



## St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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### Parish Finance Council Chair

Jeremy Joyce

### 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](http://www.st-pius.org).

### Online Giving

*Safe, Secure & Paper Free!*  
To sign up, go to  
[www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://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](mailto: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, July 22**

8:30AM +Frank J. Thompson Thompson Family  
5:15PM +Ann Jordan Glennon M. Grosso

#### **Sunday, July 23**

7:30AM +Mary Farren J. Kaner  
9AM All Parishioners  
11AM +Nicolina Vona Vona Family

#### **Monday, July 24**

8:30AM +Sylvia Fernandez R. & R. DeCastro

#### **Tuesday, July 25**

8:30AM +Jerry Padula G. Rodriguez

#### **Wednesday, July 26**

8:30AM +Kathleen Lee D. & K. Fracassini

#### **Thursday, July 27**

8:30AM +Sheila Lamont DeBona Family

#### **Friday, July 28**

8:30AM +Gloria Isabel Paz J. Guevara

#### **Saturday, July 29**

8:30AM +Arlene Iosso L. DiGiovanni  
5:15PM +Joan Mahoney Hughes Family

#### **Sunday, July 30**

7:30AM All Parishioners  
9AM +Bechene Ray Kelty Family  
11AM +Grace Rodriguez F. Girard

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week for  
Nicholas Couture**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in for  
All Grandparents**

### 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](mailto: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	July 9	July 16
Weekend	\$ 13,387	\$ 10,557
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,259	\$ 11,432
Monthly	\$ 2,699	\$ 567
Mission	\$ 295	N/A
Maintenance	\$ 210	\$ 260
Co-op Mission	N/A	\$ 5,563



### 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	\$ 205,261
# of Donors	312

**Ways to Donate:** Scan the QR code, visit [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://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](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive). Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the summer months progress, we might notice that though many things slow down, they seem to slow down in a whirlwind of activity and growth. In the last 2 months, we saw more than 80 young men and women from our parish receive the sacrament of Confirmation, welcomed a seminarian, sent our high school students to their annual mission trip, said goodbye to a priest, launched our adoration chapel, helped our new parochial vicar get his start in full time ministry at our parish, and hosted a missionary speaker from Nigeria. This weekend, we say another goodbye, as Nick Couture, our seminarian, completes his summer assignment and heads to World Youth Day in Portugal with Bishop Caggiano and a contingent of young people from the Diocese of Bridgeport. Nick has been a tremendous help around the parish, assisting every day with Masses, serving at funerals, participating in Catholic Heart Workcamp with our high schoolers, lending his guitar talents to our Vacation Bible School, practicing his public speaking with our senior ministry, and working in the office. He is a joyful presence, and has plugged into parish life, from the public ministerial functions to life in the rectory, in a very positive way. I am grateful for his time here this summer!

In the fall, Nick will start his spirituality year. This is a somewhat new aspect of seminary formation: a full academic year dedicated to growing in the spiritual life, intense vocational discernment, prayer, retreat, and service to the poor. The spirituality year serves to help a man make a more mature, informed discernment of God's call in his life, while also forming the habits of prayer that will serve him well as a priest, or as a layman. After the spirituality year, a seminarian can progress to two years of philosophy studies, followed by theological studies and immediate formation for the priesthood. While Nick still has a few years ahead of him before ordination to the priesthood is possible, these years are formative, and our prayers for Nick will be an immense support and help.

Over the years, I have had the chance to reflect on seminarian summers at St. Pius, as we have been blessed to see a number of men spend time at our parish during their years of formation and discernment. Fr. Brendan spent a summer here several years ago. I myself spent the summer of 2006 as a seminarian at St. Pius. Lest you think that a summer is too short a time for a parish to impact a man in formation, I can tell you that every priest I know can point to experiences in each summer parish assignment he had that moved him closer to Christ, formed his attitude toward and understanding of ministry, and helped prepare his heart to serve the Church as a priest. It is no easy thing to say yes to a vocation to priesthood. Many people wonder how a young man can know enough to make such a life-altering decision. The short answer is that no one can understand or fully grasp what priestly life entails (or what marriage entails, or any of the many noble professions one might undertake), but God gives countless graces in the formation process to help a man prepare and to transform his heart after the Heart of Jesus. Time spent in a parish helps a seminarian to glimpse the ordinary lives of the faithful, to see what the rhythm of a local community's life is like, and to know in some way what it means to enter into human experiences that span the life cycle. Most of all, in summer assignments, seminarians grow not only in their relationship with God, but in their relationship with God's people. The friendships and acquaintances made at the parish over the summer provide a seminarian with a network of prayerful support that will accompany him through to his ordination day. I am proud that the St. Pius X Parish community is part of that prayerful support for Nick, and grateful that both Fr. Brendan and I have benefited from those prayers in our own lives. Priests don't grow on trees. They grow from the fruitful soil of parish communities, and in a symbiotic way, return to those parishes to support the spiritual lives of the very people who supported them. Please pray for Nick as he departs, and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Bridgeport!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Wis 12:13

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:26-27

**The Gospel:** Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

**Wednesday:** Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28; Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; Mt 13:10-17

**Friday:** Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Abigail Joanne Perron, Maxime Steeve Jean, Dean Cameron Masci, Kolbe Joseph Glassman



### MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Barbara Shay



### 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](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net). We look forward to welcoming you!



### OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

Adoration is available from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM**. A short break will take place on Mondays at 7PM for the Traditional Latin Mass. Adoration will resume immediately after the Latin Mass concludes.

We are extremely grateful to those who have committed to an hour of adoration. **We still have a few hours open on the schedule.** Consider signing up for a weekly hour or becoming a substitute. Visit [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/)

**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](http://www.st-pius.org/faith-formation-registration) or scan the QR code!

If you are interested in volunteering as a catechist for grades 2-6, contact Shari Mellinger at [sgarcia@st-pius.org](mailto:sgarcia@st-pius.org) for more information.



### **One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal**

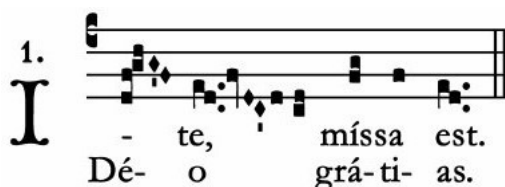
#### **Saint Pius X Parish**

#### **2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/14/2023**

ABA Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$214,947 (92%)
Donors to Date:	225 Donors

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





### ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOLA

We are now in the process of looking for singers, high school and older, to join our newly formed Choral Schola. Beginning in the fall, the Choral Schola will lead the liturgical music at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. The Schola will be made up of volunteers and professionals who are committed to gather to assist the congregation in singing the Mass and offering special music to help elevate the liturgy.

When singing during the celebration of the Mass, we are reminded of the saying "one who sings prays twice." The Schola's purpose is to enhance the liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with joy and reverence.

We hope that you will consider using your voice for this important ministry as we are growing as a parish community. Some prior music experience would be helpful but is not necessary. Training will be provided. Rehearsals will be scheduled at everyone's convenience, but some commitment will be expected.

Please feel free to contact Michael Lantowski via e-mail at [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com), call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or come see me after any Mass to inquire.



### ST. PIUS X YOUTH CHOIR SEPTEMBER 2023!

St. Pius X will be reestablishing our parish Youth Choir for those in grades 2-7, beginning in September under the direction of Cidalia Kettles and accompanied by Michael Lantowski, our Director of Music. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month, beginning in September and ending in May. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30PM. If you are interested in joining but this time does not work, please reach out.

Cidalia Kettles is our head cantor and a CT certified music educator working in the Fairfield Public School District. She is also well known in the area as a versatile soloist singing in many different churches, venues, concert halls and backing up world class singer Josh Groban on several occasions. We are very blessed to have her as a part of our music ministry team and look forward to getting our youth involved in further participation at Mass. You may reach out to Mrs. Kettles at [cidmezzo@gmail.com](mailto:cidmezzo@gmail.com) or myself at [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com). Feel free to reach out to us at the office as well, 203-255-6134 ext. 119.



### 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!

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

July 30: Slip 'N Slide Kickball  
Aug. 13: CRUD Wars-Messy Games  
Aug. 20: Adoration and Bonfire Night

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

July 26: Slip 'N Slide Kickball  
Aug. 16: CRUD Wars-Messy Games  
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 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. We are looking for adults to help with the following at the Life/Edge Nights:

- Set-up/clean-up
- Lead opening/closing prayer
- Prepare and give a short teaching on the topic for the night
- Lead small groups
- BE PRESENT with the teens

For more info, visit [www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com) or contact Emily Rauser at [erauser@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org).



### WORN FLAG COLLECTION

**Until August 31**, the Knights of Columbus are collecting worn or damaged flags for an American Flag Retirement Ceremony. Bring your flags to the collection bin in the chapel vestibule.



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

**Monday Luncheon, August 7, 12Noon:** Save the date for our August luncheon where we will welcome Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick, S.J. from Fairfield University. He is well-known for leading people through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. His personal writing, which looks back on a lifetime of lived spirituality on five continents, is transformative. More information to come on Fr. Tom's talk! **RSVP required to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081.**

**Wednesday, November 8, Young at Heart Seniors Day Trip: Elvis is in the Building!** We have 4 spots left! Join us for a fun-filled day trip to Aqua Turf where John Monforto will perform all your Elvis favorites. Ticket price is \$103 and includes bus transport, lunch, free beer or wine, and raffle. Act now to reserve your spot by getting in touch with **Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081.**

### ★ GAME DAY ★

**Young at Heart Seniors Game Day.** Join us for Mahjongg, cards or just stop by for fellowship and conversation on Tuesdays from **10AM-12Noon, in the Community Room?** Contact Margaret at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945.



### BAPTISM AT ST. PIUS X

The Sacrament of Baptism cleanses us of original sin, incorporates us into the Body of Christ the Church, and opens to the door for sacramental grace. This foundational sacrament is a moment of celebration and joy, as families welcome new life in their child, and as the Church welcomes the new life of faith received by her youngest members. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays here at St. Pius.

**When should your child be baptized?** Baptism is a gift that should not be delayed! We *strongly* recommend scheduling the baptism within three months of your child's birth.

**When does baptism preparation happen?** We offer baptism preparation to help parents get ready for the birth and baptism of their children. Baptism prep takes place on the first Sunday of the month. Contact Deacon Don Ross at [dncross@diobpt.org](mailto:dncross@diobpt.org).

**How do we schedule a baptism?** Contact Terri Dawes in our Parish Office at [tdawes@st-pius.org](mailto:tdawes@st-pius.org).

**We encourage you to schedule prep and baptisms before your baby is born**—this gives you time to plan, and plenty of advance notice for godparents and family members to travel to join you.



### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, August 2, 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](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com). The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.



### COOKING FOR OPERATION HOPE

If you love cooking and sharing your gift with others, please consider joining our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team. This group prepares and delivers a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients.

You can choose between preparing part of the meal in your own kitchen or with others at in the St. Pius X Faith Center Kitchen.

If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or call the Parish Office.



### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AT ST. PIUS X

**Tuesdays, 7PM-8PM.** The Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers 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, is trying to get help, stop by, or share this information. The meeting takes place in a **2<sup>nd</sup> floor classroom at the Religious Education Center (School.)** Enter via left side exterior Door #2.



# THANK YOU NICK COUTURE!

We'll be praying for you as you start your Spirituality Year in seminary.



Altar Server



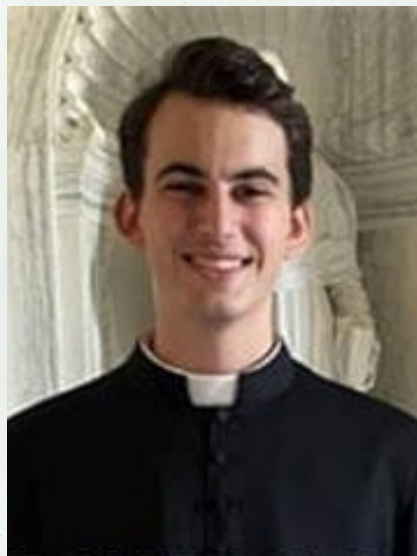
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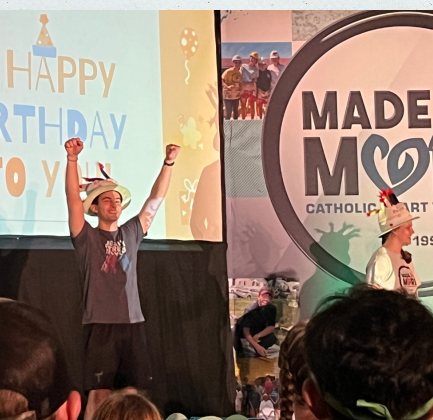
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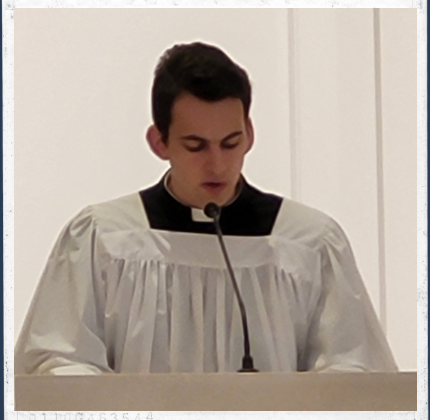
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