



## 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 Monday 9AM until Friday 9PM in the Chapel.  
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9AM, Fridays in the Church.  
First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady 9AM in the Chapel.

### 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, September 30**

8:30AM +Peg O'Connor B. O'Sullivan  
5:15PM +Margaret Ferraiuolo P.Heile

#### **Sunday, October 1**

7:30AM +Thomas Strong Coyle Family  
9AM +Jean & Tom Devine Pehota Family  
11AM +Nancy Buckley Buckley Family

#### **Monday, October 2**

8:30AM +Thomas Timlin Chiravuri Family

#### **Tuesday, October 3**

8:30AM +Robert & Betty L. Renehan

#### **Wednesday, October 4**

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

#### **Thursday, October 5**

8:30AM +Joseph Orlando P. Volpacchio

#### **Friday, October 6**

8:30AM +Joan Appicelli V. Ihlefeld

#### **Saturday, October 7**

8:30AM +John O'Boyle, Sr. O'Boyle Family  
5:15PM +All Parishioners

#### **Sunday, October 8**

7:30AM +James Burke Lynch Family  
9AM +Tony Jacobacci Minogue Family  
11AM +Graciela Maria Rodriguez R. & R. DeCastro



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church**  
will burn this week  
**In Memory of Mary Margaret Niland**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel**  
will burn this week  
**For the Intentions of Bill & Joan O'Brien**

### 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!

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on the **first Saturday of every month in the Chapel at 9AM** for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the rosary, Litany of Loreto and follow with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday and 9AM-12Noon, Friday**. We look forward to seeing you!



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	Sept 17	Sept 23
Weekend	\$ 11,415	\$ 12,582
Weekend 2022	\$ 10,752	\$ 17,713
Monthly	\$ 1,082	\$ 195
Mission	N/A	\$ 425
Candles	N/A	\$ 621



### OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

Adoration is available in the Chapel **9AM Monday until 9PM Friday**. Stop by and just sit 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:** Wednesdays: 4AM, Thursdays: 6AM, 11AM and 3PM.



### OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

#### **Feast Day Saturday, October 7**

Known for centuries as the Feast of "Our Lady of Victory," this day takes place in honor of a naval victory which secured European Christendom against Turkish invasion in 1571. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory at Lepanto — one of the most decisive in all of naval history according to historians — to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through a campaign to pray the Rosary.

"It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary." — Pope Leo XIII

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Two brothers, two verbal responses, two courses of action. In this parable, the desired outcome is clear, but it might help to make it explicit. Our Lord wants our “yes” to God to be reflected in our actions. One brother gives a “yes” to his father, but fails to act on it, while the other refuses his father’s request but later chooses to do what was asked. In the end, our actions matter most. We can rattle off every catechetical factoid in the book, list every saint from A to Z, and quote the Bible chapter and verse, but if our actions do not conform to the Gospel, to the commandments, to the revealed will of God, then our verbal “yes” is hollow. That said, we should also make note that the verbal matters. We all know the importance of a kind word, an affirmation, and how such speech makes a difference in our relationships. Likewise, the words we use to express our faith matter because the language we use either articulates the truth of God’s revelation in an accurate or inaccurate way. Our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect something of the totality of our being. Jesus wants to encounter us totally, and so our response to Him ought to be a response of integrity, where our “yes” to Him is manifested by our obedient and good actions.

This lesson ends with Jesus telling the chief priests and elders that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom ahead of them, for when they were confronted with John the Baptist’s message of repentance, they changed their ways. It is reasonable for us to think that such a transformation was not easy. It is hard to turn away from sin and change our behavior. Sin becomes a habit, and bad habits are hard to break. Good habits take time to form. What is required for a good habit (we might even call them “virtues”) is both the intellectual awareness of what ought to be done and the right course of action being chosen. Thought and deed come together to help us form good habits, virtues that make it possible for us to think, act, and love in union with the heart of God. The pattern of virtue and good habits takes time to grow.

If today were not a Sunday, we would celebrate the feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. This great mystic and doctor of the Church helps us to find this path of virtue, this concord between word and action. The Little Flower wrote that “holiness consists simply in doing God’s will and being just what God wants us to be.” The brother who went and worked as his father asked chose, in the end, to be just what his father wanted him to be. In her spiritual autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, St. Thérèse calls this striving to be just what God wants us to be the “little way,” and describes a beautifully simple path toward holiness. She writes: “Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love.” Small things done with great love build up the virtuous habits that are necessary if we are to bring our whole self to a truly integrated relationship with Jesus. Since the challenge of making our words and actions agree can seem daunting, Thérèse reminds us: “You know well enough that Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, nor even at their difficulty, but at the love with which we do them.”

One son said yes but failed to act. The other said no but had a change of heart and acted appropriately. True holiness consists in conforming our will, our mind, our heart, our speech, and our actions to the will of God. If tax collectors and prostitutes are able to change their ways, to hear the voice of God and turn away from sin, then so too can the chief priests and the elders. If we have been far from God in action, or if only our words indicate what we believe, there is still hope. The little way of St. Thérèse gives us a path toward holiness and to the habit of virtue that is necessary for every disciple. Through her intercession, may we learn to let our yes be yes, and so receive the consolation of a life in union with our heavenly Father.

Peace,

Fr. Sam





### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Ez 18:25-28

**Second Reading:** Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]

**The Gospel:** Mt 21:28-32

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday:** Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Yanira Sigua & Michael Feda

Molly Roach & James Olsen



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Logan Marie Kurtz



### NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

#### **Registration Now Open**

**Wednesdays, October 4 – December 6, 2PM – 3:30PM.** Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey from loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting, at **Church of the Assumption, 98 Riverside Avenue, Westport** and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

Visit [www.ctcemeteries.org/newday](http://www.ctcemeteries.org/newday) to submit an Inquiry Form or contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023. Once the form is submitted, you will hear from a bereavement minister regarding the next steps.



### 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 one at any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen + 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, 6PM-8PM)**

Oct. 1: Metadata-The Existence of God

Oct. 8: Unlimited Talk & Text-The Divinity of Jesus Christ

Oct. 15: Facetime-The Holy Catholic Church

#### **Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM)**

Oct. 4: Tsunami-Is Anyone Really Bad?

Oct. 11: Mayday-Why Do I Need a Savior?

Oct. 18: Eucharistic Revival Night (7-8:30PM)

### 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.

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

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? **On Sunday, October 8 at 3PM in the Community Room**, we will have an introduction to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) for anyone who wants to learn about the journey to the Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation. For more information, contact Andrew Li at [liooxi@gmail.com](mailto:liooxi@gmail.com)



### 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 GAME DAY

Bring a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon** on **Tuesdays** for Mahjongg and/or on **Wednesdays 10AM-12Noon** for Canasta. You can also just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945.



### walking with purpose

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? We invite you to join Walking with Purpose, (WWP), a women's Catholic Bible study, this fall at St. Pius X. WWP is offering the following studies:

**Opening Your Heart, Thursdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM**, starting October 5. Our foundational 22-week study is designed for woman new to WWP. Learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

**Grounded in Hope, Thursdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM**, starting October 5. For returning participants, this Book of Hebrews study will help you encounter Jesus in a powerful and life changing way.

**Rooted and Radiant, Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM**, starting October 4. In this book of Colossians study, we'll learn how the trials that faced the Colossians are remarkably like our own challenges today and learn what we can do about it.

For more information, attend an Open House on **Thursday, September 28, 9:30AM-11:30AM, in the Community Room**. For questions or to RSVP, contact Dawn Carpanzano at [dawnmariec@sbcgloal.net](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcgloal.net) or 203-984-3132. More information at [www.st-pius.org/www](http://www.st-pius.org/www).



**Thursdays, October 5 – November 16, 6:30PM, Community Room**. ChristLife, a Catholic Ministry for Evangelization, will host their next "Discovering Christ" at St. Pius X. This free program includes a Saturday retreat on November 4 from 9AM - 3:30PM. This free, 7-week program helps us rediscover the meaning of life and revive our faith through Biblically based teachings and thought-provoking discussions. Each gathering includes dinner. Invite your friends and family! Register online at [www.christlifefairfield.com](http://www.christlifefairfield.com). For more information and questions, email [christlifefairfield@gmail.com](mailto:christlifefairfield@gmail.com).



### WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB

The mission of Well-Read Mom is to accompany women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations.

**Saturday, October 7 at 9:30AM, Munro Room**. Join us for our first discussion on Marly Youman's novel, "Charis in the World of Wonders." Email Karen Lannigan at [karenlannigan0915@gmail.com](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.



### COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, October 8, Community Room**. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9AM Mass. If you would like to help with the coffee, contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, October 4, 5PM-7PM, Community Room**. Come to Tastebuds monthly gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners are being paired with selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. To attend, email [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com). The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.



### BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Our dear Prayer Shawl Ministry is now making home-made blankets for St. Pius X's newly baptized babies! Each blanket stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for God's blessings for the child. The blankets are then blessed especially for the occasion of the child's baptism and will be given to their families. A very big THANK YOU to our dedicated Prayer Shawl Ministry Team! If you would like to join in creating these blankets, contact Kim Leon at [kleon@st-pius.org](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org).



### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WEEKLY MEN'S BEGINNER/SPEAKERS MEETING 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, are trying to get help, stop by, or share this information.



Covenant School of Bridgeport, a Jesuit-inspired 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade middle school, opened on August 30 with 22 boys at the Holy Family school building, Edison Ave. If you are interested in tutoring or leading a Tuesday Club activity, (4:30PM - 5:30PM on Tuesdays), e.g., journalism, chess, public speaking, art, music, etc., contact Matt at 203-292-1010. Visit [www.CovenantSchoolBridgeport.org](http://www.CovenantSchoolBridgeport.org)



### **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.

### **CONNECT with SPX**

GET EMAILS, TEXTS, + UPDATES!



Text SPXFFLD to 84576



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## St. Pius X

# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2023**

**7:30AM & 5:45PM**

**Front steps of the church**

**All pets on leash or in carriers, please!**



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

## TRUNK *6v* TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

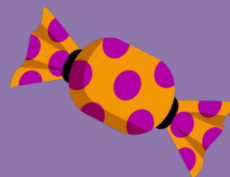
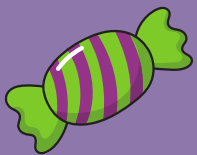
12PM TO 2PM

BURR STREET PARKING LOT

DECORATE YOUR CAR IN A  
BIBLICAL THEME AND COME  
DRESSED AS YOUR  
FAVORITE SAINT!

PRIZES FOR MOST CREATIVE  
CAR AND BEST SAINT COSTUME!

WANT TO DECORATE YOUR  
TRUNK & HAND OUT CANDY?!



SCAN ME