



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024

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## MASS TIMES

Daily	8:30AM, Monday-Saturday, Church
Monday	7PM, Extraordinary Form, Chapel
Saturday	5:15PM, Vigil Mass, Church
Sunday	7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, Church

### Holy Days

Vigil	5:30PM, Church
Holy Day	8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

## SACRAMENTS

### Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church  
Wednesday, 7-8PM, Church

### Baptism

Pre-baptismal classes are on the first Sunday of every month. Call the Parish Office to register for the class and to schedule your child's baptism.

### Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Parish Office. Visit [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org) for more information or call the Parish Office.

### Communion for the Homebound

If you or a loved one would like to receive Communion at home, contact Deacon Don Ross at [dnross@diobpt.org](mailto:dnross@diobpt.org).

### Anointing of the Sick

If you or someone you know is ill and would like to be anointed, call the Parish Office.

### Becoming Catholic

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is open to anyone who wants to learn more about our faith or complete their initiation as a Roman Catholic. Call the Parish Office for more information.

## PARISH INFORMATION

Summer Office Hours	Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM
	Friday, closed with staff available by email until 12PM

Parish Phone 203-255-6134

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Art Credit: Rembrandt van Rijn. *Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee*. 1633, oil on canvas. Stolen in 1990 from the Elizabeth Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston.



## Pastor's Note

### Today's Readings

**1st Reading:**

Jb 38:1, 8-11

**Res. Psalm:**

 107:23-24,  
25-26, 28-29,  
30-31

**2nd Reading:**

2 Cor 5:14-17

**Gospel:**

Mk 4:35-41

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The little details of Christ's humanity in the Gospels are always so beautiful and interesting. We believe that Jesus is true God and true man, he is not just one or the other. He fully took on human nature, He is like us in all things but sin. Today's Gospel shows Jesus getting into a boat with his disciples, and we find him asleep. Even the incarnate Son of God needs rest.

That rest is interrupted by unfaithful disciples who became so overwhelmed with worry that they actually forget who Jesus is. They have lost all semblance of fortitude. Jesus Christ is perfect God and perfect man, who can overcome all obstacles. When we forget that, it is very easy for us to become afraid. Without this foundation of who Christ is, we would struggle to conquer fear. Any and all trials or persecutions would seem insurmountable and hopeless. But if we know who Jesus is, we repeat the words of the Psalmist, "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge, of whom should I be afraid?"

In another human moment, after taking care of their worries, Jesus has to teach them, again. His questions, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They imply, that if we are with Christ, as they were in that boat, we have absolutely nothing to fear, and in fact being terrified of something while being next to Christ only reveals an utter lack of faith. His questions are asking "Do you actually know who I am?" To put ourselves in the

disciples' shoes, perhaps we are tempted to be more lenient toward them. After all, the boat seemed like it was doomed, and they were convinced they were going to die. Surely in those circumstances we are allowed to be afraid. Well, if we have Jesus with us the answer is "no." He seems to be giving the disciples the message, "Listen, if I'm asleep then things are okay. If you see me panicking, that's when you should be very afraid."

The first reading shows us a small portion of God's many questions he puts toward Job, and Jesus seems to continue the same line of questioning for the disciples. In this series of rhetorical questions, they almost have an ironic tone. God demolishes the pretense of human wisdom, however great their wisdom may be by human standards, how could it ever rival the infinite wisdom of God. God's ways are so insurmountable that he can even draw good from evil and sin. Given both God's infinite love for us guided by his supreme wisdom, we certainly owe him our unfailing trust. This is especially true when our lives can resemble a ship that's sinking instead one at peace in harbor.

Jesus is not "asleep in the stern" of our lives, he is present in each and every tabernacle. Visit him there and allow him to cast out your fears. If Jesus is present sacramentally before us, and his grace has filled my life, what could we possibly fear?

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Brendan

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, June 22

8:30AM .....+Meghan Raveis.....K. & L. Narwold  
5:15PM.....+James & Kathryn Lesko.....A. Kiraly

## Sunday, June 23

7:30AM .....+Mr. Clifford Smith  
9AM.....+Rosemarie Burke.....Lynch Family  
11AM.....All Parishioners

## Monday, June 24

8:30AM.....+Esperanza Rodriguez-Walling.....G. Rodriguez  
7PM +All Deceased Members of the Vasquez Montero Family

## Tuesday, June 25

8:30AM.....+Meghan Raveis.....B. & B. Scinto

## Wednesday, June 26

8:30AM.....+Lillian, Gregory & Greg Patti

## Thursday, June 27

8:30AM.....+Frank Jackson.....Conneely Family

## Friday, June 28

8:30AM.....+Joseph L. Kavalus.....J. & J. Myers

## Saturday, June 29

8:30AM .....+Jerelyn Shunk.....E. & L. Halliday  
5:15PM.....+Mary & John Ryan.....Gleason Family

## Sunday, June 30

7:30AM .....+Michael Galella.....J. & J. Goldowsky  
9AM.....All Parishioners  
11AM.....+Alex Skultety.....J. Skultety



Sanctuary Lights will burn  
in the church in memory of Meghan Raveis  
in the chapel for recent graduates



## In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:  
Bill Valus, Lee Ellen Romano, Evena Barrios,  
Stephanie Stypinski



## Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:  
Margot Noelle Miller, Liam Joseph Swetz, Cora  
Jane Colt, Nomi Evan Fay, Caden Matthew Salvi,  
Charles Domenico Zuccarello, Liliana Sky Lobo

# STEWARDSHIP

## Weekly Offertory

Offerings	June 2	June 9	June 16
Weekend	\$ 13,800	\$ 12,035	\$ 12,031
Monthly	\$ 921	\$ 4,723	\$ 275
Mission	\$ 333	\$ 225	N/A
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 320	N/A
Votives	N/A	N/A	\$ 557
Father's Day	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,514



## We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan

\$ 25,200 Donated

56 Number of Gifts

To give to the WSWC Construction Loan,  
scan the QR code, drop a check in the  
Sunday basket with Construction Loan in  
the memo or visit [www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page](http://www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page) and choose gift.



CONSTRUCTION  
LOAN



The money raised for the  
Bishop's Appeal supports  
all the charitable works  
within our diocese.

2024 Bishop's Appeal

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Funds go towards the needs of the poor and the sick, our  
youth, our retired priests, and educational programs. Visit  
[www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home) to donate.



\$ 177,527 SPX Donated

\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S  
APPEAL

SUN

23 & 30

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

JUNE

THUR/FRI

4-5

Parish Office Closed for Fourth of July Holiday

JULY

# PRAYER



## ADORATION

**Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel**

Adore our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Consider signing up for:

- 1) Any hour with no adorer
  - Monday: 11PM
  - Tuesday: 12AM, 2PM
  - Wednesday: 4AM, 3PM
  - Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM
  - Friday: 1AM, 10AM
- 2) Any hour that has an adorer as we hope to have at least two adorers for each time slot.
- 3) A weekend hour. As soon as we have enough weekend commitments we will launch Perpetual Adoration, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



To sign up or to become a substitute visit [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/) or scan the QR code.



## ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

**Friday, 9AM, Church**

Come pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy lead by Pat Heile. All are welcome to attend!

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

**First Saturday, 9AM, Church**

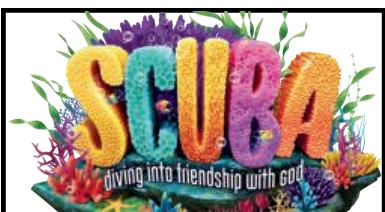
Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.



## 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](mailto:stpiusxprayerln@aol.com). If you'd like to pray for others, let Pat know and she will add you to the Prayer Line Team.

# EVENTS



## SCUBA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PIUS X

**July 15-19, Religious Education Center**

Calling all 4-8 year olds! This year's VBS theme is SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God! Join us this summer for fun, friendship, and prayer! For more information or if you are interested in volunteering, visit [www.st-pius.org/vbs](http://www.st-pius.org/vbs) or contact Kerry Sweeney at [stpiusvbs@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusvbs@gmail.com).



## ST. PIUS X LUXURY RAFFLE

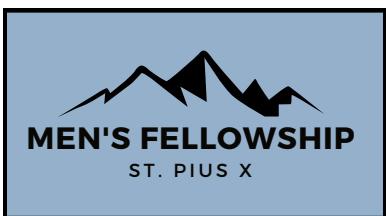
**Saturday, September 14, 8PM, Drawing at SPX**

Take a chance on winning a 2024 BMW X5 SUV and other amazing prizes! For tickets, visit [tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle](http://tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle), scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X Construction Loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at [psposato@optonline.net](mailto:psposato@optonline.net) with questions.



# MINISTRIES

## COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday, 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](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net). We look forward to welcoming you!



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**June 23 & 30, After 9AM Mass, Community Room**

Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

**Monday, July 1, 12PM, Community Room**

In honor of Independence Day, we are excited to welcome Vincent Santilli, CEO and Managing Director of Homes for the Brave and Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heroes of Bridgeport. Vincent will speak to us about how these facilities help provide transitional housing for struggling veterans and their families. Vincent will be introduced by our very own Connie vonZwehl who is generously hosting this event and providing an "All American Country Picnic" lunch. Lunch will still be \$7 and will be donated to the Homes for the Brave! RSVP to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake and be sure to wear your best red, white, and blue!



### OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

**Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen**

Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### WRAPPED IN LOVE

This group crochets and knits blankets for our newly baptized babies as well as prayer shawls for those who are ill. Each stitch is infused with the crafter's prayers for the recipients. Once completed, the items are blessed by Fr. Brendan. If you would like to help with this ministry, contact Kim Leon at [kleon@st-pius.org](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org). We provide the yarn.



### BAPTISMAL GARMENT MINISTRY

Every child baptized at St. Pius X receives a handmade baptismal garment that is lovingly created by this ministry. If you enjoy simple sewing and embroidery, email Eleanor Burke [profiburke@optonline.net](mailto:profiburke@optonline.net) and join their efforts.

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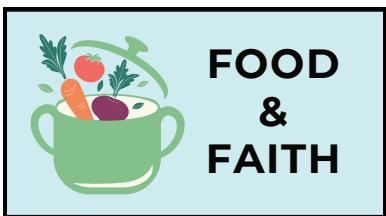


#### YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

**Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong**

**Wednesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Canasta**

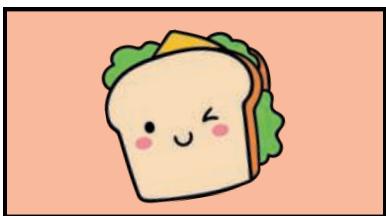
Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or call her at 908-399-2945.



#### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, July 10, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen**

Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



#### ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

**Wednesday, July 24, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen**

We need volunteers for our monthly sandwich making on July 24th. We have all the supplies we need but please sign up to help set up, clean up, wash apples, bag the goodies, or make sandwiches by emailing the team at [stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com](mailto:stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com).



#### VIRTUS TRAINING

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 free class 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 or visit [www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/) to register.



## COMMUNITY



#### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

**Tuesday, 7-8PM, Religious Education Center, 2nd Floor Classroom**

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers 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, is trying to get help, stop by, or share this information. Enter the Religious Education School via left side exterior Door #2.



## Altar Server Training

**MON JULY 15** 4:30PM - 5:30PM

**WED JULY 17** 4:30PM - 5:30PM

**FRI JULY 19** 4:30PM - 5:30PM

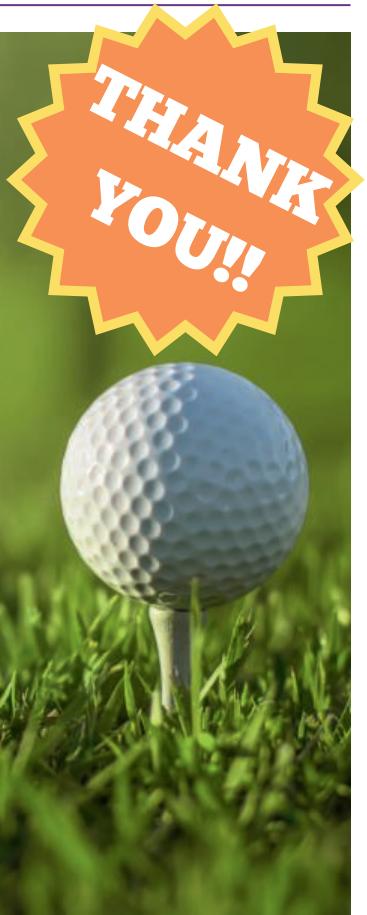
All children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to serve!

Email [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org) to sign up for one of the sessions.

The SPX Golf Outing was a smashing success! Thank you to Paul Sposato and family, Rich Earls, the Golf Committee, sponsors and volunteers for putting on an amazing event!

Thank you to all came out to support St. Pius X and the Knights of Columbus!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!!



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Small Group Leader Workshop

Be empowered and equipped to walk with a few.

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

OR

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

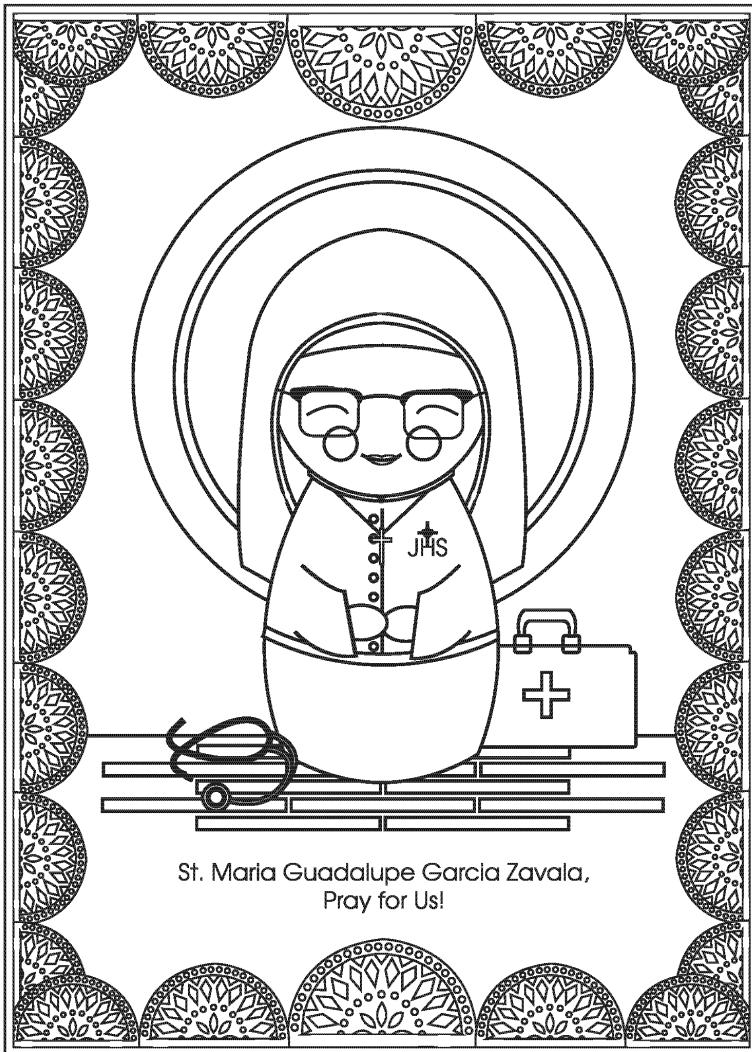
6:30pm- 9pm in the Community Room

TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY, VISIT  
[WWW.ST-PIUS.ORG/SMALLGROUPS](http://WWW.ST-PIUS.ORG/SMALLGROUPS)

Contact Paola Peña, Director of Evangelization, at [ppeña@st-pius.org](mailto:ppeña@st-pius.org).

**ST. MARIA GUADALUPE GARCIA ZAVALA,  
PRAY FOR US!**

**FEAST DAY, JUNE 24**



St. Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala, known as Mother Lupita, embraced a life of poverty while serving the poor and sick during a dangerous time in Mexico's history.

Mother Lupita co-founded the Handmaids of St. Margaret Mary and the Poor. She joyfully cared for patients as a nurse regardless of their wealth or status. Mother Lupita embraced poverty and often begged in the streets for funds for the hospital when needed.

When the Catholic Church in Mexico underwent persecution beginning in 1911, Mother Lupita often put her own life at risk by hiding priests, including the Archbishop of Guadalajara, in her hospital.

Canonized by Pope Francis on May 12, 2013, Maria became Mexico's second female saint.

**PSALM 107 WORD PUZZLE**

Unscramble the missing words  
and use the letters in boxes to fill the blanks at the end.

They who sailed the sea in       <sup>6</sup> (HSPIS)  
trading on the deep       <sup>5</sup> (SRTAWE)  
These saw the works of the Lord  
and his wonders in the abyss.

His command raised up a storm wind  
which tossed its       <sup>4</sup> (VWESA) on high.  
They mounted up to heaven; they sank to the depths;  
their hearts melted away in their plight.

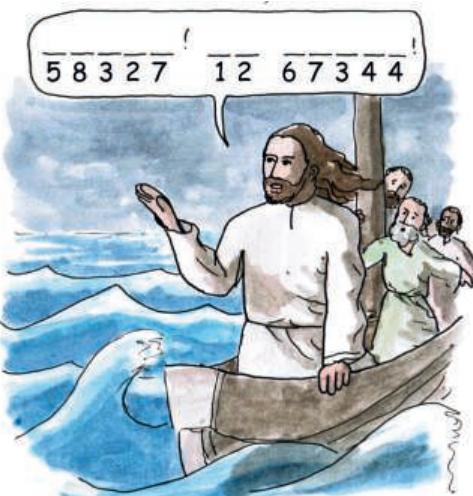
They cried to the Lord in their distress;  
from their straits  
he       <sup>3</sup> (UCESRED) them.  
He hushed the storm  
to a gentle       <sup>3</sup> (EBERZE)  
and the billows of the sea  
were       <sup>4</sup> (LSTILDE)

They rejoiced that they were calmed,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.  
Let them       <sup>4</sup> (VGIE) thanks to the Lord  
for his kindness

and his wondrous deeds to the  
      <sup>7</sup> (RNECLDIH) of men.

This is a story of sailors       <sup>1</sup> 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 in God.

**GOSPEL WORD SCRAMBLE**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus fell asleep in the boat with the apostles when a big storm came up. The apostles were frightened and woke Him. Jesus stood up and said something and the storm and the sea obeyed Him.

What did he say? Use the code to find out!

B	E	I	L	Q	S	T	U
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 PRESENTS

# ST. PIUS X 2024 Luxury Raffle



**1st Prize: 2024 BMW X 5 Midsize SUV**

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. PIUS X CONSTRUCTION LOAN  
& KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 CHARITABLE OUTREACH

2nd Prize \$10,000 AMEX Gift Card

3rd Prize \$2,500 Grocery Card

4th Prize \$2,000 Mobile Gas Card

**Drawing**  
**Sat., September 14, 2024**  
at 8:00 pm

*Ticket holder need not be  
present to win*



## TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- Scan the QR Code
- Visit [tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle](http://tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle)
- Mail completed form with payment to St. Pius X Church
- Email [psposato@optonline.net](mailto:psposato@optonline.net) or call 203-613-5520



**SCAN ME**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL CHECKS MADE OUT TO ST. PIUS X TO 834 BROOKSIDE DRIVE FAIRFIELD, CT 06824  
PRIZES NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH & EXCLUDES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES ON PRIZES

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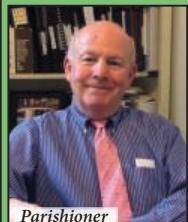


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