



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024



Important Update from Fr. Sam

May 29, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before I head out on sabbatical, I wanted to write to you about a very important challenge facing our parish and requiring all our attention and help...

We Stand with Christ Campaign (WSWC): Church Repairs and Updates

Many of you know that when we embarked on WSWC more than five years ago, we were enthusiastic about the prospect of making needed repairs and updates to our Church. Your generosity resulted in pledges that allowed us to do everything we hoped to do. And we have been blessed to enjoy these benefits every day at Mass, during holidays, and at life's most important moments such as weddings, baptisms, and funerals.

WSWC Construction Loan Status

In order to begin and complete the Church renovation, we worked closely with the Diocese, and under their advisement, secured a loan from Fairfield County Bank. We have been paying off this loan monthly from the WSWC pledge payment disbursements. In addition, funds from renting our parking lot to Netflix, ERC rebates, and parishioners who kindly designate additional gifts to the loan have also helped pay down the principal.

Our Challenge

Despite our continued efforts to pay down the loan, we have faced certain realities that are impacting our ability to do so on time. These include: the Covid 19 Pandemic, folks moving away, parishioners dying, and a significant number of defaulted pledges. All of this has left us with a loan balance of \$750,000 maturing in November.

A Request for EVERYONE'S Help

I realize many have already given, and for this I am so grateful. For the good of our parish and all who enjoy it day in and day out, I humbly ask everyone to prayerfully consider giving, or giving again. Any amount will make a difference and help us pay down this loan.

With my deepest gratitude and sincere thanks,

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YES! I want to help pay down the WSWC Construction Loan! Here is my gift:

Amount of Gift \$ _____

Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Credit Card# _____ Exp.Date _____ CVC # _____

Billing Name _____ Billing Address _____

(If different than above)

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Check Enclosed. Check # _____

Credit Card or Checks payable to St. Pius X and mailed to address below or

Give Online at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive and choose GIFT and indicate CONSTRUCTION LOAN.

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MASS TIMES

Daily	8:30AM, Monday-Saturday, Church
Monday	7PM, Extraordinary Form, Chapel
Saturday	5:15PM, Vigil Mass, Church
Sunday	7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, Church

Holy Days

Vigil	5:30PM, Church
Holy Day	8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church
Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church

Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are on the first Sunday of every month. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to schedule your child's baptism.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office. Visit www.st-pius.org for more information or call the Parish Office.

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.

Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is open to anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or complete their initiation as a Roman Catholic. Call the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH INFORMATION

Summer Office Hours	Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM
	Closed on Fridays with staff available by email until 12PM

Parish Phone	203-255-6134
Religious Education	203-259-4800
Parish Email	secretary@st-pius.org

Parish Corporation

Kathryn Vogt	Lay Member
Arthur Wolf	Lay Member
Jeremy Joyce, Chair	Parish Finance Council

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Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Gn 3:9-15

Res. Psalm:

130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

2nd Reading:

2 Cor 4:13–5:1

Gospel:

Mk 3:20-35

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We all know the story of Adam and Eve, the story that results in the fall of mankind and the stain of original sin. Upon falling and committing the first sin, Adam immediately hides himself. He is full of shame, embarrassment, and fear. It's that feeling to which we can all relate, and I know I felt it as a child whenever my brother and I would fight or misbehave. Our mother would say those words, "Just wait until your father comes home." Oh, how we wanted to hide! We felt shame and fear. Fortunately for us all, our Heavenly Father is a Father of love and mercy, even more so than any earthly father can be.

Sin is a vicious cycle where the devil will utilize shame to keep us even further from God. The evil one begins by tempting us to do something we know that we shouldn't, and when we fall and commit that act, he is the first one to accuse us, to make us feel shame. There is an important distinction between shame and guilt. Shame turns us inward, where we seek to hide even from God. But when we sin our conscience rightly feels guilty, and that guilt moves us to act by turning to God and seeking repentance and reconciliation. St. John Chrysostom sums up this dilemma, "Be ashamed when you sin, don't be ashamed when you repent. Sin is the wound; repentance is the medicine. Sin is followed by shame; repentance is followed by boldness. Satan has overturned this order and given boldness to sin and shame to repentance." In short, we should never go out and sin boldly, but when we fall, we should seek repentance boldly.

In the Gospel today Jesus speaks of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit and says those who commit that blasphemy never will have forgiveness and they are guilty of an eternal sin. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is the denial of sin or maintaining a "right" to commit a sinful act to the point of a resolute refusal to repent and the rejection of God's overtures of mercy. For God's willingness to forgive is truly limitless, but He will not force a person to accept his mercy. There is no such thing as an unforgiveable sin, but an unforgivable disposition that does not even want repentance and reconciliation. God respects our free will to the point where He will allow us to choose un-repentance. If we simply do not want God's mercy, He will respect that decision.

Never allow a cycle of sin and shame to keep you from our loving Father. Whenever we fall, however big or small our fall may be, we turn away from God in that moment. And then our God immediately calls out to us as He did to Adam and Eve by asking, "Where are you? What is it that you have done?" He's not seeking us to apply a punishment, and he's not asking what we have done because he doesn't know. He's seeking us to bring us back to Him and inviting us to confess our guilt. Shame and fear are tools used by the evil one to keep us away from mercy, away from the Sacrament of Confession. The only person who wants us to stay far away from mercy, reconciliation, and love is the devil. Be bold in seeking repentance!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 8

8:30AM+Susan Fanelli.....Coyle Family

5:15PM.....All Parishioners

Sunday, June 9

7:30AM+Nancy Hacket.....C. & B. Bergeron

9AM.....+Al Natale.....P. & F. Perazzini

11AM.....+Susan Halliday.....Halliday Family

Monday, June 10

8:30AM.....+Michele & Maria Artieri.....E. Porco

7PM.....+Carmen Rosa & Victor Figueroa.....T. DeJesus

Tuesday, June 11

8:30AM.....+Matthew McCrann.....D. Carpanzano

Wednesday, June 12

8:30AM.....+Mary & John Gleason.....Gleason Family

Thursday, June 13

8:30AM.....+Beula DougherE. & L. Halliday

Friday, June 14

8:30AM.....+Richard Orosz.....Fr. Sam Kachuba & SPX Staff

Saturday, June 15

8:30AM+Kevin Leary.....E. & L. Halliday

5:15PM.....All Parishioners

Sunday, June 16

7:30AM.....+John & Helen Guman.....B. Guman

9AM.....+Mary Ellen & Thoms McAuliffe.....McAuliffe Family

11AM +Anthony J., Anthony M. Cialone & Joseph Violone...Violone Family



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church for the intentions of all parishioners in the chapel in memory of MaryEllen & Thomas McAuliffe



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
Nicholas Casciello

STEWARDSHIP

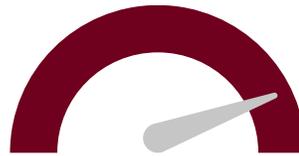
Weekly Offertory

Offerings	May 26
Weekend	\$ 10,136
Monthly	\$ 806
Votives	\$ 610



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

All money raised for the 2024 St. Pius X will go towards critical St. Pius X School repairs. To give to the SPX Appeal, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Annual Appeal in the memo or visit www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page.



\$ 215,958 Donated
\$ 250,000 Goal



SPX APPEAL



The money raised for the Bishop's Appeal supports all the charitable works within our diocese. Funds go towards the needs of the poor and the sick, our youth, our retired priests, and educational programs. Visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home to donate.



\$ 164,996 SPX Donated
\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S APPEAL

MON

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St. Pius X Golf Outing, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course

JUNE

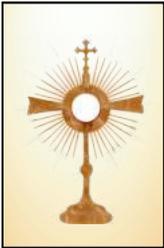
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SPX Sandwich Making, 7PM, Community Room and Kitchen

JUNE

PRAYER



ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

Adore our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Consider signing up for:

- 1) Any hour with no adorer - Wednesday: 4AM, Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM and 5AM, Friday: 1AM
- 2) Any hour that has an adorer as we hope to have at least two adorers for each time slot.
- 3) A weekend hour. As soon as we have enough weekend commitments we will launch Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



To sign up or to become a substitute visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/ or scan the QR code.



ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Friday, 9AM, Church

Come pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy lead by Pat Heile. All are welcome to attend!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday, 9AM, Church

Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.



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. If you'd like to pray for others, let Pat know and she will add you to the Prayer Line Team.



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 16347 PRESENTS

ST. PIUS X

GOLF FUNDRAISER

**LAST
CALL!!**

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

H. SMITH RICHARDSON GOLF COURSE & BOCA GRILL, FAIRFIELD, CT

18 HOLES OF GOLF, SHOTGUN START, LUNCH, HAPPY HOUR, DINNER, LIVE MUSIC & MORE!!

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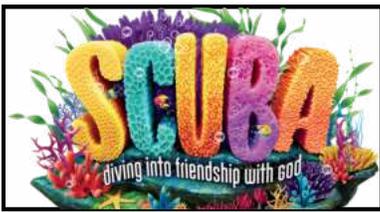
EVENTS



ST. PIUS X LUXURY RAFFLE

Saturday, September 14, 8PM, Drawing at SPX

Take a chance on winning a 2024 BMW X5 SUV and other amazing prizes! For tickets, visit www.stpiusxcatholicchurch.regfox.com/luxury-affle or scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X building loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.



SCUBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PIUS X

July 15-19, Religious Education Center

Calling all 4-8 year olds! This year's VBS theme is SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God! Join us this summer for fun, friendship, and prayer! For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, visit www.st-pius.org/vbs or contact Kerry Sweeney at stpiusvbs@gmail.com.

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 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!



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

June 9, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, July 1, 12PM, Community Room

God Bless America! In honor of Independence Day, we are excited to we welcome Vincent Santilli, CEO and Managing Director of Homes for the Brave and Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heros of Bridgeport. Vincent will speak to us about these important facilities and their role in providing transitional housing for struggling veterans and their families. Vincent will be introduced by our very own Connie vonZwehl who is also generously hosting this month's event by providing an "All American Country Picnic" lunch. Lunch will still be \$7 which will be donated to the Homes for the Brave! RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake and be sure to wear your best red, white, and blue!

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OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



WRAPPED IN LOVE

This group crochets and knits blankets for our newly baptized babies as well as prayer shawls for those who are ill. Each stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the recipients. Once completed, the items are blessed by Fr. Brendan. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. We provide the yarn.



BAPTISMAL GARMENT MINISTRY

Every child baptized at St. Pius X receives a handmade baptismal garment that is lovingly created by this ministry. If you enjoy simple sewing and embroidery, email Eleanor Burke profefurke@optonline.net and join their efforts.



YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong

Wednesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Canasta

Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or call her at 908-399-2945.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, June 10, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, June 19, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

We are continuing our Sandwich Making Ministry once a month at SPX and are looking for volunteers to donate the following items: 8oz water bottles, granola bars, plastic sandwich bags, disposable rubber gloves - medium and large, and 8oz Purell sanitizer pumps. In addition, if you would like to attend the sandwich making, please RSVP at stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com

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FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Life Teen + Edge, hosted at St. Pius X, is open to any middle and high school student from any church. We 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. Adults who would like to support our youth by helping on the CORE team, contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org or for more info, visit www.fairfieldlt.com.org.

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, 6:00-8PM, School Portable

June 30: Summer Bible Study

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

July 10: Outdoor Movie Night (7:30-9pm)

COMMUNITY



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday, 7-8PM, Religious Education Center, 2nd Floor Classroom

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers 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, is trying to get help, stop by, or share this information. Enter the Religious Education School via left side exterior Door #2.



POPCORN SALE

**Support Fairfield Life Teen and Edge
with some delicious popcorn!**

Online Shop Opens: Monday, June 10th, 2024 at 5:00pm

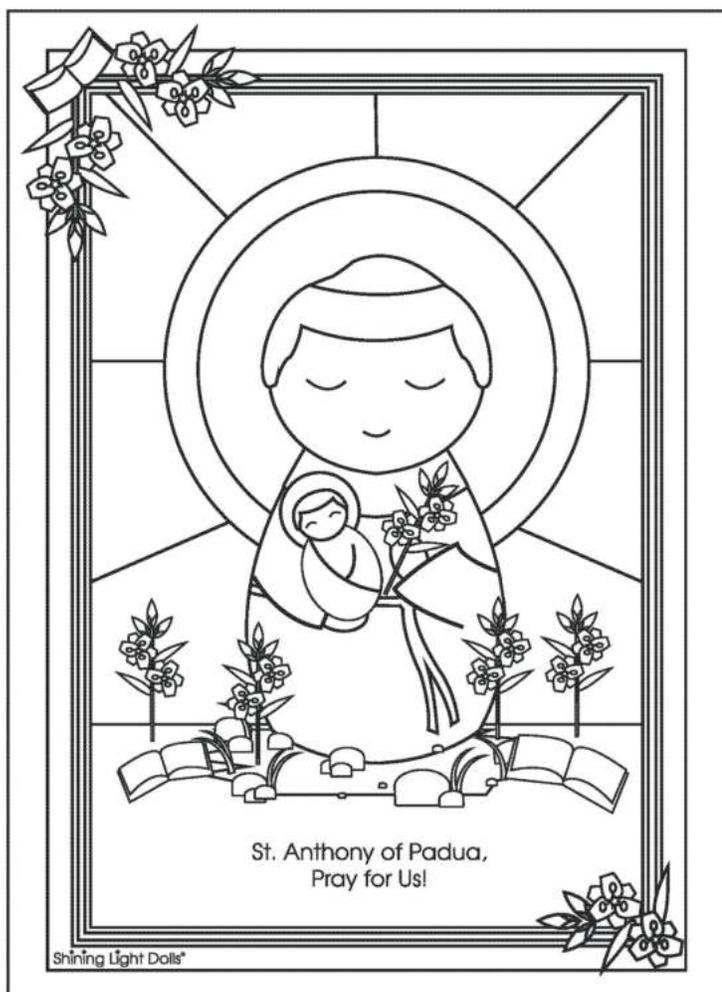
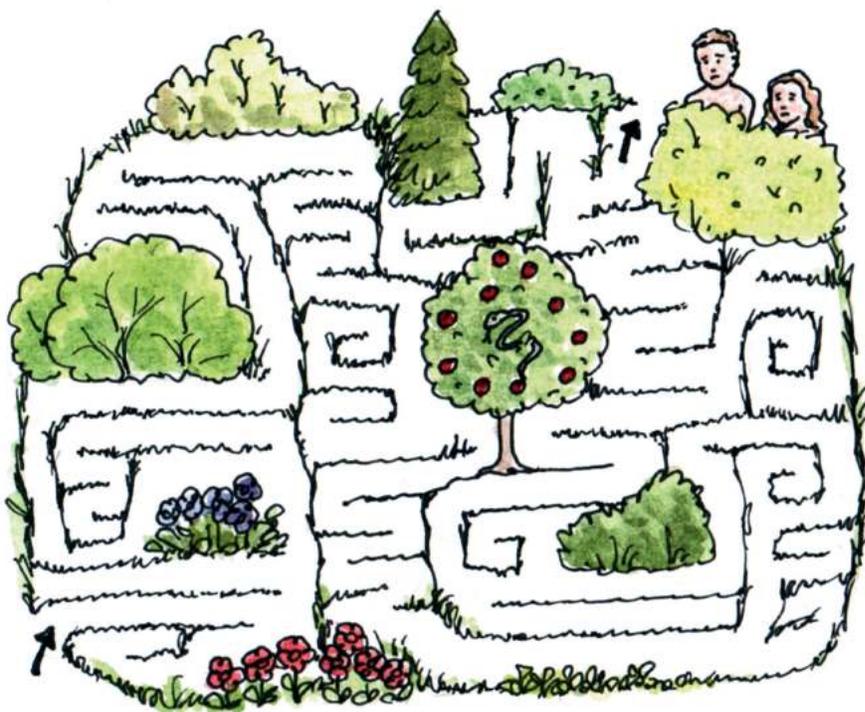
Online Shop Closes: Friday, June 14th, 2024 at 5:00pm

All proceeds will go towards our youth ministry program, including our high school summer mission trip with Catholic Heart WorkCamp. Thank you for your support!



Email Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org
Use the QR Code to visit our online shop and purchase your popcorn!

In today's first reading, Adam and Eve tried to hide from God because they had sinned and were ashamed. But God still loved them, and He came and talked to them. Can you find them?



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FEAST DAY, JUNE 13

St. Anthony was a simple and humble friar who preached the good news lovingly and with fearless courage. He became one of the great preachers and theologians of his day.

St. Anthony was a man of great penance and apostolic zeal, but he was truly a saint of the people and loved them dearly.

Ask your parents to scan the code and listen to a short story about St. Anthony of Padua together!

