



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 16

8:30AM +Margaret Rooney Close Family
 5:15PM +Kate Ventricelli M. Ventricelli

Sunday, September 17

7:30AM All Parishioners
 9AM +Anthony J. Cialone Violone Family
 11AM +Cappuccia Family Vona Family

Monday, September 18

8:30AM +Mary Theresa Stelban J. DeBona
 7PM +Gloria Gustilo Opalak Family

Tuesday, September 19

8:30AM +Thomas Timlin Ricci Family

Wednesday, September 20

8:30AM Catherine E. Teitell C. Teitell

Thursday, September 21

8:30AM +John Gleason Gleason Family

Friday, September 22

8:30AM +Eileen Guidry M. Frey

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week for
 Intentions of Ken Ritson & Family**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in for
 Intentions of Sister Bethany Madonna**

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 3	Sept 10
Weekend	\$ 14,052	\$ 12,662
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,018	\$ 11,026
Monthly	\$ 305	\$ 2,121
Mission	\$ 494	\$ 247
Catholic University	N/A	\$ 1,704



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 St. Pius X 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, 6:00 PM, Thursdays, 6AM, 11:00 AM, 1PM & 3PM.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel last Sunday showed us the importance of offering a word of correction to a sinner. If your brother sins against you, Jesus says, we must tell him his fault. It is an act of charity to tell someone their sin, as it opens up the possibility of reconciliation and conversion. Sin tears, and separates us not only from God, but from one another and even, interiorly, from our true selves. When we follow our Lord's command to speak to our brothers and sisters, neighbors, and others to offer charitable fraternal correction, we become instruments of his healing, binding up what has been torn.

Today, Jesus begins the next part of this teaching. It is one thing to point out to someone the way that their sin negatively impacts us, and an entirely different thing to offer them forgiveness. We are called to do both. When Peter asks Jesus how many times he must forgive, he is expressing the very real concern that any reasonable person might have. Should I forgive someone even if I know they are going to do it again? How many chances do I give a person before my forgiveness-well dries up? The answer Jesus offers is easier said than done. To the question "must I forgive?" the answer is a resounding "Yes."

At first glance, telling Peter to forgive seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven, depending on the translation), simply means that we ought to forgive many times. It could be a case of biblical hyperbole, which Jesus is fond of in his teaching style. We might also notice the number seven being multiplied. In Scripture, the number seven is a symbol of perfection, it is the number that corresponds to God, to completion, to peaceful rest. And so, while we see a measure of forgiveness that clearly is meant to be great, we should also hear a connection to the mercy of God. The Fathers of the Church recognized this connection in powerful ways. St. Hilary of Poitiers points out that, though Cain was guilty of murder, God offers him forgiveness and swears to protect him, and should anyone harm Cain "vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold" (Gen. 4:15). A few verses later, a descendant of Cain, Lamech, claims vengeance seventy-seven fold. St. Hilary says that "in our case there is never a time for anger (vengeance), since God pardons us for all sins in their entirety by his gift rather than from our merit." St. Augustine explains that there were seventy-seven generations from Adam to Christ. Why did Jesus come but to save humanity from sin and to offer forgiveness to all. This includes all who came before Christ, seventy-seven generations worth!

From this great number, this biblically significant amount of forgiveness, today's Gospel passage continues on to tell the parable of the king settling accounts with his servants. The servant whose debt is forgiven goes out and refuses to forgive the smaller debt of a fellow servant, and this, of course, is a great shortcoming. Rather than imitating his king, the servant takes the lowest road. When Jesus teaches us to forgive, he wants us to forgive as he forgives – abundantly, without number, for seventy-seven generations. We are called then, to forgive as Christ our King forgives. This task is difficult – in our weakness, we are like the forgiven servant and are prone to grudges and resentment. Jesus forgives so easily and quickly, but to forgive others or ourselves often costs us a lot of time. So let us remember that in the seventy-seven generations from Adam to Christ the mercy of God was being revealed constantly. The fallen people of God were reminded time and again of God's goodness and mercy. We too, in the generations since Christ, are reminded again and again of our need for and the availability of God's forgiving grace. It may take us time to receive it and time to practice it, but God has poured out that mercy in the past, and he continues to pour it out for us today.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9

The Gospel: Mt 18:21-35

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

McKenna Mase & Ryan Keklik

Yanira Sigua & Michael Feda



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Harper Grace Douglas, Owen Daniel Harrigan



COFFEE HOURS ARE BACK!!!

Sunday, September 24, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00AM Mass. If you would like to help with the coffee, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.

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 some lovely beverage selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. To attend, please email, catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



REGISTRATION

Registration for Elementary Faith Formation is open! 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, please visit us at www.st-pius.org/faith-formation-registration or scan the QR code! Catechists are needed for the spring Confirmation class, grades 2-4 on Monday, grade 5 on Tuesday and grades 2-5 on Wednesday. Contact Shari Mellinger at sgarcia@st-pius.org for more information.



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!



Altar Server Training

"Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service. . . Therefore in the liturgy you are far more than mere "helpers of the parish priest". Above all, you are servants of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest. Thus you altar servers especially are called to be young friends of Jesus. Strive to deepen and foster this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."
- St. John Paul II

MON SEPTEMBER 18 4:30PM - 5:30PM

WED SEPTEMBER 20 4:30PM - 5:30PM

FRI SEPTEMBER 22 4:30PM - 5:30PM

All current and any new servers who missed the August training must attend 1 of these sessions. All children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to serve!

Email frblawie@diobpt.org to sign up for one of the sessions.

SPX LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

CHORAL SCHOLA First practice is **Thursday, September 21 from 7-8:30PM in the church.** Join the Choral Schola this fall 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 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

YOUTH CHOIR Practice on **Thursdays, 4:30-5:30PM in the church.** All children in grades 2-8 are welcome. The Youth Choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month, Reach out to Mrs. Cidalia Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com or Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com or call 203-255-6134.

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 fblawie@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 Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.

GREETERS If smiling is your favorite, come and help set the tone for the liturgy by greeting everyone as they enter the church. 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 fblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.

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



INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is? **On Sunday, October 8 at 3 PM in the SPX 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 llooxi@gmail.com



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 from any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen and 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, 6:30-8pm)
Sept. 17: Kick-Off and Bonfire

Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm)
Sept. 20: Kick-Off and Bonfire

FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE CORE TEAM

We need adult volunteers to be a part of our CORE teams for 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.

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



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 is \$7** for sandwiches, chips, soda, water, coffee, tea, and dessert. **RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.** Also let Pete know if you can bake a treat. Spread the word and invite your friends to join us!

★ 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](tel:908-399-2945).



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 to explore the human condition and reorient us to what is good, beautiful, and true.

TUESDAY FOR PRESCHOOL MOMS

Tuesday, September 26 at 10AM, Munro Room. This session will provide moms with the same opportunity for community as our Saturday book group along with **free childcare**. While you are enjoying your time, we will provide a companion session for your children to 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 kplannigan@yahoo.com.



BLESSED SACRAMENT PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

Blessed Sacrament's Outreach Pantry in Bridgeport is in great need of the following items:

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

Drop off donations from **now until September 24** in the church or chapel vestibules.

Please donate regular sized items (not XL) as clients walk to and from the Blessed Sacrament Pantry.

Delivery drivers (2-3) needed for Monday, September 25th, at 9am. Contact Paola at ppeña@st-pius.org.

To make a donation to Blessed Sacrament Parish, please use the QR code above.



SPX MINISTRY FAIR

Weekend of September 23-24

Community Room

St. Pius X is hosting a Ministry Fair in the Community Room after all Masses. Stop by and chat with representatives from our ministries and formation groups to find out how you can get involved!

For more information contact, Paola Pena at ppeña@st-pius.org or 203-255-6134.



walking with purpose

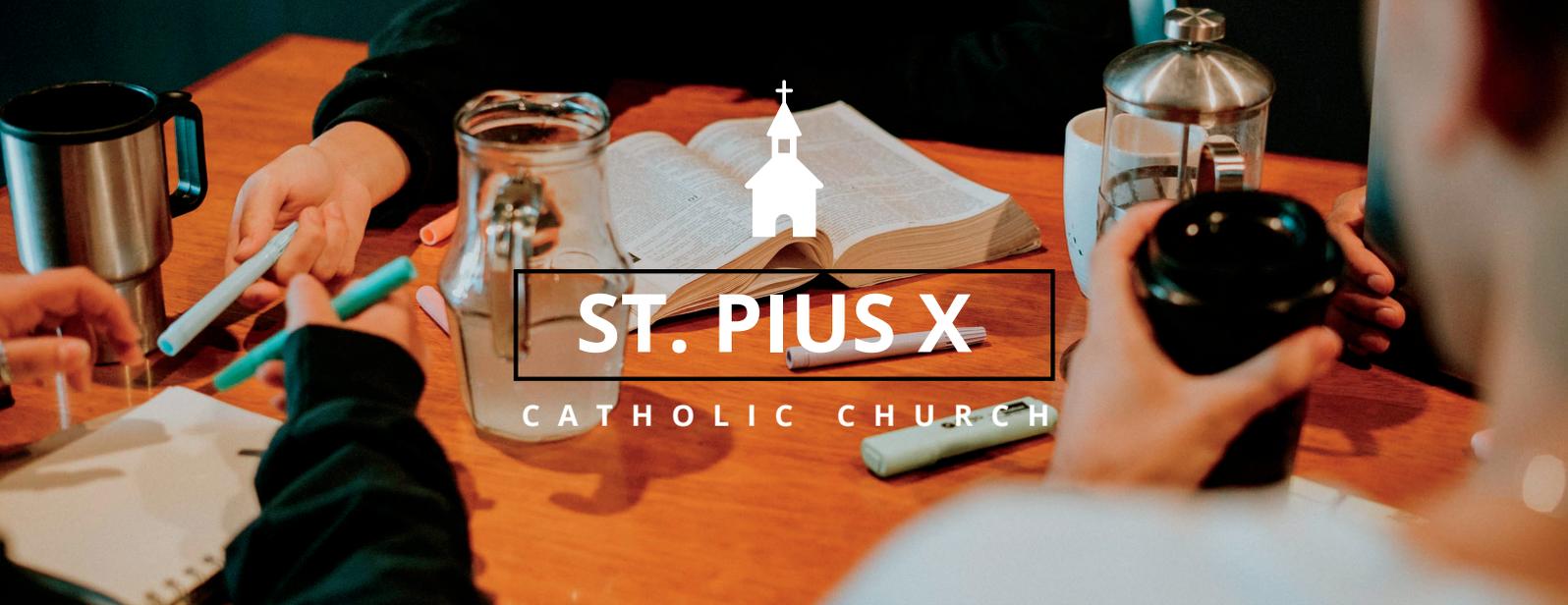
Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life? We invite you to join Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study, this fall at St. Pius X. Our evening weekly group sessions will start on Wednesday October 4th and our morning weekly group sessions will start on Thursday October 5th. This year we are offering the following studies:

Opening Your Heart (Thursdays 9:30-11:30am starting 10/5) – our foundational 22-week study, is designed for a woman new to WWP; you are welcome as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

Grounded in Hope (Thursdays 9:30-11:30am, starting 10/5) – For our returning participants, this study, based on the book of Hebrews, will help you encounter Jesus in such a powerful, comforting, and stabilizing way that He can become your lifeline.

Rooted and Radiant (Wednesdays 6:30-8pm, starting 10/4) – In this study we'll learn the book of Colossians verse by verse. We will seek to understand the challenges that faced the Colossians, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

To learn more, please join us for an Open House on **Thursday, September 28th from 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.



Join a small group.

You were meant to do life in
community. Groups starting this fall:

- / Endow: High School Girls Bible Study
- / "Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis Small Group
- / Men's Weekly Fellowship
- / Well Read Moms (Monthly Book Club)
- / Walking with Purpose (Weekly Women's Bible Study)
- / Psalm Basics for Catholics: Seeing Salvation History in a New Way

AND MORE! FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.st-pius.org/smallgroups