



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.

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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, November 25

8:30AM +Anne & Nicholas Fabian

5:15PM +Nancy Buckley

Buckley Family

Sunday, November 26

7:30AM +Mrs. Ellen Mario

9AM All Parishioners

11AM +Joseph & Bet Farrace

J. Skultety

Monday, November 27

8:30AM +Raina Damico

E. O'Hara

Tuesday, November 28

8:30AM +Margaret Cicari

E. O'Hara

Wednesday, November 29

8:30AM +Michele Hubler

B. Hubler

Thursday, November 30

8:30AM +Ann & John Gleason

Gleason Family

Friday, December 1

8:30AM +Graciela Josefina DeLaya

Carpanzano Family

Saturday, December 2

8:30AM +Robert Renehan

5:15PM +Anthony Annuncio

T. Annuncio

Sunday, December 3

7:30AM All Parishioners

9AM +Janet Chauncey

Douglas Family

11AM Special Intention

J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in loving memory of
George Annuncio**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week
in Thanksgiving for all of God's blessings.**

**Flowers in the Chapel this week
are in memory of Michele Hubler.**

PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com with your petitions and thanksgivings. You can also email her if you'd like to help pray for the Prayer Line intentions.

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

Due to publishing deadlines, the Offertory and the St. Pius X Parish Appeal update will be printed next week.



ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP OPEN FOR WEEKEND HOURS

As a parish, our goal is to have Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days a week. We currently have 39 open weekend hours. Help us reach our goal by **signing up for a weekend Adoration hour**. **Scan the QR code or visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/**. *Weekend Adoration hours will not start until we have enough committed, weekend adorers. You will receive an email once we have enough people.*

Until then, our regular Adoration times are still from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM, in the Chapel**. There are a few weekday hours open on **Tuesdays: 12AM, Thursdays: 3PM, 9PM, Fridays: 1AM**. Sign up or become a substitute by visiting www.st-pius.org/adore365/.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

December 4, 12 Noon: Christmas Buffet Lunch and Mike Proscino Piano & Smooth Vocals—LIVE! Join us for our annual Christmas lunch celebration! We are happy to welcome back Mike Proscino who will put us in the Christmas spirit with his piano playing and smooth vocals. What better way to start the season than by listening to a live performance of all your favorite Christmas tunes. This year we will once again offer a complimentary hot buffet lunch catered by Sorrento's Importing along with a holiday raffle. Calling on all Baking Elves to bring some holiday treats! **RSVP REQUIRED by November 28** to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.

★ **GAME DAY** ★

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 stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, the Church turns our attention to Christ the King. In this reflection we consider both the end and the beginning. This great solemnity turns our attention to the end, as Christ is presented to us as the King of all ages, of all time and space, the King who comes again in glory at the end of the age, the one before whom we will stand at the end of our lives. Since this feast is also at the end of our liturgical calendar, it marks the close of the year and invites us to a time of review and reflection. This review in turn leads us to consider the start of something new. Our faith teaches us that when this life ends, we look forward to something new, eternal life with Christ in heaven. We long to be found worthy, those who having seen the Lord hungry, naked, alone, sick, or imprisoned ministered to his needs, such that we are invited to enter into everlasting life. With the solemnity of Christ the King, one year ends, but a new year will soon begin.

The year soon to begin is marked by the four Sundays of Advent. This liturgical season prepares us for the birth of Christ and the beginning of our Lord's earthly life and ministry. The new liturgical year will include the shortest possible Advent season (the fourth Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve – more on that liturgical reality later). Though brief, Advent will still be a time of intense preparation. It is an invitation to begin again, to be renewed, and to look forward. Just as the Thanksgiving Day we just celebrated was an opportunity to thank God for the blessings we have received in the last year, so the start of the Church's new liturgical year is an opportunity to look forward with hope at what God desires to accomplish in us. Ultimately, Advent will remind us to look to the eternal kingdom of God for which we hope, the heavenly Jerusalem.

As this liturgical year draws to a close, and with the fresh memory of Thanksgiving, I would like to close this note with some words of gratitude. I am deeply grateful to God for the blessing that St. Pius X Parish is to me personally, and the blessing that this community is to the wider Fairfield community. It is a gift to be pastor here. In that role, I am blessed by the commitment of my brother clergy, Fr. Brendan, Fr. Blatchford, and Deacon Don. The work of ministry in this parish would be impossible without the dedication of our parish staff, the leadership of so many volunteers, and the advice of our finance council and trustees. The efforts we make together would seem strange if they were not a response to the needs and desires expressed by the whole parish community. I am so grateful for the participation of so many in the life of this parish!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26

The Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, especially those who recently passed: Helena Pajolek



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, December 3, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour and treats after the **9AM Mass**. If you would like to help with the coffee, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net. All are welcome!



walking with purpose

LADIES CHRISTMAS BRUNCH INVITE

Thursday, December 7, 9:30AM-11:30AM, Community Room, Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic bible study, invites all women of the parish to a special Christmas Brunch and talk given by Father Sam. Please RSVP to Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net by Monday, December 4.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

CHORAL SCHOLA Practice Thursdays, from 7PM-8:30PM in the Church. Do you love to sing? Consider joining the Choral Schola 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, ext. 119 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

YOUTH CHOIR Practice Thursdays, from 4:30PM-5:30PM in the Church. All children in grades 2-8 are welcome to join the Youth Choir. The choir will sing 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.

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 Mike Finneran at lakehillsfins@gmail.com.

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, 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 cares for the sacred altar linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided. Email Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.

Holiday Meal Assembly

**Saturday, December 9
7AM-12PM**

Al's Angels is putting together Holiday Meals for children and families with health and financial hardships in the local area.

Scan the QR code to sign up and help put the meals together. Volunteers are asked to bring a NEW Toy for a child under the age of 10 years old.



SPX RAFFLE

The 2024 Raffle Committee is looking for volunteers to help organize next year's raffle. If you would like to help, contact Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net or call 203-613-5520.



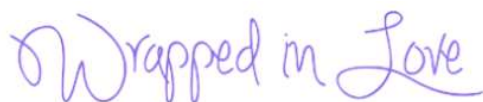
TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, December 6, 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 will be paired with selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP.



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!



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. Yarn is provided for all blankets.



WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB

Saturday, December 9, 10AM - 11:15AM, Munro Room, following First Saturday Devotion. We invite you to join us for our monthly discussion of great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversation.

Our December book is "The Practice in the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence, a perfect read for the Advent season! Written in the 17th century by a French hermit, spiritual director, and member of the Order of Discalced Carmelites, it contains enduring wisdom for seeking God in your daily life. Email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

COOKING FOR OPERATION HOPE

Join our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team in preparing a monthly meal for Operation Hope's clients. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT

Fairfield Life Teen + Edge invite local high school and middle school students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our mission 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!

HS Life Nights (Sundays, 6PM-8PM)

Nov. 26: No Life Teen

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

Nov. 22: No Edge

Nov. 29: Beach Resort-Is Being Good Boring?

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.

For more info, visit www.fairfieldlt.com or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org.

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THE SPX GOLF OUTING IS BACK!

ST. PIUS X GOLF FUNDRAISER

10 JUNE 2024

Our Golf Committee is looking for volunteers to help plan & support this event.

To volunteer, contact Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net or call 203-613-5520.



FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Sunday, December 3

10am-12pm

St. Pius X Community Room

Join fellow parishioners for a morning of gingerbread house decorating!

Once complete, your creation will be donated to St. Pius X Outreach and Operation Hope Communities.

This event will be limited to the first 50 sign-ups. Donation of \$25.00 for supplies to participate.

To participate, email Catherinemacdonalddcake@gmail.com and Venmo fee to Catherine Macdonald @Catherine Macdonald-188

Advent by Candlelight

AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING FOR WOMEN

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 2 | 6:30PM

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAIRFIELD, CT

"WALKING IN CONFIDENCE"

Our guest speaker, Jennifer Hubbard, is the President of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, which she founded in memory of her daughter who died in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Hubbard is an international speaker, retreat leader and national role model for compassion and hope. Begin your Advent season with this intimate evening of fellowship and Jenny's moving testimony of faith and hope.

CANDLELIT DINNER

We invite you to purchase a single ticket for \$30, where you may request seating with friends and be placed with a St. Pius X hostess who will then help coordinate a shared meal. Alternatively, you may sponsor a table for \$240 for eight people and invite your own guests. Should you choose to sponsor a table, you will decorate and plan food and drink to share among your guests. Proceeds benefit the repairs and maintenance of St. Pius X School. Pay by check to St. Pius X Church or scan the event QR code.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN LANNIGAN AT KARENLANNIGAN0915@GMAIL.COM

THANK YOU!!!

**YOUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS
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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS



Scan the QR code to watch November's Eucharistic
Revival Night or visit the St. Pius X Youtube Channel.



St. Pius X Catholic Church

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Calling all aspiring angels, shepherds, narrators, singers, volunteers and more! We are excited for this year's Christmas Pageant at St Pius X, to be held

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 3PM.

4PM FELLOWSHIP IN COMMUNITY ROOM



Open to kids age 3 through grade 8.

Use the QR code to sign up and indicate interest in roles.




Patty O'Brien patty.marie.obrien@gmail.com & Darcy Ronan darcy.ronan@gmail.com



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