



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 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, 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 Jacabacci Minogue Family
11AM +Graciela Maria Rodriguez R. & R. DeCastro

Monday, October 9

8:30AM +Delanie Fekert Feeney Family

Tuesday, October 10

8:30AM +Ronald Bartovic A. & T. Uria

Wednesday, October 11

8:30AM +Lawrence & Irene Fr. Sam Kachuba & the St. Pius X Staff
Murphy

Thursday, October 12

8:30AM +Rosaline McConaghy Vogt Family

Friday, October 13

8:30AM +Sr. Mary Gillian D. Carpanzano

Saturday, October 14

8:30AM +Anne & Nicholas Fabian
5:15PM +Teresa Marçon DaSilva A. & I. Masson

Sunday, October 15

7:30AM +All Parishioners
9AM +Paul Jarboe Minogue Family
11AM +Pat & Marina Limotola Vona Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week
In Memory of Roy Ervin**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week
For the Intentions of Sr. Mary Gabriel, S.V.**

PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Whether you need prayer or would like to join the Prayer Line as an intercessor, email Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com. Email your petitions and thanksgivings to Pat at any time.

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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	Sept 24	Oct 1
Weekend	\$ 12,582	\$ 11,692
Weekend 2022	\$ 17,713	\$ 13,952
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 200
Mission	\$ 425	\$ 786
Monthly	\$ 195	\$ 505



OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

Adoration is available in the Chapel from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM**. 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/. **We still have a few hours open on the schedule:** Wednesdays: 4AM, Thursdays: 6AM, 11AM, 3PM



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 or scan the QR code. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

On Monday, October 9, the office will be closed in honor of **Columbus Day**.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What is a prophet? In the Old Testament, we read about many prophets whose primary role is to make the word of God known to the people of Israel. They are sent by God to reveal His plan, or consulted by the Israelite people so that they can understand what ought to be done. Most often, we see the prophets calling Israel back to the covenant that God made with Moses on Mt. Sinai, a covenant of fidelity to the commandments. The prophet must challenge idolatry, injustice, tell the truth even when the powers that be are opposed. In short, the prophet is a voice calling people to conversion. To be a prophet in the Old Testament was no easy task: some prophets, we read, were mocked, imprisoned, and exiled. Jewish tradition tells us that some were even killed because they held fast to the truth God had sent them to reveal.

The parable in Matthew's Gospel that we read today reminds us of these great figures of the Old Testament. God has consistently sent messengers to His people, who have consistently rejected them. Last of all, God sends His Son. The tenants in the parable seized the son, beat, and killed him. Just so Jesus would go to the Cross, and lifted up on that tree would call all people to fidelity to the new and eternal covenant. Jesus is far more than a prophet, but it is helpful for us to focus on the prophetic nature of his call and how well we respond today.

If prophets are always sent to call God's people to fidelity to the covenant, we might consider our own fidelity. How well do I observe the ten commandments, the laws at the foundation of the covenant? Am I open to the truth that transcends my limited view, or do I push back on the prophets who call me to justice and truth and away from sin, injustice, and idolatry? In our day, the very nature of what it means to be a prophet is often misunderstood. It is popular to think of prophets as revolutionaries. Indeed, there are many even in the Church who think that having a "prophetic voice" means contradicting the Commandments. A truly prophetic voice, though, always calls us back to walking in the ways that God has revealed. Real prophecy never speaks against the law of God, but rather challenges us to live it out more fully. If a prophet is a rebel, it is a rebellion against the shackles of sin and the cruel reign of a world that is forgetful of God's love.

Just recently, a truly prophetic voice was raised, though many may not have heard it. The Pontifical Council for the Protection of Minors (<https://www.tutelaminorum.org/>) issued a call to action addressed to the new cardinals and to the general assembly of the Synod of Bishops. I encourage you to read it in full at the website above. The evil of sexual abuse is, sadly, a reality that exists even within the Church. When we speak of a "sex abuse scandal" we are using the word "scandal" in its proper sense: an action that is so morally horrifying that it causes public outrage and alienation. Sexual abuse is always wrong and must be named as such. While great strides have been made in the life of the Church, especially since the American abuse scandal exploded in 2002, there is still work to be done. Recent years have reminded us that this evil is still present, that its victims are of all ages and walks of life, and that those who ought to confront it have often failed. The Pontifical Council for the Protection of Minors has done a great service to the Church by placing it, very publicly, on the table as a matter of great importance for the Church.

How will we respond to the true prophets of our own day? Will we heed the call to repentance, to renewal, to fidelity to the law of God? Or will we listen to the false prophets whose voices are so amplified in our world and in our Church, promoting false mercy for some while refusing to act with justice for the most vulnerable? We are the tenants. The Son is approaching. May we have the grace to respond to His voice and to live authentically in the peace of the new and eternal covenant.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 5:1-7

Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9

The Gospel: Mt 21:33-43

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Caitlin Ostenby & Philip Reid-Francisco

Molly Roach & James Olsen



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Beverly Bravo, Paul Foley, David Barbour.

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



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ST. PIUS X

MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERING

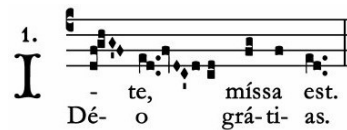
Saturday Mornings, 6:30AM, Community Room. Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at drexel2424@optonline.net. We look forward to welcoming you! submitted, you will hear from a bereavement minister regarding the next steps.



ST. PIUS X YOUTH CHOIR

St. Pius X Youth Choir is open to all children in grades 2-8. The choir rehearses on **Thursdays from 4:30PM-5:30PM in the church and sings at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month.** Our singers are under the direction of our head cantor and CT certified music educator, Cidalia Kettles, and accompanied by Michael Lantowski, our Director of Music.

For more information, reach out to Mrs. Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com or Mike at mikestro@ymail.com. You may also call the office and speak to Mike at 203-255-6134 ext. 119.



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOLA

Consider sharing your voice by joining the Choral Schola! The Schola is made up of volunteers and professionals who assist the congregation in singing at the **11AM Sunday Mass** as well as various Holy Days throughout the year.

Some prior music experience is helpful but not necessary. Training will be provided. Rehearsals will be scheduled at everyone's convenience, but some commitment is expected.

Contact Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com, call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or see Mike after any Mass to inquire.



BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Our dear Prayer Shawl Ministry is now knitting blankets for St. Pius X's newly baptized babies! Each blanket stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the child's faith journey. Once completed, the blankets are blessed by Fr. Brendan and given to their families after the baptism.

If you would like to join their efforts and help welcome our newest church members in this beautiful way, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org.

"I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain." - John 15-16



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. 8: Unlimited Talk & Text-The Divinity of Jesus Christ
Oct. 15: Facetime-The Holy Catholic Church

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

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 or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org.



★ GAME DAY ★

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Bring a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon** on **Tuesdays** for Mahjogg and/or on **Wednesdays 10AM-12Noon** for Canasta. You can just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact [Margaret at blk125@msn.com](mailto:Margaret_at_blk125@msn.com) or [908-399-2945](tel:908-399-2945).



COFFEE HOUR

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



WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB

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

Book discussions are on the **first Saturday of each month at 9:30AM in the Munro Room**. Email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, November 1, 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. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.



HOLIDAY BAKING BOOT CAMP

Sunday, November 5, 3:30PM-5:30PM, Community Room. All are welcome to learn how to bake holiday goodies to share as hostess gifts, at potlucks and your own dinners. The cost of this program will be \$20 per person.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Sunday, December 3, 10AM-12PM in the Community Room. Join your fellow parishioners and families for a morning of gingerbread house decorating and service. You will create gingerbread houses that will be donated to St. Pius' outreach and Operation Hope Communities. This event will be limited to the first 50 sign-ups. The houses and decoration will be provided by the church for a small donation of \$25 per house.

Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com if you would like to attend any of these events.



Caroline House in Bridgeport is looking for ESL tutors for woman and afterschool tutors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30PM-5:30PM for grades 2-8. Caroline House was founded in 1995 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame to help immigrant woman acquire the knowledge and skills to improve their own lives and the lives of their children. Email info@thecarolinehouse.org or visit www.thecarolinehouse.org for more information.



Covenant School of Bridgeport, a Jesuit-inspired 5th to 8th 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



Saturday, October 21, 7PM at St. Thomas Church Hall. Attend a Retro Music Party while helping to raise funds for Off the Streets Bridgeport. Off the Streets Bridgeport assists people who are experiencing homelessness transition into permanent housing. The party will feature music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. Appetizers, dessert, coffee, and tea provided by the Castle in Black Rock. Scan the QR code to buy tickets, BYOB and join in on the fun!



Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting, **7PM-8PM, Tuesdays, 2nd 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



St. Joe's High School
Sunday, October 22
1:30PM-3:30PM
Scan code to register



**Laurelton Hall
Science Open House**
Saturday, October 21
8:30AM-12:30PM
Scan code to register



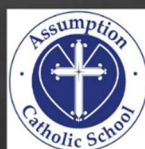
Notre Dame High School
Sunday, October 15
1:00PM
Scan code to register



Fairfield Prep
Saturday, November 18
9AM & 10AM sessions
Scan code to register



St. Thomas Aquinas
Sunday, October 15
10:00AM-12:00PM
Scan code to register



Assumption Fairfield
2024-2025 Enrollment
open now. Scan code
to inquire about a spot.



For more information, call the schools or visit their websites.



FAIRFIELD
LIFE TEEN
AND EDGE



Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser



Get your pies from Oronoque Farms just in time for Thanksgiving! Pies will come unbaked and frozen with baking instructions.

\$20 per pie

Place your order by 11/1 with pickup at St. Pius on 11/12



Name: _____

Number of Pies Ordered: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Apple	Apple Crumb	Blueberry	Blueberry Crumb	Cherry	Cherry Crumb	Pumpkin

Thank you for supporting Fairfield Life Teen and Edge!

Email Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org

Return the order form to parish office or drop off in the collection basket at Mass.

Cash or checks made payable to "St. Pius X"

