



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, September 23

8:30AM +Christine L. Ross C. & R. Earls
 5:15PM +Blanche & Andrew Potanovich L. Potanovich

Sunday, September 24

7:30AM All Parishioners
 9AM +Margaret & Joseph Salter McAuliffe Family
 11AM +Alex Skultety J. Skultety

Monday, September 25

8:30AM +Lorraine Jezierny C. Kelley
 7PM +Lenore & Michael Opalak

Tuesday, September 26

8:30AM +Jerry Black M. Frey

Wednesday, September 27

8:30AM +Stephen Kudzy P. Carey

Thursday, September 28

8:30AM +Thomas Timlin Mooney Family

Friday, September 29

8:30AM +Rev. Lawrence Connaughton Connaughton Family

Saturday, September 30

8:30AM +Peg O'Connor B. O'Sullivan
 5:15PM +Margaret Ferraiuolo P.Heile

Sunday, October 1

7:30AM +Thomas Strong Coyle Family
 9AM +Jean & Tom Devine Pehota Family
 11AM +Nancy Buckley Buckley Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week
 In Memory of Thomas L. Donnelly**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week
 For Blessings Upon Martha & Louis Moraitis**

PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email your petitions and/or thanksgivings to Pat Heile, anytime, at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com.

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	Sept 10	Sept 17
Weekend	\$ 12,662	\$ 11,415
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,026	\$ 10,752
Monthly	\$ 2,121	\$ 1,082
Mission	\$ 247	N/A
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 110



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated. And yet, we still have critical financial challenges.

Only 14% of our parish has given to our Annual Appeal.

Please prayerfully consider donating to our parish appeal. Any amount is appreciated!

Construction Loan	\$ 938,167
School Building Renovations	\$ 275,000
St. Pius X Registered Families	+2,300
Donated to Date	\$ 223,712
# of Donors	320

Ways to Donate: Scan the QR code, visit www.st-pius.org/onlinegive, mail or drop a check in the offertory with "ANNUAL APPEAL" in the memo.

THANK YOU!



OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

Adoration is available in the Chapel from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM**. Stop by and just sit quietly with our Lord, he longs to be with you!

Consider signing up for a weekly hour or becoming a substitute. Visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/. **We still have a few hours open on the schedule:** Tuesdays, 6PM, Thursdays, 6AM, 1PM and 3PM.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The prophet Isaiah tells us today to “[s]eek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.” He goes on to remind us that our way of thinking and viewing the world is not always the same as the way God sees us: “As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts.” This reality is not always easy for us to digest; we often try to fit God into our conceptual boxes, forgetting the infinite difference between the Lord and our limited human outlook. This especially applies to our understanding of mercy. The justice and mercy of God seem strange to us sometimes, because our ability to truly live mercy, our understanding of justice, is so conditioned by our finitude. This makes the Gospel today especially helpful.

In this Gospel passage, Jesus describes a landowner who hires laborers for his vineyard. Some begin at the normal start of the harvesting day, while others begin their work as the day wears on. In the end, the landowner pays all the workers the same amount, whether they only worked the last hour of the day or if they had toiled every hour. Just so is God with his mercy. Whether someone has labored long years following the Gospel or at the last hour says yes to the invitation to discipleship, the Lord pays out the same reward. Eternal salvation is offered to the saint and the sinner alike, provided the saint or sinner agrees to go work in the vineyard. Like the laborers who spent the day in the heat, we might feel a bit that God's method of dispensing his mercy is unfair. But Isaiah reminds us that God's ways and thoughts are above and beyond ours.

At the risk of pointing to the concept of “mystery” too quickly, allow me to point to the concept of mystery. In the Catholic usage of the word, we are referring to truths that surpass the powers of natural reason. This does not make them incomprehensible. Rather, “mystery” here indicates the limitations of our ability to know. The mystery of God's mercy lies in this truth – God forgives in a way that goes beyond anything we can fathom and with a generosity that lies beyond the human capacity for generosity. Though God's mercy is far beyond our understanding, we *can* still experience it, imitate it, and contemplate that which lies beyond our capacity. The prophet Isaiah once again gives us the indication for what is needed in contemplating this mystery of the landowner who is so generous with his benefits: “let him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.” The more we experience the mercy of God, the more we come to understand his generosity. The more we enter into this mystery, the more we are able to give generously, forgive abundantly, and be instruments of compassionate mercy more readily.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

Second Reading: Phil 1:20c-24

The Gospel: Mt 20:1-16a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

McKenna Mase & Ryan Keklik

Yanira Sigua & Michael Fedra



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Lola Emma Acevedo, Paxton Arlo Cohen, Isabella Rose Garcia



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, October 4, 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. To attend, email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.



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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



REGISTRATION

LAST CALL! Registration for Elementary Faith Formation will close on Monday, September 25! The Elementary Faith Formation program is open to all children in Grades 1-6 and includes preparation to receive First Holy Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 6).

For more information and to register your children, visit www.st-pius.org/faith-formation-registration or scan the QR code! Catechists are needed for the spring Confirmation class, Grade 2 on Monday, Grade 5 on Tuesday and Grade 2 on Wednesday. Contact Shari Mellinger at sgarcia@st-pius.org for more information.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? **On Sunday, October 8 at 3PM in the Community Room**, we will have an introduction to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA) for anyone who wants to learn about the journey to the Catholic Church through the sacraments of initiation. For more information, contact Andrew Li at liooxi@gmail.com.



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

Registration Now Open

Wednesdays, October 4 – December 6, 2:00PM – 3:30PM. Your loss may be recent or long ago. 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.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey from loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting, at **Church of the Assumption, 98 Riverside Avenue, Westport** and are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

Visit www.ctcemeteries.org/newday to submit an Inquiry Form or contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023. Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

October 2, 12Noon: You won't want to miss **Stephanie Coakley, Executive Director, Pequot Library**, as she introduces the services, programs, and exhibitions at Pequot Library in Southport. She will tell us how the Pequot Library enriches lives and inspires curiosity by serving the cultural, educational, and intellectual needs of the entire community. A big THANK YOU to **Roberta Gagne** for connecting us with Stephanie! **Lunch Update:** Octoberfest menu of German Harvest Soup, Smoked Porkchop with Mustard Sauce, Spaetzle, and Cabbage/Kraut **compliments of Connie VonZwehl!** **RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.** Bakers... let Pete know if you can bake something APPLE to keep with our theme...strudel, crisp, cake, etc!

★ 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 to chat for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact **Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945.**



walking with purpose

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? We invite you to join Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study, this fall at St. Pius X. WWP is offering the following studies:

Opening Your Heart, Thursdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM, starting October 5. Our foundational 22-week study is designed for woman new to WWP. Learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

Grounded in Hope, Thursdays, 9:30AM-11:30AM, starting October 5. For returning participants, this Book of Hebrews study will help you encounter Jesus in a powerful and life changing way.

Rooted and Radiant, Wednesdays, 6:30PM-8PM, starting October 4. In this book of Colossians study, we'll learn how the trials that faced the Colossians are remarkably like our own challenges today and learn what we can do about it.

For more information, attend an Open House on **Thursday, September 28, 9:30AM-11:30AM, in the Community Room.** For questions or to RSVP, contact Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcgloal.net or 203-984-3132. More information at www.st-pius.org/www.



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, 6:00PM-8PM)

Sept. 24: Family Plan-Community Building
Oct. 1: Metadata-The Existence of God

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

Sept. 27: Setting Course-How Can I Know Right From Wrong?
Oct. 4: Tsunami-Is Anyone Really Bad?

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

Fall Launch, Coffee & Pastry at Each Session

Saturday, September 23 at 9AM, Munro Room. The mission of Well-Read Mom is to accompany women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations.

TUESDAY FOR PRESCHOOL MOMS

Tuesday, September 26 at 10AM, Munro Room. Moms will have an opportunity for community along with **free childcare.** While you are enjoying your time, your children will play a game and listen to a story with similar themes to the works you will read each month. Come find out how you can take much needed time for you! For more information and to RSVP, please email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com.

COVENANT

SCHOOL of BRIDGEPORT

Covenant School of Bridgeport, a Jesuit-inspired 5th to 8th grade middle school, opened on August 30 with 22 boys at the Holy Family school building, Edison Ave. If you are interested in tutoring or leading a Tuesday Club activity, (4:30PM - 5:30PM on Tuesdays), e.g., journalism, chess, public speaking, art, music, etc., contact Matt at 203-292-1010. Visit www.CovenantSchoolBridgeport.org



Thursdays, October 5 – November 16, 6:30PM, Community Room. ChristLife, a Catholic Ministry for Evangelization, will host their next “Discovering Christ” at St. Pius X. The program includes a Saturday retreat on November 4 from 9AM - 3:30PM. This free, 7-week program helps us rediscover the meaning of life and revive our faith through Biblically based teachings and thought-provoking discussions. Each gathering includes dinner. Invite your friends and family to come with you. Register online at www.christlifefairfield.com. For more information and questions, email christlifefairfield@gmail.com.



BLESSED SACRAMENT PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

Donate items and/or cash by scanning the QR code!

Blessed Sacrament Pantry is in great need of the following items:

- 2 in 1 shampoo/conditioner
- Soap-body wash or bar soap
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Baby items (wipes, creams, lotions)
- Baby diapers Size 4-7

Donations will be collected until **Sunday, September 24** in the Church or Chapel vestibules.

Please donate regularly sized items as clients walk to and from the pantry.

Thank you for your generosity!

SAVE THE DATE!

ALL SAINTS

TRUNK G TREAT

RAIN OR SHINE :)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29
12PM-2PM

ST. PIUS X PARISH
BURR STREET LOT

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVORITE SAINT!

DONT HAVE A SAINT COSTUME?
MAKE ONE ON SITE AT OUR SAINT MAKER STATION!!

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



ST. PIUS X

CATHOLIC CHURCH



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

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

WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL! The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. Inspired by this national movement, St. Pius X will be hosting monthly encounter nights October - May. Come to hear a testimony from a parishioner, spend time with Jesus in Adoration, and gather for fellowship. (Food will be provided!)

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.

**OUR FIRST REVIVAL NIGHT IS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023**

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)

