



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 9

8:30AM +William Brilvitch Knights of Columbus #118
 5:15PM +Anne Jordan Glennon M. Grosso

Sunday, September 10

7:30AM All Parishioners
 9AM +Priscilla Ross Potanovich
 11AM +Marissa Ann Guido A. Guido

Monday, September 11

8:30AM Luke E. Teitell C. Teitell
 7PM +Gloria Gustilo Opalak Family

Tuesday, September 12

8:30AM +Angela Carey P. Carey

Wednesday, September 13

8:30AM +Jerry Padula M. Mooney

Thursday, September 14

8:30AM +Maria Lapreay J. Lapreay

Friday, September 15

8:30AM +Jerry Padula F. Padula

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week for
 Maria Lapreay**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in for
 the Special Intentions of the McAuliffe Family**

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.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	Aug 27	Sept 3
Weekend	\$ 11,305	\$ 14,052
Weekend 2022	\$ 10,703	\$ 12,018
Monthly	\$ 632	\$ 305
Mission	N/A	\$ 494
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 181



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 & Friday at 10AM.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Starting last week and continuing over the next several weeks, you may notice some new faces in the sanctuary. Fr. Brendan has trained a new group of altar servers and they are getting their first experiences of serving at the liturgy. They are stepping into an incredibly important role which can, at first, be intimidating. If you happen to see some of our new servers after Mass, you might share a word of encouragement with them. And if you have a child in your family who is interested in serving at the altar, please contact Fr. Brendan so he can arrange training.

With new altar servers embarking on a new responsibility, I would like to also invite participation from our parish in a ministry of hospitality. I envision this as something that whole families can do together, or individuals on their own. One element of this ministry will be greeters, people who will be at the doors of the church before Mass to welcome people, hand them a worship aid, and enhance the sense of homecoming that ought to be present when attending Mass. After Mass ends, the greeters will be at the doors to hand out bulletins, and then will help to straighten up the pews in preparation for the next Mass. This is a simple service that the whole family can share. It can also be taken up by individuals. Another important element of this ministry of hospitality is ushers who, before Mass, help people find seats (especially at our more crowded Masses), and who take the collection during the offertory. You will find flyers at the doors of the church describing these ministries and providing contact information for anyone who is willing to serve our parish community in this way.

As I watch our new servers get their start and consider this new effort in hospitality, I go back in my mind to my own experience of parish life as a kid. I served the 8:30 AM Sunday Mass almost every week, and I almost always served with the Nolan brothers. The reader was always the same guy (I confess I never learned his name), and the ushers were as much a part of the scenery at the church as the stained glass windows. There was always a sense of home and comfort in seeing so many familiar faces each Sunday. At the same time, when I look back I realize how many of those faces remained just faces. Good Catholics that we were, my family always sat in the same place. Across the aisle and two pews back sat another family with kids slightly older than us. But it was years before we actually met and learned each other's names. Turns out they were (and are!) a delightful family and getting to know them is one of the great blessings of my life. The scenery of parish life, whether in the form of a lived relationship with a fellow parishioner or in the form of those steady, ever-present human or decorative figures made the parish a center of my life and gave me a sense of security and belonging. As much as one person may have been a face without a name for me, I realize that I was exactly that for someone else, an altar server with no name who was simply always there. What if there were more names to go with those faces, or if I had become more than a face for someone else?

The reality is that our primary purpose in attending Mass and belonging to a parish is to worship almighty God. A parish is not a club. It is, as Pope Francis might say, a field hospital, a place where we come to recharge, recalibrate, and realign our lives with the will, mind, love, and mercy of God. At the same time, a parish is a community bound together by faith in God and by the charity that faith must inspire in our hearts. Whether we know one another or not, we are together in this journey of faith and in our walk with God. We can belong to this community in quiet ways, content in our knowledge that we belong to something bigger than ourselves. We can also belong in more outwardly noticeable ways, serving in a public capacity in the liturgy or volunteering at parish events. Either way, we are part of something. But when we step out of the shadows, meet other people, engage more with our community, our real sense of belonging grows. We are not part of a club but of a family. As we meet one another and step outside of ourselves, we are also invited to step out of our comfort zone with God, to allow His grace and mercy to do more for us than we have ever experienced before. And so the parish community which provides us with an opportunity for relationships on the human level, also is to be a vehicle for our relationship with the divine. So in these next few weeks, look around and see if there are some nameless faces, and try to put a name to them. And look inward and see if there is a place where God feels like a nameless face to you, and open your heart to a relationship with Him. In some small ways, then, our parish can continue to grow, provide that sense of home, and help us to grow in charity for one another and in true love for God.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ez 33:7-9

Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10

The Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

McKenna Mase & Ryan Keklik



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Ryleigh Helene Alfieri



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, especially those who recently passed: Barbara Bilotta, Grace Maltese



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

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.

VIRTUS[®]



Volunteers are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport to have a background check and complete a training program, "Protecting God's Children." Volunteers may sign up for the free class through online registration. The class is approximately 3 hours and may be taken virtually or in person at various locations in the diocese.

Scan the QR code above or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Coyle at 203-255-6134 or ccoyle@st-pius.org.

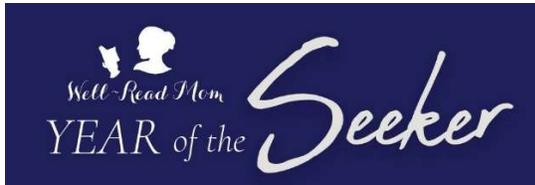


On this day of solemn remembrance:
May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act.
May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance.
May we give comfort to those who live with loss.
May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us.

On this day of solemn remembrance:
May we build what has been torn down.
May we mend what has been broken.
May we live your love when hate seems to reign.
May we bear witness to the cause of peace. Amen.

SPX MINISTRY FAIR

Weekend of September 23-24, Community Room. St. Pius X is hosting a Ministry Fair after all the 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 ppena@st-pius.org or 203-255-6134.



WELL READ MOM BOOK CLUB

Join us for coffee and pastry and meet the community of women helping launch The Well Read Mom book club this fall! This brief information session will introduce you to the mission and the books we will be reading. We meet once a month on Saturday morning and our Tuesday morning option will have childcare for preschoolers that includes a book reading and game. 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 in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. For more information and to rsvp please email Karen Lannigan at kplannigan@yahoo.com.



Altar Server Training

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.

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

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

FRI SEPTEMBER 21 4:30PM - 5:30PM

ST. PIUS X 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 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 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 frblawie@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 frblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.

FAIRFIELD / CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS

YOU'RE INVITED!

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

Fall23 Young Adult calendar is out! Adoration nights, trivia, small groups, and retreats. Visit www.fairfielddiac.com for more information or email Paola at ppena@st-pius.org.



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. 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.



CARMELITES OF MARY EVER VIRGIN FAIRFIELD, CT OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 30, 2-4PM at the Monastery. Meet the Sisters and get a glimpse of Carmelite life with guided tours through the Monastery. At 4pm Monastic Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be prayed in the Church. Light refreshments in the Church Hall.

The Monastery is the former St. Emery Rectory at 838 Kings Hwy East. Parking available on the street & St. Emery School lot on Biro St.



SENIOR LUNCHEON

September 11, 12Noon: Join us as we welcome our very own **Fr. Brendan Blawie** who will share his vocation story. Fr. Brendan graduated from Officer's Candidate School in Quantico, VA, fulfilling his childhood dream of becoming a Marine Officer. However, the Lord had other plans for him! Fr. Brendan entered the seminary for the Diocese of Bridgeport and was ordained January 2, 2021. This past June he received his STL in dogmatic theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. Don't miss this opportunity to hear directly from Fr. Brendan and to ask him any questions you may have.

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

We are happy to announce that we now have TWO Game Day groups in full swing! If you're interested in learning more, grab a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon on Tuesdays** for Mahjongg and/or on **Wednesdays 10AM-12Noon** for Canasta. If you have a different game in mind, bring it along and join us!

Don't be shy, stop over and check out the games OR just come and meet new friends for fellowship and conversation. See you in the Community Room!

Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or [908-399-2945](tel:908-399-2945).



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, October 4, from 5PM to 7PM in the Community Room. We welcome you to come to Tastebuds monthly gathering and grow together in community and connect our faith to our food! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review a menu, recipe, and the process of bringing the meal to the table. Each gathering will end with a dinner of our creations. Our dinners are being paired with some lovely beverage selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. If you would like to attend, please email, catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.



FAIRFIELD

LIFE TEEN + EDGE

WHO WE ARE

Fairfield Life Teen + Edge seeks to lead teens and their families closer to Christ in a fun, personal, and dynamic environment! Life Teen is our High School Ministry, while Edge is the Middle School Ministry. We are open to teens in Fairfield and its neighboring towns, regardless of what church they attend.

WHAT WE DO

- Weekly Large Group Nights @ St. Pius X
 - Life Teen: Sundays 6-8PM
 - Edge: Wednesdays 6:30-8PM
- Service Opportunities
- Annual High School Summer Mission Trip with Catholic Heart WorkCamp
- Middle School Summer Camp at Damascus Mission Campus in OH

17 SEPT	Life Teen Fall Kick-Off Open to 9th-12th Grade Students	6:30PM-8PM
20 SEPT	Edge Fall Kick-Off Open to 6th-8th Grade Students	6:30PM-8PM

"I started coming to Life Teen because there was a sense of Christian fellowship and support from my peers that I just wasn't getting at school. I love that people from all different high schools can get together on a common ground and share fun experiences. I especially enjoyed going on the CHWC service trip! Coming to Life Teen has helped me to live my faith as a high schooler in a culture that it is very hard to do so in."

Noelle Carpanzano, 12th Grade

Contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org