



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 in the Chapel from Monday 9AM until Friday 9PM.
Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 9AM, Fridays in the Church.

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, August 19

8:30AM +Rebecca Timlin-Scalera Coyle Family
& Thomas Timlin
5:15PM +Brendan Fox T. & M. Buckley

Sunday, August 20

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman
9AM +Camille & Victor Gagliano Gagliano Family
11AM +Michael James Lyons Lyons Family

Monday, August 21

8:30AM +Cristina Manocchio M. Fuligni

Tuesday, August 22

8:30AM +John F. Waters J. & P. Finnegan

Wednesday, August 23

8:30AM +John Mallozzi Gleason Family

Thursday, August 24

8:30AM +Maria D'Souza D'Cunha Family

Friday, August 25

8:30AM +Donald J. Ross, Sr. C. & R. Earls

Saturday, August 26

8:30AM +Peggy O'Connor D. & A.M. Curtin
5:15PM +Danny Sara Shea Family

Sunday, August 27

7:30AM +Geza Scap C. & T. Santangelo
9AM +Graciela Maria Rodriguez S. & M. Ryan
11AM +Anna Mary Buckley K. & J. Benz



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Ron & Brian Davis**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in
Thanksgiving for God's Blessings**

ST. PIUS X 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!

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

From now until Labor Day, the Parish Office is open **Monday - Thursday from 9AM-4PM and closed on Fridays**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. We look forward to seeing you!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	Aug 6	Aug 13
Weekend	\$ 14,091	\$ 17,283
Weekend 2022	\$ 13,348	\$ 12,313
Monthly	\$ 600	\$ 3,301
Mission	\$ 575	N/A



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 13% of our parish has given
to our Annual Appeal.**

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

Construction Loan	\$1.2 Million
School Building Renovations	\$ 275,000
St. Pius X Registered Families	+2,300
Donated to Date	\$ 223,451
# of Donors	318

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!



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. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Monday August 21, we celebrate the feast of our parish patron saint, Pope St. Pius X. Born Giuseppe Melchior Sarto on June 2, 1835, in Riese (now in Veneto, Italy), he was the son of a postal worker, and the second of ten children. While he was a strong student, his modest origins meant that tuition for the seminary would be an obstacle. Fortunately, his parish priest asked the Cardinal Archbishop of Venice to provide a scholarship for the young man, and young Giuseppe was able to begin seminary studies. He was ordained a priest on September 18, 1858. His first homilies as a priest were described by his mentors as “rubbish,” and so he dedicated significant effort and prayer to improving his preaching. He often refused new shoes or clothing in favor of giving such items away to the poor, and just as frequently raided his rectory pantry to provide food to those who came begging at the door. His reputation for holiness began to grow, and soon he was appointed to teach theology in the local seminary. While teaching there, he was named bishop of Mantua, Italy, where he served for nine years. In 1893, he was named Patriarch of Venice and made a Cardinal. Finally, on August 4, 1914, he was elected Pope. In the Petrine Office, Pope Pius X took the motto *Instaurare Omnia in Christo* – To restore all things in Christ. Indeed, his ministry included restoration of liturgical music, especially Gregorian Chant, reform of liturgical practice, promotion of devotion to the Blessed Mother as the one who always leads us to Christ, and most of all, encouragement of Eucharistic devotion. Pope St. Pius X has been known as the “Pope of the Eucharist” for his efforts to encourage frequent, worthy reception of Holy Communion, for encouraging children to receive Communion at a younger age, and for emphasizing the importance of frequent reception of the sacrament of confession as preparation for reception of Communion. He died on August 20, 1914. When his body was exhumed as part of the beatification process, it was found to be miraculously incorrupt. You can visit the tomb of St. Pius X today at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, where it lies under the altar in the chapel of the Presentation.

At the front entrance of the church, you will find the coat of arms of Pope St. Pius X beautifully depicted in the marble floor. The coat of arms includes the triple papal tiara and the crossed keys, symbolizing the keys of Peter and the office of the Pope. Beneath the tiara is a winged lion holding an open book that reads “Pax tibi Marce evangelista meus” (Peace to you, Mark, my evangelist), a symbol of St. Mark the Evangelist who is the patron saint of Venice, where Pope St. Pius X was archbishop. Beneath the lion is a blue field over waves, with an anchor and six-pointed star, which comes from the coat of arms of Mantua, where he first served as a bishop. By retaining symbols from his previous dioceses, Pope Pius X began a tradition in which popes retained their coats of arms from their diocese of origin. While papal heraldry may not be the most important element of their ministry, the symbols contained in a coat of arms do offer interesting insight into the ministry, spirituality, and lives of popes. Have a look at the coat of arms if you have never stopped to examine it – it is a very beautiful piece of art!

I am grateful today to two very generous donors who are helping us to celebrate our patronal feast day. Celebrating a feast day is important because we are reminded of the intercession of the saints, of their closeness to us, and of the power of their prayers! My sincere thanks, first to Al DiGuido, Saugatuck Sweets, for his generous donation of ice cream after all Masses. And second, to an anonymous donor, who gifted us copies of Bishop Barron's book, “This is My Body-A Call to Eucharistic Revival.” This book will help us better understand and fall more deeply in love with the sacrament of the Eucharist. Today, let us invoke especially the intercession and prayers of Pope St. Pius X, that our parish community may continue to thrive and grow, and that our devotion to the Eucharist may draw us more deeply into relationship with Christ, who restores us and who restores all things!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Is 56:1, 6-7

Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

The Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Margaret DeBona & Donald Worthley
Kelly Gorman & Brian Kelly



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Henry Lawrence Peck



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners and especially those recently deceased: Josephine Cook.



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!



ST. PIUS X, OUR PATRON, PRAY FOR US!

Feast Day, August 21

Glorious Pope of the Eucharist, Saint Pius X, you sought "to restore all things in Christ." Obtain for me a true love of Jesus so that I may live only for Him. Help me to acquire a lively fervor and a sincere will to strive for sanctity of life, and that I may avail myself of the riches of the Holy Eucharist in sacrifice and sacrament. By your love for Mary, mother and queen of all, inflame my heart with tender devotion to her.

Blessed model of the priesthood, obtain for us holy, dedicated priests, and increase vocations to the religious life.

Dispel confusion, hatred, and anxiety and incline our hearts to peace and concord so that all nations will place themselves under the sweet reign of Christ.

Saint Pius X, pray for us! Amen.



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal

Saint Pius X Parish

2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/7/2023

ABA Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$216,842 (92%)
Donors to Date:	229 Donors

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal today. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven. There are others: innocence, but that is for little children; penance, but we are afraid of it. The surest, easiest, shortest way is the Eucharist." — St. Pius X.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

September 11, 12Noon: Join us as we welcome our very own **Fr. Brendan Blawie** who will be sharing his vocation story. 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.

★ GAME DAY ★

Young at Heart Seniors Game Day

Expands to TWO DAYS Every Week! 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 or a game of your choice and/or on **Wednesdays** for Canasta or a game of your choice. Questions? Contact **Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945.**



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. Join us!

Summer Life Nights (Sundays, 7-8:30pm)

Aug. 20: Adoration and Bonfire Night

Summer Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm)

Aug. 23: Adoration and Bonfire Night

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.

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

Young at Heart July Recap

More than 60 gathered to hear Fr. Tom Fitzpatrick, S.J. read a selection of his poems. You could have heard a pin drop as the gang listened in awe. What a special day!



For Joy Hard Wired

Created in the image of
God, who in creating,
bubbles over with joy,
I can only be similarly
joyful in creative
kindness for people.

Thomas Fitzpatrick S. J.
Fairfield University





OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

What is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament? It is spending prayerful time before Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus under the species of bread and wine. When we place ourselves before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and adoration, we are in the truly **in the presence of the living God.**

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:** 1PM and 2PM on Mondays, 5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11AM on Thursdays.

**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.



LECTOR & CATECHIST TRAINING

The Diocese of Bridgeport is using LEAD to help deliver formation and training for lay leaders in all our parishes. The Diocese is **requiring all lectors and catechists** to complete online training and attend a live session with Bishop Caggiano to be fully prepared for ministry.

If you were not able to attend a spring session with the bishop, St. Pius X is hosting a make-up session in the **Community Room on Thursday, August 31 at 7pm.** To register, login into your LEAD account at www.formationreimagined.org/lead/, go to your dashboard and click on our event. If you are new to ministry, need assistance logging in or have general questions, contact Cathy Coyle at 203-255-6134 or ccoyle@st-pius.org.

ST. PIUS X LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

CHORAL SCHOLA First practice is **Thursday, September 21 from 7-8:30PM** in the church. Do you love to sing? Consider joining 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, ext. 119 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

YOUTH CHOIR First practice is **Thursday, September 7 from 4:30-5:30PM** 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. Reach out to Mrs. Cidalia Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com or Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com or 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, please attend the **Monday, August 21, 7PM** meeting in the St. Pius X Munro Room or 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 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, attend the **Monday, August 21, 7PM** meeting in the St. Pius X Munro Room or 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.

FARFIELD EDGE



DAMASCUS 2023