



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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Parish Office Hours

9AM-4PM (Mon-Thur)
9AM-12PM (Fri)

Parish Membership

We encourage every family in the parish to register as it is our only means of certifying you as a member of our parish family. Register online: www.st-pius.org.

Online Giving

Safe, Secure & Paper Free!
To sign up, go to
www.st-pius.org/onlinegive

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible with parking at the sides of church.

Thank you for turning off all personal electronic devices before entering the church.

Weekly Mass Schedule (Church)

Monday-Saturday: 8:30AM
Monday: 7PM (Extraordinary Form)
Saturday Anticipated Mass: 5:15PM
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, and 11AM

Holy Day Mass Schedule (Church)

Vigil: 5:30PM
Holy Day: 8:30AM, 5:30PM, 7PM
(Extraordinary Form)

Confession (Church)

Saturdays: 4PM-5PM
Wednesdays: 7PM-8PM

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

Devotions

Adoration Monday 9AM until Friday 9PM in the Chapel.
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9AM, Fridays in the Church.
First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady 9AM in the Chapel.

Baptism

For information about Pre-Baptismal class and to schedule Baptisms, call the Parish Office.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is available year-round to anyone who wants to inquire about our faith, baptism, or completing their initiation as Roman Catholics with Eucharist and/or confirmation. Call the Parish Office for more information.





WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 4

8:30AM +Gregory Raymond C. & R. Raymond
 5:15PM +Andrew Orosz K. Grosso

Sunday, November 5

7:30AM +Andrew Bertola
 9AM +Julia Kaye Minogue Family
 11AM +Marissa Ann Guido A.Guido

Monday, November 6

8:30AM +Josephine Verrastro A. Armstrong
 Summa

Tuesday, November 7

8:30AM +Thomas Timlin Chiravuri Family

Wednesday, November 8

8:30AM +Luigi Osso Guglielmo Family

Thursday, November 9

8:30AM +Theresa & Spiro Morris Morris Family

Friday, November 10

8:30AM +Richard Murray Conneely Family

Saturday, November 11

8:30AM +Blanca Aurora Morales J. Guevara
 5:15PM All Parishioners

Sunday, November 12

7:30AM +Jospeh Fazio T. & D. Rocco
 9AM +Cristiano Cabase Feeney Family
 11AM +Limatola Family Vona Family



Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in memory of
Loretta Schultz

Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week for blessings upon
All Veterans Living & Deceased

PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email Pat Heile at stpiusprayerln@aol.com with your petitions and thanksgivings. You can also email her if you'd like to help pray for the Prayer Line intentions.

FRIDAY ROSARY

Come pray the rosary following the **8:30AM Mass, Fridays, in the Church**. After the rosary, Pat Heile will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are welcome to attend!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Join us on the **first Saturday of every month in the Chapel at 9AM** for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the rosary, Litany of Loreto and follow with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	Oct 23	Oct 29
Weekend	\$ 12,021	\$ 10,241
Weekend 2022	\$ 10,211	\$ 11,393
Monthly	\$ 117	\$ 325
World Mission	\$ 1,397	N/A



ADORATION CHAPEL
SIGN-UP OPEN FOR WEEKEND HOURS

As a parish, our goal is to have Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours, 7 days a week by **December 1** of this year.

Help us reach our goal by **signing up for a weekend Adoration hour**. **Scan the QR code or visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/**. *Weekend adoration hours will not start until we have enough committed, weekend adorers. You will receive an email once we have enough people.*

Until then, our regular Adoration times are still from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM, in the Chapel**. There are a few weekday hours open on **Tuesdays: 12AM, Wednesdays: 11PM, Thursdays: 6AM, 9PM, Friday: 1AM, 2AM**. Sign up or become a substitute by visiting www.st-pius.org/adore365/.



SWITCH TO ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful church and for helping us to carry out our parish mission. Your weekly donations directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius X.

If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider switching—it's the easiest and safest way to donate. **Get started now:** Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive or scan the QR code. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Subsidiarity is a principle of Catholic social teaching that says that matters ought to be handled by the smallest, lowest, or least-centralized competent authority, rather than a higher and more distant one, whenever possible. Ideally, this principle is applied to both civic and ecclesial spheres. In other words, rather than appeals to Washington, D.C. or to Rome, we ought to find a way to address issues at the most local level. This lesson from the social teaching of the Church comes to mind as we approach election day this week.

Our election this year is entirely local, which should be something we value highly. These are the types of elections that most immediately impact our community, for we have the greatest access to candidates – they are our friends and neighbors – and the most direct connection to the decisions that will be made. Simply by writing about a local election, I realize that I run the risk of this column appearing to be a political essay. My real purpose, though, is to call attention to the ways that our participation in democratic processes can be a way of living out our Catholic faith and allowing that faith to be integrated into our lives. As Catholics, we believe that the Gospel is, in fact, for all people, and that what are often called “Gospel values” are in fact human values that apply to all, regardless of religious affiliation. For a Catholic, the act of voting can thus be evangelical, as we bear witness to our faith in the public square.

Over the last several months, a concern I hear often from people in the parish has to do with our school system. We are undeniably blessed with a school system that is academically solid and staffed by many caring professionals (including many members of our parish) who are committed to providing the best in education. This same system, though, is increasingly being pressured to promote radical gender ideology and sexual ethics that are entirely at odds with the Catholic faith and our understanding of the human person, created male or female with the dignity of sons and daughters of God. Our children are increasingly exposed to false teachings about their bodies, their sexuality, and the nature of the human person. Our teachers and school professionals are pressured to promote an ideology that in any other context would be considered the grooming behavior of a sexual predator. Attempts have been made to keep parents out of the educational process for their children, particularly surrounding issues of gender and sexuality. I firmly believe that children in our schools deserve better than to be exposed to the sexually charged ideologies prevalent in our society. Parents ought to be aware of what is taught in the classrooms, rather than kept at arms-length. We Catholics ought to stand for common sense and plain truth, most especially when our children are concerned.

Election day comes and goes every year. Our participation is important, but that participation does not end when we exit the polls, just as a parent's responsibility does not end when they drop their child off for school. We can work at this local level, and indeed the call to bear witness to our faith in the world demands that we work at this level, not only in the way we vote, but also in the way we engage civic life throughout the year. The teaching of subsidiarity reminds us that responsibility for the good of our community lies not with a distant authority or state, but with us and with our friends and neighbors.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
Second Reading: 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13
The Gospel: Mt 23:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome our newly baptized children into our Faith Family:
 Chase Daniel Houle, Rian Michael Kelly



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Shane Fitzsimons



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. **We will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veteran's Day.**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"You have but one Father in heaven
 and one master, the Christ." - Mt 23:9b, 10b**



ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you are over 18 and a practicing Catholic who missed Confirmation, make plans to join the diocese for a workshop to find out how to prepare to celebrate this great sacrament.

Scan the QR code or visit www.formationreimagined.org/event/adult-confirmation-november-2023/ to register for an account in LEAD, the diocesan learning platform, and complete the required prerequisite forms and courses. Then sign up for the brief face-to-face session at the Catholic Center, 238 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport, CT.

Once you have attended the face-to-face workshop and completed the work online, you will be properly prepared for the sacrament.



BAPTISMAL BLANKETS

Our dear Prayer Shawl Ministry is now knitting blankets for St. Pius X's newly baptized babies! Each blanket stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the child's faith journey. Once completed, the blankets are blessed by Fr. Brendan and given to their families after the baptism.

If you would like to join their efforts and help welcome our newest church members in this beautiful way, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. Yarn is provide for all blankets.



PRAYER FOR PEACE

Oh God, who cares for all, let the whole of humanity who have one origin from you, form one family, without violence, without absurd wars and with brotherly spirit, live united in peace and concord for our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son who is God, lives, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Cardinal Louis Sako, Iraq-Patriarch of the Chaldean Catholic Church October 2023



BAPTISM AT ST. PIUS X

The Sacrament of Baptism cleanses us of original sin, incorporates us into the Body of Christ the Church, and opens to the door for sacramental grace. This foundational sacrament is a moment of celebration and joy, as families welcome new life in their child, and as the Church welcomes the new life of faith received by her youngest members. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays here at St. Pius.

When should your child be baptized? Baptism is a gift that should not be delayed! We *strongly* recommend scheduling the baptism within three months of your child's birth.

When does baptism preparation happen? We offer baptism preparation to help parents get ready for the birth and baptism of their children. Baptism prep takes place on the first Sunday of the month. Contact Deacon Don Ross at dnross@diobpt.org.

How do we schedule a baptism? Contact Terri Dawes in our Parish Office at tdawes@st-pius.org.

We encourage you to schedule prep and baptisms before your baby is born—this gives you time to plan, and plenty of advance notice for godparents and family members to travel to join you.



CAN YOU HELP SPX?

Thanks be to God! Our St. Pius X Ministries are expanding but our Community Kitchen refrigerator/freezer is not!

We are looking for some generous sponsors to fund one free-standing freezer and one free-standing refrigerator for our SPX Community Kitchen. Purchasing these units allows us to continue serving our community as well as expand our outreach to more of those in need. **We only need \$2,200 to fund both units as the Marsillio Family provided the parish with a generous discount.** Please call the office and chat with Cathy Coyle at 203-255-6134 if you would like to help fund these appliances. Any donation amount is welcome!

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

CHORAL SCHOLA Practice Thursdays, from 7PM-8:30PM in the Church. Do you love to sing? Consider joining the Choral Schola and help lead the liturgical music at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. Please contact Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com, call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

YOUTH CHOIR Practice Thursdays, from 4:30PM-5:30PM in the Church. All children in grades 2-8 are welcome to join the Youth Choir. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month. Our singers are under the direction of our head cantor and CT certified music educator, Cidalia Kettles, and accompanied by Michael Lantowski, our Director of Music. For more information, reach out to Mrs. Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com or Mike at mikestro@ymail.com. You may also call the office and speak to Mike at 203-255-6134 ext. 119.

ALTAR SERVERS All children who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become altar servers. Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. If you are interested, contact Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org

USHERS This simple but important ministry is looking for members to assist during Mass in collecting the offertory and helping to seat parishioners. To find out more information, email Mike Finneran at lakehillfinns@gmail.com.

GREETERS If smiling is your favorite, come and help set the tone for the liturgy by greeting everyone as they enter the church and again as they are sent forth after Mass. This ministry is open to all and is a great way for families to serve together. For more information, email Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.

LECTORS Would you like to serve our community by proclaiming scripture during the liturgy? A thoughtful and prayerful presentation by our lectors helps open the hearts and minds of our community to the Word of God. Contact Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.

ST. THÉRÈSE GUILD With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, the St. Thérèse Guild cares for the sacred altar linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided. Email Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, November 6, 12Noon. Join us as we welcome **Rev. John Mulreany, SJ, Superior, Fairfield University Jesuit Community.** Fr. John teaches a class at Fairfield University entitled "Finding God in All Things." Fr. John will share an excerpt from his teaching with us. It should be enlightening and thought provoking. RSVP today to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or [203-673-2081](tel:203-673-2081). Bakers, let Pete know if you can bake something!

★ GAME DAY ★

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Bring a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon on Tuesdays** for Mahjonn and/or on **Wednesdays 10AM-12Noon** for Canasta. You can just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or [908-399-2945](tel:908-399-2945).



MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERING

Saturday Mornings, 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!



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, December 6, 5PM-7PM, Community Room. Come to Tastebuds monthly gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners will be paired with selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, November 12, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour and treats after the **9AM Mass.** If you would like to help with the coffee, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfaneliritch@optonline.net. All are welcome!



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invites high school and middle school students in the local area into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen (High School Ministry) and Edge (Middle School Ministry) are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone one at any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen + Edge is to 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. Join us!

Life Nights (Sundays, 6PM-8PM)

Nov. 5: Full Battery-The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Nov. 12: Otterbox-The Fourth Commandment

Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM)

Nov. 8: Life Raft-How Do I Go to Confession?
Nov. 15: Eucharistic Revival Night (7-8:30pm)

FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE CORE TEAM

We need adult volunteers to be a part of our CORE teams for both our middle and high school ministries. CORE team members are essential in making Fairfield Life Teen + Edge a safe and welcoming environment where the teens are SEEN, KNOWN, and LOVED. They attend our weekly Life/Edge Nights, as well as planning meetings 2-3 times per semester.

For more info, visit www.fairfieldlt.com or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org.



WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB

Saturday, December 9, 10AM - 11:15AM, Munro Room, following First Saturday Devotion.

We invite you to join us for our monthly discussion of great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversation.

Our December book is "The Practice in the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence, a perfect read for the Advent season! Written in the 17th century by a French hermit, spiritual director, and member of the Order of Discalced Carmelites, it contains enduring wisdom for seeking God in your daily life. Email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

All Smiles at All Saints Trunk or Treat!



Thank you to our volunteers, especially Maria Piccolo and Noreen Zaino, our event chairs!
Thanks to Al DiGuido at Saugatuck Sweets for donating all the ice cream!



OPERATION
HOPE



COOKING FOR OPERATION HOPE

If you love cooking and sharing your gift with others, please consider joining our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team. This group prepares and delivers a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. You can choose between preparing part of the meal in your own kitchen or with others at in the St. Pius X Faith Center Kitchen. If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.

AL'S ANGELS THANKSGIVING MEAL ASSEMBLY

Al's Angels, is once again, assembling Thanksgiving meal boxes for local families in need. This is another wonderful service opportunity open to parish families. The assembly takes place at the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater on **Saturday, November 11**. If you are interested in participating, reach out to Al at adiguido@yahoo.com.



FAMILY GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Sunday, December 3

10am-12pm

St. Pius X Community Room

Join fellow parishioners for a morning of gingerbread house decorating!

Once complete, your creation will be donated to St. Pius X Outreach and Operation Hope Communities.

This event will be limited to the first 50 sign-ups. Donation of \$25.00 for supplies to participate.

To participate, email Catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com and Venmo fee to Catherine Macdonald @Catherine Macdonald-188

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

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

**OUR NEXT REVIVAL NIGHT IS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**



7pm Witness by Fr. Brendan Blawie, Parochial Vicar at St. Pius X

7:15pm Adoration with Praise + Worship. Confession available.

7:45pm Fellowship & Refreshments

Advent by Candlelight

AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING FOR WOMEN

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 2 | 6:30PM

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAIRFIELD, CT

"WALKING IN CONFIDENCE"

Our guest speaker, Jennifer Hubbard, is the President of the Catherine Violet Hubbard Animal Sanctuary, which she founded in memory of her daughter who died in the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting. Hubbard is an international speaker, retreat leader and national role model for compassion and hope.

CANDLELIT DINNER

We invite you to host a table for up to eight guests for this evening of reflection. As a hostess, you are asked to decorate your table and provide a place setting for each of your guests. You guests are invited to bring food and drink to share at the table.

TABLE SPONSORSHIP IS \$240 FOR UP TO 8 PEOPLE. PROCEEDS BENEFIT REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ST. PIUS X SCHOOL. PAYMENT ACCEPTED VIA CHECK TO ST. PIUS X AT 834 BROOKSIDE DRIVE, FAIRFIELD, CT 06824, OR THROUGH THE EVENT QR CODE.

CONTACT KAREN LANNIGAN AT [KARENLANNIGAN0915@GMAIL.COM](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com) WITH ANY QUESTIONS.





THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

NOV 11-12

DONATE AFTER ALL MASSES



COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND GIFT CARDS

- GIFT CARDS CAN BE FROM SHOPRITE, STOP & SHOP, AND/OR PRICE RITE.
- PLACE GIFT CARDS IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE" & DROP IN THE COLLECTION BOX AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH OR IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET.
- PLEASE DO NOT DONATE EXPIRED FOOD AND OPENED PACKAGES.
- DROP OFF DONATIONS IN THE CHURCH AND CHAPEL VESTIBULES.



**DONATE TO OUR
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FOOD DRIVE FUND!**

