

ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Friday 9AM-12PM

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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.

PRAYER

Devotions

Adoration, Monday, 9AM-Friday 9PM, Chapel
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Friday, 9AM, Church
First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady, 9AM, Church

Prayer Line

To pray for others or to have others pray for you, email Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com.

Art Credit: Photo of St. Gianna Beretta Molla and Two of Her Children



Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 9:26-31

Res. Psalm:

22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

2nd Reading:

1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel:

JJn 15:1-8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The image on the cover of our bulletin today is of St. Gianna Beretta Molla, whose feast day is ordinarily marked on April 28. Born in Milan, Italy in 1922, Gianna was the tenth of thirteen children in her family. Her parents taught her the importance of a life of faith that included both prayerful devotion and active service. She was very active in serving the elderly and needy through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and chose to pursue

an education in medicine, which she viewed as God's particular mission field for her. Gianna earned degrees in medicine and surgery from the University of Pavia, after which she opened a clinic in her hometown in 1950. She then furthered her studies with a specialty in pediatrics at the University of Milan, and dedicated her practice to caring for mothers, babies, the elderly, and the poor. In 1955, Gianna married Pietro Molla. A beautiful book, "Love Letters to My Husband," contains their correspondence and sheds light on a marriage truly rooted in Christ.

In addition to her medical work and particular care for the vulnerable, St. Gianna was extremely happy to become a mother. By 1959, she and Pietro were parents to three children, Pierlugi, Maria Zita, and Laura. In 1961, pregnant with her fourth child, St. Gianna began to experience significant pain. She had a fibroma in her uterus. Her doctors gave her three options: an abortion, which would save her life and allow treatment of the tumor; a hysterectomy, which would save her life but prevent any further pregnancies; or removal of the fibroma, which would leave open the possibilities of additional complications. Fully aware of the life she was carrying in her womb, and, given her professional qualifications, knowing each and every risk, St. Gianna asked her doctors to do everything they could to save the life of her

child. Thus she ruled out abortion and hysterectomy, and prepared herself for the possibility of medical complications. "If you must decide between me and the child, do not hesitate: choose the child! I insist on it. Save the baby," she told Pietro and her family.

The surgery to remove the tumor was performed, and her daughter Gianna Emanuela was born on April 21, 1962. Sadly, the complications from surgery could not be overcome and St. Gianna died on April 28, 1962, at the age of 39. The story of her life and sacrifice was soon known even to Pope St. Paul VI, who described her life as one of "conscious immolation." She knew fully what she was doing and why, and motivated by love for her daughter, was willing to sacrifice her life. St. Gianna Beretta Molla stands as a witness to the dignity of human life, the gift of motherhood, and the power of self-sacrifice. Gianna Emanuela has traveled the world speaking about the heroism of her mother and encouraging mothers, medical professionals, and pro-life advocates. St. Gianna's work and life have also inspired numerous "Gianna Centers" (www.giannacenter.org) providing Catholic healthcare. Locally, St. Gianna is an inspiration for Dr. Kathleen Berchelmann, co-founder of MyCatholicDoctor (www.mycatholicdoctor.com). The example of St. Gianna also inspired contemporary mothers, such as Roman-born Chiara Corbella Petrillo, whose heroic life and maternal sacrifice can be read about in her biography "Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy." St. Gianna Beretta Molla is a modern saint, an accomplished woman, a model wife and mother, an outstanding physician, and now a patron saint for mothers, doctors, the pro-life movement, and unborn children. St. Gianna, pray for us!

Peace,

Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 27

8:30AM.....+Todd Smith.....C. & B. Barry
5:15PM.....All Parishioners

Sunday, April 28

7:30AM+Ralph Leonard.....L. Piliero
9AM.....Boniface & Marjorie D'Cunha
11AM.....+Louis Raymond.....C. & R. Raymond

Monday, April 29

8:30AM.....+Terry Clancy.....Wohlberg Family
7PM.....+James Albert Leko.....B. Saxa

Tuesday, April 30

8:30AM.....+Kathryn Ventricelli.....Ventricelli Family

Wednesday, May 1

8:30AM.....+Fred Eccleston.....J. & A. Connaughton

Thursday, May 2

8:30AM.....+Meghan Raveis.....J. & J. Myers

Friday, May 3

8:30AM.....+Matthew McCrann.....McIntosh Family

Saturday, May 4

8:30AM+Adele & Cam.....D'Cunha Family
5:15PM.....+David P. Murano.....K. & M. Butler & Family

Sunday, May 5

7:30AMAll Parishioners
9AM.....+Pete Copeland.....A. & A. Toner
11AM.....+Terry Clancy.....Horan Family



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church in memory of Deacon Joseph Gagne
in the chapel in thanksgiving



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
Deacon Joseph Gagne, Linda Menz



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
Colin John Merrill

STEWARDSHIP

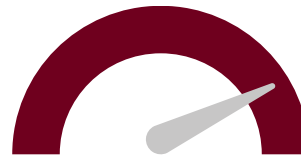
Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Apr 14	Apr 21
Weekend	\$ 10,431	\$ 11,612
Monthly	\$ 2,096	\$ 1,084
Mission	N/A	\$ 105



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!



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.



BISHOP'S APPEAL

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Tastebuds, 5PM, Community Room and Kitchen

MAY

THURS

9

Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation

MAY

PRAYER



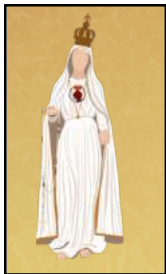
ADORATION

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: 11PM, Thursday: 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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, May 8, Vigil 5:30PM, Church

Thursday, May 9, Holy Day 8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. The Ascension is believed to have occurred less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem.

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.



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.

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.

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT ST. PIUS X

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

St. Pius 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.



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

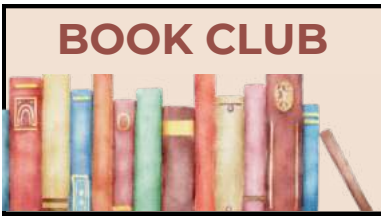
Catholic Ministry to Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

A Support Group is coming to St. Pius X in the Fall of 2024! Life-Giving Wounds offers Christ-centered healing through retreats, support groups, community, spiritual formation, resources, and more. To attend a local retreat on June 7-9, 2024, visit www.lifegivingwounds.org/calendar/connecticut2024 for registration.



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WELL-READ MOMS BOOK CLUB

Saturday, May 4, 10-11:15AM, 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.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

April 28, 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, May 6, 12PM, Community Room

Lunch with Law Enforcement! Meet some of Fairfield Police Department's finest officers who want YOU to stay alert about the latest scams. They'll also talk about their Crisis Intervention Team who assist people struggling with mental illness. There will be PLENTY of time for Q&A so write down your questions to share at our lunch. Lunch is \$7. Wear your best BLUE to show your support for our brave officers and RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



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.



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.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, May 1, 5-7PM, Community Room

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.



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WALKING WITH PURPOSE SALAD SHARE

Thursday, May 2, 9:30-11:30AM, Community Room

Walking With Purpose salad share is a great opportunity to gather for prayer and fellowship, and to celebrate the end of our bible study. An invitation is extended to all women in the parish who would like to learn more about WWP, as well as those who have participated in past studies. Please RSVP to Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net. Hope to see you there!



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

Apr. 28: Life of the Party-Catholic Survival Guide to Prom

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

May 1: Squad Leaders-Archangels



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. Gianna was a wife, mother, and doctor who lived her whole life serving the Lord. She had a great love not just for her family but the poor and used her medical knowledge to help those in need. St. Gianna became very sick when she was pregnant with her fourth child. She did not want anything to happen to her beautiful baby and asked the doctors to save her unborn baby instead of herself. Only 1 week after her daughter was born, St. Gianna died at the age of 39. She is the patron saint of mothers, doctors, and unborn children.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 PRESENTS



ST. PIUS X



CATHOLIC CHURCH

2024 Golf Fundraiser

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. PIUS X BUILDING LOAN & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 CHARITABLE OUTREACH



MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

H. SMITH RICHARDSON GOLF COURSE
& BOCA GRILL, FAIRFIELD, CT
<http://tinyurl.com/spxgolfouting>

WIN PRIZES

65" Smart TV
Lunch on CT River Luxury Yacht
MLB & NFL Game Tickets
Many More Valuable Prizes



SCAN TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION

Single: \$275
Foursome: \$1,100
Includes:
Driving Range
18 Holes of Golf
Lunch, Cocktail Hour
Buffet Dinner
Dinner Only: \$ 125

SCHEDULE

12PM Registration/Lunch
1:30PM Shotgun Start
Scramble Format
5PM Cocktail Hour
6PM Buffet Dinner
6:45PM Silent Auction
7:30PM Sports Auction
Live DJ on Site