



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 15

8:30AM +George Dieringer Parise Family
 5:15PM All Parishioner Intentions

Sunday, April 16

7:30AM +Anna May Gleason Gleason Family
 9AM +Mary Jane Kaner J. Kaner
 11AM +Lorretta Schultz J. Skultety

Monday, April 17

8:30AM +Donald Bach Conneely Family

Tuesday, April 18

8:30AM +George Dieringer Parise Family

Wednesday, April 19

8:30AM +Kathleen Gogerty D. Carpanzano

Thursday, April 20

8:30AM +Keneth D'Souza D'Cunha Family

Friday, April 21

8:30AM +Margaret Ferraiuolo P. Heile

Saturday, April 22

8:30AM +Thanksgiving D'Cunha Family
 5:15PM +Camille Gagliano C. Gagliano

Sunday, April 23

7:30AM +Wilfred J. Croteau Parise Family
 9AM +All Parishioner Intentions
 11AM +Patrick J. Carolan II D. & L. Sadlowski



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in honor of
 Msgr. Robert Croufut & Msgr. Robert Kinnally**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in thanksgiving**

**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!

Second Sunday of Easter

“Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” – John 20:29



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	March 26	April 2	April 9
Weekend	\$ 12,363	\$ 13,923	\$ 15,886
Weekend 2022	\$12,542	\$ 14,114	\$ 12,906
Monthly	\$ 380	\$ 470	\$ 2,206
Mission	\$ 135		
Palm Sunday		\$ 2,126	
Holy Thursday			\$ 431
Easter Flowers		\$ 755	
Easter Sunday			\$ 26,798
Holy Land			\$ 1,504

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!



AN EASTER THANK YOU

Thank you to all our readers, altar servers, ushers, and musicians, who made our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter such a beautiful time of prayer. So much extra work goes into these special liturgies—thank you for your service to our community and for helping us to pray! Thank you also, to our RCIA teachers and catechists who dedicated themselves so generously to helping our newest Catholics prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil! And thank you to our new Catholics—your desire to grow in faith and in your knowledge of the Lord is inspiring! To all of you who joined us in prayer during the Triduum and Easter celebrations, thank you, for your presence is a true sign of our communion as a family of faith! He is risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, our attention is focused on the mercy of God, who constantly offers us the gift of forgiveness. Additionally, we recognize in this celebration our own duty to imitate the Lord's mercy, especially through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. We are called to be people of mercy, of forgiveness, and to accept the merciful gaze of our Risen Savior. In our world today, there are many confused notions of mercy, and it is important to bring these into the light so that we can better understand that true mercy flows from God's designs. Recently, one such misguided notion of mercy was brought to our area, as the Connecticut legislature considered legalizing physician assisted suicide. I would like here to clarify the Catholic Church's teaching on so-called "mercy killing," or euthanasia.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (2277), succinctly states, "Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable."

The Second Vatican Council, in *Gaudium et Spes*, teaches: "Furthermore, whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are supreme dishonor to the Creator."

Pope St. John Paul II, in his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (which I highly recommend for reading), says, "Life is always a good. This is an instinctive perception and a fact of experience, and man is called to grasp the profound reason why this is so... Why is life a good?... The life which God gives man is quite different from the life of all other living creatures, inasmuch as man, although formed from the dust of the earth, is a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory... Man has been given a sublime dignity, based on the intimate bond which unites him to his Creator: in man there shines forth a reflection of God himself.

He goes on to write, "Therefore, by the authority which Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors, and in communion with the Bishops of the Catholic Church, I confirm that the direct and voluntary killing of an innocent human being is always gravely immoral. This doctrine, based upon that unwritten law which man, in the light of reason, finds in his own heart, is reaffirmed by Sacred Scripture, transmitted by the Tradition of the Church and taught by the ordinary and universal Magisterium. The deliberate decision to deprive an innocent human being of his life is always morally evil and can never be licit either as an end in itself or as a means to a good end. It is in fact a grave act of disobedience to the moral law, and indeed to God himself, the author and guarantor of that law; it contradicts the fundamental virtues of justice and charity. "Nothing and no one can in any way permit the killing of an innocent human being, whether a fetus or an embryo, an infant or an adult, an old person, or one suffering from an incurable disease, or a person who is dying. Furthermore, no one is permitted to ask for this act of killing, either for himself or herself or for another person entrusted to his or her care, nor can he or she consent to it, either explicitly or implicitly. Nor can any authority legitimately recommend or permit such an action."

Pope Francis, more recently, has pointed to euthanasia as a symptom of a "throwaway culture," one in which human persons can be discarded when they become inconvenient. Indeed, physician assisted suicide, if legalized, can and will lead to a throwaway culture that allows human beings to be discarded, not by their free choice, but by the ruling of the state. Pope Francis says, "The practice of euthanasia, which has already become legal in several states, only seemingly aims to encourage personal freedom; in reality it is based on a utilitarian view of the person, who becomes useless or can be equated to a cost, if from the medical point of view he or she has no hope of improvement or can no longer avoid pain." From all this, it is clear that Catholics are called to protect and defend human life in all its stages. No Catholic can claim the mantle of mercy in order to support euthanasia – to do so is a misrepresentation of true mercy and a rejection of the Catholic faith. Addressing Italian doctors, Pope Francis prayed "May He inspire all to be close to those who suffer. Closeness, that very important and much needed attitude. The Lord also implemented it, closeness, in our midst. May He inspire everyone to be close to those who suffer, to the little ones above all, and to put the weak in first place, so that they may nurture a more human society and relationships characterized by gratuitousness, rather than opportunity."

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9
The Gospel: John 20:19-31

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Ruth Thompson & Lothar Peter Stiberth



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Charlotte Jean Williams, Aiden Adam Trebing, James Gregory Fredette



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Doreen O'Connell, Steve Alves



2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

To date, eighty-six St. Pius X parishioners have pledged \$50,628 to the bishop's appeal. Our 2023 parish goal is \$234,000. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



WEEKLY ADORATION

Wednesdays, 7PM-8PM, Church. Come, spend some time with the Lord each week! 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: \$194,512
of Donors: 294 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.

We humbly ask ALL families to donate in some way.

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

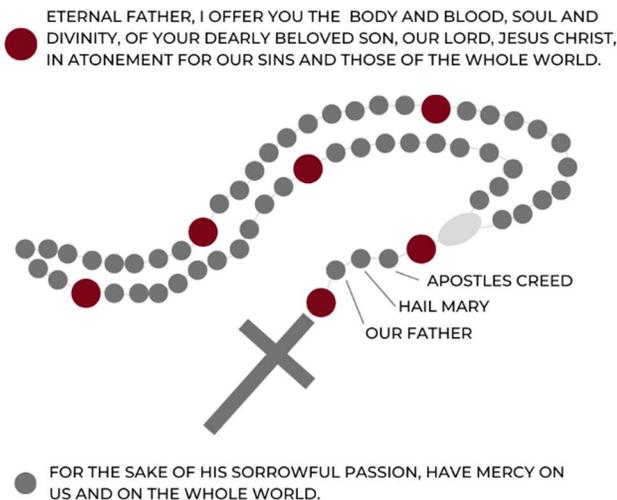
The Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. We look forward to seeing you!



TODAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a humble Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received from Jesus about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us - all of us - no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. To Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, follow our guide below:

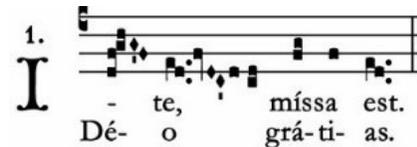


1. Make the Sign of the Cross
2. (Repeat 3x) "O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!"
3. Pray the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Apostles Creed
4. On the Large Beads recite "Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
5. On the Small Beads pray "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
6. Conclude (Repeat 3x) "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FAIRFIELD

Friday, April 21, 7:30PM-8:30PM, Church. Young Adult Adoration. Scan the QR code for more info.



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 to 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@gmail.com (203-255-6134 ext. 119) or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, April 23, 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.



2023 FOUNDATIONS IN EDUCATION GALA

Congratulations to our parishioners Cindy and Ted Lautenbach who are honorees at this year's Foundations in Education Gala. On April 27, The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano will celebrate the Lautenbachs as well as and Helen Burland, Executive Director of St Catherine's Center for Special Needs. Proceeds of the gala support Foundations in Education, whose mission is to provide tuition assistance to children from low- and middle-income families so they may experience the benefits of a quality education focused on Christian values and character formation. To purchase tables, tickets and sponsorships or for more information, please call 203-416-1671 or visit www.foundationsineducation.org.



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

- April 16: Immersive Exhibit-The Approval Process of Marian Apparitions
- Apr. 23: The Medium is Not the Message-Common Messages in Apparitions
- Apr. 30: Masterpiece-Well-Known Apparitions

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

- April 19: Adoration and Bonfire Social Night
- Apr. 26: The Mission-When I Grow Up
- May 3: Don't Fall In-Hope and Worry

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.

CONNECT with SPX

GET EMAILS, TEXTS, + UPDATES!



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PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. PIUS X

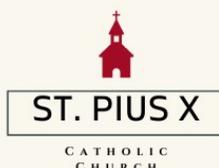
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If you would like to participate in Perpetual Adoration or receive more information about this effort, please e-mail saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com, and include your full name and phone number. You may also visit our website at www.st-pius.org/adore365

Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



Scan to sign up
for a weekly hour



Scan to sign up
to substitute.

