



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 2, 2024

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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
	Friday, closed 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:

Ex 24:3-8

Res. Psalm:

116:12-13,
15-16, 17-18

2nd Reading:

Heb 9:11-15

Gospel:

Mk 14:12-16,
22-26

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we wish Fr. Sam farewell on what is a well-deserved sabbatical, I find myself taking on some extra duties here at the parish. One of them is writing this "Pastor's Note" for the bulletin each week, which we may relabel as "Administrator's Note" until September, but we don't want to change too much in our Pastor's absence.

This Sunday is the great Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Also

known as *Corpus Christi*, this is a feast that Pope Urban IV established for the whole Church in 1264. This is a nearly 800-year-old tradition where we take this particular Sunday to celebrate the true gift we have in the Eucharist. This feast honors Jesus Christ, really, truly, and substantially present under the appearances of bread and wine. This Presence

comes about through transubstantiation when at the Consecration of the Mass, the priest speaks the words of institution, "This is My Body," "This is the chalice of My Blood," "Do this in remembrance of Me." This fundamental belief we have, that the Second Person of the Trinity becomes actually present in that tiny white host and in that chalice allows us to more fully understand what we do here at Mass. For "Mass" is truly called "The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass." The rhythms of the liturgy, the fact that we stand, sit, or kneel at different times. How we have sacred music chanted, we have the "smells and bells" from the reverent altar servers. All of these aspects of the Mass lead us to plainly see that the crescendo of the liturgy is the consecration, Christ becoming present before us once again. When we have a proper understanding of the Eucharist, we can then understand Mass. These are "Sacred Mysteries" after all, it's not that we'll truly comprehend the divine and mysterious that we encounter, but it will allow us to be properly oriented. The Eucharist is "the source and summit of Christian life" (Catechism of the

Catholic Church, §1324), and it is the focus of each Mass. To put it in a simpler way, the Mass is never about us, it is about worshipping the Lord who comes to us. He is the One who has been sacrificed and offered for us and therefore we come to Mass as prayerful worshipers. Not much else is required of us, what a relief!

There is a beautiful quote from St. Maximilian Kolbe, the great Franciscan priest martyred at Auschwitz, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion." What a gift we have in the Eucharist that our Lord doesn't come before us to simply be worshiped, but to be our very food and nourishment. It's a beautiful quote in part because angels are not jealous of us, those creatures in their angelic nature worship and behold God in the perfection of heaven for all eternity. They have no need of physically receiving the Eucharist. Yet, as our Eucharistic Lord resides in the tabernacle, is exposed in the monstrance, and consecrated upon the altar, the angels are always present, for they are always where God is, so as to worship before Him. We are truly most like the angels when we are before the Lord in humble adoration.

Our Patron, St. Pius X, is known as the "Pope of the Eucharist" as he lowered the age for receiving first Holy Communion, and encouraged frequent if not daily Communion for those who are able to receive, and I echo his encouragement! This is a feast day for us to renew our love, trust, and belief in Jesus Christ substantially present in the Eucharist. We are blessed as a Parish to have our Adoration Chapel, and I believe it to be one of the most important places in all of Fairfield. Spend time with our Lord, worship Him, love Him, and receive Him worthily and well at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 1

8:30AMRichard J. Teitell.....C. Teitell

5:15PM.....+Rosemarie Burke.....Lynch Family

Sunday, June 2

7:30AMAll Parishioners

9AM.....+Nick Perugini.....Dobson Family

11AM.....+Irena Antonina Wrobel.....M. Lantowski

Monday, June 3

8:30AM.....+Jenny Ely.....A. Gallace

7PM.....+Felipe & Silvestre Aguilar Vizcarra.....T. DeJesus

Tuesday, June 4

8:30AM.....+Gertrude Schaer

Wednesday, June 5

8:30AM.....Boniface and Marjorie D'Cunha

Thursday, June 6

8:30AM.....+Al Bayers.....S. Minogue & Family

Friday, June 7

8:30AM.....+Susan Fanelli.....Fr. Sam Kachuba & SPX Staff

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



Sanctuary Lights will burn in the church in memory of Susan McPadden in the chapel for Special Intentions

STEWARDSHIP

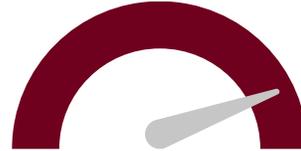
Weekly Offertory

Due to publishing deadlines, our weekly offertory for May 26 will be printed in the June 9 bulletin.



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.



\$ 215,448 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.



\$ 157,086 SPX Donated
\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S APPEAL

WED

5

Tastebuds, 5:30PM, Community Room

JUNE

MON

10

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

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 - Thursday: 12AM, and 5AM.
- 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.

EVENTS

ST. PIUS X FUNDRAISERS

Support the parish in style! Attend the SPX Golf Outing and take a chance on the Luxury Raffle. All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X building loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts.



ST. PIUS X GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 10, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course, Fairfield, CT

Join us for 18 holes of golf, lunch, happy hour and dinner. There will also be live music, a silent auction and raffles. To register scan the code or visit www.TINYURL.com/spxgolfouting. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net to volunteer, donate prizes or a sponsorship.



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-raffle or scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.



EVENTS



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.

God Bless You On Your First Holy Communion!



Thank you to the parents, families & catechists for preparing the children for this special day!

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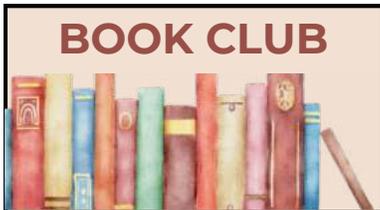
COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



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!



BOOK CLUB

WELL-READ MOMS BOOK CLUB

Saturday, June 8, 9-10:15AM, Munro Room

We invite you to our monthly discussion of great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversation. For more information or to RSVP, email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com.



COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

June 2 & 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 @ HEART

YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, June 3, 12PM, Community Room

A Chocolate Lovers Dream! Join us as we welcome the owners of Be Chocolat, a new chocolate atelier. Sylvie and her husband, Benoit, brought the craft of handmade fine Belgium chocolate from Belgium to their retail shop in Fairfield. They will share their amazing story and also do a taste testing of their favorite sweet treats for us. There will also be chocolates available for purchase! Lunch \$7. RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



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.



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.

MINISTRIES

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TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, June 5, 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



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 2: Summer Kick-Off

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church
June 5: Summer Kick-Off



VIRTUS TRAINING

Volunteers are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport to have a background check and complete a training program, "Protecting God's Children." Volunteers may sign up for the free class through online registration. The class is approximately 3 hours and may be taken virtually or in person at various locations in the diocese. Upon completion of the class, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the parish office prior to beginning duties as a volunteer. Scan the QR code above or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register.

COMMUNITY

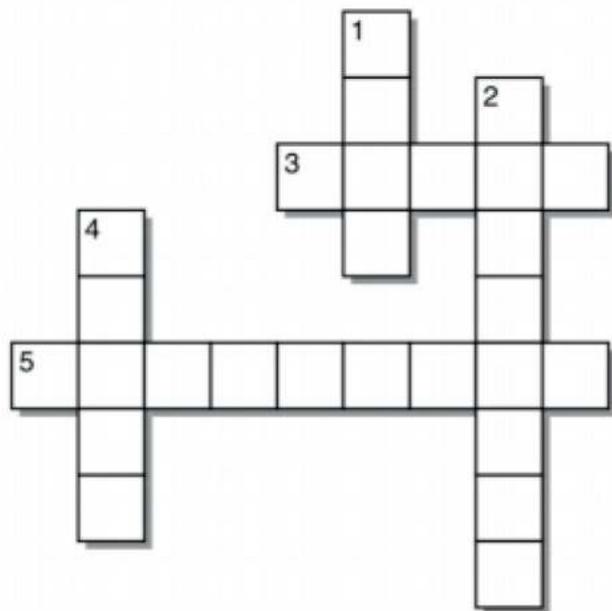


ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

- 3. Jesus took _____, blessed it and said, "This is my body..."
- 5. Every week we remember this Gospel passage when we receive Holy _____ at church.

Down

- 1. Today's Gospel is from the Gospel according to _____.
- 2. This is the name of the Jewish religious observance when Jesus shared a meal with his disciples.
- 4. Today is the Solemnity of the Body and _____ of Christ.

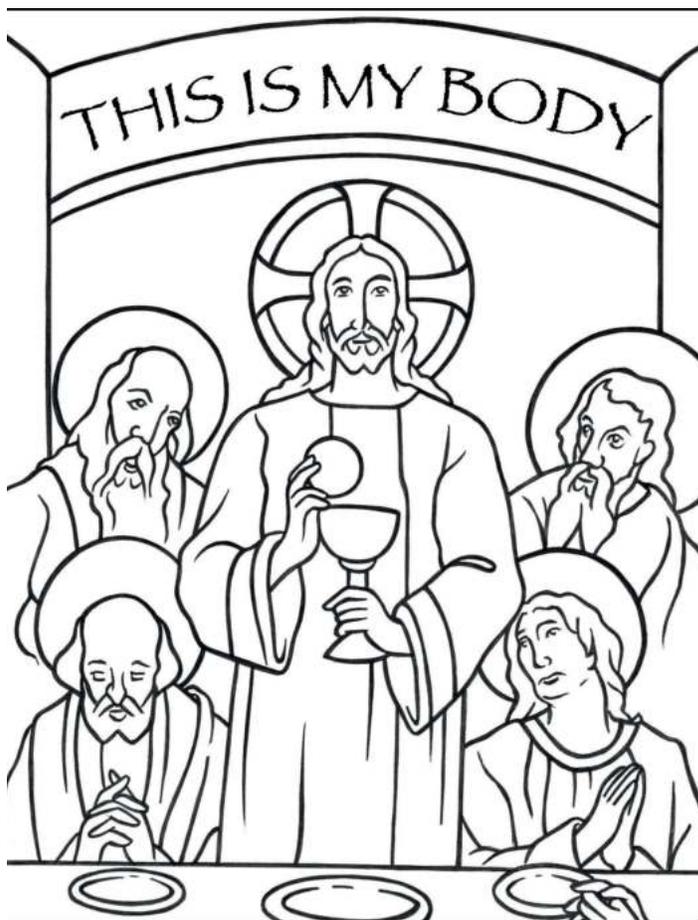
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WORD FIND

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Jesus
 Body
 Blood
 Communion
 Eucharist
 Holy

Altar
 Mass
 Sacrament
 Chalice
 Host
 Wine





Double Good **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!

