments for St. Pius X Parish. Our sincere thanks to each one of you for all you do so lovingly for this special ministry.

We are having more baptisms than ever and need extra hands to help. If you are interested in cutting, binding and/or embroidering baptismal bibs, contact Eleanor Burke for more information at profefurke@optonline.net or 203-255-5335.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

If you are a young adult - single, engaged, married – there are places for you to gather with other Catholic young adults at St. Pius X and in Fairfield County! Visit www.fairfielddiac.com and www.catholic203.com to find out more!

Catholic203 is connecting young adults across Fairfield County, with each other and the Church. You're welcome no matter where you are on your faith journey. Visit www.catholic203.com to find out more!

**young adult
adoration
+
bonfire**

7PM-8PM
ADORATION WITH
PRAISE + WORSHIP IN THE
CHURCH. CONFESSIONS
AVAILABLE.

8PM
JOIN US BY THE FIRE PIT
FOR SMORES AND
FELLOWSHIP

Summer 2023
FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH
FRIDAY, JULY 14TH
FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
834 BROOKSIDE DRIVE
FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

Get Connected.

YOUNG ADULT SUMMER SAVE THE DATES

Outdoor Movie Night: (Movie TBA)

Wednesday, July 12th at 8 PM

Bring a lounge chair, bug spray, and a blanket.

We'll provide the popcorn!

*If it rains, we'll be in the Community Room.

Young Adult Mass at St. Margaret's Shrine in Bridgeport

Wednesday, July 19th @ 7 PM

Masses will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Food will be provided after Mass. More details to come.

Faith on Tap (LOCATION TBA)

Thursday, July 27th @ 7 PM

Faith on Tap will take place on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Apps will be provided! Drinks and entrees on your own.

More details to come.

Trivia Night @ Local Kitchen + Beer Bar

Tuesday, August 22nd at 7 PM

Looking for sports enthusiasts! We really need your help :)

Outdoor Movie Night: "Nefarious"

Wednesday, August 30th at 8 PM

A modern-day take on the "Screwtop Letters" by C.S. Lewis.

Bring a lounge chair, bug spray, and a blanket.

We'll provide the popcorn!

*If it rains, we'll be in the community room.

ENCOUNTER

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY
FAIRFIELD COUNTY CAMPUS

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SUMMER INTENSIVE

EXPERIENCE THE FIRST 4 QUARTERS IN 4 DAYS

JUNE 26 - 29

ESM - FAIRFIELD COUNTY CAMPUS • HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
700 OLD STRATFIELD RD. FAIRFIELD, CT 06825
5:30-9:30 P.M.



SPEAKER LINEUP



**FR. SEAN
KULACZ**



**SARAH
SORGIE**



**KARINA
VERDEJO**



**ADESHA
CELESTINE**



**MATTHEW
TAYLOR**

EXPERIENCE THE FIRST 4 QUARTERS OF THE ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY IN JUST 4 DAYS

Drawing from the richness of our Catholic heritage, we seek to teach, equip and activate disciples to demonstrate the love of God through the power of the Holy Spirit in their sphere of influence.

**1 IDENTITY &
TRANSFORMATION**

**3 POWER
& HEALING**

**2 HEARING GOD'S
VOICE & THE
PROPHETIC GIFTS OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**4 INNER HEALING
& FREEDOM**



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