



## 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, June 17**

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

#### **Sunday, June 18**

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

#### **Monday, June 19**

8:30AM +Ed Fitzgerald P. Fitzgerald

#### **Tuesday, June 20**

8:30AM +John Gallagher B. Lynch

#### **Wednesday, June 21**

8:30AM +Eleanor Douglas McIntosh Family

#### **Thursday, June 22**

8:30AM +Rosemarie Burke Lynch Family

#### **Friday, June 23**

8:30AM +Vincent John LeDonne DeBona Family

#### **Saturday, June 24**

8:30AM +Cristiano Cabose E. Estalella  
5:15PM +All Parishioners

#### **Sunday, June 25**

7:30AM +Stephen Sharnick Coyle Family  
9AM +Don Pehota Devine Family  
11AM +Martha McSweeney J. Minogue & Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in honor of  
all Fathers, Living & Deceased**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week  
in Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings**

### 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!

### 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

Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	June 4	June 11
Weekend	\$ 11,944	\$ 14,452
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,592	\$ 11,033
Monthly	\$ 380	\$ 3,151



### 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](http://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](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive). Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last weekend, our celebration of the solemnity of Corpus Christi concluded with a beautiful Eucharistic procession. I would like to extend a special thanks to our Knights of Columbus Council 16347 and to Fr. Silva, who put so much time and energy into organizing this devotion for our parish. With Fr. Silva outlining the liturgical structure of the procession, the Knights took the lead on working with the Fairfield Parks and Recreation department to get approval for us to use the park at the corner of Brookside Drive and Mill Plain Road, coordinating with the Fairfield Police Department to have officers directing traffic so we could safely cross the street, setting up an altar in the park, carrying the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament, and providing refreshments after the procession. I am grateful to our town officials and police who were so helpful on Sunday and in the days leading up to our celebration. Finally, thank you to all of you who participated – I am already looking forward to next year's Corpus Christi procession!

If I may return to the subject of Fr. Silva for a moment, it is important to highlight his service to St. Pius X Parish over the last few years. Though he is not actually assigned to our parish – he has just completed his assignment as chaplain at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull – he has gone far beyond what most resident priests do for the parishes where they live. Fr. Silva has made himself available for Masses and confessions, for spiritual direction, and has been more than willing to provide coverage for me when I need to be away from the parish. In addition, he is a great priest to live with and I am grateful for his ministry, his priesthood, and most of all, for his friendship. This week, he is once again (and for the final time) going above and beyond while I am away with our Fairfield Life Teen youth ministry, and covering all the Masses and confession times in my absence. Next Sunday (**June 25**), he will celebrate his final Mass here at St. Pius at **9 AM** before he begins his new assignment at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown. Please join us at Mass and for coffee hour afterwards, so we can say a proper thank you and farewell to Fr. Silva!

Two other important items:

On Saturday this week, Bishop Caggiano came to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation for 85 young men and women from our parish. Please pray for our newly confirmed, that they may always know the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and grow each day in faith!

In the wee hours of the morning on Sunday, our Fairfield Life Teen students will embark on their summer service trip. Chances are, as you read this, they are on the road driving to Richmond, VA. For twenty years, high school students from St. Pius have spent a week serving those in need with Catholic Heart Workcamp ([www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com)). They will return Friday night. I am very grateful to our 25 young volunteers and their adult chaperones who are putting their hands at the service of others this week! The experience of Catholic Heart Workcamp is one of my favorite weeks of the year, and I look forward to serving them as their camp chaplain. Please keep us all in your prayers as we travel, and please pray for all those who will be served by campers at CHWC in Richmond and across the country this summer!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Ex 19:2-6a

**Second Reading:** Rom 5:6-11

**The Gospel:** Mt 9:36—10:8

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

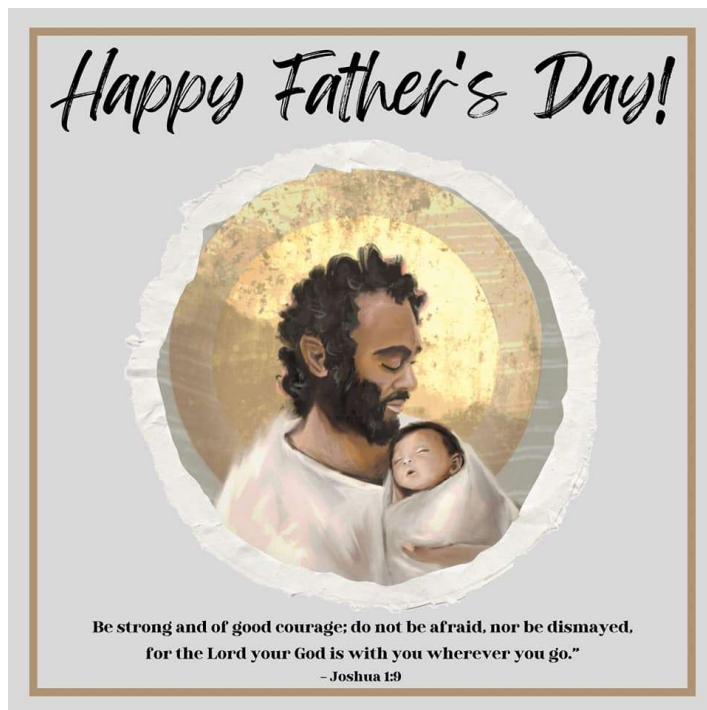
**Thursday:** 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

**Day:** Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience, give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they must do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord.

Amen.

### 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.



### ADORE 365 UPDATES

- We only need 6 more adorers to 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 will have a coded lock and security cameras are in place in the vestibule and chapel.
- If a schedule conflict arises, a substitute may be requested through our AdorationPro software.

We are extremely grateful to those who have committed to an hour of adoration. Please consider sharing the link for Perpetual Adoration with friends and family [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/)



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Susan Fanelli, Berta Rodriguez, Al Natale



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Lia Alesci Carter & Michael Shea



### CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all those who received the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend at St. Pius X. Let us pray that the newly confirmed remain firmly rooted in their faith and continue to bear witness to Christ the Lord.



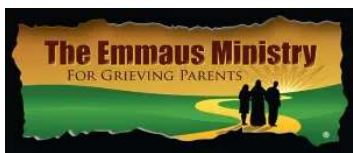
### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

**Monday Luncheon, July 10, 12Noon: Nick Couture, St. Pius X Seminarian.** We had a chance to meet Nick at the June luncheon and Pete invited him back to share his story with us in July. Nick will talk to us about how he was called to discern the priesthood and his experience at seminary. He will also answer all your questions! For lunch we're happy to welcome back the Super Duper Weenie Mobile for some summertime fun! Special deal: \$13 for two of your choice of hotdogs or hamburgers, plus fries 😊 Beverages will be provided as usual. **RSVP required to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or [203-673-2081](tel:203-673-2081).** Also let Pete know if you can bake a treat. Spread the word and invite your friends to join us!

**Wednesday, November 8, Young at Heart Seniors Day Trip: Elvis is in the Building!** We have 4 spots left for you to join us for a fun-filled day trip to Aqua Turf where we will enjoy a little less conversation and a little more rock n' roll as John Monforto performs all your Elvis favorites. Lunch menu includes roast beef and pan seared salmon. Ticket price is \$103 and includes bus transport, lunch, free beer or wine, and raffle. Act now to reserve your spot by getting in touch with **Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or [203-673-2081](tel:203-673-2081).**

### ★ GAME DAY ★

**Young at Heart Seniors Game Day.** Join us and enjoy a variety of games such as Mahjogg 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](tel: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](http://www.emfgp.org). For more information, contact 203-404-0023, [info@ctcemeteries.org](mailto:info@ctcemeteries.org), or Deacon Don Ross, [dnross@diobpt.org](mailto:dnross@diobpt.org).

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



### TO OUR SPIRITUAL FATHERS!

Gracious and loving God,  
we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience  
your presence in the sacraments.  
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.  
Amen.



### 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](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### IMPORTANT SPX EMERGENCY INFORMATION

#### **Location of Defibrillator**

Sacristy (behind the Altar) in the far-left top cabinet—identified with a red sign.

#### **Location of Fire Extinguisher**

Ushers Room in the vestibule lobby.

#### **Location of a Telephone Land Line**

Choir Loft and Sacristy door adjacent to the Community Room.



### 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](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net). We look forward to welcoming you!

### SUMMER READING

**FOR CHILDREN:** Word of Fire has compiled a list of classic children's books that will help form your "child's imagination to love what is true, good, and beautiful through stories." To check the list out, visit the Special Events page on the SPX website.

**FOR ADULTS:** By popular demand, we are providing a list of 10 of the most impactful books Fr. Sam has read. These books were raffled off to a lucky winner during the SPX Book Sale the weekend of June 3-4.

#### Fr. Sam's Book List

Mother Teresa, An Authorized Biography  
by Kathryn Spink

The Power and the Glory  
by Graham Greene

Mere Christianity  
by C.S. Lewis

The Everlasting Man  
by G.K. Chesterton

The Wellspring of Worship  
by Jean Corbon

Jesus of Nazareth  
by Pope Benedict XVI

A Priest Forever, The Life of Fr. Eugene Hamilton  
by Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, C.F.R.

A Noble Treason  
by Richard Hanser

Wait Till Next Year  
by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Welcome to Dunder Mifflin  
by Brian Baumgartner & Ben Silverman



### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com). The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.

*Wrapped in Love*

### HAND CRAFTED PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

If you or anyone you know needs healing, think about gifting them a handmade St. Pius X Prayer Shawl. These beautiful prayer shawls provide powerful comfort as they have been lovingly made by a group of dedicated parishioners. Each stitch of the prayer shawls is infused with the knitter/crocheter's prayers for healing. The shawls are labeled, tagged, and most importantly blessed by Fr. Sam! To request a prayer shawl, email Kimberlie Leon at [kleon@st-pius.org](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org). Kim will coordinate your pickup. A minimum donation of \$25 per shawl is welcomed to defray the yarn cost.

**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](http://www.st-pius.org/faith-formation-registration) or scan the QR code!

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

# SPX Book Sale

I'll meet  
you at the  
Book Sale!



Together, we  
raised over \$2,300  
for our parish!

Congratulations to our raffle  
winners:

Dawn McCaffrey - Fr. Sam's Books

Sabine Edgett - LOTR Books

Betty Horan - Mosaic



Thanks to everyone who volunteered & supported our book sale!!