



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 Larry Rollins at lksgcrollins5@gmail.com

Devotions (Church)

• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the First Friday of the month, 9AM-9PM
• Rosary and a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed 9AM, Fridays by parishioners 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, May 27

8:30AM +James O'Brien Elizabeth McEvoy
5:15PM +All Parishioner Intentions

Sunday, May 28

7:30AM All Parishioner Intentions
9AM All Parishioner Intentions
11AM All Parishioner Intentions

Monday, May 29

8:30AM +Aldo Tinti E. O'Hara

Tuesday, May 30

8:30AM +Margaret Rooney C. Barry

Wednesday, May 31

8:30AM +Jeremiah Smith J. & A. Connaughton

Thursday, June 1

8:30AM+ Rosemarie Burke Lynch Family

Friday, June 2

8:30AM +Abigail Tsahalalis D. & K. Reale

Saturday, June 3

8:30AM +Gertrude Schaer
5:15PM +Jessica Hulsebosch M. Kiraly

Sunday, June 4

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman
9AM +Patrick J. Carolan, II N. Zilliok
11AM +Chris Andrews Lynch Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in honor of
Joan Kelly**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for
All Parishioners**

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 HOURS

The Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. We look forward to seeing you!

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

In the second reading today, St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different ministries, but the same Lord." How am I using my gifts for the common good?

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

| Offerings | May 7 | May 14 |
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| Weekend | \$ 15,371 | \$ 11,814 |
| Weekend 2022 | \$ 12,702 | \$ 11,797 |
| Monthly | \$ 655 | \$ 1,943 |
| Mother's Day | | \$ 1,186 |

SEE PAGE 5 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.

Sign up for Online Giving:

www.st-pius.org/onlinegive

Please consider increasing your weekly contribution to help us keep up with the rising costs of running our beautiful campus.

If you're interested in making a larger donation to support critical repairs in the school, contact Kimberlie Leon at kleon@st-pius.org to discuss.

THANK YOU!



HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And you will renew the face of the earth.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.

In the same Spirit help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles on Pentecost marks the beginning of the missionary activity of the Church. Gathered in the upper room with the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Apostles have prayed intensely, confident in the promise our Lord made to them that an Advocate would come, one who would remind them of all He had taught and who would empower them to proclaim the Gospel to all the world. The Holy Spirit rushes upon the Apostles, and from that moment on, the Church has not ceased to proclaim the Good News to all people. Today, we are reminded that we share in this powerful mission, impelled by the Holy Spirit. Each of us is called to give witness to the Gospel, to bring Jesus to the world. The task is daunting. If we look at the lives of the Apostles, we see that they witnessed to Jesus unto the point of shedding blood. All but the St. John the Evangelist gave their lives as martyrs for the faith (and John endured exile and repeated persecution). Countless saints, known and unknown, through the centuries have born witness and made great sacrifices for the sake of bringing the light and mercy of Jesus to others. On this Pentecost Sunday, we are invited to take up their task, to imitate their zeal, and to allow the Holy Spirit to work through each of us in the ministry of the Gospel.

If Pentecost reminds us of heroic witness, so too does the civic holiday we mark this weekend. On Memorial Day, we remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service of our country. While there is an important distinction to make between the sacrificial laying down of one's life out of love for Christ, and the sacrifice of life made in service to the American ideal and dream, the similarity in these sacrifices deserves notice. The martyrs of the Catholic Church, inspired by the Holy Spirit, offered themselves, not only out of love for God, but also as a public witness, so that, as Tertullian famously wrote, "the blood of martyrs is the seed of faith." From the heroic witness given by so many Christians through the centuries, countless souls have come to believe in Christ. We Americans are taught from an early age of our connection to those who died fighting for freedom. As aware as we have become of the horrors of war, we still hold a deep respect for those who have given their lives. And so on this Memorial Day, we honor our fallen heroes.

As a priest, this particular holiday calls my attention to heroes who had a similar profession. Since its inception, the US military chaplain corps has ministered to the needs of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines, both on bases and on the front lines. Upwards of 419 chaplains have been killed in the line of duty since the Civil War – the first was a Catholic priest killed while giving last rites to a fallen soldier, and the most recent, a Baptist minister. Of the nine chaplains who have been awarded the Medal of Honor, five were Catholic priests, including one, Fr. Emil Kapaun, whose cause for canonization was recently opened. My mind also turns to those priests who were interred as prisoners of war, or political prisoners, especially the Servant of God Fr. Walter Ciszek, SJ, an American Jesuit who spent over twenty years in Soviet labor camps in Siberia, ministering secretly to those imprisoned by the Communists. These priests give a new meaning to concept of the priest as shepherd of his flock, as they endured privations, dangers, and even shed their blood for the sake of caring for the souls entrusted to them.

Pentecost marks the beginning of the missionary activity of the Church, an activity that often demands heroic witness and even the laying down of one's life. Memorial Day reminds us of the heroic sacrifice so many have made for us. Holding these two ideas together, today let us remember the heroic witnesses of our past, those we have known and those who we have never met, and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire in us a similar spirit of courage and charity, that we may bear witness to Jesus wherever we go, and be ready to lay down our lives for the sake of our friends, of those we serve, and of the generations that will follow.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

Second Reading: Rom 8: 22-27

The Gospel: Jn 7: 37-39

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Colleen Dunne & Joseph Sabia



Baptized CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Colin Peter Manchisi



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Arlene Unverzagt, Lisa Gfeller.

Pentecost Sunday

He breathed on them and said to them,
 "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you
 forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you
 retain are retained." -

John 20: 22-23



LET US ADORE HIM

Wednesdays, 7:00PM-8:00PM, Church. Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. This is a beautiful way to pause, be still, and connect with Him. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church while confessions are being heard.

UPDATE ADORE 365

Our hoped-for start date of May 13 has been postponed. Unfortunately, we still have a lot of time slots that need to be covered. Therefore, we have adjusted our launch plans:

- The start date for adoration is postponed until we have sufficient adorers
- When we start, we will have Adoration Monday – Friday. Adoration will begin Mondays at 9 AM and continue without interruption until Friday at 9 PM.
- For this to be possible, we need 37 additional adorers
- We are extremely grateful to those who have committed to a weekend hour, or to early Monday morning or late Friday night, and want you to know that your willingness to give your time to Jesus is deeply valued!

Please consider sharing the link for Perpetual Adoration with friends and family www.st-pius.org/adore365/.



REMEMBER AND HONOR

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEONS & TRIPS

• **12Noon, June 5, Fairfield Museum Take 2!** Walt Matis, program coordinator of the Fairfield Museum, returns! We asked and Walt agreed to come back and continue his lively discussion about the history of our beloved town of Fairfield.

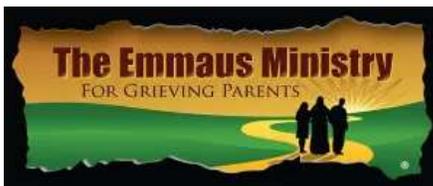
All luncheons are \$7 for sandwiches, chips, soda, water, coffee, tea, and dessert. **RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.** Also let Pete know if you can bake a treat. Spread the word and invite your friends to join us!

• **Wednesday, November 8, Aqua Turf Club: Elvis is in the Building!** Get ready for a little less conversation and a little more rock n' roll on this fun-filled day trip to Aqua Turf to see John Monforto perform all of your favorite Elvis tunes. Roast beef and pan seared salmon for lunch. For more information on ticket prices and to reserve your spot, contact Peter at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Fee includes bus transport to and from AquaTurf from St. Pius X Parking Lot, ticket to see the show, and lunch. You won't want to miss this one. Grab a friend or two and join us!

★ GAME DAY ★

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Join us at **Young at Heart Seniors Game Day** to enjoy a variety of games such as Mahjongg, cards, and Canasta! If anyone knows Canasta and can help us learn it, we'd love to have you join us. 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 or 908-399-2945. Stop by and check it out!



THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help heal the wounds of loss. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents walks with parents whose children of any age have died by any cause, no matter how long ago. The Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents will hold a one day spiritual retreat at St. Pius X on June 24 from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm. The retreat is sponsored by Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Bridgeport. There is no cost for retreatants of any faith. Please join us. All are welcome. To register for the retreat, visit www.emfgp.org and click on registration. For more information, contact 203.404.0023, info@ctcemeteries.org, or Deacon Donald Ross (dncross@diobpt.org).



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.

For those who have not donated, would you consider giving \$50? —
\$50 is the cost of giving up a week's worth of Starbucks.

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| Construction Loan | \$1.2 Million |
| School Building Renovations | \$ 275,000 |
| St. Pius X Registered Families | +2,300 |
| Donated to Date | \$198,162 |
| # of Donors | 301 |

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.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invite high school and middle school students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen and Edge are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone from any church.

Stay Tuned for Summer High School Life Nights and Middle School Edge Nights!

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

Used Catholic Book Sale

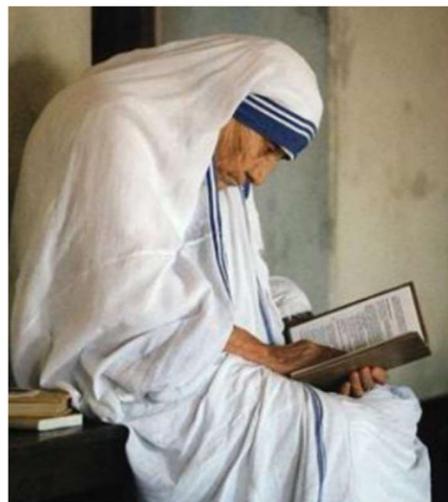
Sat-Sun, June 3-4, **NOW** After all Masses!
SPX Community Room

There are so many great treasures to be found!
Come and seek some pearls of wisdom.

Last Call for Donations!

Drop off boxes located in the parish office,
the church & chapel vestibule, until May 30.

Volunteers still needed, email ccoyle@st-pius.org.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, June 14th from 5PM to 7PM in the Community Room. Are you interested in seasonal food preparations and new techniques? If so, 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, please email, catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, May 21, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass for food and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know each. If you would like to help with coffee hour, please email Genevieve Ritch at Gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



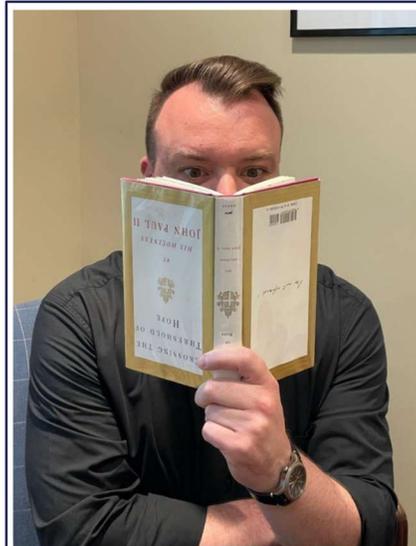
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

DON'T MISS: K OF C FR. MCGIVNEY BBQ

Mark your calendar for **6:30PM, Saturday, June 3, on the St. Pius X Field**. Join us for hamburgers, hotdogs, soda, and ice cream truck. BYOB. All are welcome! Bring your favorite yard game, wiffle ball, football... and join the fun! Family Package \$40 (4 Burgers & 4 Dogs), Couples Package \$30 (2 Burgers & 2 Dogs), Individual Package \$15 (Burger & Dog). Make your Check payable to K of C St. Pius X Council 16347 and mail to St. Pius X Parish Office or Venmo @TomKeltyJr **no later than June 1**. Questions? Email Tom Kelty tkelty@gmail.com. * Rain Date June 17.

MEN'S SOCIAL EVENING

Wednesday, June 7PM, Community Room. Come and celebrate the life of Blessed Michael McGivney. Learn about his life, times, and the organization he founded on the principles of: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Pizza will be served. Please RSVP to Tom Kelty tkelty@gmail.com. Open to all men.



Enter to Win Fr. Sam's 10 Favorite Books



Fr. Sam has picked 10 of the most impactful books he has read throughout his life. One lucky raffle ticket will win a basket filled with new copies of all 10 books!

A Lord of the Rings collector's box set will also be raffled off. The 2 winning tickets will be drawn at the book sale on June 4.

To buy your \$10 raffle tickets

- scan the QR code
- visit st-pius.org/specialevents
- visit the parish office
- come to the book sale

The winner does not need to be present at the drawing.

Elementary Faith Formation

2023-2024 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GRADE LEVELS OFFERED

- 1** At-home only. Weekly lessons from My Catholic Faith Delivered
- 2** In-person only. Preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 3** In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 4** In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 5** In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- 6** Confirmation Preparation. In-person only. Offered on Mondays only from 4:30pm-5:30pm for 14 consecutive weeks beginning September (Cohort 1) OR January (Cohort 2). Monthly Edge Youth Ministry attendance required.

REGISTRATION PERIOD & START DATES

Registration for all grades begins on **June 1**

Deadlines

Registration for Confirmation Prep Cohort 1 closes on **August 28**

Registration for Grades 1-5 & Confirmation Prep Cohort 2 closes on **September 25**

Start Dates

Classes for Confirmation Prep Cohort 1 begin on **September 11**

Classes for Grades 1-5 begin on **October 16**

Classes for Confirmation Prep Cohort 2 begin on **January 22**

To Register: Scan the QR code or visit
www.st-pius.org/faith-formation-registration

