



## St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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### 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)

### 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 Deacon Don Ross at [dnross@diobpt.org](mailto:dnross@diobpt.org)

### Devotions

Adoration in the Chapel from Monday 9AM until Friday 9PM.  
Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 9AM, Fridays 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.



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 INTENTIONS

#### **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

#### **Monday, July 3**

8:30AM +Cristiano Cabase Brady Family

#### **Tuesday, July 4**

8:30AM +Joe & Marilyn Vannucci Coords Family

#### **Wednesday, July 5**

8:30AM +Johanna Orosz K. Grosso

#### **Thursday, July 6**

8:30AM +Thomas Dennis Holleran Jarvis Family

#### **Friday, July 7**

8:30AM +James Kelly K. Wallace

#### **Saturday, July 8**

8:30AM +William T. Smith Dunn Family  
5:15PM +Fred Yancoky Jane Yancoky

#### **Sunday, July 9**

7:30AM All Parishioners  
9AM +Rosalie DaSilva N. Gallagher  
11AM +Joseph Kinncich Conneely Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Raymond Tomasko**

**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](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 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

Both the first reading and the Gospel today speak of hospitality and welcome. Our ministries of hospitality are a most visible example using one's time and talents to welcome the people of God. But the Gospel assures us that all who give even just "a cup of cold water" to one of His lowliest ones will be rewarded.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	June 18	June 25
Weekend	\$ 10,966	\$ 10,883
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,704	\$ 11,839
Votive Donations	N/A	\$ 547



### 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.***

Please prayerfully consider donating to our parish appeal. Any amount is appreciated!

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](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,

"Whoever gives only a cold cup of water to one of these little ones to drink, because the little one is a disciple, amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." These concluding words from our Lord in the Gospel passage we read this Sunday remind us that even the smallest act of kindness, undertaken simply out of Christian charity, carries with it true reward. That said, our Lord does not suggest that we should serve those in need simply out of a desire for some payment in return. Rather, we are taught to do all the good we can out of love for God. In fact, we should seek God above all other loves, above all other things, above all other rewards. The beauty of loving God, though, is that the more we love God, the more we love our neighbor. The more we seek to serve God, the more we seek opportunities to serve those around us, and the more we receive reward, though reward is not the motivation for charity.

Over the last few weeks, mention has been made in this space of the good work done by our Fairfield Life Teen youth ministry in their annual summer mission trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp. Please permit me one last reflection, given this Sunday's Gospel. Every year, thousands of teens across the country are given an opportunity to serve those most in need through CHWC. Those who participate consistently report that the greatest impact is not only in the work, but in the individuals whose lives are touched. Whether it is a new deck or ramp, or a cold cup of water, the power of the CHWC experience is the opportunity to give generously without counting the cost. Having accompanied our high school students and their adult chaperones to CHWC for many years, I am consistently impressed by the generosity displayed by those who participate. Even more, the message of this Gospel passage is borne out again and again - generous service becomes its own reward. I am so grateful our high school students were able to experience this service, and I look forward to serving with them again next year!

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Brendan Blawie as our new parochial vicar. As he gets started here, I know you will join me in praying for him as he serves our parish community. I am excited to have him here and to share priestly ministry together. There is always a lot to do, and having another priest available will be a tremendous blessing to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Brendan as he gets to know our community, and join me in welcoming him to St. Pius X!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

**Second Reading:** Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

**The Gospel:** Mt 10:37-42

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

**Tuesday:** Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:14-17;

**Sunday:** Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Lia Alesci Carter & Michael Shea



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Maren Emma Pavone & Ryan Howard Pavone



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Meghan Raveis



### 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!

## ADORATION



**Our Adoration Chapel opened this past Monday!** All are welcome to 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/](http://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](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.



God, source of all freedom, this day is bright with the memory of those who declared that life and liberty are your gift to every human being. Help us to continue a good work begun long ago. Make our vision clear and our will strong: that only in human solidarity will we find liberty, and justice only in the honor that belongs to every life on earth. Turn our hearts toward the family of nations: to understand the ways of others, to offer friendship, and to find safety only in the common good of all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*"All the nations you have made shall come to bow before you, Lord, and give honor to your name. For you are great and do wondrous deeds; and you alone are God." - Psalm 86: 9-10*





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 in the SPX community kitchen. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Genevieve Ritch at [Gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:Gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or call the Parish Office.



### COFFEE WITH FR. BRENDAN BALWIE

**Sunday, July 16, Community Room.** Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass and welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Brendan Blawie! We'll also be thanking Nick, the seminarian, for helping us out this summer, so don't miss it! If you would like to help with the coffee contact, Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### 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.

## LOST & FOUND

### ARE YOU MISSING ANY ITEMS?

Check the lost and found bin! It is in the usher's 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!



### One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

#### Saint Pius X Parish

#### 2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/23/2023

ABA Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$189,367 (81%)
Donors to Date:	214 Donors

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal today. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



### 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.



### IMPORTANT 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.



### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AT ST. PIUS

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting, **7PM-8PM, Tuesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



### 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.

## PLACES TO PRAY

The Shrine at Lourdes in Litchfield is a prayerful haven woven into the green hillsides of northwestern Connecticut. Built by Montfort Missionaries and dedicated in 1958, the shrine replicates the grotto in Lourdes, France where Mother Mary appeared to thirteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous several times in 1858. As its patronage suggests, Lourdes in Litchfield seeks to inspire in the hearts of those who visit Mary's faith in and love for her Son.

The grounds are open daily year-round, from dawn until dusk, for pilgrims near and far! All are welcome to walk and pray privately, and/or attend Mass. Mass is celebrated outdoors (weather permitting) in the grotto Tuesdays-Sundays at 11:30am throughout the summer. In addition, there is a gift shop in the visitor's center with an array of Catholic books, sacramentals, prayer cards, et cetera.

Just past the grotto and built into a hill (gentle incline), you can walk the Way of the Cross. You can also visit the smaller shrines surrounding the grotto dedicated to the Sacred Heart, St. Joseph, St. Jude, St. Michael, and St. Louis de Montfort. The shrines to Sts. Joseph and Jude are especially sweet—sewn into the tree line, they offer a quiet place to sit, kneel, or stand. The colorful candles, rosaries, flowers, and other offerings left in faith rest on and around the stone shrines. It is at a place like this where you realize you are standing on prayer-soaked ground, and there is a comfort that comes with knowing this. Your prayers connect with the prayers of past, present, and future visitors almost like a missing puzzle piece—a reminder that you are an integral member of a communion of saints. - Hope Hottois





# Mission Trip 2023



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