



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 dross@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 8

8:30AM +William T. Smith Dunn Family
5:15PM +Fred Yankocy Jane Yankocy

Sunday, July 9

7:30AM All Parishioners
9AM +Rosalie DaSilva N. Gallagher
11AM +Joseph Kinncich Conneely Family

Monday, July 10

8:30AM Flynn Family Conneely Family

Tuesday, July 11

8:30AM +Xavier Jesus Keelan Nunziata Family

Wednesday, July 12

8:30AM +Jeremiah Shannon M. & J. Salvatore

Thursday, July 13

8:30AM +Gloria Franco T. Dawes

Friday, July 14

8:30AM +William Lavin K. Wallace

Saturday, July 15

8:30AM +Jeff Ryan J. & B. McGuire
5:15PM +Jane DeBona F. & P. Perazzini

Sunday, July 16

7:30AM +Nalini Shekar D'Cunha Family
9AM All Parishioners
11AM +Alex & Jan Skultety J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Robert Felner**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Luis P. Leon**

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. Thank you to Pat for her dedication and service. 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 INSPIRATION

Let all Your works give You thanks, Oh Lord, and let Your faithful ones bless You," says the psalmist. Stewardship is this "attitude of gratitude" for the many gifts God has given us.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to holiday publishing deadlines, the July 2nd offertory will be printed in the July 16th bulletin.

Offerings	June 25
Weekend	\$ 10,966
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,704
Monthly	\$ 227



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, 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 offertory 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,

“Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.”

With these words, Jesus lays out a teaching that is among his most consoling and his most challenging. We are invited to rest, and to lay down our burdens - how consoling! Yet we are also told that the yoke of Christ is easy. That yoke, though, is before our eyes every time we enter the church, for the yoke of Christ is the Cross, and that certainly seems more of a challenge than a consolation. But if we look at the order with which Jesus offers these things to us, we might find the lesson intended for our benefit.

First, Jesus invites us to come to him with our labors and burdens. In Christ, we find rest from the challenges of the world. As we are in the midst of summer, we might be thinking of vacation, of laying down burdens, of finding rest for ourselves. A vacation is always a good time for such laying down of burdens. Vacation affords us the opportunity to get away from the normal routine, to rest, to be refreshed, and to start again upon our return. In the spiritual life, we often go for retreat, a time away from our ordinary life that allows us to gain new insight, new discipline, and new appreciation for the grace of God that is all around us. Whether vacation or retreat, we want the time away to be fruitful, to be a real time for refreshment. Often a vacation gives us new perspective on what is most important, how we need to live, what is most necessary or essential for our lives. If we learn our lesson well, the insight gained during the vacation remains with us when we come home. Just so, when we come to Jesus with our burdens and challenges, he gives us rest. In the context of that encounter, Jesus also transforms our perspective. Time spent with Jesus in prayer, whether at Mass, in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in quiet meditation in our own home, has the power to transform us and to give us new insight. With that new insight, we find ourselves resting from the prior concerns and cares. Real spiritual rest begins, and that leads us to the challenging part of our Lord's Gospel invitation.

The second part of all this is to take the yoke of Christ upon ourselves. That yoke, we know, is the Cross, and the Cross seems uncomfortable and intimidating. But it is in the Cross that we encounter Jesus. Compared to the weight of the sin of all humanity and the sufferings Jesus took on himself for our salvation, our daily problems are dwarfed. There is no burden we carry that is greater than the Cross. When we come to Jesus and take his yoke upon us, we begin to see that whatever our daily problems are, they are part of the Cross. So, then the yoke of Jesus is not something we carry alone. What at first seems a challenge actually becomes an invitation to a closer walk with Jesus.

This new perspective that is given to us when we come to Jesus, when we learn from Him, and when we take up the Cross each day allows us to see our reality no longer from our limited perspective, but with eyes that recognize Christ walking with us each day. As we walk with Jesus each day, we are invited to see things through eyes of faith, through the eyes of God's love and mercy, and so see all our experience in this renewed, refreshed context. Casting our burdens on Christ leads us to rest, which leads us to renewal, which leads us to a life with Christ.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Zec 9:9-10

Second Reading: Rom 8:18-23

The Gospel: Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or Mt 13:1-9



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal	
Saint Pius X Parish	
2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 6/23/2023	
ABA Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$189,367 (81%)
Donors to Date:	214 Donors

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

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burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."
– Mt 11:28-30

ADORATION



OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

This week, a steady stream of people visited Jesus in the Chapel of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We encourage you to come and sit with the Lord, even if it is for just a few moments. He is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and is longing to give you His peace!

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/

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



REGISTRATION

Registration for Elementary Faith Formation is officially 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!

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



PRAYER FOR PEACE

May Christ inflame the desires of all people to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through His power and inspiration, may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts as brothers and sisters, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them.
(*Pacem in Terris*, 1963, Pope John 23)



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 or call the Parish Office.



COFFEE WITH FR. BRENDAN BLAWIE

Sunday, July 16, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00AM. Mass and welcome our new Parochial Vicar, Fr. Brendan Blawie! We'll also be thanking Nick, the seminarian, for helping us out this summer, so don't miss it! If you would like to help with the coffee, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, July 12th from 5PM to 7PM in the Community Room. We welcome you to come share 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, email, catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.

LOST & FOUND

ARE YOU MISSING ANY ITEMS?

Check the lost and found bin! It is in the usher's room in the church vestibule. The basket is cleaned out monthly and items will be disposed of or given to those in need. Thank you!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

July 10 Luncheon, 12Noon: Nick Couture, St. Pius X Seminarian. Nick will talk to us about how he was called to discern the priesthood and his experience at seminary. He will also answer all your questions!

For lunch we're happy to welcome back the Super Duper Weenie Mobile for some summertime fun! Special deal: \$13 for two of your choice of hotdogs or hamburgers, plus fries 😊 Beverages will be provided as usual.

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!

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.

The lunch menu includes roast beef and pan seared salmon. 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 or 203-673-2081.**

★ GAME DAY ★

Young at Heart Seniors Game Day. Join us and enjoy a variety of games such as Mahjongg or cards. If these games are not your thing, bring your own OR just come and meet new friends and have fellowship and conversation.

See you in the Community Room **10AM-12Noon, on Tuesdays.** Questions? Contact [Margaret at blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or 908-399-2945. Grab a friend, stop by, and check it out!

Wrapped in Love

HAND CRAFTED PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

If you or anyone you know needs healing, think about gifting them a handmade St. Pius X Prayer Shawl. These beautiful prayer shawls provide powerful comfort as they have been lovingly made by a group of dedicated parishioners. Each stitch of the prayer shawls is infused with the knitter/crocheter's prayers for healing. The shawls are labeled, tagged, and most importantly blessed! To request a prayer shawl, email Kimberlie Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. Kim will coordinate your pickup. A minimum donation of \$25 per shawl is welcomed to defray the yarn cost.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

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 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 16: Outdoor Movie Night (7:30-9:30pm)-Bring a lawn chair and blanket!
- 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 19: Outdoor Movie Night (7:30-9:30)-Bring a lawn chair and blanket!
- 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 and 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 or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@st.pius.org.



WORN FLAG COLLECTION

From now until August 31. The Knights are collecting worn or damaged flags for an American Flag Retirement Ceremony. Bring your flags to the collection bin in the chapel vestibule from now until August 31.



BAPTISM AT ST. PIUS X

The Sacrament of Baptism washes us clean 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 our 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 dnross@diobpt.org.

How do we schedule a baptism? Contact Terri Dawes in our Parish Office at 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.



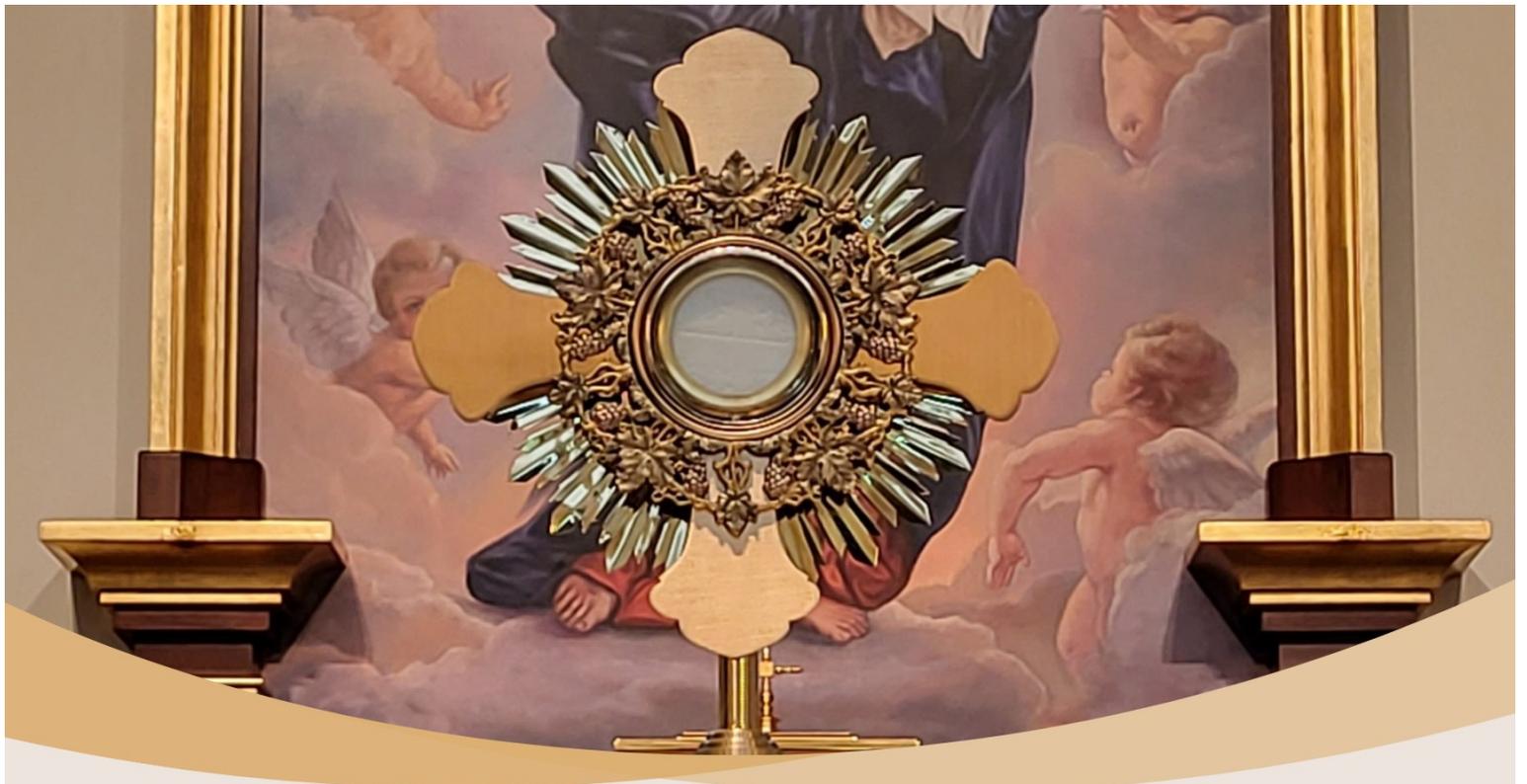
MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERING

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!



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AT ST. PIUS

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting, **7PM-8PM, Tuesdays, 2nd floor classroom, Religious Education Center (School.)** Enter via **left side exterior Door #2**. 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.



ST. PIUS X ADORATION

Hours, Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM

A short break will take place Mondays, 7pm, for the traditional Latin Mass.
Adoration resumes immediately after Mass concludes.

Location, The Chapel of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

To the right of the church.



Upon Arrival - If you are a scheduled adorer or visitor, please sign in at the kiosk to the right of the chapel entrance,



Your Visit - You may pray, sit quietly with Jesus, read the Bible, or write in a prayer journal. There is material on the back pew in the chapel for you to read during your visit.



Find a Sub - If you are unable to attend your scheduled Adoration hour, you need to find a substitute. You may ask a friend or request a sub through Adoration Pro. To access Adoration Pro, you may scan the QR code to the left or visit the Adoration Chapel page at www.st-pius.org. Once you are on the page, click "**Request A Substitute.**" Enter the password **subpass** and fill out your information.



When to Use the Monstrance Veil - When your hour is complete, if the next scheduled adorer has not arrived, the monstrance must be covered by a veil before you leave the chapel. If this happens during office hours, please come to the Parish Office and a staff member will help you. If it is after hours, take the veil from the altar chair and carefully place it around the monstrance as shown in the picture on the left. When the next adorer arrives, they may gently remove the veil and place it on the altar chair.