



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 6

8:30AM +Eliza Fletcher B. Norton
5:15PM +Frank Agonito K. & J. Giandurco

Sunday, May 7

7:30AM +Wilfred J. Croteau Parise Family
9AM +All Parishioner Intentions
11AM +Bet Farrace J. Skultety

Monday, May 8

8:30AM +Louis Reale & Mary Reale C. & T. Santangelo

Tuesday, May 9

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

Wednesday, May 10

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Thursday, May 11

8:30AM +William H. Waltrip F. & P. O'Keefe

Friday, May 12

8:30AM +Willaim H. Fickel D. & K. Reale

Saturday, May 13

8:30AM +Phelan Rumley B. Norton
5:15PM +Grace Rodriguez M. Lantowski

Sunday, May 14

7:30AM All Parishioner Intentions A. Costello
9AM +Frank & Anne Lanzo Violone Family
11AM +MaryAnn & Lucy Cialone



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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for a
Terrence Clancy**

**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!



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Donated to Date: \$196,112
of Donors: 298 out of 2,300+

This Year's Needs:
\$275,000 for School building renovations
\$1.2 Million to pay off construction loan.

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.

- Our 60-year-old school building is used daily and requires significant repairs/updates: approx. **\$275,000**.
- We have a **\$1.2 million** outstanding bank loan from the renovation of the church that must be paid off.

Donate online at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive, mail or drop a check in the offertory with "ANNUAL APPEAL" in the memo.

THANK YOU!



One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal	
Saint Pius X Parish	
2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/21/2023	
ABA Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$105,798 (45%)
Donors to Date:	143 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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me." - John 14:6**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the academic year draws to a close, we see many milestones for our young people. This weekend and next, children in our parish will receive the Eucharist for the first time in Holy Communion. College and high school graduations are taking place. In a few weeks, our Confirmation candidates will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit through this important sacrament of initiation. And after a brief respite in summer, we will begin the process all over again. Registration for religious education here at St. Pius for children in grades 1 - 6 will begin soon. Before we end the academic year and start looking too much into the next, I would like to share with you the Church's teaching on the role and rights of parents in the education of their children. When the Church speaks to parents on this matter, the word "education" refers both to their formation in the Catholic faith *and* to their overall academic formation.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2223) says: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well suited for education in the virtues. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery - the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the "material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones." Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them."

The Catechism continues at 2225: "Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church.³⁴ A wholesome family life can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation for a living faith and remain a support for it throughout one's life."

And at paragraph 2229, the Catechism teaches: "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to choose a school for them which corresponds to their own convictions. This right is fundamental. As far as possible parents have the duty of choosing schools that will best help them in their task as Christian educators. Public authorities have the duty of guaranteeing this parental right and of ensuring the concrete conditions for its exercise."

*This teaching flows from the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. In a little known (but still very important) document, *Gravissimum Educationis*, the fathers of the Council taught: "Parents who have the primary and inalienable right and duty to educate their children must enjoy true liberty in their choice of schools. Consequently, the public power, which has the obligation to protect and defend the rights of citizens, must see to it, in its concern for distributive justice, that public subsidies are paid out in such a way that parents are truly free to choose according to their conscience the schools they want for their children."*

The document continues, saying: "Feeling very keenly the weighty responsibility of diligently caring for the moral and religious education of all her children, the Church must be present with her own special affection and help for the great number who are being trained in schools that are not Catholic. This is possible by the witness of the lives of those who teach and direct them, by the apostolic action of their fellow-students, but especially by the ministry of priests and laymen who give them the doctrine of salvation in a way suited to their age and circumstances and provide spiritual aid in every way the times and conditions allow."

The Church reminds parents of the duty that is theirs to arrange and even demand that their children be able to enjoy these aids and advance in their Christian formation to a degree that is abreast of their development in secular subjects. Therefore the Church esteems highly those civil authorities and societies which, bearing in mind the pluralism of contemporary society and respecting religious freedom, assist families so that the education of their children can be imparted in all schools according to the individual moral and religious principles of the families."

The education of children is no small task. Parents, please know that the Church supports you as you teach your children in the faith, as you accompany them in their academic formation, and shares your concern for what is taught in their schools.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9
The Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Kathleen Keating & Timothy Weiss
 Victoria Clarizio & James Bergin



MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

The 15 Marian feasts of the revised Roman calendar honor Mary's role in the birth and life of Jesus, celebrate grace in her own life, and hail her as the model of Christian living and as an instrument of grace. The crowning of a statue of Mary during the month of May is a traditional Catholic devotion that underscores these special feasts. Marian apparitions in Fatima, Portugal began during the month of May in 1917 and continued monthly until October when Mary identified herself to the three children of Fatima as "Our Lady of the Rosary."

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!



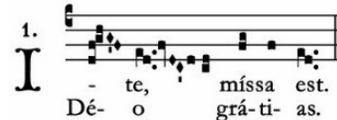
LET US ADORE HIM

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.

ADORE 365

St. Pius X Parish is preparing to launch **Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on May 13, 2023**. With our Adore 365 effort, we are searching for people who are willing to commit to giving our Lord one hour each week. If you would like to participate in Perpetual Adoration, you may sign up at www.st-pius.org/adore365. To receive more information about this effort, please e-mail saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com and include your full name and phone number. Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



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.

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady, just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit, this prayer has never failed me."

- Saint Mother Teresa



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEONS

• **May 8, (Note date change) P.T. Barnum.** Join us to hear from the Barnum Museum Docent Marian O'Keefe as she shares the history of Phineas Taylor Barnum (P.T. Barnum.) Barnum was an entrepreneur, museum proprietor, business leader, community benefactor, philanthropist, emancipationist, lecturer, and author. He was committed to the intellectual and cultural development of society and was a voice for the pursuit of freedom and choice. This is your chance to learn more about this remarkable entrepreneur and entertainer in 19th century America.

• **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!

Day Trip to Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam:

We're planning a bus outing in May to the Goodspeed for a Wednesday or Thursday matinee to see the classic musical Gypsy. For more information on the play, go to www.goodspeed.org and then email Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com and tell him if you're interested. The cost for bus, lunch next door at the Gelston House, and the play will be \$132/person. 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 Mah Jongg, 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!



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.

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

- May 7: Curated Collection-Lesser-Known Apparitions
- No Life Teen May 14
- May 21: Last Life Night

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

- May 10: The Way-Guided By Christ
- May 17: Heartbeat Dreams-The Heart of God
- May 24: Last Edge 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.

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



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.



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.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE
Knights of Columbus

BBQ



HONORING

JIM DOBSON
KNIGHT OF THE YEAR

THE BARANOSKY FAMILY
FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Ice Cream Truck, Backyard Games, BYOB

FAMILY PACKAGE \$40

(4 BURGERS & 4 DOGS, SODA/WATER)

COUPLES PACKAGE \$30

(2 BURGERS & 2 DOGS, SODA/WATER)

INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE \$15

(1 BURGER & 1 DOG, SODA/WATER)

RSVP June 1

Make checks payable to
K of C St. Pius X Council 16347
& Mail to St. Pius X Parish Office

or

Venmo @TomKeltyjr

Questions? Email - tkelty@gmail.com



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!

VIRTUS®



Volunteers are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport to have a background check and complete a training program, "Protecting God's Children." Volunteers may sign up for the free class through online registration. The class is approximately 3 hours and may be taken virtually or in person at various locations in the diocese. Upon completion of the class, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the parish office prior to beginning duties as a volunteer. Scan the QR code above or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register.



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.



**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 located in the church vestibule, outside the chapel and in the parish office.

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

SPX MINISTRY & EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



COFFEE & MINISTRY

During a recent Sunday Coffee Hour, representatives from our SPX Walking With Purpose and Men's Fellowship Group chatted with parishioners about their ministries. To learn more about our groups, visit www.st-pius.org and discover what the Lord has in store for you within our parish community!

SPIRITUAL GIFTS WORKSHOP

Earlier this month, spiritual director, Val Sprague, led a group of SPX parishioners and guests in discovering their God-given charisms by taking the Spiritual Gifts Inventory. Participants were invited to discern their unique gifts and how to apply them in the everyday life of the Church!



HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

On March 27th, Knights of Columbus members & SPX parishioners were invited to a special broadcast of a Lenten reflection offered by Fr. Innocent Montgomery, CFR, at our chapel. Listen to Fr. Innocent's talk titled "Remain here, and watch with me: Walking the Way of the Cross united to Jesus."



COMMUNION BREAKFAST

During the 2023 Communion Breakfast, Veritas CEO, Steve Lee, spoke about Mercy and Forgiveness. To listen to his talk about what it means to receive mercy to be merciful, scan the QR code. Many thanks to the Men's Fellowship Group and SPX Knights of Columbus for hosting the event.

