



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 Deacon Don Ross at 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 26

8:30AM +Peggy O'Connor D. & A.M. Curtin
5:15PM +Danny Sara Shea Family

Sunday, August 27

7:30AM +Geza Scap C. & T. Santangelo
9AM +Graciela Maria Rodriguez S. & M. Ryan
11AM +Anna Mary Buckley K. & J. Benz

Monday, August 28

8:30AM +Peggy O'Connor A. & S. Wolf

Tuesday, August 29

8:30AM +Peggy O'Connor Devaney Family

Wednesday, August 30

8:30AM +Thomas Timlin Ricki Family

Thursday, August 31

8:30AM +William K. Lavin M. Frey

Friday, September 1

8:30AM Trevino Family Carpanzano Family

Saturday, September 2

8:30AM Scinto Family K. McHugh
5:15PM +Dr. John G. Gisondi Gisondi Family

Sunday, September 3

7:30AM All Parishioners
9AM +Matthew Senatore P. Senatore
11AM +Bridie F. McCannon Toner Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for
A Blessing Upon All Students & Teachers**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in for
Special Intentions & Blessings Upon Adam Leon**

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. 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	Aug 13	Aug 20
Weekend	\$ 17,283	\$ 11,573
Weekend 2022	\$ 10,618	\$ 12,313
Monthly	\$ 3,301	\$ 277
Assumption	N/A	\$ 8,058



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	\$ 938,167
School Building Renovations	\$ 275,000
St. Pius X Registered Families	+2,300
Donated to Date	\$ 223,451
# of Donors	318

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!

**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 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 for more information.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If not for Sunday taking liturgical precedence, August 27 would be celebrated as the feast of St. Monica. August 28 is the feast of her son, St. Augustine – and also Fr. Eric Silva's birthday. This mother-son duo is incredibly important in the list of the saints. While St. Augustine is one of the greatest minds in western civilization, an important theologian and philosopher, the inventor of the literary genre "autobiography," and one of the most prolific Latin writers in history, his eventual conversion to the Catholic faith came about because of the many prayers of his mother, Monica. This holy woman saw the path her son was walking and grieved by his choices and his apparent ignoring of the example she had tried to set for him, turned to prayer. It is said that the tears of St. Monica watered the seed of faith in the heart of her son. However, the full story is not so simple. St. Monica was by no means a perfect person. Her faith developed over time, and as she entered more and more into a relationship with God, she found solace in the faith, especially in difficult moments in her marriage (her husband was a pagan who was also frequently abusive), and in the challenges her children posed to her (Augustine both lived in a way that flew in the face of what she wanted for him and challenged her intellectually with objections to Catholicism). Some stories of the life of St. Monica make it seem that her frequent conversations with Augustine about Christianity may have driven him to go as far as possible (from North Africa to Milan) to get away from her. In fact, he had an opportunity to teach in Milan, but the distance would prove no obstacle to Monica, who simply packed up and moved to Milan. There, however, she enlisted the help of the holy bishop, St. Ambrose. While Monica prayed and prayed, Ambrose befriended Augustine and engaged him in theological and philosophical discussion, gradually dismantling his intellectual objections to the faith. For all the intellectual power at work, though, it was, in the end, the movement of the Holy Spirit in Augustine's heart that finally brought about his conversion.

All of us can think of a family member or friend who has fallen away from the practice of the faith. One of the most frequent heartaches I hear about is from parents who struggle with the fact that their adult children no longer practice the faith, often despite a lifetime of going to Mass as a family, Catholic school, and more. Still others are pained to watch friends go down a moral path that harms them and others, feeling helpless to stop the destruction. Many of us have experienced the pain of trying to help, of trying to offer advice, of trying to convince someone of the truth, only to have it thrown back in our face or feel that the relationship has irretrievably broken down. As this is such a common experience, we might not be surprised to find out that the Church has a saint who has experienced this all, too. St. Monica stands as an outstanding example for us. A woman, a mother, who cares so deeply for her child and who experiences great distress of heart and mind, but who perseveres in prayer is exactly the kind of intercessor we need. On this feast of St. Monica, we can ask her prayers for our family members and friends who are struggling with faith. We can ask her to pray for us, also, that we might be good examples, sources of mercy and love, and lights in the darkness to those in our lives who find themselves lost and struggling.

Dear Saint Monica, you were once the mournful mother of a prodigal son.

Your faithfulness to prayer brought you and your son so close to God that you are now with him in eternity.

By your intercession and God's grace, your son St. Augustine became a great and venerable Saint of the Church.

Please take my request to God with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son.

(Mention your intentions here)

With your needs, worries and anxieties, you threw yourself on the mercy and providence of God.

Through sorrow and pain, you constantly devoted yourself to God.

Pray for me, that I might join you in such a deep faith in God's goodness and mercy.

Above all, dear Saint Monica, pray for me, that I may, like your son, turn from my sin and become a great saint for the glory of God.

Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 22:19-23

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36

The Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Kelly Gorman & Brian Kelly



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Henry Robert Rodriguez, Eve Marie Scruton, Dylan James Yurkerwich



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, especially those recently deceased: Eileen Cook



COFFEE HOURS ARE BACK!!!

Sunday, September 10, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you would like to help with the coffee contact, Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



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 **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/. **We still have a few hours open on the schedule:** Mondays, 1:00 PM & 2:00 PM, Tuesdays, 4:00 PM & 5:00 PM, Thursdays, 11:00 AM



BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING AND PRAYER

For all students, who are returning to school, we are praying for you, your families, and your teachers, asking for God's blessings upon all of you during the coming year.

*God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body, and spirit.*

*Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.*

Bless them and their teachers and staff.

*Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

GAME DAY

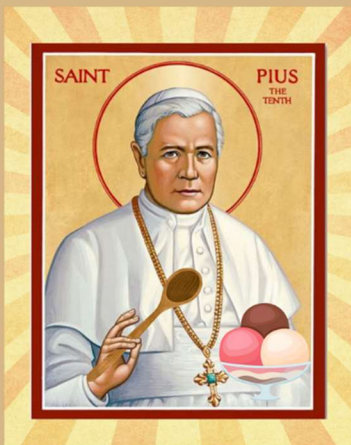
September 11, 12Noon: Join us as we welcome our very own **Fr. Brendan Blawie** who will share his vocation story. Fr. Brendan graduated from Officer's Candidate School in Quantico, VA, fulfilling his childhood dream of becoming a Marine Officer. However, the Lord had other plans for him! Fr. Brendan entered the seminary for the Diocese of Bridgeport and was ordained January 2, 2021. 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 or 203-673-2081.** Also let Pete know if you can bake a treat. Spread the word and invite your friends to join us!

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, grab a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon** on **Tuesdays** for Mahjongg and/or on **Wednesdays 10AM-12Noon** for Canasta. If you have a different game in mind, bring it along and join us!

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 or [908-399-2945](tel:908-399-2945).

SPX Feast Day





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!

Life Nights (Sundays, 6:30-8pm)

Sept. 17: Kick-Off and Bonfire

Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm)

Sept. 20: Kick-Off and Bonfire

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 or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org.



LECTOR & CATECHIST TRAINING

The Diocese of Bridgeport is using LEAD to help deliver formation and training to 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 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 **Community Room on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm**. To register, login into your LEAD account at www.formationreimagined.org/lead/, 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.

ST. PIUS X LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

CHORAL SCHOLA First practice is **Thursday, September 21 from 7-8:30PM** in the church. Join 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. Please contact Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com, call 203-255-6134 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

YOUTH CHOIR First practice is **Thursday, September 7 from 4:30-5:30PM** in the church. All children in grades 2-8 are welcome. The Youth Choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month. Reach out to Mrs. Cidalia Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com or Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com or call 203-255-6134.

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

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, email Paola Peña at 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. This ministry is open to all and is a great way for families to serve together. For more information, email Paola Peña at 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 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. Email Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.



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!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**



Have You Heard?

**GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW—AND
HE IS CALLING **YOU** TO BE A PART OF IT!**

Jesus desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world. How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.

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