

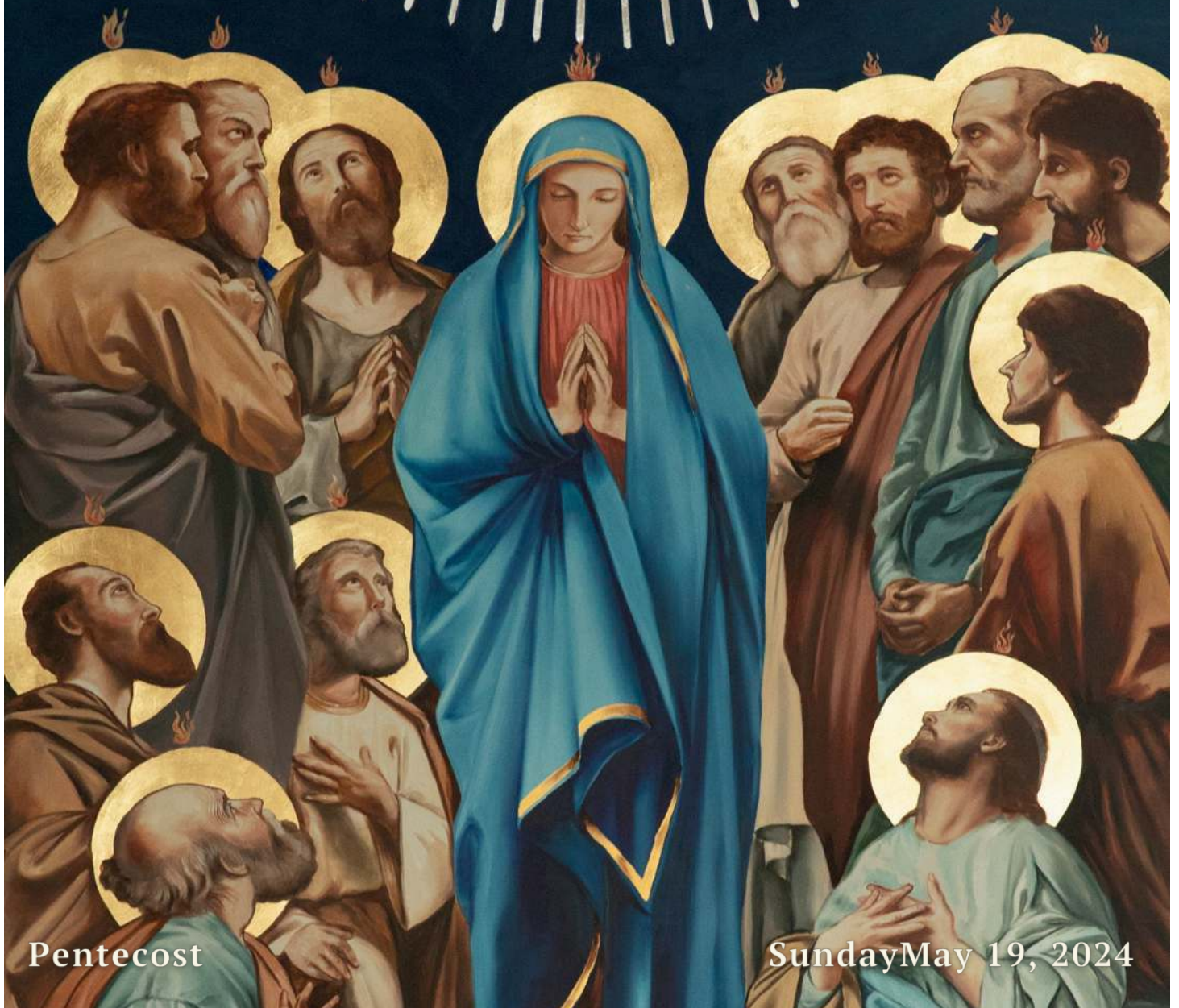


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Pentecost

Sunday May 19, 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

Parish Office Hours	Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM Friday 9AM-12PM
Parish Phone	203-255-6134
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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:

Acts 2:1-11

Res. Psalm:

104:1, 24,
29-30, 31, 34

2nd Reading:

1 Cor 12:3b-7,
12-13

Gospel:

Jn 20:19-23

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After nine years here as pastor, I recognize that I am prone to repeating myself sometimes. For example, you may have caught my reference last week to St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises and the meditation on the king. I know for certain that I have spoken about that and written about it a number of times in these last nine years. It's not that repeating myself is necessarily a bad thing, but it can be risky.

So throwing caution to the wind, I'd like to run the risk of repeating an anecdote I may have shared at some point in the past.

Years back, I came across a recording of sacred music for the liturgical year that was made by a French monastic community. For the music that followed today's great feast of Pentecost, the title "temps de l'église," was used. My French is pretty bad, but the name made perfect sense – the time of the Church. This is precisely what we live in following the event of Pentecost. As the Holy Spirit descends on the Apostles and sends them out to proclaim the Gospel, to baptize, and to serve, we see the time of the Church inaugurated. If the time of the Church began on that Pentecost in Jerusalem, our annual celebration of this is both a marking of an anniversary and a reminder that the time of the Church continues to this day. We are living in that time. What is the Church for, that God gives her this time?

The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*, from the Second Vatican Council gives us insight into the purpose of the Church from her very beginnings on the first Pentecost. "When the work which the Father gave the

Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that He might continually sanctify the Church, and thus, all those who believe would have access through Christ in one Spirit to the Father" (LG 4). The Church exists so that all who believe might have access to God's grace and directly to relationship with God. Where do "all who believe" come from? The mission of the Church is not only to be an access point, but also a missionary influence. That is, the Church is sent into the whole world to proclaim the Gospel to all people. The Church, then, exists so that all people can come to faith, to evangelize the whole world, and with that proclamation made, to be a place where believers live the life of grace. And so from the first Pentecost on, we are living in the time of the Church, the time in which believers live more and more deeply the life of grace.

Lumen Gentium also reminds us that "Uninterruptedly He [the Holy Spirit] renews her and leads her to perfect union with her Spouse." In other words, the Church is constantly renewed by the presence of the Holy Spirit so that all who belong to the Church might be in more perfect union with Jesus. This is why the annual celebration of Pentecost is so vital in the life of the Church. We need constant renewal in our relationship with God. As we renew the time of the Church today, the whole Church throughout the world, each of us who bears the name of Christian, is invited to experience anew the gifts of the Spirit, and to grow in our relationship with the God who provides us in and through the Church with the means of access to eternal life.

Peace,

Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 18

8:30AMLiam Schwartz.....Feeney Family

5:15PM.....+John & Zach Naber.....Wohlberg Family

Sunday, May 19

7:30AMAll Parishioners

9AM.....+Dino Stillo.....Stillo Family

11AM.....+David Murano.....Kelty Family

Monday, May 20

8:30AM.....+Angela Carey.....P. Carey

Tuesday, May 21

8:30AM.....+Delisa Kerwin.....Feeney Family

Wednesday, May 22

8:30AM.....+Shalini Lobo.....B. & M. D'Cunha

Thursday, May 23

7PM.....+Karen Ackley.....Rev. S. Kachuba & St. Pius X Staff

Friday, May 24

8:30AM.....+Joy Gallagher.....J. Gallagher

Saturday, May 25

8:30AM.....Rev. John Connaughton.....Connaughton Family

5:15PM.....+Miriam Richardson.....Halliday Family

Sunday, May 26

7:30AM+Marie Guman.....B. Guman

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....+Karen Dumas Ackley.....M. Lantowski



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church in memory of Angela Carey
in the chapel in memory of Susan McPadden



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

Theo Patrick Brunetto
Valerie Wynter D'Amico
Sophie Jean Naumann

STEWARDSHIP

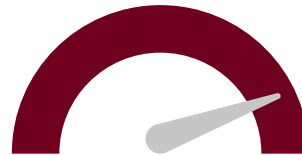
Weekly Offertory

Offerings	May 5	May 12
Weekend	\$ 14,845	\$ 12,212
Monthly	\$ 1,605	\$ 2,291
Ascension	\$ 677	N/A
Mother's Day	N/A	\$ 1,264
Catholic Comms	N/A	\$ 1,556



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

All money raised for the 2024 St. Pius X Appeal 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.



\$ 214,858 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

MON

20

MAY

National Eucharistic Procession comes to Fairfield (see back cover)

WED

22

MAY

SPX Sandwich Making, 7PM, Community Room and Kitchen

PRAYER



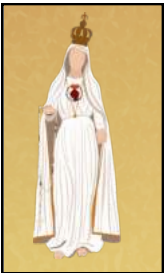
ADORATION

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-affle or scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! 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 to volunteer, visit www.st-pius.org/vbs or email 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

May 19, 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, June 3, 12PM, Community Room

A Chocolate Lovers Dream! Join us as we welcome the owners of Be Chocolat, a new chocolate atelier located in Greenfield Hill. More details to come! Lunch \$7. RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



Close to 100 seniors turned out for the May Young at Heart Senior Lunch with Law Enforcement. We welcomed three of Fairfield's finest: Officer Melsenti, Officer Bakula, and Social Worker Jessica Bloomberg who shared tips and stories about the latest scams targeting seniors. They also provided important information on their Crisis Intervention Team for mental illness issues. The highlight of lunch after all the Q&A, was when Officer Bakula brought in his K9 dog Trace. Trace is a 3 year old puppy who weighs in at 90 pounds and focuses on apprehension, tracking, and gun detection. **The gang was so impressed by Trace that they passed a hat after lunch and collected \$500 (!) on the spot to donate to the FPD K9 program.** God bless our police and all they do to protect and serve us...and God bless our St. Pius Seniors for always being so generous!



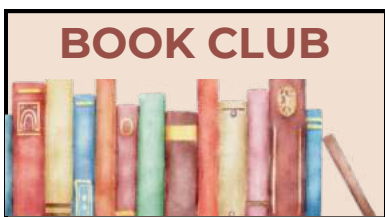
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WRAPPED IN LOVE

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.



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.



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.



ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, May 22, 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



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.



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT ST. PIUS X

Thursdays, 2-3:30PM, May 30 – August 1

St. Pius X is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries Office to offer the New Day Bereavement Program. Visit www.ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/new-day-ministry/ to submit an inquiry form or contact Deacon Donald Ross dnross@diobpt.org. Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of the bereavement facilitators regarding the next steps.

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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.



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

May 19: Onward & Upward-Summer Kick-Off

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

May 22: Summer Kick-Off



June

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

with Catholic Heart Workcamp



Drexel Hill, PA

June 23-28, 2024

Open to students entering 10th grade in the Fall of 2024 or higher.



August

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

with Camp Veritas



Wurtsboro, NY

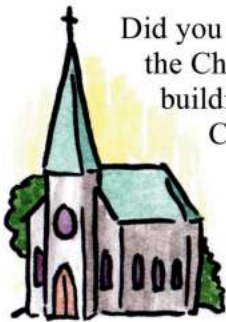
August 11-17, 2024

Open to students entering 7th-9th grades in the Fall of 2024



For more information and to register, contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE CHURCH!



Did you know that Pentecost Sunday is the Church's birthday? Not the church building, but the people who are the Church.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Why is Pentecost the Church's birthday?

Because on that day, the Holy Spirit first came to the apostles and sent them out to become the Church and to teach the good news about Jesus everywhere in the world.

The Holy Spirit works through the Church in many ways. He inspired the men who wrote the Bible. He teaches us through priests and missionaries and teachers.

Did you know that He even inspires us to pray?

You can pray that God will send you the Holy Spirit every day. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that God will give the Holy Spirit to whoever asks.



Answer to puzzle on front: The Holy Spirit.
Answer to Word-Find: native language.

www.thekidsbulletin.com



Who came to the Apostles on Pentecost Sunday?
Fill in the blanks with the letters in the flames:
go around the Apostles clockwise,
skipping every other letter. Start at Mary's.

PENTECOST WORD SEARCH

M N C Y R E N E A T
E L A M I T E S I A
S V P R O M E E L S
O A P H R Y G I A I
P P A M P H Y L I A
O J D N G U P A G M
T E O P O N T U S E
A W C R E T A N S D
M S I J U D E A E E
I P A R T H I A N S
A R A B S L I B Y A

On Pentecost Sunday, when the apostles went out of the upper room, there was a great crowd in Jerusalem for the Jewish feast. The apostles began to tell the people the good news of Jesus. See if you can find the names of all the different groups of people who were in the city listening to them.

PARTHIANS	PONTUS	CYRENE
MEDES	ASIA	ROME
ELAMITES	PHRYGIA	JEWS
MESOPOTAMIA	PAMPHYLIA	CRETANS
JUDEA	EGYPT	ARABS
CAPPADOCIA	LIBYA	



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The Fire Is **SPREADING**

Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, **calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame.**

As part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, **all are invited to join in our 2024 Eucharistic Procession in the Diocese of Bridgeport.** It will be a 15-day event including multiple processions, special Masses, daily and overnight adoration, Eucharistic Stations, guest homilists and special events.

STOP BY TO SEE JESUS IN FAIRFIELD, CT:

1

Monday, May 20th - 12:15pm

Outdoor Eucharistic Station
Assumption Church

2

Monday, May 20th - 1:00pm

Holy Hour, Adoration, & Campus Procession
Saint Thomas Aquinas Church

Scan for
Events in
Diocese of
Bridgeport

