



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 11

8:30AM +Marc San Angelo

Dr. Thimons

5:15PM +Jacqueline Mahar

M. Eigel

Sunday, February 12

7:30AM +Mr. Vito Mario

9AM +Rosa Limatola

Vona Family

11AM +Anthony J. Cialone

Violone Family

Monday, February 13

8:30AM +Arthur Boniface

L. & M. Foley

7PM +Special Intentions for Nicholas S.

Tuesday, February 14

8:30AM +Louis Papp

Myers Family

Wednesday, February 15

8:30AM +Rev. Msgr. Leonard Badia

Toner Family

Thursday, February 16

8:30AM +Cooper Steinhauer

Dr. Thimons

Friday, February 17

8:30AM +Bill Hower

R. & D. Cooper

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week for
All Those Affected by Mental Illness**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
H. Austin Sheldon**

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

Stewardship involves more than just the gift we bring to the altar. Today's readings say clearly that it is fidelity to God's law that makes our offering acceptable.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- January 29, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$13,014
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$10,140
- Monthly Offering: \$405
- Maintenance Offering: \$740

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

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

Sign up for Online Giving:

www.st-pius.org/onlinegive

Please consider increasing your weekly contribution by \$1 or \$2 to help us keep up with the increased costs of running our beautiful campus.



WEEKLY ADORATION

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. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When I was introduced to Eucharistic adoration twenty-five years ago, I had no idea I was being introduced to a spiritually impactful practice, one that has been a source of help in my spiritual life ever since. It is a practice that is known by other names, such as Exposition, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, or even simply "Adoration." Whatever the name, it is a devotion that leads us to deeper reverence for Jesus in the Eucharist and to real growth in prayer and contemplation. If you have never experienced Adoration, it is fairly simple. The Eucharist is placed on the altar in a vessel called a monstrance for the prayerful devotion (adoration) of the faithful. Sometimes adoration takes place for a brief amount of time: for example, on Wednesday evenings, we have adoration from 7 - 8 PM in the church. At other times, adoration may be extended, as it is on the First Friday of the month when we have adoration from 9 AM - 9 PM in the chapel. A practice that has grown in popularity over the years is perpetual Eucharistic adoration. Perpetual adoration gives people the opportunity to find a refuge of prayer and silence at any time of the day or night. Many parishes that host perpetual adoration have sent numerous young men to study for the priesthood, young women to convents, and have high levels of engagement and participation among their parishioners.

A while ago, the Lord placed on my heart a desire to see perpetual adoration begin here at St. Pius X in our beautiful chapel. During the quarantine days of the pandemic, I was moved to see how many people came regularly to pray in the chapel, and how they did so with such regularity that I could almost set my watch by when their cars would appear in the parking lot. The chapel is already open 24 hours a day. How powerful it would be, I thought, if the chapel was not simply open, but occupied by someone praying at every hour! In order for perpetual adoration to be a reality, we would need many people to commit to an hour of prayer each week, at a specific time. We would need adorers not only from our parish, but from our neighboring Catholic communities. I envision St. Pius being more and more a center of prayer for our town and surrounding area, and I am convinced that this is not simply my idea, but is a reflection of the desire of Jesus for our parish.

This year, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched a period of Eucharistic Revival (www.eucharisticrevival.org). It calls the entire Church in the US to a deeper love for Jesus who feeds us in Holy Communion. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament allows us to prolong our communion with the Lord in prayer. As the Eucharistic Revival in our country progresses, I hope that a new center of perpetual prayer in Fairfield may contribute to the renewal of the Church both locally and nationally. Not long after the Eucharistic Revival was announced, I was approached by a young woman who has a burning passion for the Lord in the Eucharist. Angelica Martinez has graciously volunteered to help launch our adoration effort. I would ask you to please keep this special intention in prayer, and ask God to grant us the volunteers and adorers we need in order for Perpetual Adoration to become a reality at St. Pius X. If it is at all possible, I would love for this to begin on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2023. As you pray, you may feel an inspiration from the Lord to make a commitment to a regular time of adoration. Please contact Angelica (angelicasmartinez@outlook.com) if you would like to assist in this important prayer ministry.

I am away from the parish this week for a little vacation before Lent begins. As always, I am incredibly grateful to Fr. Silva and Fr. Blatchford who so generously cover Masses and sacramental needs while I am away, to say nothing of taking care of Duke in my absence. I am also indebted to our parish staff. Without their hard work, very little would happen here. They are a gift to me...and also to Duke, who will surely be checking their garbage cans for leftover fragments of lunch. You are all in my prayers, and I ask again for your prayers for our effort at starting perpetual Eucharistic adoration.

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
The Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday: Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday: Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday: Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Delia Josephine Ercolano and Ciara Michelle Windels



February 12, 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him.” - 1 Corinthians 2:9



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!



YOUR GIFT AT WORK

The Bishop's Appeal directly supports the charitable ministries of the church, including those of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County. For over 100 years, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has provided social services to the Fairfield County community. The agency's mission is to help the needy and most vulnerable of all faiths to permanently improve their lives by providing supportive services that enable families to rise up out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence. With the increasing costs of food, housing, and gas, low-income, the demand for the agency's services continues to skyrocket as clients need help now more than ever. Your gift to the Bishop's Appeal will assist Catholic Charities continue to do the incredible work it does for our most vulnerable neighbors in Fairfield County.



PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, February 22, 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.



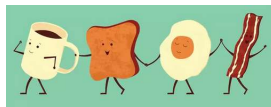
SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

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.



BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY FOR THE 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.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invites high school and middle school students in the local area into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen (High School Ministry) and Edge (Middle School Ministry) are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone one at any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen + Edge is to provide a space for students to rest, make new friends, and be reminded of God's love for them through the gift of their Catholic faith. Join us!

Upcoming Life Nights (Sundays, 6-8pm)

No Life Teen Feb. 12 and Feb. 19
Feb. 26: Sacramentally Delicious-The Presence of God in John's Gospel

Upcoming Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 6:30-8pm)

No Edge Feb. 15 and Feb. 22
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. CORE team members are essential in making Fairfield Life Teen + Edge a safe and welcoming environment where the teens are SEEN, KNOWN, and LOVED. They attend our weekly Life/Edge Nights, as well as planning meetings 2-3 times per semester. We are looking for adults to help with the following at the Life/Edge Nights:

- Set-up/clean-up
- Lead opening/closing prayer
- Prepare and give a short teaching on the topic for the night
- Lead small groups
- BE PRESENT with the teens

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



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.



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 around lunch menu. **RSVP REQUIRED:** Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.

●**Calling on Knitters and Crocheters!** If you or anyone you know loves to knit or crochet and would like to share your talents by being a part of our beautiful and special Prayer Shawl Ministry, email Kim at kleon@st-pius.org with the subject line: Prayer Shawl Ministry. We're looking for a few folks to jump start our prayer shawl production as our prayer shawls bring healing to those in need from our community and for the Quiet Room at Bridgeport Hospital's Oncology Department. We provide the yarn and you can work at your own pace at home or **come during Game Day on Tuesdays to knit and crochet to your heart's content!**

★**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!

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.



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!



You're invited to an Open House on **Sunday, Feb 12, 2023, from 10AM-1PM at Mater Salvatoris**, an Independent Catholic College Preparatory School in Stamford, CT. For more information, call 203- 489-0977 or email stm.admissions@matersalvatoris.org. Visit them at stamford.matersalvatoris.org and our Facebook and Instagram page.



ST. PIUS X MASS LIVESTREAM INFO

- Mass Livestream: 8:30AM, Daily Mass and 11AM, Sunday Mass (posted on our Facebook and YouTube.)
- Follow us on Facebook/Instagram @st.piusx_church
- Like us and subscribe to St. Pius X on YouTube



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WEEKLY MEN'S BEGINNER/SPEAKERS MEETING 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, are trying to get help, stop by, or share this information.

"Love God, serve God; everything is in that."
St. Clare of Assisi



GIVING AT ST. PIUS X

There are many ways to give to our beautiful parish—the easiest and safest way is Online Giving.

Get started today or take a minute to review your scheduled donations.

"Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

—Luke 6:38

Benefits of Online Giving

- Safe and secure.
- You control the amount and timing and can change at any time.
- No more writing checks or handling cash.



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Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134