



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Friday 9AM-12PM

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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 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 available 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.

PRAYER

Devotions

Adoration, Monday, 9AM-Friday 9PM, Chapel
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Friday, 9AM, Church
First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady, 9AM, Church

Prayer Line

To pray for others or to have others pray for you, email Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com.

Art Credit: The Seven Acts of Mercy by Pieter Brueghel the Younger, 1601, National Museum of Ancient Art, Portugal.



Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Acts 10:25-26,
34-35, 44-48

Res. Psalm:

98:1, 2-3, 3-4

2nd Reading:

1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel:

Jn 15:9-17

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

If only it were so simple. “Love one another.” And yet, it is so simple! The commandment of commandments, the summary of the whole law of God, expressed in three simple words. While simple in expression, we have all experienced the challenge of living this commandment out in practice, and have seen the consequences of human failures

in love in our history, in our society, in our workplaces, in our schools, and in our homes. And not failures, only, but misunderstandings or misrepresentations of the very meaning of love. In fact, we might trace failures in love back to flawed definitions of the concept. So before we throw up our hands in despair at ever being able to follow the great commandment, and at the risk of getting an old song stuck in our heads, it is worth asking, “What is love?”

St. Thomas Aquinas teaches that “to love is to will the good of another.” How do we know what is good? An action is good when it is in conformity with God’s commandments. The good can be described as the full actualization of our potential for or achievement of perfection. As only God is perfect, the more we are conformed to God, the more we imitate Christ, the more our lives can be described as good. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2500) says “The practice of goodness is accompanied by spontaneous spiritual joy and moral beauty.” And so when we follow the great commandment, we are willing the good of another, desiring for them to be more perfectly aligned with God’s plan, God’s law, and God’s goodness. Sometimes this means saying yes, even if it requires sacrifice: think of last week’s bulletin cover

picture of St. Gianna Beretta Molla who said yes to life, and to loving the child in her womb. Sometimes willing the good of another requires us to say no, as when we forbid a certain action or behavior. A parent who stops their child from touching a hot stove even though the child cries is acting in a loving manner. To love one another as Jesus teaches us, then, does not mean to give license for any and all behavior. Rather, it means to encourage what is good – morally, materially, spiritually, and emotionally – and to do so having received the perfect love that Jesus shows us on the Cross. The love He shows us on the Cross is truthful: Jesus teaches us everything that the Father has revealed, and fulfills the Law and the Prophets. The love He shows us on the Cross is merciful: Jesus forgives all wrongs by the shedding of His blood. The love He shows us on the Cross is sacrificial: Jesus lays down His life for our sake, so that we might have an example to follow. So let us love one another as Christ has loved us. If only it were so simple. And yet, it is so simple.

On a completely different note, I’d like to give a small clarification. As you know, I am taking a sabbatical this summer, beginning June 1. At the conclusion of the sabbatical at the end of August, I will come back to Fairfield and resume my regular responsibilities here at St. Pius X. I am grateful to Bishop Caggiano for the opportunity to take the sabbatical, to Fr. Brendan for taking on responsibility for the parish for the three months that I will be away, to our parish staff for being such outstanding coworkers in parish ministry, and to all of you for your kindness, support, and prayers!

Peace,

Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4

8:30AM+Adele & Cam.....D’Cunha Family
 5:15PM.....+David P. Murano.....K. & M. Butler & Family

Sunday, May 5

7:30AMAll Parishioners
 9AM.....+Pete Copeland.....A. & A. Toner
 11AM.....+Terry Clancy.....Horan Family

Monday, May 6

8:30AM.....+Edward O’Reilly.....McIntosh Family

Tuesday, May 7

8:30AM.....+Paul Anthony Moretti.....Sell Family

Wednesday, May 8

8:30AM.....+Angela Lenihan.....Feeney Family
 5:30PM.....All Parishioners

Thursday, May 9, Ascension of the Lord

8:30AM.....+Eugene J. Lacovelle.....C. Teitell
 5:30PM.....All Parishioners

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

8:30AM+Karen Cashell.....Feeney Family
 5:15PM.....+Mary Ann & Lucy Cialone.....Violone Family

Sunday, May 12

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Gagne & Mathieu Families
 9AM.....+Ann & Harold Eikamp.....J. & J. Meyers
 11AM.....All Parishioners



Sanctuary Lights will burn
 in the church for vocations to the priesthood
 in the chapel in memory of Ernest John Csednik, Sr.



Baptisms
 We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
 Juniper Eleanor Albus
 Ethan Joseph Mendes

STEWARDSHIP

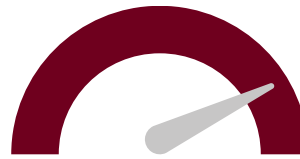
Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Apr 21	Apr 28
Weekend	\$ 11,612	\$ 11,137
Monthly	\$ 1,084	\$ 370
Mission	\$ 105	\$ 1,199



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

All money raised for the 2024 St. Pius X will go towards critical St. Pius X School repairs. To give to our Annual Appeal, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Annual Appeal in the memo or visit www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page. You can also sign up for online giving while you’re there!



\$ 211,208 Donated
 \$ 250,000 Goal
 13% Family Participation



SPX APPEAL



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. To donate and learn more about how your gift is used, visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home.



\$ 119,811 SPX Donated
 \$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP’S APPEAL

THURS
9
 Ascension of Our Lord, Holy Day of Obligation

MAY

WED
15
 Eucharistic Revival Night, 7PM, Church

MAY

PRAYER



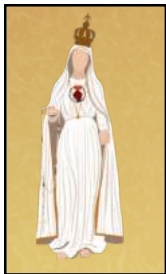
ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

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

- 1) Any hour with no adorer - Wednesday: 11PM, Thursday: 2AM, 3AM and 5AM.
- 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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Wednesday, May 8, Vigil 5:30PM, Church

Thursday, May 9, Holy Day 8:30AM, 5:30PM, Church

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the fortieth day after the Resurrection when Jesus ascended body and soul into Heaven and took His seat at the right hand of His Father. The Ascension is believed to have occurred less than a mile east of the Old City of Jerusalem.

EVENTS

ST. PIUS X FUNDRAISERS

Support the parish in style! Attend the SPX Golf Outing and take a chance on the Luxury Raffle. All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X building loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts.



ST. PIUS X GOLF OUTING

Monday, June 10, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course, Fairfield, CT

Join us for 18 holes of golf, lunch, happy hour and dinner. There will also be live music, a silent auction and raffles. To register scan the code or visit www.TINYURL.com/spxgolfouting. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net to volunteer, donate prizes or a sponsorship.



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 www.stpiusxcatholicchurch.regfox.com/Luxury-raffle or scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.





EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHTS

JOIN US MONTHLY FOR A NIGHT OF WITNESS,
ADORATION, CONFESSION, AND FELLOWSHIP.

GATHER IN THE CHURCH.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

7pm Adoration with Praise + Worship. Confession available.

7:30pm Witness by **Melissa Dunn**, *high school junior at SPX.*

8pm Fellowship & Refreshments.

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.

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

May 5 & 19, 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!



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YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, May 6, 12PM, Community Room

Lunch with Law Enforcement! Meet some of Fairfield Police Department's finest officers who want YOU to stay alert about the latest scams. They'll also talk about their Crisis Intervention Team who assist people struggling with mental illness. There will be PLENTY of time for Q&A so write down your questions to share at our lunch. Lunch is \$7. Wear your best BLUE to show your support for our brave officers and RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY AT ST. PIUS X

Thursdays, 2-3:30PM, May 30 – August 1

St. Pius is partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries Office to offer the New Day Bereavement Program. Visit www.ctcemeteries.org/bereavement-support/new-day-ministry/ to submit an inquiry form or contact Deacon Donald Ross dnross@diobpt.org. Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of the bereavement facilitators regarding the next steps.



LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS

Catholic Ministry to Adult Children of Divorce or Separation

A Support Group is coming to St. Pius X in the Fall of 2024! Life-Giving Wounds offers Christ-centered healing through retreats, support groups, community, spiritual formation, resources, and more. To attend a local retreat on June 7-9, 2024, visit www.lifegivingwounds.org/calendar/connecticut2024 for registration.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Tuesday of the Month, 7-8:30PM, Community Room

All men of the parish are welcome to the Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council. The Knights meet each month to deepen their faith and fellowship while doing good works for the parish and greater community. Email Tyler Lomnitzer at Tyler.Lomnitzer@KofC.org for more information.



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.



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.

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VIRTUS TRAINING

The Diocese of Bridgeport requires all employees and parish volunteers over the age of 18 to complete the “Protecting God’s Children” training program. This training certification teaches adults in the Catholic community to create safer environments and become part of the solution to prevent child abuse. Scan the QR code or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Coyle at 203-255-6134 or ccoyle@st-pius.org.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Life Teen + Edge, hosted at St. Pius X, is open to any middle and high school student from any church. We 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. Adults who would like to support our youth by helping on the CORE team, contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org or for more info, visit www.fairfieldlt.com org.

LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL

Sunday, 6:00-8PM, School Portable

May 5: On Cloud Nine-Understanding Sacraments and Grace

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

May 8: Night Watch-Guardian Angels



June

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

with Catholic Heart Workcamp



Drexel Hill, PA
June 23-28, 2024
Open to students entering 10th grade in the Fall of 2024 or higher.



August

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

with Camp Veritas



Wurtsboro, NY
August 11-17, 2024
Open to students entering 7th-9th grades in the Fall of 2024



For more information and to register, contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org

Love One Another

Jesus wants us to love each other just like God the Father loves us. Can you think of some ways to show you love the people around you?



1. What can you do to show you love your parents?
2. How can you be loving to your brothers and sisters?



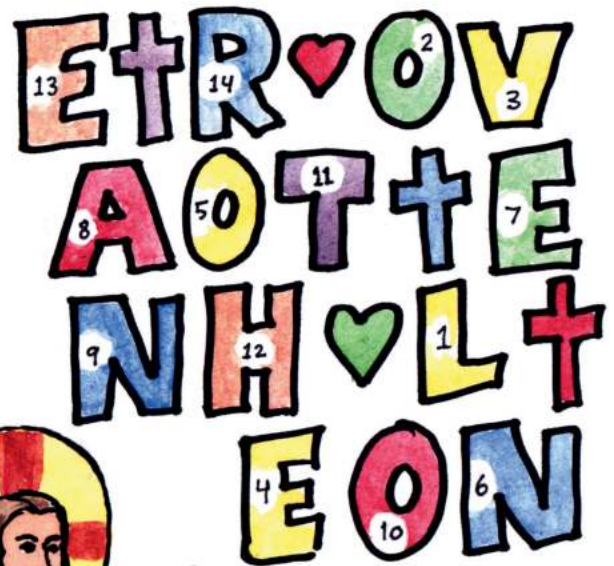
3. What can you do for your grandparents to show you love them?
4. How do you show your friends you love them?
5. What can you do to love someone that doesn't like you?

When someone is loving toward you, think of how that person is being like God the Father and try to be like them!



Answer to front page puzzle: Love one another!
Answer to Word-Find: To lay down one's life

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8 9 10 11 12 13 14

What does Jesus ask us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Put the letters in the spaces that match to find out!

LOVE ONE ANOTHER WORD FIND

Find the words in CAPITAL Letters from today's Gospel reading in the puzzle. Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks

As the FATHER has loved me, so have I loved you; REMAIN in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be COMPLETE. "This is my COMMANDMENT, that you love one another as I have loved you. GREATER love has no man than this, that a man lay DOWN his LIFE for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No LONGER do I call you SLAVES, for the slave does NOT KNOW what his MASTER is DOING; but I have CALLED you FRIENDS, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I CHOSE you and appointed you that you should go and bear FRUIT and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ASK the Father in my NAME, he may GIVE it to you. This I command you, to love one ANOTHER.

G C T S L A V E S O L
I O A N O T C L G A Y
V M N D N O H I R F M
E M O W G N O F E R A
F A T H E R S E A U S
K N H O R E E N T I T
N D E C O M P L E T E
O M R E N A M E R S R
W E L F R I E N D S I
F N D O W N D O I N G
E T C A L L E D A S K

No one has greater love than this:

for one's friends.





NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

The Fire Is **SPREADING**

Throughout the National Eucharistic Revival, local communities are gathering tinder in response to God's invitation for renewal, **calling on the Holy Spirit to bring the flame.**

As part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, **all are invited to join in our 2024 Eucharistic Procession in the Diocese of Bridgeport.** It will be a 15-day event including multiple processions, special Masses, daily and overnight adoration, Eucharistic Stations, guest homilists and special events.

STOP BY TO SEE JESUS IN FAIRFIELD, CT:

1

Monday, May 20th - 12:15pm

Outdoor Eucharistic Station
Assumption Church

2

Monday, May 20th - 1:00pm

Holy Hour, Adoration, & Campus Procession
Saint Thomas Aquinas Church

Scan for
Events in
Diocese of
Bridgeport

