



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

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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: "Lost Sheep" by Alfred Usher Soord, St. Barnabas Church, UK



Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:
Acts 4:8-12

Res. Psalm:
118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

2nd Reading:
1 Jn 3:1-2

Gospel:
Jn 10:11-18

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, with its Gospel reading focused on Jesus as Good Shepherd, is marked in a special way as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In particular, we are asked to pray for those whom God is calling to serve as priests and religious. We pray not only for greater numbers, but that those who have been called to this noble vocation would be given the grace to be true imitators of Christ. Jesus uses the image of a good shepherd, one who truly guards the flock and keeps vigil, not simply out of employment obligation but out of true concern. This is how the Incarnate Son of God approaches His flock. Just so, we pray today that those whom the Lord is calling to the priesthood and to religious life, would have the grace to imitate the Good Shepherd.

To be a faithful, courageous shepherd is no easy task, especially in the society in which we live. While the dangers faced by one keeping watch over the sheep are particular – lions, wolves, hazards of geography or climate – the dangers we face today are very different. One of the greatest dangers is the what if. Perhaps the phrase is inelegant, but “whatifism” runs rampant in the minds of clergy, myself included. What if I say the wrong thing? What if, by speaking about what the Church teaches, I run afoul of popular opinion? What if I let fear get the better of me, avoid the sensitive topic, but end up leading people further from God as a result? “A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away,” Jesus says in the Gospel. This is a true temptation for every priest, no matter what form the wolf might take. On the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Church invites us to pray that those the Lord is calling to minister as shepherds might have the courage and strength of the Good Shepherd, that they might

free of these fears, and if not free, then courageous in facing them with the strength that comes from God.

To pilgrims at World Youth Day in Lisbon last year, Pope Francis said, “Rise up!” Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life, and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live.” He echoes these words in his message for this World Day of Prayer for Vocations. There are so many zealous souls being called by God to the priesthood. May they maintain that fervor, have it tempered by charity, and so become courageous, generous, good shepherds who reveal the heart of Jesus to all they serve.

A Prayer for Vocations in the Diocese of Bridgeport

Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church of Bridgeport as priests.
Inspire in them a generous response.
Grant them courage and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may:
 announce glad tidings to the poor,
 proclaim liberty to captives,
 set prisoners free,
 and renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

Peace,
Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 20

8:30AM+Alice Collins.....Feeney Family

5:15PM.....+Brendan Charles O'Reilly.....Coyle Family

Sunday, April 21

7:30AM+Ralph Leonard.....O'Brien Family

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....+Mary Jane Kaner.....J. Kaner

Monday, April 22

8:30AM.....+Elisabeth Yankocy.....G. Fichera & Family

Tuesday, April 23

8:30AM.....+Cathleen "Cissie" Keogh.....L. & M. Foley

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

7PM.....+Meghan Raveis.....T. & K. Zwhalen

Friday, April 26

8:30AM.....+Alice Murphy.....J. & J. Meyers

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. Rayomnd



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Victor & Camille Gagliano
in the Chapel in memory of Terry Clancy



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
Stephen Tole, Joan Czismadia



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
Delaney Claire Allen, Sofia Giovanna Alvarez,
Liam Reilly Bennett

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Apr 7	Apr 14
Weekend	\$ 13,278	\$ 10,431
Monthly	\$ 645	\$ 2,096
Mission	\$ 423	N/A
Additional Easter	\$ 1,515	N/A



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!



\$ 207,248 Donations

\$ 250,000 Goal



SPX APPEAL



The money raised for the Bishop's Appeal supports all the charitable works within our diocese. Donations 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 the Bishop Caggiano uses your gift, visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home.



\$ 119,811 SPX Donations

\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S APPEAL

THURS-FRI

25/26

Bobby Angel Eucharistic Revival Retreat, 7PM, Community Room

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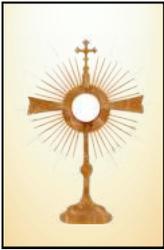
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Bobby Angel Eucharistic Revival Retreat for DREs and Catechists, 9AM, Community Room

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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

Fridays, 9AM, Church

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturdays, 9AM, Church

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

EVENTS



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL with BOBBY ANGEL

Bobby is an author, national speaker, and personal mentor. He has over 20 years of experience in ministry, teaching, and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. We are so excited to welcome him to St. Pius X!

Thursday & Friday, April 25 & 26, 7PM. Open to everyone. FREE.

Saturday, April 27, 9-11:30AM. Open to all Catechetical leaders such as Youth Ministers, DRE's, and Catechists. Cost is \$20 per person. Use QR Code to register for April 27.



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.



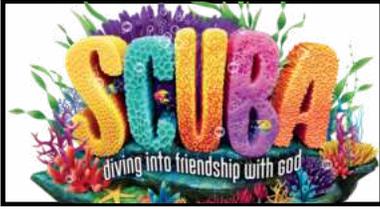
ST. PIUS X LUXURY RAFFLE

Saturday, September 14, 8PM, Drawing at SPX

Check the back bulletin cover for a list of amazing prizes including a BMW X5 SUV! To purchase tickets, scan the code or use the tear off on the flyer. You've got to be in it, to win it!



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.

SCUBA VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers, rising 8th graders and up, to run small groups, games, music, etc. for this year's VBS! If you are interested in this incredibly rewarding service opportunity, please fill out the VBS Volunteer Application at www.st-pius.org/vbs!

MINISTRIES

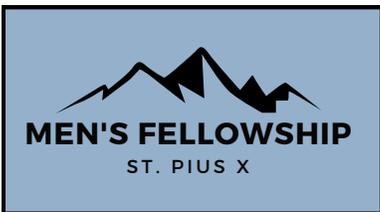
COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT ST. PIUS X

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

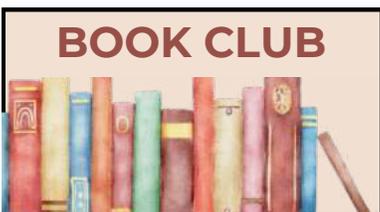
St. Pius X is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries Office to offer the New Day Bereavement Program. Visit www.ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/new-day-ministry/ to submit an inquiry form or contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023 or Deacon Donald Ross dnross@diobpt.org. Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of the bereavement facilitators regarding the next steps.



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!



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 21 & 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!



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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!



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.



YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

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

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

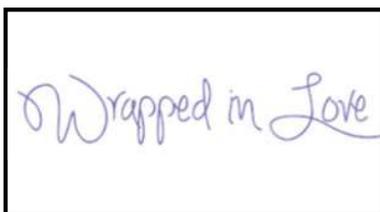
Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or call her at 908-399-2945.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Tuesday of the Month, 7-8:30PM, Community Room

All men of the parish are welcome to the Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council. The Knights meet each month to deepen their faith and fellowship while doing good works for the parish and greater community. Email Tyler Lomnitzer at Tyler.Lomnitzer@KofC.org for more information.



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. 21: Adoration and Game Night

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

Apr. 24: Command Central-Heaven



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

Pray for Vocations

Instructions: In the space below each picture, write the names of people in that vocation you will pray for. If you don't know any people in that vocation, write a short prayer such as, "For all sisters who work in hospitals" or "For all brothers who serve in missions." Then color the pictures.

The worksheet is divided into four quadrants, each with a decorative Gothic-style border. The top-left quadrant shows a family with a banner that reads "HOLY MATRIMONY". Below it is a box labeled "Married people I will pray for:". The top-right quadrant shows a priest at an altar with a banner that reads "PRIESTHOOD". Below it is a box labeled "Priests I will pray for:". The bottom-left quadrant shows a monk writing at a desk with a banner that reads "RELIGIOUS BROTHER". Below it is a box labeled "Brothers I will pray for:". The bottom-right quadrant shows a nun teaching children with a banner that reads "RELIGIOUS SISTER". Below it is a box labeled "Sisters I will pray for:". The background of the drawings includes various religious symbols like crosses and a Sacred Heart.

Pray for your own vocation: On the back of this paper, write a prayer to know your own vocation. First pray silently from the heart, then write a simple prayer in your own words. For example, "Jesus, help me hear your call. If you call me to marriage, help me be a good wife/husband. If you call me to be a priest, help me to preach with courage..." End by telling God how much you love Him.

ST PIUS X CHURCH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 16347



2024 LUXURY RAFFLE

1st Prize 2024 BMW X 5 MIDSIZE SUV



2nd Prize \$10,000 AMEX Gift Card

3rd Prize \$2,500 Grocery Card-Shop-Rite

4th Prize \$2,000 Mobile Gas Card

LUXURY RAFFLE DRAWING

Saturday September 14, 2024 at 8:00pm

St. Pius X Church 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield, CT 06824

Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Only 2500 tickets will be sold at \$100 per ticket



SCAN ME

1st Prize 2024 BMW X 5 MIDSIZE SUV

2nd Prize: \$10,000 AMEX Gift Card

3rd Prize: \$2,500 Grocery Card-Shop-Rite

4th Prize: \$2,000 Mobile Gas Card

TICKETS AND INFORMATION

- Scan QR code above with phone or tablet camera.
- On-line: <https://stpiusxcatholicchurch.regfox.com/luxury-raffle>
- **Check Payment:** Send back this form to with check to:
St. Pius X Church, 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield, CT 06824
(See QR Code as well)
- Stay Informed By Visiting Us @
<https://stpiusxcatholicchurch.regfox.com/luxury-raffle>

*PRIZES NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH AND EXCLUDES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES ON PRIZES*

TICKET HOLDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

4 PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____