



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 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.

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Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 4:32-35

Res. Psalm:

118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

2nd Reading:

1 Jn 5:1-6

Gospel:

Jn 20:19-31

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, last May I celebrated my 15th anniversary of priestly ordination. In the months leading up to that anniversary, I began a conversation with Bishop Caggiano about a unique opportunity afforded to priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport who have served for

fifteen or more years: a sabbatical. The purpose of a priest's sabbatical is to engage in a time of prayer, study, rest, and ministry that is otherwise not possible during his ordinary priestly ministry. Bishop Caggiano has very kindly granted me permission to take a three month sabbatical this summer, covering the months of June, July, and August. Just to make sure everything is clear: this is a sabbatical, not a leave of absence, and I will resume my pastoral responsibilities here at St. Pius X at the end of August. While I am gone, Fr. Brendan will serve as temporary administrator of the parish. I am very grateful to him for taking on this role and for his generosity in allowing me to step away for this time.

Part of the sabbatical is to give a priest the chance to engage in a ministry he does not ordinarily exercise. Since ordination, I have (mostly through St. Pius!) worked with Catholic Heart Workcamp and the young people who serve with them. As a chaplain for the last twelve summers, I have been introduced to the good work done behind the

scenes of this organization, and have gained some significant insight into the needs of their staff. For a few years, I have had a conversation with CHWC about some of these elements, and this summer, they have invited me to assist with their staff training in June. From there, I will accompany a team of Catholic Heart Workcamp staff and serve as the chaplain at three of their camps. This is a ministry I have come to love and enjoy, and I look forward to spending June with CHWC.

Another important component of sabbatical is prayer. A portion of July will be dedicated to a time for retreat and solitude. After that I will make my way to Wyoming. There, I will offer daily Masses and some spiritual conferences to Catholic families at a ranch who come for a week of outdoor - device free - refreshment. With a fairly relaxed schedule, I will also have some time for reading and fishing. At the end of August, I will pack up and head back to Connecticut.

I am very grateful to have the chance to take this sabbatical. It is made possible by the generosity of Fr. Brendan and our parish staff who will keep things going here while I am gone. I am grateful to all of you, also, for your understanding. I am looking forward to this opportunity, and will keep you all in my daily prayers!

Peace,

Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6

8:30AM+Diana Sayegh.....Sell Family
 5:15PM.....+Loretta Schultz & Jim Skultety.....J. Skultety

Sunday, April 7

7:30AM+Marie Guman.....B. Guman
 9AM.....All Parishioners
 11AM.....+Gregory Raymond.....C. & R. Raymond

Monday, April 8

8:30AM.....+Rosalie Lopresti.....C. Kelly
 7PM.....+Nancy Proudfoot.....M. Lantowski

Tuesday, April 9

8:30AM.....Robert J. Devlin.....C. Teitell

Wednesday, April 10

8:30AM.....+William Imondo.....Nunziata Family

Thursday, April 11

8:30AM.....+Michael Coyle.....McIntosh Family

Friday, April 12

8:30AM.....+Colleen O'Reilly.....Coyle Family

Saturday, April 13

8:30AM+John DeMaio.....McIntosh Family
 5:15PM.....+David P. Murano.....M. & F. Kelty

Sunday, April 14

7:30AMAll Parishioners
 9AM.....+Larry G. Dunn.....Carpanzano Family
 11AM.....+Steve Alves.....M. Lantowski



Sanctuary Lights will burn
 in the Church in memory of Mildred Annuncio
 in the Chapel in Michele Hubler



Flowers
 in the Church in memory of Nancy Darling
 in the Chapel in memory of Michele Hubler

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Mar 24	Mar 31
Weekend	\$ 15,003	\$ 33,601
Weekend 2023	\$ 12,363	\$ 13,923
Easter Flowers	N/A	\$ 1,030
Holy Land	N/A	\$ 1,517



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

All money raised for the 2024 St. Pius X will go towards critical school repairs.



\$ 206,648 Donated \$ 250,000 Goal



300 Gifts 2,460 Registered Families



SPX APPEAL

To give to our Annual Appeal, 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!



BISHOP'S APPEAL

Contribute to the Bishop's Appeal and renew the diocesan efforts of charity, aid to the poor and educational programs. To donate and learn more about how the Bishop's uses your gift, visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home.

MON

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Senior Luncheon, 12PM, Community Room

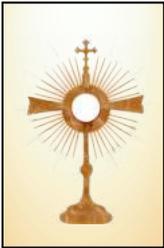
SUN

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Coffee Hour-Hosted by Knights of Columbus, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

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: 9AM, 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



SPX FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, April 19, 7PM, Community Room

Bring your family, comfie chairs, and sleeping bags to watch the Super Mario Bros. Movie, hosted by the Knights of Columbus. \$15 per family for popcorn, candy and soft drinks. Venmo Tyler Lomnitzer or pay at the door. Questions? Email tyler.lomnitzer@kofc.org.



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, April 25, 7PM. Open to everyone. FREE.

Friday, April 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.



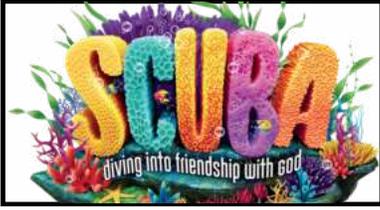
ST. PIUS X GOLF FUNDRAISER

Monday, June 10, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course & Boca Grill, Fairfield, CT, Presented by Knights of Columbus 16347

Join us for a fun filled day of 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. Proceeds to benefit the St. Pius X building loan and Knights of Columbus outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net to volunteer, donate prizes or a sponsorship.



EVENTS



SCUBA VACATION BIBLE STUDY 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 PROGRAM

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

We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment. Gatherings take place in a small-group setting at St. Pius X. Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

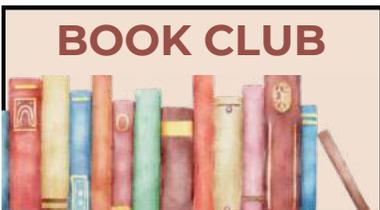
St. Pius X Parish is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries Office to offer this program. Visit www.ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/new-day-ministry/ to submit a Program Inquiry Form or contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023 or Deacon Donald Ross 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

Sunday, April, 14, After 9AM Mass, Hosted by Knights of Columbus

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, April 8, 12PM, Community Room

We're happy to welcome Paul Piorek, award winning meteorologist. After 25 years at News 12 CT, Paul is currently the chief on-air meteorologist at WICC 600AM & 107.3 FM. He will share stories about his career and answer any questions! Lunch \$7. 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

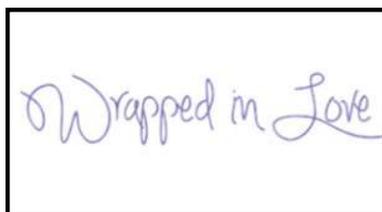
Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. You can just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945.



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 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

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Munro Room

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

Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic bible study, invites all women of the parish to a join one of their scripture studies. To find out more information, email Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



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. 7: Praying with Scripture

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church

Apr. 10: Adoration and Bonfire Night

COMMUNITY



FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION GALA

Thursday, April 25, Woodbury Country Club, Darien, CT

Celebrate Catholic education with the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano. This year's honorees are Michael Shea and M&T Bank. Event proceeds support Foundations in Education's mission to strengthen and transform the mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Bridgeport by providing tuition assistance to families in need, supporting innovation in academic programs, and fostering opportunities for the professional development of school leaders. To purchase tables, tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please call **203-416-1671** or visit www.foundationsineducation.org



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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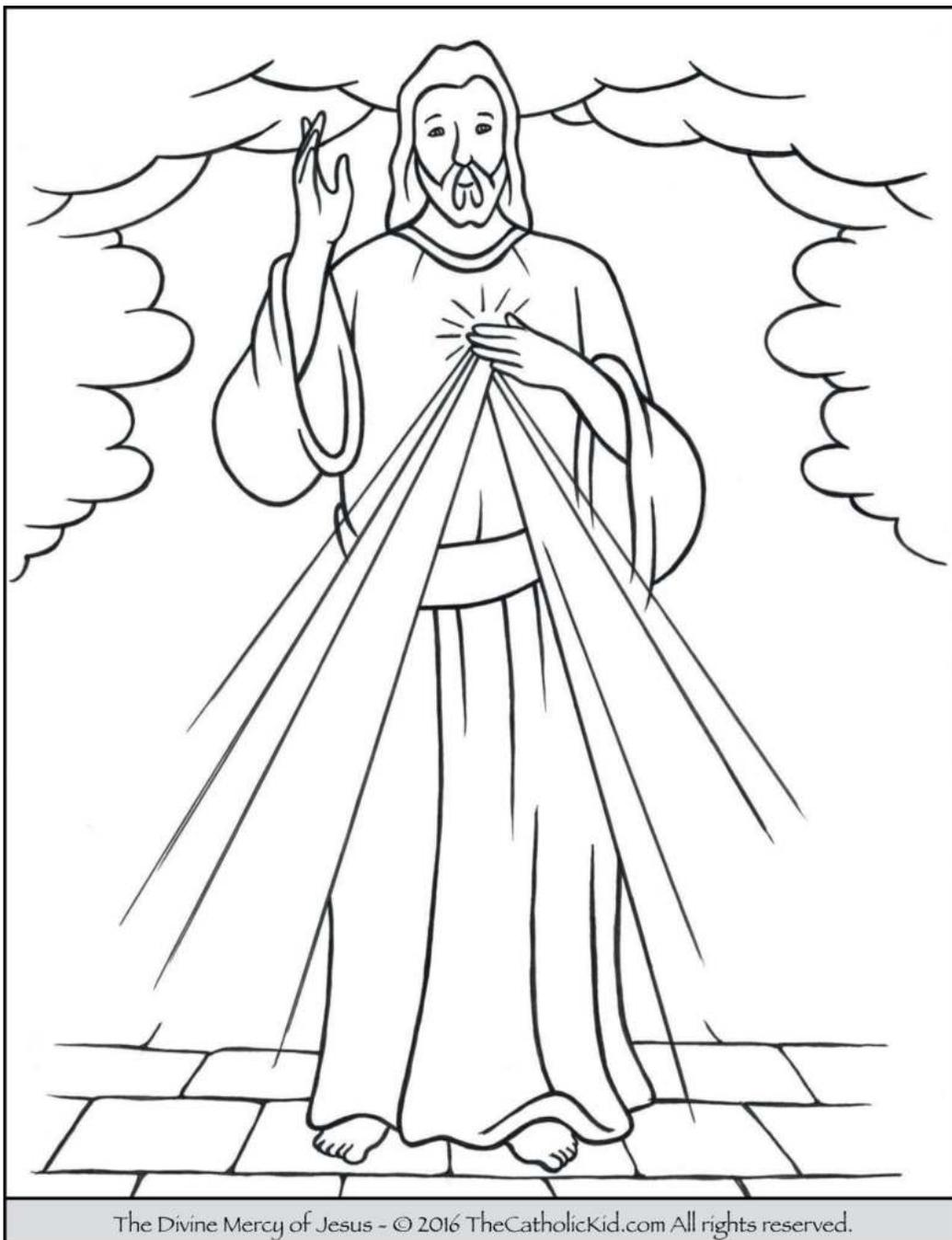
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"In 1931 a young nun in Poland named Faustina began having visions of Jesus. In her diary, she recorded her conversations with the Lord, most of which centered around the great need the world has for the Lord's love and mercy. Tied to this was a call to trust in Jesus more and more. Faustina received an image of Christ with two rays emanating from His heart- one blue and one red for the water and blood that poured from His side. Underneath was the message "Jesus, I trust in You." Today this image is known as the Divine Mercy Jesus.

Jesus also asked Faustina for a feast in honor of His mercy. This feast, called Divine Mercy, was instituted for the universal Church by Pope Saint John Paul II in 2000, at the same time that Saint Faustina was canonized." - Colleen Pressprich from the Brother Francis Blog.





PADRE PIO RELICS

AT ST. PIUS X, MARCH 22



My past, O Lord,
to your mercy;
my present,
to your love;
my future,
to your providence.”
St. Padre Pio

