



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

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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 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, August 12**

8:30AM +Peggy O'Connor Frank & Margie Duzy  
5:15PM +Rocco Piliero Solomito Family

#### **Sunday, August 13**

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman  
9AM All Parishioners  
11AM +William Barrett Sr. S. Barrett

#### **Monday, August 14**

8:30AM +John Girard F. Girard  
5:30PM All Parishioners

#### **Tuesday, August 15**

8:30AM All Parishioners  
5:30PM All Parishioners

#### **Wednesday, August 16**

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

#### **Thursday, August 17**

8:30AM +Michael James Lyons Lyons Family

#### **Friday, August 18**

8:30AM +Robert Swift Toner Family

#### **Saturday, August 19**

8:30AM +Rebecca Timlin-Scalera Coyle Family  
& Thomas Timlin  
5:15PM +Brendan Fox T. & M. Buckley

#### **Sunday, August 20**

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman  
9AM +Camille & Victor Gagliano Gagliano Family  
11AM +Michael James Lyons Lyons Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week for  
Our Lady of the Assumption**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in for  
John O'Mahony**

### 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 OF TREASURE

Offerings	July 30	Aug 6
Weekend	\$ 11,208	\$ 14,091
Weekend 2022	\$ 9,375	\$ 13,348
Monthly	\$ 310	\$ 600
Mission	\$ 240	\$ 575
Votives	\$ 899	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	\$ 222,142
# of Donors	316

**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!**

**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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If you read the Fairfield County Catholic, you may have caught a recent article about youth ministry in the town of Fairfield. For a few years, we have taken a collaborative approach to Catholic youth ministry for the parishes in Fairfield. St. Pius has been the only parish with an active youth group since the pandemic, but we have been fortunate to welcome teens from numerous parishes in town. Hence, we do not speak about a St. Pius youth group, but rather about Fairfield Life Teen Youth Ministry ([www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com)). Our goal is to make effective Catholic youth ministry available to everyone, regardless of parish affiliation.

With the start of a new fiscal year, we are formalizing our model and our collaboration. The article in the FCC explains that Holy Family-St. Emery Parish, St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish are joining us in this effort. First and foremost, this means that each of those parishes will support their young people, encouraging them to participate in Fairfield Life Teen, sending priests and adult volunteers to be present with and to our teens, and making a financial commitment to this very important ministry. One of the greatest needs we have is adult support. The role of adults in youth ministry is not only as supervisors/chaperones. Adults serve as living role models for our young people, mentors who can help them to grow in faith, virtue, and confidence. We are in need of adults to serve as members of the Core Team for Edge Middle School Youth Ministry (meets on Wednesday evenings) and Life Teen High School Youth Ministry (meets on Sunday evenings). Emily Rauser is our Fairfield Life Teen youth minister: if you would like to serve as an adult member of the Core Team, please contact her at [erauser@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org).

The goal of Fairfield Life Teen Youth Ministry is to provide direct outreach to Catholic middle and high school students that helps them to continue their formation in the Catholic faith after Confirmation, that strengthens their sense of belonging to a community, and that empowers them to actively engage with the world as evangelists, servants, and witnesses. Weekly gatherings include time for prayer, fellowship, and opportunities to go deeper in some of the central themes of our Catholic life. For nearly twenty years, teens from St. Pius have had an annual mission trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp, and this annual summer service project will continue in the new collaborative model.

In order for Catholic youth ministry to succeed in Fairfield, we need the support of the whole Catholic community in town. If you are a parent of a student in middle school or high school, please encourage their participation in Catholic youth ministry. There are many good and noble programs for youth in our town. Fairfield Life Teen is designed to help them integrate their Catholic faith into every aspect of their life. If you are an adult – whether you have a child in middle school, high school, or no children in school yet/anymore – we need your presence, voice, and support. Adult volunteers make an enormous difference in the success of youth ministry. Our young people need adults who love them and are willing to walk with them as they grow in their faith, as they serve others, and as they come to a deeper understanding of who they are in God's plan. Please join us in this effort!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

**Second Reading:** Pt 1:16-19

**The Gospel:** Mt 17:1-9

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Catherine Condit & Christopher Darrow  
Margaret DeBona & Donald Worthley



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Adele Annalise Geronimos



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, especially those recently deceased: Karl Joseph Kery



### 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!



### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*  
**Tuesday, August 15**

#### **Masses:**

Monday Vigil-5:30PM

Tuesday-8:30AM, 5:30PM\*

\* There will be no 7PM Traditional Latin Mass on Tuesday for the Holy Day as a priest is not available at that time.

"Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*). The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion, Feast of the Dormition). CCC 966

\* There will be **no** 7PM Extraordinary Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption as a priest is not available.



### OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

*"To be alone with Jesus in adoration and intimate union with Him is the Greatest Gift of Love - the tender love of Our Father in Heaven."- St. Mother Teresa*

**What is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?** It is spending prayerful time before Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus under the species of bread and wine. When we place ourselves before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and adoration, we are in the truly **in the presence of the living God.**

Adoration is available in the St. Pius X Chapel from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM.** Stop by and just sit in quietly with our Lord, he longs to be with you!

Consider signing up for a weekly hour or becoming a substitute. Visit [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/). **We still have a few hours open on the schedule:** 2PM on Mondays, 5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11AM on Thursdays.





### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

**September 11, 12Noon:** Join us as we welcome our very own **Fr. Brendan Blawie** who will be sharing his vocation story. Fr. Brendan, a Newtown native, graduated from high school there and enrolled in the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech in the Marine Corps ROTC program. He then transferred to Franciscan University of Steubenville where he earned a degree in accounting and also graduated from Officer's Candidate School in Quantico, VA. This fulfilled Fr. Brendan's childhood dream of being a Marine Officer. However, ultimately, his plan of serving in the Marine Corps was not what the Lord had intended for him! Fr. Brendan entered the seminary for the Diocese of Bridgeport, completed pre-theological studies at St. John Fisher Seminary in Stamford, and was sent to the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he received a theology degree from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr. Brendan was ordained January 2, 2021 and previously served as a priest at St. Mary Church in Ridgefield. This past June he received his STL in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from Fr. Brendan and to ask him any questions you may have. **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!

### ★**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 **Tuesdays** for Mah Jongg or a game of your choice and/or on **Wednesdays** 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:Margaret_at_blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945.



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.



### 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. 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).

## Catholic School Openings

There are two exciting career opportunities at the award-winning St. Mary's School in Bethel. St. Mary's is looking for a middle school science teacher and a PreK-4 teacher. Teaching certificate preferred but not required. Email Principal Scott Smith at [ssmith@stmarybethelct.org](mailto:ssmith@stmarybethelct.org) for more information.

# ST. PIUS X LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the heart of our parish, and the Eucharist is the source and the summit of our lives as Catholics. St. Pius X invites you to join your gifts in the work of the Liturgy. Prayerfully consider participating in one of the following ministries.

**CHORAL SCHOLA** Do you love to sing? Consider joining the Choral Schola this fall and help 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. Please contact Michael Lantowski at [mikestro@gmail.com](mailto:mikestro@gmail.com), call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

**YOUTH CHOIR** Beginning in September, all children in grades 2-8 are welcome to join the Youth Choir. The choir will be 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. Reach out to Mrs. Kettles at [cidmezzo@gmail.com](mailto:cidmezzo@gmail.com) or Michael Lantowski at [mikestro@gmail.com](mailto:mikestro@gmail.com) or 203-255-6134 ext. 119.

**ALTAR SERVERS** All children who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become altar servers. Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. If you are interested, contact Fr. Brendan at [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org)

**USHERS** This simple but important ministry is looking for members to assist during Mass in collecting the offertory and helping to seat parishioners. To find out more information, please attend the Monday, August 21, 7PM meeting in the St. Pius X Munro Room or email Paola Peña at [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org).

**GREETERS** If smiling is your favorite, come and help set the tone for the liturgy by greeting everyone as they enter the church and again as they are sent forth after Mass. This ministry is open to all and is a great way for families to serve together. For more information, attend the Monday, August 21, 7PM meeting in the St. Pius X Munro Room or email Paola Peña at [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org).

**LECTORS** Would you like to serve our community by proclaiming scripture during the liturgy? A thoughtful and prayerful presentation by our lectors helps open the hearts and minds of our community to the Word of God. Contact Fr. Brendan at [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org) if you are interested.

**ST. THÉRÈSE GUILD** With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, the St. Thérèse Guild will care for the sacred altar linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided on how to care for these special linens that are integral to the Mass. This ministry will be made up of team members who, in their own homes, reverently launder and care for the purificators and corporals used on the altar at Mass. Email Fr. Brendan at [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org) if you are interested.



## **LECTOR & CATECHIST TRAINING**

The Diocese of Bridgeport is using LEAD™ – a Learning Management System built for the Church – to help deliver formation and training for lay leaders in all our parishes.

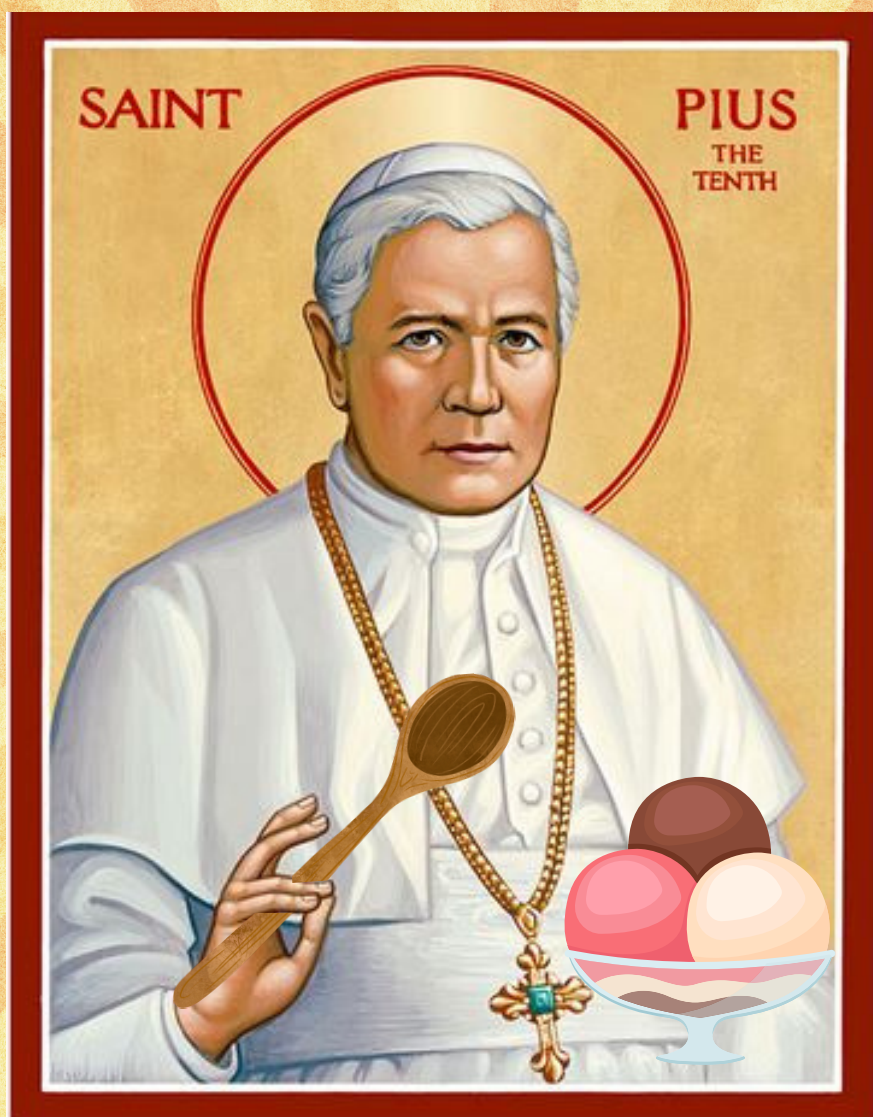
The Diocese is **requiring all lectors and catechists** to complete online training and attend a live session with Bishop Caggiano in order to be fully prepared for ministry.

If you were not able to attend a spring session with the bishop, St. Pius X is hosting a make-up session in the **St. Pius X Community Room on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm**. We ask all lectors and catechists to attend. To register, login into your LEAD account, go to your dashboard and click on our event. If you are new to ministry, need assistance logging in or have general questions, contact Cathy Coyle at 203-255-6134 or [ccoyle@st-pius.org](mailto:ccoyle@st-pius.org).



**AUGUST 19-20**  
**COME & CELEBRATE AFTER ALL MASSES**

# ***St. Pius X Feast Day***



**ENJOY A SCOOP ON THE HOUSE COURTESY OF**  
***Saugatuck Sweets***