



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, February 18

8:30AM +Blanca Aurora Morales J. Guevara
5:15PM +Vincent Diorio L. Walker

Sunday, February 19

7:30AM +Cristina Manocchio M. Fuligni
9AM + Cristina Manocchio M. Fuligni
11AM +Anthony Annuncio T. Annuncio

Monday, February 20

8:30AM +Sheila E. Kelly Foley Family

Tuesday, February 21

8:30AM +Helen McDonagh P.&B. Carolan

Wednesday, February 22

8:30AM Intentions For All Parishioners

Thursday, February 23

8:30AM +Deborah Cotter Conneely Family

Friday, February 24

8:30AM +John Brown R. & D. Cooper

Saturday, February 25

8:30AM +Graciela Maria Rodriguez Kathleen Flynn
5:15PM +James DeGiacomo McGuinness Family

Sunday, February 26

7:30AM +Carol Vivoni Sell Family
9AM + Frank Agonito, Sr. G.&J. Niland
11AM +Nicholas Huydic Huydic Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week for
Raymond Tomasko**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Carey Martin**

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!



Time Talent Treasure

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 backs on those who seek to borrow.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- February 5, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$13,623
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$16,723
- Monthly Offering: \$680
- Mission Offering: \$475

- February 12, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$12,570
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$11,443
- Monthly Offering: \$3,256
- Votive Offering: \$598
- Maintenance Offering: \$150
- Mission Offering: \$95

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR
ANNUAL APPEAL.**

Sign up for Online Giving:
www.st-pius.org/onlinegive



WEEKLY ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Come, spend some time with the Lord each week! Eucharistic Adoration will be held **every Wednesday, 7PM-8PM**, in the **Church** while confessions are being heard. This is a wonderful way to take time away from the chaos of the world, quiet your mind, pray, and deepen your connection with the Lord.



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!

On **Monday, February 20**, the Parish Office will be closed in honor of Presidents' Day.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

During this last weekend before the season of Lent begins, we hear a powerful Gospel in which Jesus teaches us to go beyond the basics and strive for the greatest perfection. He quite literally tells us to go the extra mile ("Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles"), and gives the radical instruction to "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." This command is a great challenge, of course, for we only need a glance in the mirror (literal or figurative) to know that we are not perfect. How can we possibly live up to our Lord's call?

The season of Lent, which begins on Wednesday, provides us with a path toward greater perfection. We will hear, as ashes are imposed on our heads, that we are dust and unto dust we shall return. With that reminder comes the great call to repent and believe in the Gospel. In our search for perfection, the first step is to leave behind our imperfection, that is, the sin in our lives that separates us from the Lord's goodness. Throughout the forty days of Lent, the Church asks us to undertake three time-honored practices that help us to seek perfection. In prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we learn to discipline our lives, to behave virtuously, and to grow in relationship with the Lord.

There will be much more to say about the season of Lent as we go through these forty days. But as we prepare for this holy season, we should pause to consider what our Lenten discipline will look like, keeping in mind the Church's instructions for Lent. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards. On the Fridays of Lent, we abstain from meat, as well. During the season of Lent, we are encouraged to also avail ourselves of the sacrament of reconciliation.

This Tuesday, we will have a special Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner, from 5 - 8 PM. All funds raised will help our Fairfield Life Teen High School Youth Ministry with their mission trip this summer. On Wednesday, the distribution of ashes will take place at several different times.

- 7 AM - Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes
- 8:30 AM - Mass with distribution of ashes
- Noon - Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes
- 5:30 PM - Liturgy of the Word with distribution of ashes

Confessions will be heard from 7 - 8 PM, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11



MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Carol Costanzo



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 7AM Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
- 8:30AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes
- 12Noon Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
- 5:30PM Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
- 7-8PM Adoration and Confessions



JOIN US FRIDAYS FOR STATIONS

Join us to pray and meditate on the Stations of the Cross, a simple, powerful devotion to mark the Passion of Christ and Jesus' sacrifice for us. Stations will be prayed, **7PM, Fridays in the Church** during Lent.



YOUR GIFT AT WORK

The Institute for Catholic Formation offers parishes resources throughout the year that allow leaders to focus on what they do best - engaging with the faithful in the pews. From book clubs to reading groups, workshops, posters in Lent and Advent, the Institute provides free resources to make parish life better, a pastor's life easier, and the faithful more engaged. When you make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, you support the ministries that continue faith formation. Thank you for your gift.

To give towards this year's appeal, or for more information, please visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.

February 19, 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes." - Psalm 103



SOLIDARITY CROSS DISTRIBUTION

In support of Christians in the Holy Land, Syria, and Iraq, the Knights will distribute handmade, olive wood crosses created by Palestinian Christian artisans living in the Bethlehem region. Crosses will be at all church doors during Lent while supplies last. Learn how you can help persecuted Christians at www.christiansatrisk.org.



ST. PIUS X MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Our weekly men's fellowship group meets at **6:30AM, Saturday mornings in the 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 in!



TASTEBUDS

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. The next gatherings will take place **5PM-7PM, March 1 and April 12, in the Community Room**. 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.



If you love cooking and sharing your gift with others, please consider joining our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team. This group prepares and delivers a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you are interested in chairing or joining the committee, please contact Genevieve Ritch at Gfanelliritch@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.



PANCAKE DINNER-DATE CORRECTION

Tuesday, February 21, 5-8PM, Community Room. Support our Youth Ministry by attending the Pancake Dinner. Families dine for \$40 and individuals for \$10. RSVP forms are on our website and may be returned with payment to the Parish Office.



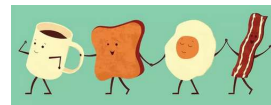
SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, February 26, 10AM, Community Room. Coffee Hours are Back! Come to the Community Room every other Sunday after the 9AM Mass for food and fellowship. This is a great way for us to gather as a community and get to know one another a bit better. We're looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested, email Genevieve Ritch at Gfanelliritch@optonline.net or use the QR code above to sign up.



ST. PATRICK-ST. JOSEPH PARTY

Saturday, March 4, 6:30PM, Community Room. Join us for this year's St. Patrick-St. Joseph Party. Dinner, dessert, soft drinks, water, and ice. BYOB. Music by the Jolly Beggars and Dancers from the Lenihan School or Irish Dance. Plus, a 50-50 Raffle. Tickets are \$35. RSVP flyers are at all church exits and on our website under special events.



COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 18, 9AM, Community Room. "If it wasn't for people, we could all be holy." Those words from Mother Angelica are funny, but also convicting. These words are also an *opportunity*. You're invited to enjoy breakfast while listening to the founder of the Veritas Catholic Network, Steve Lee, speak on Mercy and Forgiveness. Visit our website to register.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

12Noon in the Community Room

●**March 6:** Join us for a St. Patrick's Day celebration! Wear your best green and get ready to enjoy live music from the Shamroques! The Shamroques will be entertaining us with traditional Irish music and maybe a couple of sing a longs! Details to come about lunch menu. **RSVP REQUIRED:** Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.

★**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!

FREE ONLINE AWARD-WINNING CONTENT



WORD ON FIRE features podcasts, videos, books, articles, and Scripture studies. To access our parish subscription:

- Visit www.st-pius.org
- Click on the link by the Word on Fire graphic
- Click on "Already have an all access pass? Sign In" link
- Enter the email you registered in SPX Flocknote
- Enjoy free content!

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Questions? Email Paola Pena at ppena@st-pius.org.



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Donated to Date: \$181,800
of Donors: 281 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.

TWO WAYS TO DONATE:

- **Online** at www.st-pius.org/onlinegive
- **Mail or Drop in Offertory** a check and put ANNUAL APPEAL in the memo

THANK YOU!



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 at any church.

High School Life Nights, Sunday, 6-8pm

- Feb 19: No Life Teen
- Feb 26: Sacramentally Delicious-The Presence of God in John's Gospel

Middle School Edge Nights, Wednesday, 6:30-8pm

- Feb 22: No Edge
- Mar 1: The Gateway-Why Do I Need to Go to Mass?

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.



CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2nd annual Connecticut March for Life is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22nd in Hartford**. Our Knights of Columbus are coordinating a bus to and from St. Pius X Parish. Transportation costs are \$35 and discounts are available for those who may need assistance. Reservations may be made at rally.co/ct-march-for-life. Contact Tom McShane at tommcsane@optonline.net with any questions.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2023 CAMPAIGN

Feb. 22 – April 2, 2023 - Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired millions of volunteers and saved thousands of lives! Please join us at one of these three locations, Bridgeport, Danbury or Stamford. To find out more information on any of these locations or to sign up for vigil hours visit www.40daysforlife.com.



HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area: **March 11**, and **May 20**. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call the Sisters of Life at 860-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.



ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are a practicing Catholic over 18 who somehow missed Confirmation when you were younger, the Diocese of Bridgeport is hosting a workshop for you to discover all you need to know to prepare to celebrate this great sacrament. The class will take place on April 1 at 238 Jewett Ave in Bridgeport. Visit <https://formationreimagined.org> to sign up or scan the QR code for the link.



THE EASIEST AND SAFEST WAY TO GIVE TO ST. PIUS X

Your weekly offertory donations directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius. Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful Church and for helping us to carry out our parish mission. If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider setting up your account online—it's simple and the easiest and safest way to give. Many parishioners have already discovered the benefits and ease of giving online:

- Thoughtfully plan out what you want to give each week to support your parish.
- Set up automatic contributions for each week of the year—you control the amount and timing and can change it at any time.
- No more writing checks or handling cash.
- Totally secure and safe.
- Help St. Pius save money from not printing and mailing envelopes—help the environment be GREENER.

Get started now: Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive.

Questions: Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES



SAINT CATHERINE ACADEMY

Where learning and caring lead to personal best

Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs, located in Fairfield, is looking for 2 people to join their team. The **Assistant Director of Administration/Financial Services** is a part-time position with a focus on bookkeeping skills. The **Direct Service Provider** works with our young adults and may be part-time or full-time. The Center serves young people with a wide range of intellectual and physical disabilities. For more information about the position, visit Employment Opportunities - St. Catherine Center www.stcatherinecenter.org.

"For you are dust, And to dust you shall return." - Genesis 3:19