



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2024

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MASS TIMES

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| 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

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| 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 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.

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

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

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| Parish Phone | 203-255-6134 |
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| Parish Email | secretary@st-pius.org |

Parish Corporation

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| Kathryn Vogt | Lay Member |
| Arthur Wolf | Lay Member |
| Jeremy Joyce, Chair | Parish Finance Council |

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Pastor's Note

Today's

Readings

1st Reading:

Ez 2:2-5

Res. Psalm:

123:1-2, 2, 3-4

2nd Reading:

2 Cor 12:7-10

Gospel:

Mk 6:1-6

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Here at St. Pius X parish, at the end of each Mass we chant a Marian hymn. I have been asked by many after Masses, "What is that hymn? What language is that?" They are Marian antiphons, and we chant them in Latin, the language of the Church.

These are ancient and beautiful prayers directed toward the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There are four different hymns that pertain to the different liturgical seasons. The four great seasonal Marian antiphons come from the Divine Office, office of Compline, otherwise known as "Night Prayer." These are the last prayers of the day, and at the close of Compline one of the four seasonal Marian prayers are sung.

From the First Sunday of Advent until the Feast of the Presentation (February 2), we chant Alma Redemptoris Mater

From February 2nd through the Easter Vigil, we chant Ave Regina Caelorum

From the Easter Vigil through Pentecost Sunday, we chant Regina Caeli

During the rest of the year, consisting of those Sundays of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until the first Sunday of Advent, we chant the Salve Regina. This is the most well-known of the Marian antiphons, as a spoken prayer it has been added to the conclusion of the rosary.

I hope for all of us to become intimately familiar with each of these ancient prayers. Having the text and translation of this beautiful hymn will increase our familiarity with it, and hopefully encourage us to recite this prayer dutifully and well!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

SALVE REGINA

Salve, Regina / mater misericordiae; /
Hail, Holy Queen mother of mercy

vita, dulcedo /et spes nostra, salve. /
our life, sweetness and our hope, Hail!

Ad te clamamus / exsules filii Hevae./
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve

Ad te suspiramus / gementes et flentes /
To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping

in hac lacrimarum valle. /
in this valley of tears.

Eia ergo, / advocata nostra, /
Turn then, most gracious advocate

illos tuos / misericordes oculos / ad nos converte. /
your merciful eyes toward us

Et Iesum, / benedictum fructum ventris tui, /
And Jesus, the blessed fruit of your womb,

nobis / post hoc exilium / ostende. /
show unto us, after this, our exile.

O clemens, / o pia, / o dulcis / Virgo Maria!
O clement, o loving, o sweet Virgin Mary!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 6

8:30AM+Jean Marie Scott.....M. Podolsky

5:15PM.....+Charlene Eisenkraft.....Halliday Family

Sunday, July 7

7:30AMAll Parishioners

9AM.....+Guido Picarazzi.....P. & B. Carolyn

11AM.....+Jose Gomes.....Limperopulos Family

Monday, July 8

8:30AM.....Carter & Shea Family.....L. Carter

7PM.....+Blanca Estela Aguilar & Felipe Aguilar.....T. DeJesus

Tuesday, July 9

8:30AM.....Jack S. Teitell.....C. Teitell

Wednesday, July 10

8:30AM.....+Matthew McCrann.....T. Dawes

Thursday, July 11

8:30AM.....+Jose Gomes.....F. Gomes & Family

Friday, July 12

8:30AM.....+Jeremiah Shannon.....M. & J. Salvatore

Saturday, July 13

8:30AM+Judith Driscoll.....P. & P. Rausch

5:15PM.....+Thomas Mulquin.....Lehmann Family

Sunday, July 14

7:30AM.....All Parishioners

9AM.....+Berta Rodriguez.....Mitola Family

11AM.....+Alex Skultety.....J. Skultety



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church in memory of Lee Ellen Romano
in the chapel for Luis P. Leon



Banns of Marriage

John Lizzo & Katherine Cavazzini

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Due to publishing deadlines, our weekly offertory for June 30 will be printed in the July 14 bulletin.



We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan

\$ 35,910 Donated

89 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 and choose gift.



CONSTRUCTION
LOAN



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



\$ 177,527 SPX Donated

\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S
APPEAL

SUN

14 & 28

JULY

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

MON

15

JULY

Vacation Bible School Begins

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: 2PM, 11PM
 - Tuesday: 12AM, 2PM
 - Wednesday: 4AM, 8AM, 3PM
 - Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM, 10AM
 - Friday: 1AM, 12PM
- 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/ 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

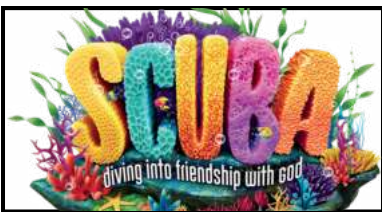
Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.



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. 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 or contact Kerry Sweeney at 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, 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 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. We look forward to welcoming you!



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

July 14 & 28, 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 or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, August 5, 12PM, Community Room

Don't miss the 3rd annual Super Duper Weenie food truck lunch. Hot dogs, burgers, all condiments made from scratch, and fries made daily. Come enjoy a relaxing summertime lunch and fellowship with friends. Lunch \$13 CASH ONLY, payable to Super Duper Weenie and includes your choice of two items (dog and burger, two dogs, or two burgers) and fries. Beverages provided by St. Pius X. **RSVP required** to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Bring a friend (or two!) See you there!



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.



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 or call her at 908-399-2945.



TASTEBUDS - DATE CHANGE!

Wednesday, July 17, 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 to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



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ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

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

Join us this July as we continue making sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. We have most of the supplies we need but we could always use a few more granola bars and 8oz water bottles. If you're interested in donating items, setting up or making the lunches, please email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com. Thank you!



SMALL GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 31 or August 28, 6:30-9PM, Community Room

God created us to be known and be in community. St. Pius X Small Groups provide the opportunity for us to experience both! If you are interested in leading a small group, visit, www.st-pius.org/smallgroups to apply for training or contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Thursday, October 3, 2024- January 30, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Rooted and Radiant. By studying the book of Colossians, we will realize the challenges the Colossians faced, are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

Thursdays, February 6, 2025 - May 8, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Passionate Discipleship. We will immerse ourselves in 2 Timothy, Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy. For more information, email dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



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 profefurke@optonline.net and join their efforts.



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. We provide the yarn.



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 online for the free class. 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/ to register.



MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



Altar Server Training

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| 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 to sign up for one of the sessions.

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.



FAIRFIELD FIGHTS HUNGER



JULY 1-29

Operation Hope, St. Pius X, and other Fairfield organizations are teaming up to help our neighbors!

Summer is a challenging time for families with food insecurity. Pantry donations drop off and schools that provide free meals to their children are closed until September. Join us in helping our neighbors by dropping off any of the following items in labeled boxes in the church and chapel vestibules during the month of July. **THANK YOU!**

- Dried Fruit & Nuts
- Sugar, Flour, & Oil
- Juice
- Chili & Stew
- Canned Fruit
- Box Milk
- Dry Cat Food
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Bladder Pads & Flushable Wipes
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

ST. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS, PRAY FOR US!
FEAST DAY, JULY 9



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Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier tasked with transporting French Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse to Beijing for his execution. During the long journey, the bishop greatly impressed Zhao Rong with his kindness and peaceful demeanor in the face of persecution. Zhao Rong requested and received baptism after learning about the Catholic faith. Taking the name Augustine, he was later ordained a priest.

During one of the waves of persecution against Christians, Fr. Augustine was arrested. He refused to renounce the Catholic faith and after horrific tortures, Fr. Augustine died of his injuries in prison. Many other Christians were also martyred in China during this time and are honored along with St. Augustine on July 9th.

Elementary Faith Formation

2024-2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GRADE

OPTION(S) AVAILABLE

1

At-home only. Weekly lessons from My Catholic Faith Delivered

2

First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation. In-person only.
Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from
4:30pm-5:30pm.

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In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday
from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

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In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday
from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

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In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday
from 4:30pm-5:30pm.

6

Confirmation Preparation. In-person only. Offered on Mondays
from 4:30pm-5:30pm for 14 consecutive weeks. Monthly Edge
Youth Ministry attendance required.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE & START DATES

Registration for the 2024-2025 academic year is now OPEN!

Cohort 1 Confirmation Prep Deadline: Friday, August 9

Grades 1-5 and Cohort 2 Deadline: Monday, September 23

Start Dates

Classes for Grades 1-5 begin on **October 7, 2024**

Classes for Confirmation Prep Cohort 1 begin on **September 9, 2024**

Classes for Confirmation Prep Cohort 2 begin on **January 13, 2025**

To register or for more information, visit
www.st-pius.org/elementary-faith-formation

