



## 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](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 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.





### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, July 15**

8:30AM +Jeff Ryan J. & B. McGuire  
5:15PM +Jane DeBona F. & P. Perazzini

#### **Sunday, July 16**

7:30AM +Nalini Shekar D'Cunha Family  
9AM All Parishioners  
11AM +Jimmy & Jan Skultety J. Skultety

#### **Monday, July 17**

8:30AM +Callan & Connaughton Connaughton Family  
Families

#### **Tuesday, July 18**

8:30AM Harper, Beau, Hayden E. Rauser  
Donofrio

#### **Wednesday, July 19**

8:30AM +Americo Ricci J. & A. Connaughton

#### **Thursday, July 20**

8:30AM +Jerry Padula Carpanzano Family

#### **Friday, July 21**

8:30AM +Andrew & Johanna K. Grosso  
Orosz

#### **Saturday, July 22**

8:30AM +Frank J. Thompson Thompson Family  
5:15PM +Ann Jordan Glennon M. Grosso

#### **Sunday, July 23**

7:30AM +Mary Farren J. Kaner  
9AM All Parishioners  
11AM +Nicolina Vona Vona Family

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week for  
The Intentions of Ann Marie & Tom Ryan**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in for  
The Peña Family**

### 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. 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!



### STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

May our stewardship of time, talent and treasure show us to be among those who have heard the message of Christ and taken it in, yielding a hundred - or sixty - or thirty-fold!

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	June 25	July 2	July 9
Weekend	\$ 10,883	\$ 11,936	\$ 13,387
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,839	\$ 11,722	\$ 11,259
Votive	\$ 547	N/A	N/A
Monthly	N/A	\$ 620	\$ 2,699
Mission	N/A	\$ 406	\$ 295
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 301	\$ 210
Peter's Pence	N/A	\$ 280	N/A



### 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 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,

The Gospel parable we hear today is a familiar one. Naturally, we all want our hearts to correspond to that good soil our Lord references, but we are also alert to the ways in which we receive the word with rocky soil, or of the thorns that spring up and get in the way. The best way for us to keep good soil available for God in our hearts is through a regular life of prayer and sacramental grace. This means praying daily, Mass each week, and some regularity with the sacrament of Confession. Some other tremendous helps to these fundamentals include frequent prayer of the Rosary and regular visits to the Blessed Sacrament (I highly recommend stopping by our Adoration chapel during the week!).

Just as there is work we can do to cultivate our hearts for the Lord, there is a corresponding effort the Lord makes toward us. The Prophet Isaiah reminds us of this in the first reading as he tells us of the providential care that God gives his creation. It is God who sets the world in motion and who gives us everything we need. Fortunately, the life of grace does not depend on us! Rather, God wants to, and in fact does, pour out grace upon grace, so that we can grow according to his plan and design.

I am writing this while on the road for a seminary class reunion. While I will be home for the weekend, I will have spent several days with priests from around the country with whom I studied for and prepared for the priesthood. Some I have seen regularly, while others I have not seen in a decade or more. The years since our ordination have been a time of real growth. I cannot help but look back on these years and see the efforts we have made, but also notice how those efforts are dwarfed by the grace of God that has been providentially guiding us and leading the way. This weekend, let us all look at our own lives and notice the places where God's grace has been at work, where we have cooperated with that grace, and where the Lord is inviting us to a deeper receptivity to his gifts that are always being poured out.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Is 55:10-11

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:18-23

**The Gospel:** Mt 11:25-30

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Sawyer James Krivosta



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Nick Perugini



### 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!



### OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

Adoration is available from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM**. A short break will take place on Mondays 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. **We still have a few hours open on the schedule.** 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 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, contact Shari Mellinger at [sgarcia@st-pius.org](mailto:sgarcia@st-pius.org) for more information.



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

#### **Saint Pius X Parish**

#### **2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/7/2023**

ABA Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$213,257 (91%)
Donors to Date:	223 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.





### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invites high school and middle school students in the local area into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen (High School Ministry) and Edge (Middle School Ministry) are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone from any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen and Edge is to provide a space for students to rest, make new friends, and be reminded of God's love for them through the gift of their Catholic faith. Join us!

#### **Summer Life Nights (Sundays, 7-8:30pm)**

July 16: Outdoor Movie Night (7:30-9:30pm)-Bring a lawn chair and blanket!

July 30: Slip 'N Slide Kickball

Aug. 13: CRUD Wars-Messy Games

Aug. 20: Adoration and Bonfire Night

#### **Summer Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm)**

July 19: Outdoor Movie Night (7:30-9:30)-Bring a lawn chair and blanket!

July 26: Slip 'N Slide Kickball

Aug. 16: CRUD Wars-Messy Games

Aug. 23: Adoration and Bonfire Night



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

**Monday Luncheon, August 7, 12Noon:** Save the date for our August luncheon where we will welcome Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick, S.J. from Fairfield University. He is well-known for leading people through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. His personal writing, which looks back on a lifetime of lived spirituality on five continents, is transformative. More information to come on Fr. Tom's talk! **RSVP required to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081.**

**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. 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 for Mahjongg, cards or just stop by for fellowship and conversation on Tuesdays from **10AM-12Noon, in the Community Room?** **Contact Margaret at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945.**

## PLACES TO PRAY

Nestled in the northern end of Bridgeport, Saint Margaret's Shrine is appropriately hailed as "an oasis for prayer in Connecticut." On the feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1941—one day after the attack on Pearl Harbor—Father Emilio Iasiello resolved to steward the plot of land he had recently purchased into a chapel to the Prince of Peace. It was his hope that this chapel would provide the city's parishioners with a place to pray for world peace and for those serving in the military. In less than a year, this chapel would bear the patronage of St. Margaret of Antioch in its dedication on September 30, 1942.

The foundational chapel stands today amongst a sea of shrines that have been added to the property over the years. Many of these additions were introduced in the 1940-50s and were handcrafted by artisanal parishioners and their relatives. The rocky terrain features terraces, grottos, and walkways that you can interact with at your leisure, and there are wide stone paths in place to help facilitate access to the many meditation spots.

Daily Mass and Reconciliation are celebrated at the Shrine. The website's homepage contains all pertinent information regarding dates, times, and language offerings (English or Italian), as well as a list of the shrines housed on the property and an accompanying description. Visitors are welcome to prayerfully walk the grounds daily between the hours of 8am-6pm.

One is immediately enveloped by the outstretched arms of countless depictions of saints, Jesus, and Mother Mary upon entering the Shrine. Given that the shrines are life-sized and therefore constructed on a large scale, one can, for example, kneel beside a statue of Jesus in Gethsemane and pray alongside Him. In this way, Saint Margaret's Shrine deepens our understanding of how intimate our relationship with God is and how He truly longs for us to enter into the mystery of our Faith with Him. - *Hope Hoittos*

Visit [www.stmargaretshrine.org](http://www.stmargaretshrine.org) for more information.





### CO-OP MISSION SUNDAY

**Maranatha Caring Mission** was established to provide free medical clinics in developing countries, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, provide clean water to the thirsty, and other works as the Spirit directs.

The first clinic was established on November 12, 2016, in Umueje, Anambra State, Nigeria. Eye disease is very prevalent in this area, and many suffer from cataracts. Umueje and the surrounding communities are riverine and riverblindness is prominent due to water parasites.

Maranatha has provided free medical care to **53,876** patients and performed **462** free cataracts and pterygium surgeries. We also perform other surgeries including appendectomy, herniorrhaphy, hydrocelectomy and fibroid removal.

Right now, there are **280** patients on the wait list for cataract surgeries and **70** patients on the wait list for herniorrhaphy and hydrocelectomy. It only costs **\$100** to perform one cataract surgery and **\$20** to provide one month of eye care after the cataract surgery. One appendectomy or herniorrhaphy costs **\$50** and fibroid surgery costs **\$150**.

To continue to provide free medical care, **we need your HELP!** Your financial support will allow us to perform surgeries for the impoverished patients on the wait list. Your generosity will positively impact the health and the well-being of those in need.

We are grateful to Archbishop Leonard P. Blair and the wonderful team at the Propagation of the Faith Office, Monsignor James A. Shanley and Kemche Michalic. We are thankful to your pastor, Rev. Samuel Kachuba. We treasure the generosity of the people of God here at St. Pius X Parish. You and your families are remembered in our prayers.

God bless you for all you do! With prayerful wishes,

Sr. Regina Mgbakor

Please visit <https://maranathacm.org/> to find out more about Maranatha Caring Mission.



### WORN FLAG COLLECTION

**Until August 31**, the Knights of Columbus are collecting worn or damaged flags for an American Flag Retirement Ceremony. Bring your flags to the collection bin in the chapel vestibule.



### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, August 2, 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.



### COOKING FOR OPERATION HOPE

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 St. Pius X Faith Center Kitchen.

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



### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AT ST. PIUS X

**Tuesdays, 7PM-8PM.** The Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers 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. The meeting takes place in a **2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom at the Religious Education Center (School.)** Enter via left side exterior Door #2.



# VBS 2023

## KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM



**Thank you Kerry Sweeney & all our  
volunteers for making this event possible!**