



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 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

Monday, June 26

8:30AM Sheila Hourican Feeney Family

Tuesday, June 27

8:30AM +William Arpaia E. & M. Huydic

Wednesday, June 28

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Thursday, June 29

8:30AM +Mary & John Ryan Gleason Family

Friday, June 30

8:30AM +Michael Galella Goldowsky Family

Saturday, July 1

8:30AM +Jane DeBona B. & G. Coords
5:15PM +Don Miller L. Carter

Sunday, July 2

7:30AM +Eric Florio McAuliffe Family
9AM +Alex Skultety J. Skultety
11AM +Elfreda Fritz Carpanzano Family



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

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for
All Those Who Come to Adoration**

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 SUMMER HOURS

From now until Labor Day, the Parish Office is open **Monday - Thursday from 9AM-4PM and closed on Fridays**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. We look forward to seeing you!

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day.



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

The psalmist assures us that "the Lord hears the poor." Often, however, He answers their need through the generous gifts of good stewards.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	June 11	June 18
Weekend	\$ 14,452	\$ 10,966
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,033	\$ 12,704
Father's Day	-	\$ 1,277
Monthly	\$ 3,151	\$ 227



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	\$ 205,261
# of Donors	312

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,

This Sunday, we say farewell to Fr. Eric Silva at the 9 AM Mass and with a coffee hour to follow. Fr. Silva has been in residence at St. Pius X for the past few years while serving as chaplain at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull. During that time, he has also made himself very available to say Mass and hear confessions for our parish community. I am tremendously grateful to Fr. Silva for his service to our parish community, and wish him well in his new assignment at St. Rose of Lima in Newtown. Later this week, we will welcome Fr. Brendan Blawie. Interestingly, Fr. Brendan is a native son of St. Rose of Lima, and though he has not been assigned there as a priest, it is a parish near and dear to his heart. Fr. Brendan was ordained to the priesthood on January 2, 2021, and is coming to us fresh off completing his graduate studies in Rome. A graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH, Fr. Brendan also completed the US Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA, before discerning his call to the priesthood. After his initial formation at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, Fr. Brendan studied theology at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Brendan to St. Pius X, and be sure to introduce yourself to him next weekend.

Please keep in your prayers this week all the children who will be participating in the Vacation Bible School, as well as their teen and adult volunteers. I am so grateful to Mrs. Kerry Sweeney who started our VBS last year and has given so much time and effort to making this event possible. I am grateful also to Mrs. Shari Mellinger, our Director of Elementary Faith Formation, who has coordinated with Kerry to facilitate the week.

As you know, last week our Fairfield Life Teen high school youth ministry spent the week in Richmond, VA serving with Catholic Heart Workcamp. They and our outstanding adult volunteers made a huge difference in many lives. While the summer break from school provides space in the calendar for an extended period of dedicated service to those less fortunate, we always hope that the summer service trip inculcates a much deeper spirit of service that can be lived throughout the year. I am grateful to our young men and women, their chaperones, and to Ms. Emily Rauser, our youth minister, for their hard work and for the tremendous example of selfless service they have given this past week!

Speaking of youth ministry, I would like to share with you some exciting news about the future of Fairfield Life Teen. With the help of Bishop Caggiano and the Seton Collaborative, the pastors of Fairfield have worked together on a plan to collaborate on supporting the existence of Catholic youth ministry in the town of Fairfield. For the last several years, our youth ministry has welcomed students from the other parishes in town, but in an informal way. Going forward, the parishes of Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Thomas Aquinas, Holy Family-St. Emery, and St. Pius X will collectively support Catholic middle and high school youth ministry in Fairfield. While our campus here at St. Pius will be the main physical location for this ministry, Fairfield Life Teen itself is open to all students in Fairfield, regardless of parish affiliation. Our hope is that this collaborative model will strengthen the youth ministry that already exists, and provide opportunities for youth ministry to young people from those parishes where such ministries have not previously existed. This collaboration is also a reminder that we are one in the profession of our Catholic faith, and that this common bond transcends parish boundaries. I pray that sharing Fairfield Life Teen in this way will serve for greater unity among the parishes in Fairfield and foster the faith life of the young men and women who are such a vital part of parish life in our town.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jer 20:10-13

Second Reading: Rom 5:12-15

The Gospel: Mt 10:26-33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50, 53, 54-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Lia Alesci Carter & Michael Shea



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Caitlin Elizabeth Clauson, Braeden Douglas Telford.



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! There are events here at St. Pius X and in Fairfield County. Visit www.fairfieldyac.com and www.catholic203.com to find out more.



ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel opens on Monday, June 26 at 9AM! Come and spend time with Jesus in the Chapel of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Adoration will be available from Monday, 9am until Friday, 9pm. A short break will take place on Monday at 7pm for the traditional Latin Mass. Adoration will resume immediately after the Latin Mass concludes.

We are extremely grateful to those who have committed to an hour of adoration. Please consider signing up for a weekly hour or becoming a substitute. Visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/

**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!

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.



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 Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” Mt 16: 18



On Saturday, June 17, Bishop Caggiano confirmed 87 people at St. Pius X. Congratulations to the recently confirmed! Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



COFFEE WITH FR. SILVA

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. You can choose between preparing part of the meal in your own kitchen or with others at in the SPX community kitchen. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Genevieve RitcGfanelliritch@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.

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.



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. Kim will coordinate your pickup. A minimum donation of \$25 per shawl is welcomed to defray the yarn cost.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, July 12th 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, recipes, 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.



DONATE CHURCH OR CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS

Did you know you can make an offering for flowers to enhance the celebration of the Eucharist in the name of a loved one or for your special intentions? Contact Cathy Coyle in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134 to arrange for flowers any week during the year, except Advent and Lent.

LOST & FOUND

ARE YOU MISSING ANY ITEMS?

Check the lost and found bin! It is in the ushers room in the church vestibule. The basket is cleaned out monthly and items will be disposed of or given to those in need. Thank you!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

Monday Luncheon, July 10, 12Noon: Nick Couture, St. Pius X Seminarian. 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 or 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! Join us for a fun-filled day trip to Aqua Turf where John Monforto will perform all your Elvis favorites. The 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 or 203-673-2081.**

★ GAME DAY ★

Young at Heart Seniors Game Day. Join us and enjoy a variety of games such as Mahjonn 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:blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945. Grab a friend, stop by, and check it out!



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A DAY OF HOPE, HEALING AND RECOLLECTION

Thursday June 29th, The Office of Safe Environment, Victim-Survivors of abuse and family members will host a special Day of Healing and Recollection for anyone who has been wounded within the Church. *We hope that any person who has left the Church because of the abuse crisis or for other concerns will consider attending.*

To register or for more information, please contact Erin Neil, L.C.S.W., Director of Safe Environment and Victim Assistance Coordinator with the Diocese of Bridgeport. Phone: (203) 416-1406 Cell: (203) 650-3265 Email: eneil@diobpt.org.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus & Fr. Silva for planning our Corpus Christi Procession!