



St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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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 Deacon Don Ross at dnross@diobpt.org

Devotions

Adoration in the Chapel from Monday 9AM until Friday 9PM.
Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy 9AM, Fridays 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, August 5

8:30AM +Anne & Nicholas Fabian
 5:15PM +Constance Moore Solomito Family

Sunday, August 6

7:30AM +Anthony DeMattia
 9AM All Parishioners
 11AM +Al, Kay & Jim Skultety J. Skultety

Monday, August 7

8:30AM +John Martin O’Gorman L. & M. Foley

Tuesday, August 8

8:30AM +Jerry Padula F. Girard

Wednesday, August 9

8:30AM +Kevin Fitzpatrick M. Sperry

Thursday, August 10

8:30AM +Diane Mongenel M. Sperry

Friday, August 11

8:30AM +The Radoslovich Family C. Beacock

Saturday, August 12

8:30AM +Peggy O’Connor Frank & Margie Duzy
 5:15PM +Rocco Piliero Solomito Family

Sunday, August 13

7:30AM +Marie Guman B. Guman
 9AM All Parishioners
 11AM +William Barrett Sr. S. Barrett



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week for
 All Parish Priests**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in for
 Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life**

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Did you know you may request the Sanctuary Lights burn in prayerful remembrance of someone? This is a beautiful way to honor a deceased loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or put forth a special intention. Contact the Parish Office 203-255-6134 for more information.

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.

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. All are welcome to attend!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Offerings	July 23	July 30
Weekend	\$ 12,107	\$ 11,208
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,572	\$ 9,375
Monthly	N/A	\$ 310
Mission	\$ 215	\$ 240
Maintenance	\$ 275	N/A
Votives	N/A	\$ 899



ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

We are so grateful to everyone who has donated. And yet, we still have critical financial challenges.

Only 13% of our parish has given to our Annual Appeal.

Please prayerfully consider donating to our parish appeal. Any amount is appreciated!

Construction Loan	\$1.2 Million
School Building Renovations	\$ 275,000
St. Pius X Registered Families	+2,300
Donated to Date	\$ 221,792
# of Donors	314

Ways to Donate: Scan the QR code, visit www.st-pius.org/onlinegive, mail or drop a check in the offertory with “ANNUAL APPEAL” in the memo.

THANK YOU!

SWITCH TO ONLINE GIVING

Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful church and for helping us to carry out our parish mission. Your weekly donations directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius X. If you’re not currently giving online, take a moment to consider switching—it’s the easiest and safest way to donate. **Get started now:** Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The mountaintop experience in the spiritual life is one of the greatest spiritual gifts. It is also one of the greatest spiritual challenges. So many retreats and conferences make a powerful impact in a short time, and almost all of them end with a talk focused on a common theme: "What next?" The origin of the Christian mountaintop spiritual high is the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus. In a few short verses of the Gospel, we hear that Jesus has taken Peter, James, and John up on Mount Tabor, and there the apostles see him in a (literal) new light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, while the voice of God the Father is heard identifying Jesus as the beloved Son, in whom the Father is pleased, and commanding those who hear, "Listen to him." Seemingly as soon as it starts, the episode is over, closed by the Lord with the puzzling words, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." If this was the spiritual high, what next?

Before we can answer that question, it is important to see what has already taken place. First, is the invitation of Jesus to come up the mountain. While this particular moment is limited to just three of the Twelve, we know that the invitation to the most profound spiritual experiences is offered to all. So Jesus invites us up the mountain. There, witnessing the Transfiguration, seeing the glory of God manifested before them, Peter cries out a beautiful, if misguided, offer. Like Peter, we might want to stay in that place where the spiritual experience is most powerful. At the end of a retreat, we might dread going home, and wish that we could simply stay on the mountain. Peter is not unreasonable in his desire to build three tents (or "tabernacles" for a more literal translation) which reflects his growing faith and desire to be close to God. But it is also premature. Before Peter (or any of us) can really be prepared for that staying with the Lord, we need to hear what the Father says: "Listen to him."

And so as the three make their way down the mountain with Jesus, our Lord tells them not to speak of this event. There is an end date in sight – after the resurrection – when they will be able to tell people about the Transfiguration. In the meantime, they go down the mountain with the voice of the Father still ringing in their ears. Before they will be ready to evangelize, to call people to conversion, or to explain anything about the Gospel, they must listen to Jesus, they must hear the Gospel in its entirety. What seems like a command to silence is actually another invitation into deeper communion with the Lord.

What next? If we have been invited up the mountain to meet the Lord, the next step is to spend time with him in prayer, to recognize that we need not jump into action. Think of Martha and Mary hosting Jesus in their home. In her zeal, Martha is busy with many things around the house. Just as Peter was zealous to build three tents, so Martha is zealous to create that space where Jesus will want to stay. But it is Mary who has chosen the better part, as she sits at the feet of the Lord listening to his teaching (cf. Lk. 10:42). The more we give ourselves the space necessary to listen to the Lord, to truly contemplate the Gospel, the more we will find ourselves invited deeper. Peter, James, and John were invited up Mt. Tabor to see the Transfiguration, but later in the Gospel, they will be invited up the Mount of Olives. There, in a place they do not want to stay, Jesus will ask them to stay and keep watch (cf. Mt. 26:38), and to accompany him on the way of the Cross. When we take the time to listen to the Lord, to dive deep into the Gospel, we see it lead inexorably to the Cross. "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." These words, puzzling at first, make more sense when we have spent that time listening to him, for Jesus again and again in the Gospel prepared the apostles for the day of his Passion and for the day of the Resurrection. Yes, there will be a cross, but there will also be an empty tomb. Yes, there will be a time of trial, but there will also be a time of glory. The Transfiguration is both the preview of what is to come, and the roadmap we should follow. We look forward in hope to the day we will enter God's heavenly kingdom. To get there, we will need to listen to Jesus, to remember those mountaintops, to return whenever we can to that tabernacle where we find our Lord waiting, and to take the Jesus up on his offer to go up the mountain. What next? Stay here, and keep watch.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Second Reading: Pt 1:16-19

The Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Catherine Condit & Christopher Darrow
Margaret DeBona & Donald Worthley



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, August 15

Masses:

Monday Vigil - 5:30PM
Tuesday - 8:30AM, 5:30PM,
7PM (Extraordinary Form)

“Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*). The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death (Byzantine Liturgy, Troparion, Feast of the Dormition). CCC 966



OUR ADORATION CHAPEL IS NOW OPEN!

Adoration is available from **Monday, 9AM until Friday, 9PM**. A short break will take place on Mondays at 7PM for the Traditional Latin Mass. Adoration will resume immediately after the Latin Mass concludes.

We are extremely grateful to those who have committed to an hour of adoration. **We still have a few hours open on the schedule: 5pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 11AM on Thursdays.** Consider signing up for a weekly hour or becoming a substitute. Visit www.st-pius.org/adore365/

**RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**



REGISTRATION

Registration for Elementary Faith Formation is open! The Elementary Faith Formation program is open to all children in grades 1-6 and includes preparation to receive First Holy Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 6).

For more information and to register your children, please visit us at www.st-pius.org/faith-formation-registration or scan the QR code!

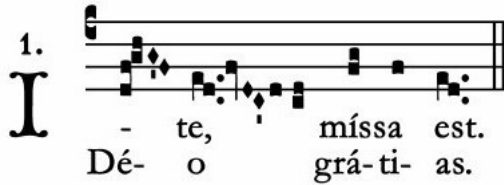
Catechists are needed for the spring confirmation class, grades 2-4 on Monday, grade 5 on Tuesday and grades 2-5 on Wednesday. Contact Shari Mellinger at sgarcia@st-pius.org for more information.



2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/28/2023

St. Pius X Goal:	\$234,600
Total Pledged:	\$216,807 (92%)
Donors to Date:	229 Donors

Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal today. To make a gift, or for more information, please visit 2023BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



ST. PIUS X PARISH SCHOLA

We are now in the process of looking for singers, high school and older, to join our newly formed Choral Schola. Beginning in the fall, the Choral Schola will lead the liturgical music at the 11:00AM Sunday Mass as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. The Schola will be made up of volunteers and professionals who are committed to assist the congregation in singing the Mass and offering special music to help elevate the liturgy.

When singing during the celebration of the Mass, we are reminded of the saying "one who sings prays twice." The Schola's purpose is to enhance the liturgy in a manner that promotes participation by all with joy and reverence.

We hope that you will consider using your voice for this important ministry as we are growing as a parish community. Some prior music experience would be helpful but is not necessary. Training will be provided. Rehearsals will be scheduled at everyone's convenience, but some commitment will be expected.

Please feel free to contact Michael Lantowski via e-mail at mikestro@gmail.com, call 203-255-6134, ext. 119 or come see me after any Mass to inquire.



ST. PIUS X YOUTH CHOIR SEPTEMBER 2023!

St. Pius X will be reestablishing our parish Youth Choir for those in grades 2-7, beginning in September under the direction of Cidalia Kettles and accompanied by Michael Lantowski, our Director of Music. The choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month, beginning in September and ending in May. Rehearsals will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-5:30PM. If you are interested in joining but this time does not work, please reach out.

Cidalia Kettles is our head cantor and a CT certified music educator working in the Fairfield Public School District. She is also well known in the area as a versatile soloist singing in many different churches, venues, concert halls and backing up world class singer Josh Groban on several occasions. We are very blessed to have her as a part of our music ministry team and look forward to getting our youth involved in further participation at Mass. You may reach out to Mrs. Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com or our Director of Music, Michael Lantowski at mikestro@gmail.com. Feel free to reach out to us at the office as well, 203-255-6134 ext. 119.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE STUDENT

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 from any church. The mission of Fairfield Life Teen and 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!

Summer Life Nights (Sundays, 7-8:30pm)

Aug. 13: CRUD Wars-Messy Games
Aug. 20: Adoration and Bonfire Night

Summer Edge Nights (Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm)

Aug. 16: CRUD Wars-Messy Games
Aug. 23: Adoration and Bonfire 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.fairfieldt.com or contact Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org.



MEN'S WEEKLY GATHERING

Saturday Mornings, 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!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

August 7, 12 Noon: Join us as we welcome **Rev. Thomas Fitzpatrick, S.J. from Fairfield University**. Fr. Tom is a poet and an author, and he will be reading a selection of his poetry. All of Fr. Tom's poems are written in simple language and are easy to relate to and understand. After the reading, he will lead us in discussion and have a Q & A. Fr. Tom lived and worked for 20 years in the Middle East and is well-known on Fairfield's campus for his transformative work in leading people through the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. His personal writing, which looks back on a lifetime of lived spirituality on five continents across the world, is equally transformative. A big THANK YOU to Eleanor Burke for introducing Fr. Tom to our group and arranging for him to speak. **Lunch is \$7** for sandwiches, chips, soda, water, coffee, tea, and dessert. **RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081**. Also let Pete know if you can bake a treat. Spread the word and invite your friends to join us!

Young at Heart Seniors Day Trip, November 8: 4 Tickets Left for ELVIS! If you haven't reserved yet, we have 4 spots left for you to join us for a fun-filled day trip to Aqua Turf where we will enjoy a little less conversation and a little more rock n' roll as John Monforto performs all your Elvis favorites. Lunch menu includes roast beef and pan seared salmon. Ticket price is \$103 and includes bus transport, lunch, free beer or wine, and raffle. Get in touch with **Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081**. And if you are already attending, invite a friend!

★ GAME DAY ★

Young at Heart Seniors Game Day

Expands to TWO DAYS Every Week! We are happy to announce that we now have TWO Game Day groups in full swing! If you're interested in learning more and joining us, grab a friend and meet us in the **Community Room 10AM-12Noon** on **Tuesdays** for Mahjongg or a game of your choice and/or on **Wednesdays** for Canasta or a game of your choice.

Don't be shy, stop over and check out the games OR just come and meet new friends for fellowship and conversation. See you in the Community Room! Questions? Contact **Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945**.



WORN FLAG COLLECTION

Until August 31, the Knights of Columbus are collecting worn or damaged flags for an American Flag Retirement Ceremony. Bring your flags to the collection bin in the chapel vestibule.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, September 6, from 5PM to 7PM in the Community Room. We welcome you to come to Tastebuds monthly gathering and grow together in community and connect our faith to our food!

Along with cooking demonstrations, we 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.

Our dinners are being paired with some lovely beverage selections from Kindred Spirits in Fairfield. If you would like to attend, please email, catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com. The cost to cover your materials and meal will be \$10.00.



OPERATION
HOPE



COOKING FOR OPERATION HOPE

If you love cooking and sharing your gift with others, please consider joining our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team. This group prepares and delivers a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients.

You can choose between preparing part of the meal in your own kitchen or with others at in the St. Pius X Faith Center Kitchen.

If you are interested in joining the committee, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfaneliritch@optonline.net or call the Parish Office.



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS AT ST. PIUS X

Tuesdays, 7PM-8PM. The 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. The meeting takes place in a **2nd floor classroom at the Religious Education Center (School.)** Enter via left side exterior Door #2.



Altar Server Training

*"Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty but a great honour, a true holy service. . .Therefore in the liturgy you are far more than mere "helpers of the parish priest". Above all, you are servants of Jesus Christ, the eternal High Priest. Thus you altar servers especially are called to be young friends of Jesus. Strive to deepen and foster this friendship with him. You will discover that in Jesus you have found a true friend for life."
- St. John Paul II*

MON	AUGUST 7	4PM - 5PM
WED	AUGUST 9	4PM - 5PM
FRI	AUGUST 11	4PM - 5PM

All current servers and any new servers must attend 1 of these sessions. All children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to serve!

Email frblawie@diobpt.org to sign up to attend one of the sessions.