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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 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 available 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 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26

Res. Psalm:

103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20

2nd Reading:

1 Jn 4:11-16

Gospel:

Jn 17:11b-19

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Evangelization is hard work. At least it can seem hard when we think of how the Apostles went out on the first Pentecost, or how St. Paul traveled the known world proclaiming Christ, or how the early Church bore witness in hostile times. The heroism of those early witnesses, or the powerful witness of saints and martyrs throughout history or even the inspiring preaching of so many modern-day speakers and missionaries might seem out of reach. But those saints of

our history and of our present also faced great challenges and obstacles in the work of proclaiming the Gospel. It was with that in mind that our Lord offered the profound prayer for His disciples we hear in today's Gospel passage. "As you sent me into the world, so I send them into the world...I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." Jesus prays that the disciples would be able to speak the truth of the Gospel to the whole world and that they would be protected from the devil as they do so. For whatever challenges we face in the work of evangelization, be they public opposition or demonic malignancy, what we hear proclaimed in the Gospel today is meant to be comfort and balm.

Whenever this Gospel comes around, I cannot help but turn to St. Ignatius of Loyola's meditation on the call of the temporal king. In the second week of his Spiritual Exercises, St. Ignatius imagines a good, well-respected king who calls all his people to follow him into battle. Hard though the battle will be, following the king means sharing everything the king himself shares, including the reward of the battle. How should a good subject answer such a king? St. Ignatius develops the meditation further, placing Christ the King in the place of the earthly king. It is Jesus who has gone into the lists of battle first. Consecrated in the truth and consecrated for his

disciples and all who would believe through them, Jesus has already led the charge against enemy lines and has already won the decisive victory over sin and death. St. Ignatius imagines Jesus addressing us, His subjects, in these words: "It is My will to conquer all the world and all enemies and so to enter into the glory of My Father; therefore, whoever would like to come with Me is to labor with Me, that following Me in the pain, he may also follow Me in the glory." Whatever the labor, whatever the pain, we who follow Jesus are promised resurrection and glory in God's presence forever.

Evangelization is certainly hard work. Jesus never says it will be easy to go out as his witnesses in the world. Fortunately, the Gospel for this seventh Sunday in the Easter season reminds us that the task of proclaiming the Resurrection and making Christ known to the world does not depend exclusively on our skill. As we pray for guidance and divine assistance in our Christian mission, our prayer is joined to the prayer of Jesus for all those who would follow Him. In the days between the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost, the Church again prays a novena preparing for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Scriptures read at Masses in these nine days place certain Gospel passages before us for reflection. Just as the Apostles gathered with the Blessed Virgin Mary reflected on the teachings, prayer, and miracles of the Lord, we too reflect on those key moments in our Lord's public ministry and those central themes of the Gospel that prepare us for mission. These days of prayer allow us to open our hearts more and more to the Holy Spirit who inspires our evangelical efforts and guides us in the way of truth. And not only the way of truth, but the truth Himself, the one who has consecrated us, prayed for us, redeemed us, and missioned us, to go into the whole world proclaiming the Good News.

Peace,
Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11

8:30AM+Karen Cashell.....Feeney Family

5:15PM.....+Mary Ann & Lucy Cialone.....Violone Family

Sunday, May 12

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Gagne & Mathieu Families

9AM.....+Ann & Harold Eikamp.....J. & J. Meyers

11AM.....All Parishioners

Monday, May 13

8:30AM.....+Nuala Kelly.....Feeney Family

Tuesday, May 14

8:30AM.....+Frank & Anna Lanzo.....A. Costello

Wednesday, May 15

8:30AM.....+Lillian, Gregory & Greg Patti

Thursday, May 16

8:30AM.....+Seamus Lynott.....Feeney Family

Friday, May 17

8:30AM.....+Eileen Conway.....Feeney Family

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



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church for all Mothers, deceased and living
in the chapel for the healing of Liana Parana



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
Henry Kenneth Attard
Imogene Ann Calabrese

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

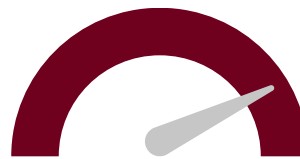
Offerings	Apr 28	May 5
Weekend	\$ 11,137	\$ 14,845
Monthly	\$ 370	\$ 1,605
Mission	\$ 1,199	\$ 633
Votives	N/A	\$ 623



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 our Annual 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. You can also sign up for online giving while you're there!



\$ 212,458 Donated

\$ 250,000 Goal

13% Family Participation



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. To donate and learn more about how your gift is used, visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home.



\$ 154,601 SPX Donated

\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S
APPEAL

WED

15

MAY

Eucharistic Revival Night, 7PM, Church

MON

20

MAY

National Eucharistic Procession comes to Fairfield



A Prayer for All Women

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself—tiny, needy, and helpless—into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honor our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons, and daughters, always honor them with a spirit of profound respect. Amen.

PRAYER



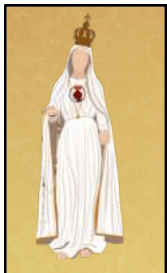
ADORATION

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, 2AM, 3AM 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



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.

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.



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!



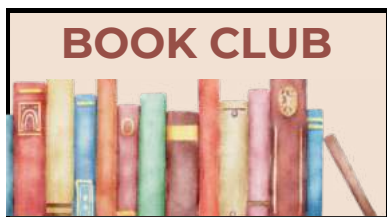
YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

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. Sylvie and her husband Benoit came from Belgium where they brought the craft of making fine Belgium chocolate by hand to open a 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!

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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.

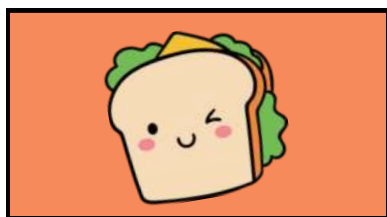


YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

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

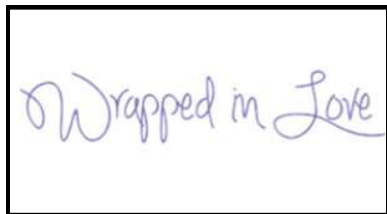
Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



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.



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.

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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.



VIRTUS TRAINING

The Diocese of Bridgeport requires all employees and parish volunteers over the age of 18 to complete the "Protecting God's Children" training program. This training certification teaches adults in the Catholic community to create safer environments and become part of the solution to prevent child abuse. Scan the QR code or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Coyle at 203-255-6134 or ccoyle@st-pius.org.



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 12: No Life Teen

May 19: Onward & Upward-Summer Kick-Off

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

May 15: Eucharistic Revival Night (7-8:30pm)

May 22: Summer Kick-Off


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.



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TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK

THURSDAY 23 MAY 2024 6PM


SERAFRESCA AT THE ITALIAN CENTER
1820 NEWFIELD AVE, STAMFORD CT

THE EVENT INCLUDES A COCKTAIL RECEPTION WITH APPETIZERS, A SILENT AUCTION, A LIVE AUCTION & MEET & GREET THE PERSONALITIES OF ALL VERITAS SHOWS.

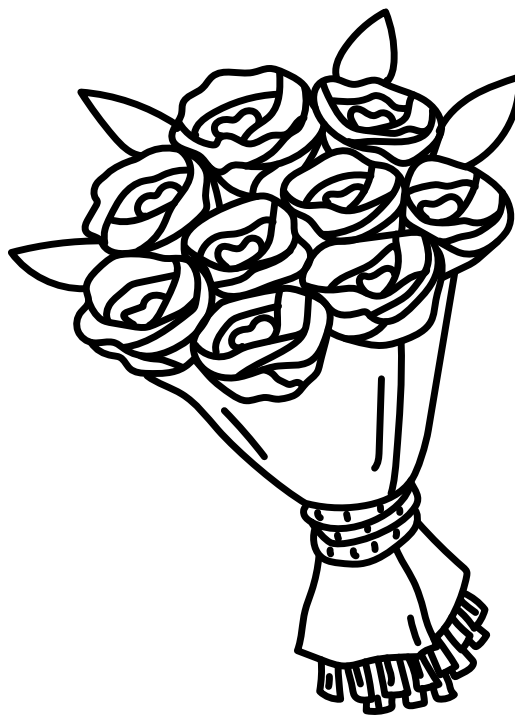


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MASTER OF CEREMONIES
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HOSTED BY OUR VERY OWN
FR. SAM KACHUBA & MATT SPERRAZZA OF THE TANGENT



Give your Mom a spiritual
bouquet for Mother's Day!
Offer up prayers and acts of
love to God for your mother.
Write down your offerings here:



OUR LADY, PRAY FOR ALL MOTHERS!



HAIL MARY,
FULL OF GRACE,
THE LORD IS WITH THEE.
BLESSED ART THOU AMONG
WOMEN,
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT
OF THY WOMB, JESUS.
HOLY MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS NOW,
AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR
DEATH.
AMEN.

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
SUMMER 2024

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

ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC CHURCH

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

JOIN US MONTHLY FOR A NIGHT OF WITNESS,
ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND FELLOWSHIP.

GATHER IN THE CHURCH.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15



7pm Adoration with Praise + Worship. Confession available.

7:30pm Witness by **Melissa Dunn**, *high school junior at SPX.*

8pm Fellowship & Refreshments.