



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, October 14

8:30AM +Anne & Nicholas Fabian
 5:15PM +Teresa Marçon DaSilva A. & I. Masson

Sunday, October 15

7:30AM +All Parishioners
 9AM +Paul Jarboe Minogue Family
 11AM +Pat & Marina Limotola Vona Family

Monday, October 16

8:30AM +Jerry Padula K. & J. Donnelly

Tuesday, October 17

8:30AM +Anthony Baldino, Jr. T. Dawes

Wednesday, October 18

8:30AM +Jean Rigney Coyle Family

Thursday, October 19

8:30AM +Daniel de Carmago Carmago Family

Friday, October 20

8:30AM +Arsenio Mangieri Naspo Family

Saturday, October 21

8:30AM +Elizabeth Thompson Thompson Family
 5:15PM +Teresa Marçon DaSilva A. & I. Masson

Sunday, October 22

7:30AM +All Parishioners
 9AM +Victor Gagliano M. Gagliano
 11AM +Deanna DeMatteo L. Potanovich



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week
 In Memory of Roy Ervin**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week
 In Memory of Mary Margaret Niland**

PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@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 Chapel 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 1	Oct 8
Weekend	\$ 11,692	\$ 12,491
Weekend 2022	\$ 13,952	\$ 12,703
Monthly	\$ 505	\$ 1,877



**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 still a few weekday hours open on **Tuesdays, 11PM, Wednesdays: 4AM, 8AM, Thursdays: 6AM**. 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,

Yesterday, the St. Augustine Medal of Service was awarded to volunteers from parishes across the Diocese of Bridgeport. Bishop Caggiano gives this award each year in recognition of the important contributions made by the generosity in time, talent, and treasure of so many people. Their service truly builds up the life of every parish and thus serves the whole Church. This year our honorees from St. Pius X Parish are Peter Carey and Claudia Carpanzano.

Peter Carey, a New Yorker by birth, joined St. Pius X Parish in 1975 with his wife Angela and their four children. Since that day Pete has been an active member of our parish community. Peter came up with the idea for the Young at Heart Senior Ministry in 2015 and has been leading the growing group ever since, with monthly luncheons, trips, and regular email communications. Peter is also a faithful Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and brings Communion to residents at Sturges Ridge Assisted Living every week. Pete has participated as a Gospel Leader with the St. Pius X RCIA team, walking with many on their faith journey by sharing his faith story. Outside of St. Pius X, Pete spent a lifetime enjoying time with the love of his life Angela (deceased,) four children, and nine grandchildren. Pete is a self-published author of "With God and Love, You Can Do Anything," involved with Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, an avid Giants fan, and weekly golfer! Pete is a dedicated servant of our faith, a humble family man who gives generously and with love, and shares his faith with all he meets.

If you have not met Claudia Carpanzano, chances are you have one of her crosses in your pocket, in a cupholder in your car, bookmarking a page in your latest book, or you've been finding them in your kids' pockets after Sunday Mass. From her sign in the church vestibule: "Claudia is a loving, joyful, vibrant 26-year old woman with mild autism and a mild intellectual disability who loves our Lord Jesus, our Blessed Mother, going to Mass, prayer, and praying the rosary. She loves her family and friends, and loves making new friends. Claudia really enjoys having something to give people – this is her ministry. She has needlepointed nearly 3,000 of these crosses." At this point, I am confident that Claudia has doubled that number! Every week, she faithfully brings me a new batch of crosses to bless. I have lost count of the number of people who leave with one of her crosses in hand commenting how beautiful they are and how wonderful a reminder these simple signs are of God's love and presence. The sign with her crosses does not do her justice. "Loving," "joyful," and "vibrant" only scratch the surface. She is a real delight to know, and often says goodbye to me with a little teasing: "Behave yourself, Fr. Sam."

I am so grateful to Peter Carey and Claudia Carpanzano for their service to our parish community. Please join me in congratulating them as they receive the St. Augustine Medal of Service!

Peace,

Fr. Sam





TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 25:6-10a
Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
The Gospel: Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Caitlin Ostenby & Philip Reid-Francisco
 Molly Roach & James Olsen



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome our newly baptized children into our Faith Family:
 Henry Oscar Fontaine



ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

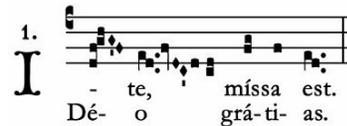
If you are over 18 and a practicing Catholic who missed Confirmation when you were younger, make plans to join the diocese for a workshop to discover all you need to know to prepare to celebrate this great sacrament. Scan the QR code or visit www.formationreimagined.org/event/adult-confirmation-november-2023/ 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 on either November 4, 2023 or March 23, 2024 at 9 am 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.



ST. PIUS X YOUTH CHOIR

St. Pius X Youth Choir is open to all children in grades 2-8. The choir rehearses on **Thursdays from 4:30PM-5:30PM in the church and sings 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.



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOLA

Consider sharing your voice by joining the Choral Schola! The Schola is made up of volunteers and professionals who assist the congregation in singing at the **11AM Sunday Mass** as well as various Holy Days throughout the year.

Some prior music experience is helpful but not necessary. Training will be provided. Rehearsals are on **Thursdays from 7PM-8:30PM.**

Contact Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com, call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or see Mike after any Mass to inquire.



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.

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. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

RAIN OR SHINE :)

ALL SAINTS TRUNK & TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 12PM-2PM

ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

DON'T HAVE A SAINT COSTUME?
MAKE ONE ON SITE AT OUR SAINT MAKER STATION!

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!

NON FOOD TREATS FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES.



INTERESTED IN DECORATING YOUR TRUNK & HANDING OUT CANDY? SCAN THE CODE TO SAVE YOUR PARKING SPACE!

PARENTS MUST STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN DURING THE TRUNK OR TREAT.




HOLIDAY BAKING BOOTCAMP

JOIN TASTEBUDS FOR A SPECIAL HOLIDAY BAKING EVENT!

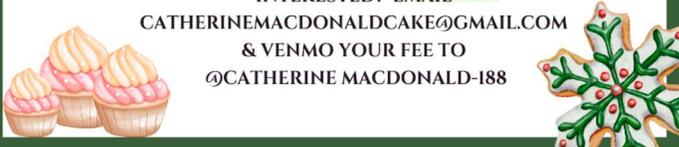
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5
3:30PM-5:30PM

ST. PIUS X COMMUNITY ROOM AND KITCHEN

COME AND CREATE A VARIETY OF HOLIDAY BAKED GOODS THAT CAN BE SHARED WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

THE COSTS FOR THE EVENT AND THE SUPPLIES IS \$20.00 PER PERSON.

INTERESTED? EMAIL _____
CATHERINEMACDONALDCAKE@GMAIL.COM
& VENMO YOUR FEE TO @CATHERINE MACDONALD-188




★ GAME DAY ★

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Bring a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon on Tuesdays** for Mahjongg and/or on **Wednesdays 10AM-12Noon** for Canasta. You can just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact [Margaret at blk125@msn.com](mailto:Margaret_at_blk125@msn.com) or 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!



Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting, **7PM-8PM, Tuesdays, 2nd floor classroom, Religious Education Center (School.)** Enter via **left side exterior Door #2.** The 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, are trying to get help, stop by, or share this information.



WELL-READ MOM BOOK CLUB

The mission of Well-Read Mom is to accompany women in reading great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations. Book discussions are on the **first Saturday of each month at 10:00AM in the Munro Room.** Email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.



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)

Oct. 15: Facetime-The Holy Catholic Church

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

Oct. 18: 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.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, November 1, 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 are being paired with selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Sunday, December 3, 10AM-12PM in the Community Room. Join your fellow parishioners and families for a morning of gingerbread house decorating and service. You will create gingerbread houses that will be donated to St. Pius’ outreach and Operation Hope Communities. This event is limited to the first 50 sign-ups. The houses and decoration will be provided by the church for a small donation of \$25 per house. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com if you would like to attend either of these events.



Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser

Get your pies from Oronoque Farms just in time for Thanksgiving!
Pies will come unbaked and frozen with baking instructions.

\$20 per pie. Place your order by 11/1 with pickup at St. Pius on 11/12

Name:	Apple	Apple Crumb	Blueberry	Blueberry Crumb	Cherry	Cherry Crumb	Pumpkin
Number of Pies Ordered:							
Amount Enclosed: \$							

Thank you for supporting Fairfield Life Teen and Edge!
Email Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org. Return the order form to parish office or drop off in the collection basket at Mass.
Cash or checks made payable to "St. Pius X"



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

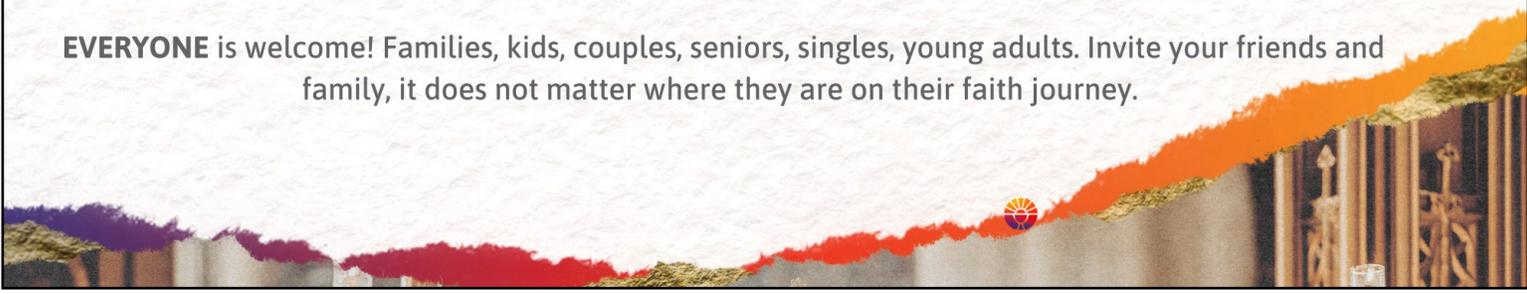
at St. Pius X Church

7pm Witness by **Paola Peña**, *Director of Evangelization at St. Pius X*

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

7:45pm Fellowship (Apple Cider Donuts from Plasko's Farm)

EVERYONE is welcome! Families, kids, couples, seniors, singles, young adults. Invite your friends and family, it does not matter where they are on their faith journey.



ST. PIUS X
CATHOLIC CHURCH

STEAK & SCOTCH

WITH FR. SAM AND FR. BRENDAN

*"STEAKS. SCOTCH. COLLEGE FOOTBALL. AND
A SPIRITUAL LESSON ON MASCULINITY."*

FOR THE MEN OF THE PARISH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023
7:30PM - 10:30PM
ST. PIUS X COMMUNITY ROOM

\$30 ADMISSION

**USE QR CODE
TO RSVP**



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