



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 1

8:30AM +John Murphy S. Karl
5:15PM+Lorraine Jezierny C. Kelly

Sunday, April 2

7:30AM Lynn & Jack Curran Scott Family
9AM +Christoph Lindner McAuliffe Family
11AM+Livita Limatola Vona Family

Monday, April 3

8:30AM +John Philip Nayden C. & R. Chiusano

Tuesday, April 4

8:30AM +Vincent James Ficarra Lyons Family

Wednesday, April 5

8:30AM +Thanksgiving D'Cunha Family D'Cunha Family

Thursday, April 6

7PM Vocations to the Priesthood

Friday, April 7

8:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 8

8:30AM Morning Prayer

7:30PM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 9

7:30AM All Parishioner Intentions

9AM All Parishioner Intentions

11AM All Parishioner Intentions



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Arne Palmieri**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in thanksgiving for
Joan & Michael Niland**

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to publishing deadlines, offertory totals will be posted in the April 16th bulletin.



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Donated to Date: \$190,932
of Donors: 288 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!**



JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

(All take place in the Church)

- **Wednesday, April 5**
7PM-8PM Adoration & Confession
- **Holy Thursday, April 6**
7PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
Visitation at the Altar of Repose until 11PM
- **Good Friday, April 7**
8:30AM Morning Prayer
12Noon Stations of the Cross
3PM Celebration of The Lord's Passion
7PM Tenebrae
- **Holy Saturday, April 8**
8:30AM Morning Prayer
10AM Blessing of Easter Food
1PM-3PM Confession
7:30PM Easter Vigil
- **Easter Sunday Masses, April 9**
7:30AM, 9AM and 11AM (overflow seating in the Community Room)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin Holy Week today, we read the dual Gospels of our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and the Passion. While they are starkly different, they are intimately related, for they show the full spectrum of spiritual response to the presence of Jesus. In the entrance into Jerusalem, we see the exuberant celebration that comes from knowing the closeness of God to us, while in the Passion narrative, we will see indifference to the Lord, expressions of desire for God's mercy, our betrayal of God's love, and the confrontation with the reality of sin in our lives. The whole of the Lenten season has been an opportunity to recognize these elements in our spiritual lives. With the start of Holy Week, the Church invites us to a deeper reflection on our own response to the salvific work of Christ, and to unite with Him in the saving Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Monday of Holy Week has again been designated as "Reconciliation Monday" in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at churches throughout Fairfield County from 3 PM – 9 PM. In our deanery, confessions will be heard at Our Lady of the Assumption (545 Stratfield Rd.), St. Thomas Aquinas (1719 Post Rd.), and Assumption Church (98 Riverside Ave. Westport). A complete list of all the parishes can be found at www.bridgeportdiocese.org. In addition, confessions will be available at St. Pius on Wednesday from 7 – 8 PM, and on Saturday, from 1 – 3 PM.

On Holy Thursday, the Church marks the institution of the priesthood and the Holy Eucharist. Traditionally, this is also the day for the Chrism Mass, in which the Bishop blesses the oils that will be used in the sacraments throughout the year. During the Chrism Mass, priests renew their priestly promises. During the evening, the Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated, marking the beginning of the Paschal Triduum. These three holy days are our liturgical entrance into the Passion of Christ. From the Last Supper, we will walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, where we will pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. A long-standing tradition invites us to symbolically stay in the Garden by visiting the altar of repose after the Holy Thursday Mass. Many churches keep their doors open into the night hours.

Good Friday is the day of the Lord's crucifixion. As such, it is a somber day of prayer, fasting, and abstinence. We will begin the day here with Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM. At noon, we will pray the Stations of the Cross. And at 3 PM, the celebration of the Lord's Passion takes place, with the veneration of the Cross. In the evening, the office of Tenebrae will be prayed, an ancient practice of reflecting on Scripture and entering into the darkness of the tomb with Jesus.

Holy Saturday is the day of waiting. In the silence of the day, we prayerfully prepare for the joy of the Resurrection. We will have a special blessing of Easter baskets and food on the steps of the church at 10 AM. Confessions will be available from 1 – 3 PM. In the Easter Vigil, which begins at 7:30 PM, our catechumens and candidates will receive the sacraments of initiation and join us in full communion of faith. The Easter Vigil is the most important Mass of the entire year – if you have never experienced it, I encourage you to make the time to come. While it is longer than an average Mass, it is full of beauty and an opportunity to welcome the light of Christ's Resurrection. Please note that on Holy Saturday, there is no 5:15 PM Mass.

I encourage you to join in each of the celebrations of the Triduum, especially if you have never done so before. There is no better way to spiritually participate in the glory of our Lord's Passion and Resurrection! On Easter, we will welcome many visitors to share the joy of new life and celebrate the victory of Christ's triumph over sin and death. May our observances of Holy Week help to prepare us to be witnesses of the Resurrection, and give us hearts that share the Good News with all we meet.

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Matthew 21:1-11 (procession); Isaiah 50:4-7
Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11
The Gospel: Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16: 5, 8, 9-10, 11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9



THE TRIDUUM

The liturgical season of *Lent* will come to an end at sundown on Holy Thursday. With the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we begin the sacred Paschal Triduum. Literally meaning "three days," this sacred liturgy extends over Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. We walk with Jesus in Jerusalem during the mounting hostility against him. We join him at the celebration of the Passover meal during which he gives us himself in the bread and wine that are transformed into his Body and Blood. Jesus' Last Supper becomes our Passover feast, our Mass. We remain with him in silence as he suffers and dies on the cross. We keep watch at the tomb. We await with joyful hope his Resurrection.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

"Hosanna to the Son of David;

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." – Matthew 21:9



WEEKLY ADORATION

Wednesdays, 7:00PM-8:00PM, 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

Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X

St. Pius X Parish is preparing to launch perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. 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 or receive more information about this effort, please e-mail saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com, including your full name and phone number. Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Come and experience God's love and mercy as we start Holy Week. Bishop Caggiano has designated **Monday, April 3, from 3-9PM** as Reconciliation Monday in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The following parishes in our area will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this time. For a full list of participating diocesan parishes, visit our website. See page 2 for St. Pius X Reconciliation hours during Holy Week.

Bridgeport

St. Mary: 25 Sherman Street
 St. Ann: 481 Brewster Street
 St. Augustine Cathedral: 359 Washington Ave

Fairfield

Our Lady of the Assumption: 545 Stratfield Road
 St. Thomas Aquinas, 1719 Post Road

Westport

Assumption Church: 98 Riverside Avenue

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!

For the Easter Holidays, the Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, April 6, Good Friday, April 7 and Easter Monday, April 10.



HOLY THURSDAY TRADITION 7 CHURCH VISITS

The tradition of visiting seven churches was started by St. Philip Neri around 1553 and continues today in many areas of the world. After Holy Thursday Mass, the Eucharist is placed on the "altar of repose." It's customary to spend time in quiet prayer in front of this altar, remembering when Jesus asked his disciples to stay and keep watch with Him in the garden. By visiting seven different churches to pray at their altars of repose, each is to remind us of these seven events:

- *Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane*
- *Jesus bound and taken before Annas*
- *Jesus taken before the High Priest Caiaphas*
- *Jesus taken before Pilate*
- *Jesus taken before Herod*
- *Jesus taken before Pilate again*
- *Jesus given the crown of thorns and led to his crucifixion*

This is a powerful way to spend time in prayer, meditating on Christ's sacrifice as we prepare for Easter joy. If you want to experience the tradition of the Seven Church Visits, below is a list of participating parishes and their hours:

- **St. Pius X** (11PM)
- **St. Anthony** (10pm)
- **St. Thomas of Aquinas** (12AM)
- **Holy Family** (11pm)
- **Assumption, Fairfield** (11pm)
- **Assumption, Westport** (12AM)
- **St. Luke, Westport** (12AM)
- **St. Margaret Shrine-All Saints Chapel, Bridgeport** (12AM)



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!



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. More information about VIRTUS on page 6.



TASTEBUDS

DATE CHANGE to Tuesday, April 18, 5PM-7PM in the Community Room. Join us for Tastebuds monthly gathering as we explore seasonal and celebratory cooking that will allow us to grow together in community and connect our faith to our food! Cooking demonstrations 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. To attend, email Catherine MacDonald at catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. Cost to cover your materials and meal is \$10. Kindred Spirits has generously contributed the wine pairing sample.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FAIRFIELD

Tuesday, April 11, 7pm. Tuesday Night Trivia at Local Kitchen and Beer Bar in Fairfield.
Friday, April 21, 7:30PM-8:30PM, Church. Young Adult Adoration. Scan the QR code for more info.



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. If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider switching—it's the easiest and safest way to give.

Get started now: Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



TURKEY & SYRIA

SHOE COLLECTION FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

On February 6th, a devastating earthquake of 7.8 magnitude hit the countries of Turkey and Syria, leaving 45,000 dead and over 500,000 homeless. The Natural Disaster Relief Club at Hopkins is partnering with Funds2Orgs to host a shoe drive to help the victims of this horrible event. Please place gently worn or new pairs of shoes in the church vestibule collection box through April 13th. Thank you for your help. – Nicolas Ciminiello, parishioner & student at Hopkins School.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEONS

• **April 3, Tobias Toys & Trains.** Join us and learn from proprietor Mark Tobias everything you ever wanted to know about vintage toys and trains! Mark is a seasoned and knowledgeable dealer, broker and consultant with 40 years' experience, specializing in vintage toys and trains. He collects antiques and was an auctioneer for 35 years. Mark is a lively and dynamic speaker and will share lots of fun facts and history about toys and trains that we all love and remember. For more info on Mark, visit www.tobias toys and trains.com.

• **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, politician, urban developer, community benefactor, philanthropist, temperance leader, 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 to the Goodspeed for a Wednesday or Thursday matinee. For information about the Goodspeed 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!



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 2: Movie Night
- April 9: No Life Teen

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

- April 5 & 12: No Edge

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.



2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL UPDATE

As of March 17, St. Pius X Parish has pledged \$50,628 (22%) with 86 donors participating in the appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$234,000. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit **2023 BishopsAppeal.org**, call 203-416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



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 class (at no charge) 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.



ST. PIUS X

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Spiritual Gifts Workshop

"Every man has his proper gift
of God, one after this manner,
and another after that."

1 Cor 7:7

Two Hour Workshop

\$25

- Discover and understand your unique God-given gifts.
- Be equipped in discernment and learn how to apply your gifts in everyday life.
- Wine and Cheese provided!

Guest speaker

**VAL
SPRAGUE**



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Register Now



6:45pm
Arrival and
Wine & Cheese
7pm - 9pm
Workshop

St. Pius X Church Community Room
824 Brookside Drive | Fairfield, CT 06824