



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, April 29

8:30AM +Thanksgiving & Intentions D’Cunha Family
 5:15PM +Grace Rodriguez A. Yacco

Sunday, April 30

7:30AM All Parishioner Intentions
 9AM +Kate Ventricelli M. Ventricelli
 11AM +Patrick J. Carolan, II S. & M. Ryan

Monday, May 1

8:30AM +Mrs. Gleason M. Agouino

Tuesday, May 2

8:30AM +Leroy Moye J. & A. Connaughton

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

8:30AM +Kenneth Gould Fr. Sam Kachuba

Friday, May 5

8:30AM +Robert & Shirley Mallon D. Carpanzano

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in honor of
 Frank, MaryEllen & Elizabeth Thompson**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week for a
 Frank, MaryEllen & Elizabeth Thompson**

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!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
 I know my sheep, and mine know me.” –
John 10:14



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	April 16	April 23
Weekend	\$ 11,843	\$ 11,576
Weekend 2022	\$ 9,514	\$ 11,024
Monthly	\$ 1,166	\$ 165
Maintenance	\$ 465	-
Mission	-	\$ 125

SEE PAGE 4 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!



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.



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!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend marks the 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Each year, the Gospel for this Sunday reflects on Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd, the perfect high priest who models for his ordained priests what their ministry, pastoral care, and holiness of life must be. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, also models the way of living for every vocation; married couples, parents, deacons, religious, all are called to shepherd and guide according to the example of the Good Shepherd. But in a very particular way, the Church calls on us to pray for an outpouring of vocations to the priesthood on this day.

To be a priest is the greatest mystery and privilege of my life. It is a mystery because even after all the time that has passed since my ordination, I still do not fully grasp the reason God saw fit to call me to be a priest. The priesthood is not given because a man deserves it, but rather because God, in his mercy, desires to use even broken human beings to carry out his work on earth. To be a priest is a privilege. Since May 17, 2008, I have been given the immense privilege of walking with people in their moments of greatest need, suffering, and joy. Not a day of these fifteen years has been dull, not a day without its blessings. For all the challenges in parish life, in ministry, and interiorly, the gift of the priesthood of Jesus Christ has mysteriously and wonderfully carried me through. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I pray especially in thanksgiving for the gift of my vocation.

Last weekend, I announced that our parish will soon receive a new priest in service of the Gospel. Fr. Brendan Blawie will join us this summer as parochial vicar. Please pray for him as he prepares to begin his ministry in our community. For thirty-two months, there has been only one priest assigned in a full-time capacity at St. Pius X, and I confess that those months have not been easy. Throughout that time, though, I have been convicted again and again of the fruitfulness of the harvest. Jesus speaks to His apostles, telling them that the harvest is ripe and that they must pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers. I see the faith of our parish community, and I am confident that it is bearing fruit every day. Furthermore, I am confident that part of the fruit our parish will bear is priestly vocations. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord has placed on the hearts of young men in this parish family the call to serve Him as priests. If you are one of these young men, I urge you to say yes to His voice. Jesus never promises an easy path when we take up His call to follow and serve, but He does promise that we will be His hands and feet, that we will speak His word, that we will make Him present for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Say yes!

In 2004, Pope St. John Paul II, nearing the end of his life, offered this prayer for vocations, and I ask you to join in praying it today:

*Jesus, Son of God,
in whom the fullness of the Divinity dwells,
You call all the baptized to "put out into the deep",
taking the path that leads to holiness.
Waken in the hearts of young people the desire
to be witnesses in the world of today
to the power of your love.
Fill them with your Spirit of fortitude and prudence,
so that they may be able to discover the full truth
about themselves and their own vocation.*

*Our Savior,
sent by the Father to reveal His merciful love,
give to your Church the gift
of young people who are ready to put out into the deep,
to be the sign among their brothers
of Your presence which renews and saves.*

*Holy Virgin, Mother of the Redeemer,
sure guide on the way towards God and towards neighbor,
You who pondered his word in the depth of your heart,
sustain with your motherly intercession
our families and our ecclesial communities,
so that they may help adolescents and young people
to answer generously the call of the Lord.
Amen.*

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:20b-25
The Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Ruth Thompson & Lothar Peter Stiberth
 Kathleen Keating & Timothy Weiss



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Liliana Grace Faford



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Larry Dunn, Terry Clancy, Gabriella Reitmeyer

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!

“Pray, hope, and don’t worry.”
Padre Pio

ADORATION
 OF THE
 BLESSED SACRAMENT



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.

First Friday, May 5, 9AM-9PM, Chapel.

Come and “keep watch” in the chapel with Our Lord. Sign up for one-hour increments via our Flocknote email link or scan the QR code.



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!



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!**



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!



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.



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

- Apr. 30: Masterpiece-Well-Known Apparitions
- 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 3: Don't Fall In-Hope and Worry
- 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, May 3rd 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



CROP HUNGER WALK

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen. Register for the Bridgeport, CT CROP Hunger Walk, raise funds, and take us one step closer to ending hunger once and for all. **Join the movement on May 7, in Bridgeport, CT.** Scan the QR code to register.



SHRED FEST AT ST. PIUS XI

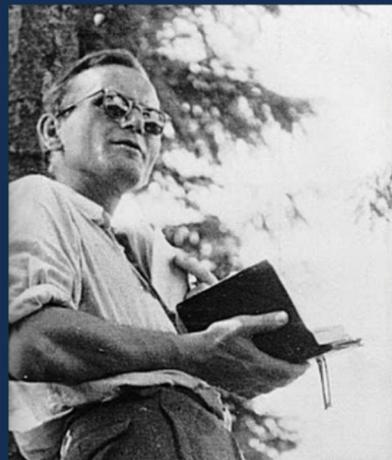
Clear out your old, unwanted papers and confidential documents—safely and securely. Stop by **9AM-1PM, Saturday, May 6 at the St. Pius X Parking Lot.** All shredding done onsite. Quick and easy and only \$10/box or \$15/large box. Proceeds support student scholarships, veterans, seniors, community non-profits, and international humanitarian projects. Organized by the Fairfield Rotary Club Day of Service, www.fairfieldrotary.org.



WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, May 6th at St. Mary Parish in Ridgefield. EWTN TV Host Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle will speak on women's God-given gifts and dignity, as well as blessings and challenges as seen through the lens of God's love and Divine Mercy.

Register by Monday, May 1, at www.smcr.org. The registration fee is \$60. Lunch will be provided. Prayer teams and confession will be available. Book signing to follow.



Used Catholic Book Sale

Sat-Sun, June 3-4, After Masses
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.



Double Good **POPCORN SALE**

**Support St. Pius X Youth Ministry with some
delicious popcorn!**

Online Shop Opens: Monday, May 1st, 2023 at 5:00pm

Online Shop Closes: Friday, May 5th, 2023 at 5:00pm

All proceeds will go towards our high school mission trip with Catholic Heart WorkCamp and our middle school trip to Damascus Summer Camp. Thank you for your support!



Email Emily Rauser at erauserest-pius.org
Use the QR Code to visit our online shop and
purchase your popcorn!

