



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, January 21

8:30AM +Justin J. McCarthy S. Barrett
 5:15PM +Frank Agonito, Sr. N. McLaughlin

Sunday, January 22

7:30AM +Edythe Dunston-Crawford
 9AM + Frank Agonito, Sr. A. Lesko
 11AM +Patrick J. Carolan II J. & K. Donnelly

Monday, January 23

8:30AM +Jacqueline Rose Mahar J. & P. Finnegan
 7PM +Rev. Robert G. Pohley S. Terenzio

Tuesday, January 24

8:30AM +Joseph Hackett Feeney Family

Wednesday, January 25

8:30AM +Peter M. Rembetsy Myers Family

Thursday, January 26

8:30AM +Maria Galella Goldowsky Family

Friday, January 27

8:30AM +Jeanette Macri Nunziate Family

Saturday, January 28

8:30AM +All Parishoners
 5:15PM +Carlo Limatola Vona Family

Sunday, January 29

7:30AM +Wilfred J. Croteau Parise Family
 9AM + Frank Agonito, Sr. A. Lesko
 11AM +Anna Maria Altieri S. Barrett



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week for
 Roy Ervin**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 Francis DeStefano, Jr.**



**Flowers in the Chapel this week
 in honor of, and for blessings upon
 Adam L. Leon**

2024 MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2024 Mass Book has been opened. Please call the Parish Office or stop by to book your Mass intentions.

**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.



Time Talent Treasure

STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION

The watchword today is "immediately." Peter and Andrew, James and John all respond *immediately* to the call of Christ. May I be as open to God's call and as ready to use my talents in His service as those first disciples were!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- January 8, 2023 Weekend Offertory: \$11,848
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$13,596
- Monthly Offering: \$1,088
- Maintenance Offering: \$369

- January 16, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$12,215
- 2022 Weekend Offering: \$11,353
- Monthly Offering: \$2,023
- Maintenance Offering: \$245
- Votives (Church & Chapel) Offering: \$645

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.



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!



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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,

It was something of a throw-away line, unplanned and in the end not especially important, but it came out of my mouth and has stayed with me since I said it last week. What can I say? Sometimes I listen to my own homilies. Speaking about our sacramental life in light of the liturgical year, I mentioned that our parents, from the day of our baptism, take us to Mass, and those early years attending Mass with our families lay a foundation for the rest of our spiritual lives. Eventually, I said, we learn to sit still and be quiet during Mass. In the grand scheme of what I was trying to get at, not a very important sentence. But it rattled around in my head in the ensuing days, leading me to two main thoughts.

First, the fact that we eventually learn falls into the category of our natural development. We learn by experience, by habits formed in us, by things we read, and countless other ways. To learn how to behave in Mass is the fruit of our regular experience, which is reinforced later by the catechesis we receive. Most important, though, is that our parents *bring us* to Mass. The family is the first community we experience, and it is through our family that we experience the larger community that is the Church. It is in the family that we first experience what is often called the *domestic Church*. When our parents brought us to Mass, whether we were happy to go, or went kicking and screaming, or something in between, they were introducing us to the place we had in a community that went beyond the walls of our home. When our parents prayed with us at home, they brought something of the community of faith into the community of our family.

Second, the fact that we eventually learn is, I hope, a comforting thought. I cannot count the number of times a parent has apologized to me because their child was somewhat unruly during Mass. Having once been an unruly child at Mass myself, I can sympathize. Eventually we learn. But how do we learn? We learn most of all by being there, by the example of our parents, by their direction and teaching, by their consistency. Parents, if you are worried about the way your kids make noise, move, or otherwise might seem distracting during Mass, let me say this: I would rather have you attend Mass with a noisy kid (or several) than stay home because you are worried your child might misbehave. A thousand times over, I would take a crying baby or a fidgety child at Mass, if it means that a family comes to Mass together and a child is given a foundation in prayer that is supported by the twin pillars of the family and the Church community. It may sound overly-confident, but I like to believe that I can be louder than a baby. Maybe it is overly-confident. No matter, it has been written and so it must be. Parents, when you bring your children to Mass, you are giving them the most important lesson – that they are loved by God and that to worship God is a priority. Along the way, of course, don't hesitate to teach them how to behave, and what is going on during Mass. Remind them that being quiet and sitting still is important. Tell them what is happening. And if they start to squirm or cry or need a break, it's OK to get up and bring them to the back of the church. I encourage you to discipline your kids and help them learn what is appropriate at Mass, but I am under no illusions that it is easy, or that it happens overnight. I'm here for you in the work, in the battle, in the beauty of your practice of the faith. Many parents feel eyes on them when a child starts to make noise. I believe most of those eyes are sympathetic, and if they're not sympathetic, who cares? You're doing the most important thing, and a thousand times over, I would rather have you at Mass with a wild child than staying home. A thousand times a thousand times. Eventually, we learn to sit still and be quiet during Mass. Whether or not that lesson has been learned, you and your family belong when Mass is celebrated.

As you bring your family community into the Church community, remember that you don't have to do it alone. There are countless great resources for families, for children of all ages, for parents. One great way to bring the Domestic Church and the Parish Church together more can be found at <https://www.catholichom.com/>. There, you'll find suggestions for prayer practices you can use as a family and resources that will help you and the whole family grow in your relationship with God and with your church community. Eventually, we learn!

Peace,
Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23-9:3

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

The Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 -8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Cameron James Kavulich, Mac Richard Martin, Lucy Marie Saluk



In Memoriam

MEMORIAL FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

As you pray, remember all deceased parishioners, and especially those recently deceased: Francis DeStefano, Jr., Robert A. Ryan, Vivian Patricia Ryan and Robert Swanbery.



Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

WEEKLY ADORATION: TUESDAYS

Come spend some time with the Lord each week! Eucharistic Adoration is held **every Tuesday, 8PM-9PM**, in the **Church**. 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.

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time "The Lord is my light and my salvation." – Psalm 40

you are called.

YOU ARE CALLED – SEEK23 CONFERENCE

March 10-12 at St. Pius X Catholic Church

Every human heart is seeking the same thing—to find it, you must seek Him. **SEEK** is a national conference by FOCUS. At St. Pius X Parish, we have the pleasure of hosting it as a weekend conference experience (Friday evening through Sunday). This remote experience truly makes you feel united to the universal church! We hope to foster an encounter with the heart of Jesus through the sacraments, small groups, meals, and world-class speakers for our local community. After the event is over, you can continue meeting with your small groups throughout Lent as Curtis Martin and Dr. Edward Sri take you on a scriptural journey through the story of salvation.

Pray, share meals, listen to amazing talks, and build community!

Cost

- \$150 (Individual)
- \$450 (Family of 3 or more)

Learn more www.st-pius.org/seek23. For any questions, contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Walking With Purpose invites you to join our next bible study **Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection** on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30am in the Community Room. Explore what it takes to stay close to friends for the long haul, what to look for in a friend, and how to navigate toxic relationships. Let God reshape how you see and experience intentional relationships and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship. The study started January 19th but new members are always welcome! For more information, please see <https://www.st-pius.org/wwp/> or contact Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net.

"Mere silence is not wisdom, for wisdom consists of knowing when and how to speak, and when and where to keep silent." – St. Francis de Sales



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

Donated to Date: \$164,586
of Donors: 269 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!



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, February 1 and March 1, in the Community Room**. To attend, email Catherine MacDonald at catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. Cost to cover your materials and meal is \$10. In Higher Spirits has generously contributed the wine pairing sample.

**"Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;
 God is our salvation." – Psalm 68:19**



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)

- Jan. 22: Power Packed!-The Power of God in Mark's Gospel
- Jan. 29: Heart Healthy-The Compassion of God in Luke's Gospel
- Feb. 5: Sacramentally Delicious-The Presence of God in John's Gospel

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

- Jan. 25: Song Selection—The Bible
- Feb. 1: Oldies—The Old Testament
- Feb. 8: Social 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. 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.



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

12Noon in the Community Room

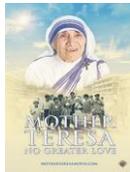
February: We will break for February as many fly South for some sunshine. See you in March! And don't forget you can still join us at Game Day each week- see below for details.

March 6: Save the Date for when we return for Spring! Details to come. **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 MOVIE NIGHT: MOTHER TERESA

All are invited to join us at **7:30PM, January 25 in the Community Room** for a free movie: Mother Teresa, No Greater Love, sponsored by Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council 16347. Twenty-five years have passed since the death of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, sparking a renewed interest in this spiritual giant of the 20th century. Filmed on five continents and featuring unprecedented access to both institutional archives and the apostolates of the Missionaries of Charity, this film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today. This is far more than a documentary film. It is at once a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." – Proverbs 3:5-6



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Join us in the community room **every other Sunday after the 9AM Mass** for Coffee Hour. This is a great way for us to gather as a community and get to know one another a bit better. The next gatherings are **January 22, February 5 and 26**. 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.



PRAY THE ROSARY AT ST. PIUS X

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus Council 16347 is pleased to introduce **the 5th Sunday Rosary Program**. Knights, their families and ALL parishioners are invited.

Join us on **Saturday, January 28 at 4:55PM**, and **Sunday, January 29 at 10:40AM** at St. Pius X Church. Stay and Pray the Rosary as a Faith Family. Everyone is welcome!



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.pius_x_church
- Like us and subscribe to St. Pius X on YouTube



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/event/adult-confirmation-class-3-18-23/> to sign up or scan the QR code for the link.



Have You Considered Online Giving?

It's easier to get started than you think and will help you to simplify and control your giving amount/timing.

Plus, you can see your giving history all in one place!

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.



Get Started Now! Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive

Questions? Call Terri Dawes in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134