



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 20

8:30AM +Angela Carey P. Carey
 5:15PM +All Parishioner Intentions

Sunday, May 21

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman
 9AM +Robert Hall Carpanzano Family
 11AM Wood Family S. Barrett

Monday, May 22

8:30AM +Shalini Lobo D'Cunha Family

Tuesday, May 23

8:30AM +Ella Dalton D. & K. Reale

Wednesday, May 24

8:30AM +Carol Reed J. & A. Connaughton

Thursday, May 25

8:30AM Rev. John Connaughton Connaughton Family

Friday, May 26

8:30AM +Donald McClain Lenz Family

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in honor of
 All Newly Ordained Priests**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week for a
 Carolyn Cipriani**

**PRAYER
 REQUESTS**

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!



STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

In today's first reading, the Israelites are urged to love their neighbors as themselves. In the Gospel, Jesus spells out how we are to do that – to give generously to those who ask of us and not to turn our back on those who seek to borrow.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	April 30	May 7
Weekend	\$ 10,612	\$ 15,371
Weekend 2022	\$ 14,163	\$ 12,702
Monthly	\$ 305	\$ 655

SEE PAGE 6 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.

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!



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.



Bishop's Appeal Goal	\$ 234,600
Total Pledged	\$ 106,228 (45%)
Donors to Date	147

Thank you for participating in the 2023 Bishop's Appeal. If you have not yet done so, please prayerfully consider supporting the appeal. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week, I would like to share three brief items with you.

1) On May 20, Bishop Caggiano ordained six new priests for service in the Diocese of Bridgeport. This is the largest ordination class we have had in a while. These new priests are a tremendous blessing for the Church in Fairfield County! Please pray for them as they begin their priestly ministry. Even though the size of this particular class may be impressive, we should not start to think that everything is fine and we have plenty of future priests waiting in the wings. The need to pray for priestly vocation is as urgent as ever. Please continue to pray for an outpouring of vocations to the priesthood here in the Diocese of Bridgeport, and for those men who are discerning their call, that they might have the grace to respond with generosity and faith! www.bridgeportpriest.org

2) Next weekend is Memorial Day weekend, which, as we all know, marks the beginning of summer, even though school will still be in session for a few weeks after. We enter a season of graduations, transitions, and, in a real way, endings. Some students change schools, prepare to move away, or prepare to move home. With the summer comes a time for rest, and though the working world does not stop, this is nevertheless a season when things slow down. So before this slower season kicks off, I would like to suggest that this is the perfect time for our faith to also kick into a new gear. With the extra time afforded by a lighter schedule, could the summer months not be a time for us to grow in daily prayer? To recommit to our practice of Sunday Mass attendance, or even to add a daily Mass or two into our week? When traveling for vacation, is Sunday Mass on your itinerary? I can tell you that there are few things as wonderful as attending Mass on vacation. Whenever I travel away from the parish, though I always celebrate Mass wherever I am, I also like to visit a new church and attend a Sunday Mass. I always come away from those Masses with 1) a significantly greater appreciation for all of you here at St. Pius X, 2) an idea for something we can do, or a bit of wisdom that I can share, and 3) a sense of the universality of our faith and worship that makes me feel at home even when I am far from Fairfield.

3) Our Adore 365 effort is still underway. In order for perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to become a reality, we are in need of people who will volunteer one hour per week (same day/time each week) to pray in the presence of Jesus in the monstrance. If summer is a good time to enhance our spiritual life, participating in perpetual adoration can be a tremendous practice to increase our prayer and meditation. Also, the chapel is air conditioned, so no matter how hot it gets outside, your time spend with Jesus will be very comfortable. <https://www.st-pius.org/adore365/>

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Second Reading: 1 Pt 4:13-16

The Gospel: Jn 17:1-11a

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Victoria Clarizio & James Bergin

Colleen Dunne & Joseph Sabia



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Faith Family: Sofia Grace Mazzella, Olivia Rae Schuck, Mila Marie Schuck, Callan Sawyer Woodward.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

One thing I ask of the LORD;
this I seek:

To dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,

That I may gaze on the loveliness of the LORD
and contemplate his temple. Ps 27:4



LET US ADORE HIM

Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. This is a beautiful way to pause, be still, and connect with Him.

Wednesdays, 7:00PM-8:00PM, Church. Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the church while confessions are being heard.

UPDATE ADORE 365

To those of you who have signed up for a particular hour, thank you for making the commitment to Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X! To those of you who have signed up as substitutes, thank you for your availability and flexibility to be called upon as needed!

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 44 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/

Some other important items to share with you:

- The chapel is being prepared with a coded lock (the code will be shared with our adorers).
- Security cameras are in place in the vestibule and in the chapel.
- If a schedule conflict arises, it is easy to request a substitute through our AdorationPro software.



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!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEONS

• **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!

★ 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!



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, June 4, Community Room. Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00AM Mass for food and fellowship. This is a great way to get to know each other better and support an important parish ministry. If you would like to help with coffee hour, please scan the QR code above or email Genevieve Ritch at Gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



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.



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.

High School Life Nights, Sunday, 6-8pm, Portable

- May 21: Last Life Night
- Summer Life Nights TBD

Middle School Edge, Wed, 6:30-8pm, School Gym

- May 24: Last Edge Night
- Summer Edge Nights TBD

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.

YOUTH GROUP GRATITUDE!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Popcorn Sale for Fairfield Life Teen + Edge. We raised **\$2,766.50**, which will help cover the costs of our high school mission trip and our middle school summer camp trip! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



CHAPERONES NEEDED!

We are looking for chaperones for our annual high school mission trip with Catholic Heart Workcamp (CHWC) This year's trip is **June 18-23, 2023, in Richmond VA.** All chaperones must be at least 21 years old and VIRTUS trained. Please contact Emily Rauser at erauser@st-pius.org.



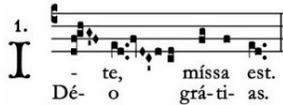
DON'T MISS: K OF C FR. MCGIVNEY BBQ

Saturday, June 3, 6:30PM, 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.



K OF C FLAG COLLECTION

Bring your worn or damaged flags to the collection bin in the chapel vestibule from May 28 - August 31. The Knights are collecting them for an American Flag Retirement Ceremony.



CHORAL SCHOLA

We are now in the process of looking for singers (high school – up) to join our newly formed Choral Schola that will lead the liturgical music at the 11:00am Sunday liturgy as well as various Holy Days throughout the year.

The Schola will be made up of volunteers and professionals who are committed to gather and assist the congregation in singing the Mass and offering special music to help elevate the liturgy. 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 (203-255-6134 ext. 119) or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.

Used

Catholic Book Sale

**Sat-Sun, June 3-4, After 5:15PM Vigil & 9AM Mass
SPX Community Room**

Accepting donations of gently used Catholic books literature, spiritual reflections, children's books etc.

Drop off boxes in the parish office, the church & chapel vestibules.

To volunteer, email ccoyle@st-pius.org.



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 winning tickets will be drawn June 4 at the book sale.

Buy your raffle tickets - at the book sale, in the parish office or scan the QR code. Tickets are \$10 each. The winner does not need to be present at the drawing.



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Construction Loan	\$1.2 Million
School Building Renovations	\$ 275,000
St. Pius X Registered Families	+2,300
Donated to Date	\$199,891
# of Donors	305

We are grateful for our parishioners' generosity in sharing their time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. As a parish, we still have some very important financial challenges. If you have not yet contributed to the St. Pius X Annual Appeal, we ask you to prayerfully consider it. Your gift, no matter the size, will make a difference.

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!

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**.

The 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.

Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

St. Pius X Parish: January -March 2023 (3rd Quarter)

The Diocese of Bridgeport

St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	3rd QTR 3/31/2023	3rd QTR 3/31/2022	YTD 3/31/2023	YTD 3/31/2022
Annual Offertory	\$45,871	\$19,880	\$194,512	\$142,614
All other	\$391,248	\$386,178	\$1,080,801	\$1,019,972
Total Revenue	\$437,119	\$406,058	\$1,275,313	\$1,162,586
Expenses				
Administrative & General	\$141,994	\$136,976	\$427,762	\$435,522
Contributions & Assessments	\$36,237	\$33,639	\$109,064	\$103,778
Professional Fees & Insurance	\$25,708	\$17,143	\$59,853	\$50,791
Other Services	\$69,529	\$64,963	\$233,645	\$182,001
Utilities	\$36,308	\$27,138	\$93,429	\$88,919
Fundraising Expense	\$4,751	\$3,532	\$4,751	\$3,532
Interest	\$14,691	\$14,197	\$39,302	\$44,934
Program Expenses	\$3,464	\$7,760	\$22,087	\$23,333
Total Expenses	\$332,682	\$305,348	\$989,893	\$932,810
Net Parish Operations	\$104,437	\$100,710	\$285,420	\$229,776
Capital Expenditures	\$17,701	\$3,146	* \$67,283	** \$77,881

* School Windows & Repairs, Basketball Hoops, Rectory AC

** School Desks, Parking Lot Resealing, Carillon Bells, AC Unit, Gym LED Lighting

Highlights of maintenance and activities on our 13-acre campus included:

- Renewed leases with Triple Double Basketball and Soccer Shots for Spring Season.
- Installed new ceiling tiles and new LED lights in the Gym—let there be light!
- Submitted all documentation for Earned Retention Credit.
- Campus-wide insurance/safety inspection by Catholic Mutual.
- Aqualawn performed irrigation system inspection to reopen for Spring.
- Underwent and passed five year Diocese of Bridgeport Audit of the Parish Office.
- Annual fire system inspection in the Religious Education Building.
- Landscaping and lawn clean up across campus for Spring.
- Ministries: Young at Heart Senior monthly Luncheons and weekly Game Days continue to grow in numbers, Coffee Hours meet regularly on Sundays, Knights of Columbus and Men's Fellowship continue to meet and host parish events, Prayer Shawl is on fire and has restocked our inventory with handmade creations!, Small Groups, Walking with Purpose, and ChristLife continue to foster fellowship and faith formation.
- Religious Education: 90 second graders and 85 confirmation students received their sacraments.
- Youth Ministry: engaging 90 kids at Edge and 20 at LifeTeen with our faith each week