



## 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)

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 29**

8:30AM +Arlene Iosso L. DiGiovanni  
5:15PM +Joan Mahoney Hughes Family

#### **Sunday, July 30**

7:30AM All Parishioners  
9AM +Bechene Ray Kelty Family  
11AM +Grace Rodriguez F. Girard

#### **Monday, July 31**

8:30AM +Betty L. Renahan

#### **Tuesday, August 1**

8:30AM +Dr. Robert Sorrell Dr. Joseph Thimons

#### **Wednesday, August 2**

8:30AM +John Toth Dr. Joseph Thimons

#### **Thursday, August 3**

8:30AM +Harry Zinn Dr. Joseph Thimons

#### **Friday, August 4**

8:30AM +Frank Armstrong Savage L. & M. Foley

#### **Saturday, August 5**

8:30AM +Anne & Nicholas Fabian  
5:15PM +Constance Moore Solomito Family

#### **Sunday, August 6**

7:30AM Anthony DeMattia  
9AM +All Parishioners  
11AM +Al, Kay & Jim Skultety J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel**  
will burn this week for  
All Parish Priests

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church**  
will burn this week in for  
Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

### 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!

### SANCTUARY LIGHTS: CHURCH OR CHAPEL

Did you know you may request the Sanctuary Lights burn in prayerful remembrance of someone? This is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or put forth a special intention. Contact the Parish Office 203-255-6134 for more information.



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	July 16	July 23
Weekend	\$ 10,557	\$ 12,107
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,432	\$ 9,375
Monthly	\$ 567	N/A
Mission	N/A	\$ 215
Maintenance	\$ 260	\$ 275
Co-op Mission	\$ 5,563	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,

"It's worth everything, Sam." I will never forget hearing these words from a priest friend on his ordination day. When a man is ordained to the priesthood, it is customary to ask him for his first priestly blessing. In fact, there is a special indulgence attached to receiving a blessing from a priest in the first year after his ordination! So after an ordination, you will see people lined up waiting for their chance to receive these special blessings. As I knelt before my friend, I was still in seminary, a few years away from my own ordination day. He was so excited and joyful that at the conclusion of the blessing he almost lifted me off the ground to share those encouraging words. To be a priest, even for the hour or so that he had been a priest, was and is, truly, worth everything.

This memory comes to mind as I read this Sunday's Gospel, for our Lord is making clear the abundant gift that is the kingdom of heaven. The image of the treasure in the field and the pearl of great price are strong images that ought to give us pause. Note that our Lord describes someone selling all they have just to buy the field or the pearl. If we break this hyperbole open, we might scratch our heads at first. If I sell everything I have just to buy a pearl, where will I put the pearl? This is exactly the kind of head-scratching Jesus wants us to engage in, so that we can understand more profoundly what it means to be disciples, what it means to choose God in all things. The kingdom of heaven is worth everything.

These strong images are used to demonstrate value. The value of God's kingdom, that is, the value of being in relationship with God, following Jesus, and the eternal life promised us in heaven is the very highest value that is possible to conceive. There is no material thing worth more. Value implies cost. Our Lord invites us in the Gospel to consider not only the value of the gift, but also to consider what we are willing to give. Note that Jesus does not tell us that we *must* sell everything – there is no absolute requirement that we follow the lead of the merchant or the treasure hunter. Indeed, in the list of saints of the Church we will find beggars and royalty side by side, both rich and poor alike. Yet when we speak of the saints, we will speak of those who gave *everything* for the sake of Jesus Christ. We begin to see that there is no price tag on discipleship, yet relationship with God here on earth and in the eternity for which we hope is of the highest value, truly priceless.

It's worth everything. If this is true, and I firmly believe that it is, then I must ask myself daily if I am willing to *give* everything. Some days, fortunately, there is no question of what I am willing to give. But other days, I cannot make the same claim. Fortunately, my willingness to give, or the amount of myself I am willing to commit to the kingdom does not diminish the value of the kingdom of heaven. Rather, the more I give of myself, the more I hold fast to the claim that the kingdom of God, relationship with God, the heaven for which I hope, is truly worth everything, the more I see and understand the value, the more I appreciate the gift that Jesus has given when he invites us to enter the kingdom of heaven, to come and follow and to be his disciples.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:28-30

**The Gospel:** Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 13:36-43

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

**Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Catherine Condit & Christopher Darrow



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Noah Sebastian Ayure, Savanna Rose Palmer, Stella Rae Palmer, Leena Teresa Perez



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, especially those recently deceased: Brian McGeady

### 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!



### 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:** Tuesdays 10AM and 5PM, Wednesdays at 5PM and Thursdays at 11AM. 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!

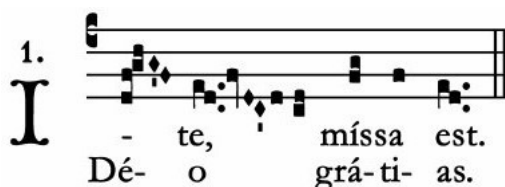
Catechists are needed for the spring confirmation class, grades 2-4 on Monday, grade 5 on Tuesday and grades 2-5 on Wednesday. Contact Shari Mellinger at [sgarcia@st-pius.org](mailto:sgarcia@st-pius.org) for more information.



<b>2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/21/2023</b>	
St. Pius X Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$216,457 (92%)
Donors to Date:	228 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.





### ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOLA

We are now in the process of looking for singers, high school and older, to join our newly formed Choral Schola. Beginning in the fall, the Choral Schola will lead the liturgical music at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. The Schola will be made up of volunteers and professionals who are committed to assist the congregation in singing the Mass and offering special music to help elevate the liturgy.

When singing during the celebration of the Mass, we are reminded of the saying "one who sings prays twice." The Schola's purpose is to enhance the liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with joy and reverence.

We hope that you will consider using your voice for this important ministry as we are growing as a parish community. Some prior music experience would be helpful but is not necessary. Training will be provided. Rehearsals will be scheduled at everyone's convenience, but some commitment will be expected.

Please feel free to contact Michael Lantowski via e-mail at [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com), call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or come see me after any Mass to inquire.



### ST. PIUS X YOUTH CHOIR SEPTEMBER 2023!

St. Pius X will be reestablishing our parish Youth Choir for those in grades 2-7, beginning in September under the direction of Cidalia Kettles and accompanied by Michael Lantowski, our Director of Music. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month, beginning in September and ending in May. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30PM. If you are interested in joining but this time does not work, please reach out.

Cidalia Kettles is our head cantor and a CT certified music educator working in the Fairfield Public School District. She is also well known in the area as a versatile soloist singing in many different churches, venues, concert halls and backing up world class singer Josh Groban on several occasions. We are very blessed to have her as a part of our music ministry team and look forward to getting our youth involved in further participation at Mass. You may reach out to Mrs. Kettles at [cidmezzo@gmail.com](mailto:cidmezzo@gmail.com) or our Director of Music, Michael Lantowski at [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com). Feel free to reach out to us at the office as well, 203-255-6134 ext. 119.



### 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)**

Aug. 2: Slip 'N Slide Kickball  
Aug. 13: CRUD Wars-Messy Games  
Aug. 20: Adoration and Bonfire Night

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

Aug. 16: CRUD Wars-Messy Games  
Aug. 23: Adoration and Bonfire Night

### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE CORE TEAM

We need adult volunteers to be a part of our CORE teams for both our middle and high school ministries. CORE team members are essential in making Fairfield Life Teen + Edge a safe and welcoming environment where the teens are SEEN, KNOWN, and LOVED. They attend our weekly Life/Edge Nights, as well as planning meetings 2-3 times per semester. We are looking for adults to help with the following at the Life/Edge Nights:

- Set-up/clean-up
- Lead opening/closing prayer
- Prepare and give a short teaching on the topic for the night
- Lead small groups
- BE PRESENT with the teens

For more info, visit [www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com) or contact Emily Rauser at [erauser@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org).



### 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!



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

**August 7, 12 Noon:** Join us as we welcome **Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick, S.J. from Fairfield University**. Fr. Tom is a poet and an author, and he will be reading a selection of his poetry. All of Fr. Tom's poems are written in simple language and are easy to relate to and understand. After the reading, he will lead us in discussion and have a Q & A. Fr. Tom lived and worked for 20 years in the Middle East and is well-known on Fairfield's campus for his transformative work in leading people through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. His personal writing, which looks back on a lifetime of lived spirituality on five continents across the world, is equally transformative. A big THANK YOU to Eleanor Burke for introducing Fr. Tom to our group and arranging for him to speak. **Lunch is \$7** for sandwiches, chips, soda, water, coffee, tea, and dessert. **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!

**Young at Heart Seniors Day Trip, November 8: 4 Tickets Left for ELVIS!** If you haven't reserved yet, 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. Get in touch with **Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081**. And if you are already attending, invite a friend!

### ★ GAME DAY ★

#### Young at Heart Seniors Game Day

*Expands to TWO DAYS Every Week!* We are happy to announce that we now have TWO Game Day groups in full swing! If you're interested in learning more and joining us, grab a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon on Mondays** for Mah Jongg or a game of your choice and/or on **Tuesdays** for Canasta or a game of your choice.

Don't be shy, stop over and check out the games OR just come and meet new friends for fellowship and conversation. See you in the Community Room! Questions? Contact **Margaret at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945**.



### 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 to 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.



# Altar Server Training

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*"Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service. . .Therefore in the liturgy you are far more than mere "helpers of the parish priest". Above all, you are servants of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest. Thus you altar servers especially are called to be young friends of Jesus. Strive to deepen and foster this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."*  
- St. John Paul II

**MON**      **AUGUST 7**      4PM - 5PM

**WED**      **AUGUST 9**      4PM - 5PM

**FRI**      **AUGUST 11**      4PM - 5PM

All current servers and any new servers must attend 1 of these sessions. All children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to serve!

Email [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org) to sign up to attend one of the sessions.