



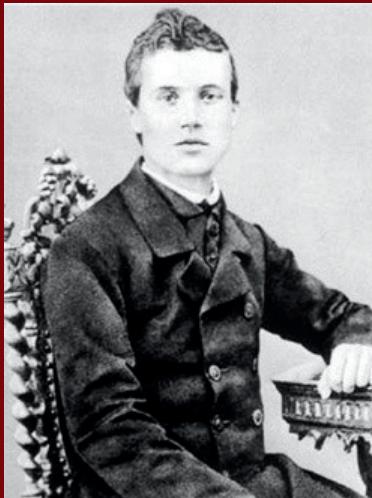
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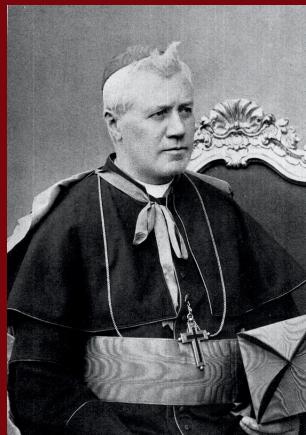
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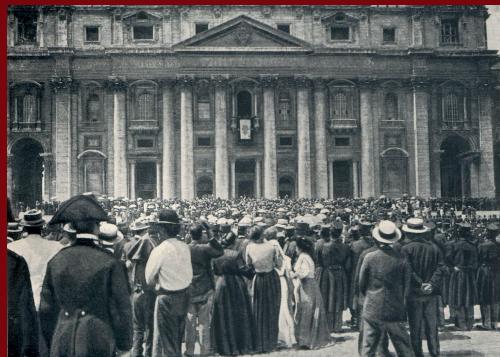
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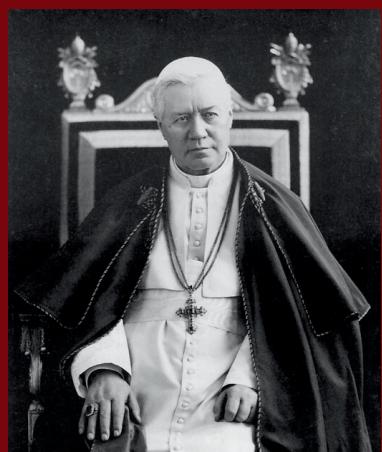
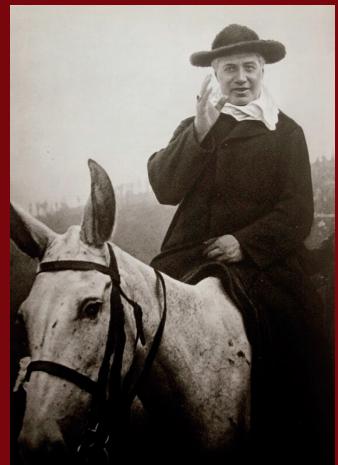
Fr. Giuseppe Sarto Bishop of Mantova



Cardinal Patriarch of Venice



Cardinal Giuseppe Sarto becomes Pope Pius X



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 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 Day	5:30PM, Vigil Mass, Church
	8:30AM & 5:30PM, Holy Day, 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

Summer Office Hours	Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM Friday, closed - staff work remotely
Parish Phone	203-255-6134
Religious Education	203-259-4800
Parish Email	secretary@st-pius.org
Parish Address	834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield, CT 06824

Parish Corporation

Lay Members	Kathryn Vogt, Art Wolf
Parish Finance Council	Jeremy Joyce, Chair

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Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Prv 9:1-6

Res. Psalm:

34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

2nd Reading:

Eph 5:15-20

Gospel:

Jn 6:51-58

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Like any parish, we ought to take genuine pride and have a sincere love for our patron. Today we celebrate and honor ours, Pope St. Pius X.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven." These words of St. Pius X are the foundation of why he is considered to be "Pope of the Blessed Sacrament." He encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion

In certain times of Church history, the Blessed Sacrament was respected and honored, but in such a way that people would only receive Holy Communion a few times during the year. Keep in mind that part of this is rooted in the fact that if we need to go to confession, we are not to receive Holy Communion. Pope St. Pius X emphasized frequent recourse to the sacrament of Penance so that Communion would be received worthily. In these sacramental encouragements, he was teaching the Church that those two fonts of grace, those sacraments that we are to repeat frequently, are to be our aid and nourishment in this life. If we picture the sacraments, we are only baptized once, confirmed once, and priests are ordained once, but confession and the Eucharist are to be frequent in our lives, and our patron encourages us to do so. He established the age of first Holy Communion which we still practice now, by lowering the age from 12 to 7. Quoting the words of Jesus, "let the little children come to me" St. Pius X wished to bring further devotion to the Blessed Sacrament from these little ones who were at the age of reason.

He was also a profound defender of orthodoxy of the faith. Heresy in each and every generation must be

recognized, addressed, and dismissed, lest we grow lazy in our defense of the Truth. St. Pius X wrote and spoke clearly against "modernism" which was (and still is) a philosophical and theological approach to viewing the Church, revelation, biblical exegesis, and the sacraments that result in relativism, skepticism, and secularism. I encourage all to read his encyclical "Pascendi Dominici Gregis" which is an eloquent and thorough defense of our faith against the errors of that time. Although written in 1907, his words still combat the errors of modernism that persist to this day.

I leave you all with this prayer to our heavenly patron. Through his intercession, may this parish always be a source of grace and holiness.

Glorious Pontiff, Saint Pius X, devoted servant of our Lord and loving child of Mary, I invoke you as a Saint in Heaven. I give myself to you that you may always be my protector, and my guide in the way of holiness and salvation. Aid me in observing the duties of my state of life. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life after your own example.

Pope of the Blessed Sacrament, teach me to love Holy Mass And Holy Communion as the source of all grace and holiness, And to receive this Sacrament as often as I can. Gentle father of the poor, help me to imitate your charity toward my fellow men in word and deed. Consoler of the suffering, help me to bear my daily cross patiently and with perfect resignation to the will of God. Loving shepherd of the flock of Christ, obtain for me the grace of being a true child of Holy Mother Church. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 24

8:30AM.....Thanksgiving and Intentions....B. & M. D'Cunha
5:15PM.....+Gary Boch.....Groccia Family

Sunday, August 25

7:30AMAll Parishioners
9AM.....+Caroline Latocca.....Porca Family
11AM.....+Helen M. Della Monica.....M. Lantowski

Monday, August 26

8:30AM.....+Roger Fazzone.....C. & R. Chiusano

Tuesday, August 27

8:30AM.....Michael and Joan Niland.....Coyle Family

Wednesday, August 28

8:30AM.....+Larry Dunn.....Rollins Family

Thursday, August 29

8:30AM.....+Margaret Lori.....C. & R. Chiusano

Friday, August 30

8:30AM.....+Alexa Grace DiVenere Kosak....J. & A. Consiglio

Saturday, August 31

8:30AM+John Brett.....Brett Family
5:15PM Deceased Members of the Callan/Connaughton Families

Sunday, September 1

7:30AM+Mary Rohe.....Lenz Family
9AM.....+Peg Haggard.....Riccio Family
11AM.....All Parishioners



Sanctuary Lights will burn
in the church for returning college students
in the chapel in honor of Adam Leon

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	August 11	August 18
Weekend	\$ 12,581	\$ 11,640
Monthly	\$ 2,739	\$ 297
Mission	\$ 120	\$ 195



We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan

\$ 81,357 Donated

154 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.osvhub.com/st-piusfairfield/giving/funds and choose gift.

CONSTRUCTION
LOAN



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
Denise Lutkins, Gertrude Turk



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
• Rome William DePasquale



Banns of Marriage

Conor Finn & Beatrice Lynch

MON
26 AUG
SUN
8 SEPT

Operation Hope Meal Prep, Community Kitchen

Fr. Sam's Welcome Home Coffee, Community Room, After 9AM Mass

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, 4PM
 - Wednesday: 4AM, 3PM
 - Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM, 5AM, 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/adoration/ 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



ST. PIUS X LUXURY RAFFLE - LAST FEW WEEKS TO BUY TICKETS

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.



SMALL GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, 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 popena@st-pius.org.

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

CHORAL SCHOLA Join the Choral Schola this fall and help lead the liturgical music at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. Please contact Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com, call 203-255-6134 or come see Mike after any Mass to inquire. Practice dates coming soon!

YOUTH CHOIR First practice is Thursday, September 5 from 4:30-5:30PM in the church. All children in grades 2-8 are welcome. The Youth Choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month, Reach out to Mrs. Cidalia Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com or Michael Lantowski at mikestro@ymail.com or call 203-255-6134.

ALTAR SERVERS All children who have received their First Holy Communion are invited to become altar servers. Altar servers assist the priest in the celebration of the liturgy during Mass. If you are interested, contact Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org

USHERS This simple but important ministry is looking for members to assist during Mass in collecting the offertory and helping to seat parishioners. To find out more information, email Paola Peña at popena@st-pius.org.

LECTORS Would you like to serve our community by proclaiming scripture during the liturgy? A thoughtful and prayerful presentation by our lectors helps open the hearts and minds of our community to the Word of God. Contact Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.

ST. THÉRÈSE GUILD With deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, the St. Thérèse Guild will care for the sacred altar linens on a rotating schedule. Training is provided. Email Fr. Brendan at frblawie@diobpt.org if you are interested.



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

August 25, 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 hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, September 9, 12PM, Community Room

Join us as we welcome real estate experts Alex Capozzoli and Dee Braeten of Keller Williams Realty. Alex and Dee will speak about the current real estate market and selling/buying a home. Topics include: what is the market like in Fairfield, what is equity and what can you do with it, and more. There will be plenty of time for Q&A so bring your questions. Lunch is \$7 for a sandwich, chips, soda, water, coffee, or tea, and dessert. RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. See you there!

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OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

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

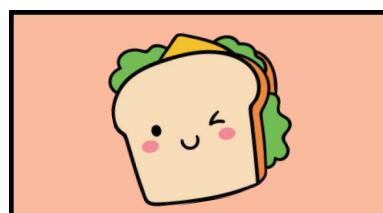
Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or call her at 908-399-2945.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, September 11, 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.



ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, September 18, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Join us as we continue making sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. Thanks to a generous parishioner, 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.



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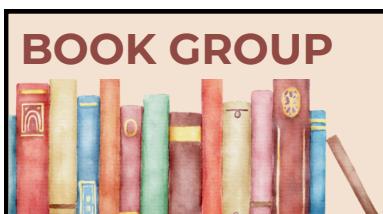
Wednesday, October 2, 2024 - January 29, 2025, 6:30-8PM OR

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 details, email dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/womens-groups/.



WELL-READ MOM BOOK GROUP, FALL KICK OFF

Saturday, September 28, 10AM, Munro Room 2

We will discuss this year's theme of Fatherhood and preview the year ahead. Well-Read Mom accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. The first book discussion is *Peace Like a River* by Lief Enger on October 26th.

Elementary Faith Formation

2024-2025 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

GRADE	OPTION(S) AVAILABLE	REGISTRATION DEADLINES & START DATES
1	At-home only. Weekly lessons from My Catholic Faith Delivered	Cohort 1 Confirmation Prep Deadline: <u>Friday, August 9</u>
2	First Reconciliation & First Communion Preparation. In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.	Grades 1-5 and Cohort 2 Deadline: <u>Monday, September 23</u>
3	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.	Start Dates Grades 1-5 <u>October 7, 2024</u>
4	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.	Confirmation Prep Cohort 1 <u>September 9, 2024</u>
5	In-person only. Classes offered Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from 4:30pm-5:30pm.	Confirmation Prep Cohort 2 <u>January 13, 2025</u>
6	Confirmation Preparation. In-person only. Offered on Mondays from 4:30pm-5:30pm for 14 consecutive weeks. Monthly Edge Youth Ministry attendance required.	

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

CRHP 2.0
Welcome.
 There is **More to Life**

Ever feel like something is missing?

OPEN THE DOOR TO INCREDIBLE POSSIBILITIES.

Join your fellow parishioners for our first Men's Welcome Experience, an incredible day that will help you discover what's missing in your life and what to do about it.

Whether you have been at St. Pius X for years or you are just getting to know the community, **we've saved a seat for you!**

Men's Experience

When: Saturday, October 5th, 2024
8:30AM - 6:30PM

Where: St. Pius X Catholic Church
834 Brookside Drive
Fairfield, CT 06824

Contact: Paola Peña popena@st-pius.org
Director of Evangelization



**REGISTER NOW +
INVITE A FRIEND**

We Choose to Follow Jesus

Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

In today's first reading, Joshua told the people that they had to choose between the false gods and the true God. Joshua and the people chose to worship the true God.

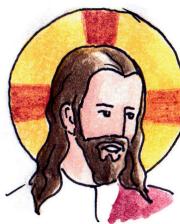
In the Gospel today we hear that many people stopped following Jesus because they couldn't understand what He was teaching. But the Apostles chose to stay with Jesus. Like Saint Peter said, they knew that He was the Holy One of God.



Do you ever have a hard time understanding what Jesus tells us? We need to be like the Apostles and choose to follow Jesus even when it's hard, especially when other people don't follow Him.



HOLY ONE OF GOD.
believe, come,
words, eternal life,
answered him, go, you,
welcome, you, Simon,
Answers to Word Puzzles:



Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks.

Use the letters in circles to fill in the blanks at the end.

Jesus said to the

_____ ³ [EVLTWE],
"Do ⁵ [UOY] also wish
to go away?"

_____ ¹¹ [NMIOIS] Peter

_____ ¹² [WSNAREED]

¹ [MIH], "Lord, to whom shall we

¹⁰ [OG]? ⁴ [OUY] have the

⁸ [DRWOS] of

_____ ⁶ [TEENRLA]

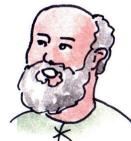
_____ ⁹ [FLIE]; and we have

⁷ [VEEBILDE] and

have ² [MCOE] to know that you
are the

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8 9 10 11 12

**ST. PIUS X, PRAY FOR US!****FEAST DAY, AUGUST 21**

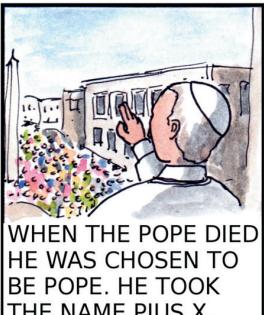
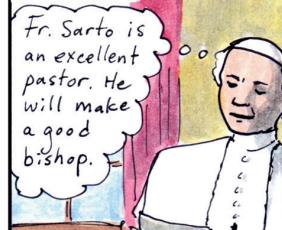
JOSEPH SARTO WAS BORN IN 1835 IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A MAIL MAN. WHEN JOSEPH WENT TO SCHOOL TO BECOME A PRIEST HE WAS SO POOR THAT HE WENT BAREFOOT FOR MILES TO SAVE HIS ONLY SHOES.



AS A PRIEST, FATHER SARTO LOVED THE POOR AND GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD TO HELP THEM.



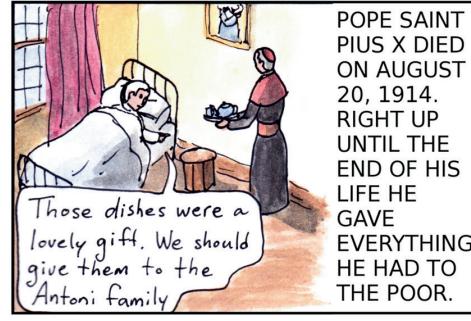
FATHER SARTO BECAME A BISHOP AND THEN A CARDINAL.



POPE PIUS X ENCOURAGED PEOPLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN.



WHEN WORLD WAR I BROKE OUT HE WAS VERY SAD.



ST. PIUS X WANTED EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE JESUS IN HOLY COMMUNION. HE ALLOWED YOUNGER CHILDREN TO RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, WHEN BEFORE THEY HAD TO BE AT LEAST 12. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION OFTEN AND WITH GREAT LOVE.

FREE
ADMISSION



St. Pius X Block Party

ORGANIZED BY ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

SAT | 14 SEPTEMBER 2024 | 6PM - 9PM

LUXURY RAFFLE DRAWING
PIZZA TRUCK | MINISTRY FAIR
GAMES | DJ | FACE PAINTING

ICE CREAM FROM SAUGATUCK SWEETS

BYO BEVERAGE & CHAIRS

RAFFLE
DRAWING
AT 8PM



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