



## St. Pius X Parish: A Roman Catholic Community

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### Parish Finance Council Chair

Jeremy Joyce

### Parish Office Hours

• 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](http://www.st-pius.org).

### Online Giving

*Safe, Secure & Paper Free!*  
To sign up, go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://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 Larry Rollins at [lksgcrollins5@gmail.com](mailto:lksgcrollins5@gmail.com)

### Devotions (Church)

• Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the First Friday of the month, 9AM-9PM  
• Rosary and a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed 9AM, Fridays by parishioners 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, March 11**

8:30AM +Robert Renehan  
 5:15PM +Gabriel & Nancy Marino J. & K. Donnelly

**Sunday, March 12**

7:30AM +Danny Sheehan Dr. & Mrs. Boldrighini  
 9AM + Michael Matarese Galbo Family  
 11AM +Edwin Schmedlin Ihlefeld Family

**Monday, March 13**

8:30AM +Robert Milkowski A. & J. Connaughton

**Tuesday, March 14**

8:30AM +Allan Shenoy D'Cunha Family

**Wednesday, March 15**

8:30AM +Terry Liuzzo M. Sodaro

**Thursday, March 16**

8:30AM +Bernard W. Neugebauer B. Hayes

**Friday, March 17**

8:30AM +Lawrence Seidel Douglas Family

**Saturday, March 18**

8:30AM +Pam Krijgsman Dr. Thimons  
 5:15PM+Anne Jordan Glennon M. Grosso

**Sunday, March 19**

7:30AM +All Parishioners  
 9AM +James DeGiacomo F. & P. Perazzini  
 11AM +Theresa Liuzzo A. Armstrong



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
 will burn this week for  
 Abigail Blatchford**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
 will burn this week in memory of  
 Vocations to the Priesthood**

**PRAYER  
 REQUESTS**

**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).

**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. Thank you to Pat for her dedication and service. All are welcome to attend!



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Offerings	February 26	March 5
Weekend	\$ 11,871	\$ 12,656
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,087	\$ 14,915
Monthly	\$ 125	\$ 950
Mission	\$ 120	\$ 285
Votive	\$ 0	\$ 546
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,172	\$ 0

**SEE PAGE 5 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR ANNUAL APPEAL**

**Sign up for Online Giving:**  
[www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)

*Please consider increasing your weekly contribution to help us keep up with the increased costs of running our beautiful campus.*

**If you're interested in making a larger donation to support critical repairs in the School, contact Kimberlie Leon at [kleon@st-pius.org](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org) to discuss**

**THANK YOU!**



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Wednesdays, 7:00PM-8:00PM, Church.** Come, spend some time with the Lord each week! Eucharistic Adoration will be held in the Church while confessions are being heard.

**ADORE 365**

**Perpetual Adoration at St. Pius X**

St. Pius X Parish is preparing to launch perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. With our Adore 365 effort, we are searching for people who are willing to commit to giving our Lord one hour each week. If you would like to participate in Perpetual Adoration or receive more information about this effort, please e-mail [saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com](mailto:saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com), including your full name and phone number. Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office is open **9AM-4PM, Monday-Thursday** and **9AM-12Noon, Friday**. The staff works remotely when not in the office so you can email them anytime. We look forward to seeing you!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, the Church celebrates the Scrutinies. These unique rites seek God's blessing and graces for those who are to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Our catechumens and candidates will participate in this rite at the 11 AM Mass these next three Sundays, and I ask you to keep them in your prayers as they draw closer to receiving the powerful graces God has in store for them in the Easter sacraments. The Gospels read at Mass for the next three weeks reflect something of the process of conversion. We will hear the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These Gospels, combined with the Scrutinies, are an invitation to all of us, Catholic, candidate, or catechumen, to revisit the ways the Lord wants to work in our hearts and lives.

The Gospel this weekend is the story of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. This passage demonstrates for us the expansive reach of the Messiah. The Messiah comes to save the chosen people, Israel. He comes to save those who have received the law of God and abide by it. But he has also come to save those who are sinners, those who do not abide by the law of the Lord. He has come to bring salvation also to those who are not numbered among the chosen people, that is, he has come to save all humanity.

The woman Jesus encounters at the well models some important characteristics. She is curious and asks Jesus her questions in a spirit of freedom. Alongside that freedom, though, we can see a certain hesitancy and an attempt to deflect attention away from herself. In her actions, we can see some shame. In her reaction to Jesus, we see the joy that comes from knowing Christ. When Jesus first speaks to her, perhaps she was filled with suspicion: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Clearly, though, there is something about our Lord's presence there that relieves any suspicion and allows her to engage in the deeper questions of faith that are held in her heart. It is not uncommon for us to experience these same feelings. We might ask what God could possibly want to do with us or deny that our Lord sees us as worthy of attention. But when we encounter him, especially in the Eucharist, we come, like the woman at the well, to understand that God wants to be with us, wants us to come to Him with questions, wants to speak to our hearts. Jesus invites the woman to share more with Him, and in the process reveals that He knows the things she would rather avoid speaking about. Notice how He speaks kindly and gently into her sin, without condemnation. So often we hold onto our past and our sin, thinking Jesus will judge us just as the villagers would have judged the Samaritan woman. This Gospel reminds us how God looks at us even when we are lost in sin, and that mercy is always available. The Samaritan woman also embodies the mission entrusted to us by Christ. After encountering the Lord, she brings the good news to her friends and neighbors. Just so, having encountered Christ, we are sent out that others might receive the invitation into relationship with God.

The Scrutinies are also referred to as a rite of continuing conversion. For our catechumens and candidates, these rites remind them of the invitation they received from Jesus, who has invited them, just as He once invited the woman at the well. The rites also point to what Jesus can do in and through them. For those of us already initiated in the sacramental life, the rites serve as a reminder of what God has done and continues to do for us through the sacraments. Like the Samaritan woman, we stand in need of mercy. Like her, we may have questions. Like her, in Christ we will find the hope of mercy. And from our ongoing encounter with the Lord, we will learn our mission, to proclaim to our friends and neighbors the good news of the Messiah present in our world.

Peace,  
Fr. Sam





## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Exodus 17:3-7

**Second Reading:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8;

**The Gospel:** John 4:5-42 or John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



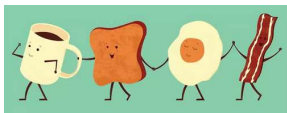
## CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome the newly baptized into our Family of Faith: Asher Lakien Spear

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Fridays, 7pm in the Church.** Pray and meditate on the Stations of the Cross, a simple, powerful devotion to mark the Passion of Christ and Jesus' sacrifice for us.



## COMMUNION BREAKFAST

**Saturday, March 18, 9AM, Community Room.** "If it wasn't for people, we could all be holy." Those words from Mother Angelica are funny, but also convicting. These words are also an *opportunity*. You're invited to enjoy breakfast while listening to the founder of the Veritas Catholic Network, Steve Lee, speak on Mercy and Forgiveness. Scan the QR code to register or visit our website special events page.

## March 12, 2023, 3rd Sunday of Lent

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." - Psalm 95



## 2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL

"As we work toward the renewal of the diocese, our task is nothing less than to invite people into the mystical Body of Christ by creating welcoming, vital and loving communities of faith. The Bishop's Appeal is an important vehicle to make that possible, by advancing our mission of engagement and accompaniment." – Bishop Frank Caggiano

To give towards this year's appeal, or for more information, please visit [2023BishopsAppeal.org](http://2023BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan the QR code with your phone.



Food insecurity continues to be the number one issue impacting many individuals and families in our community struggling to make ends meet due to the rising costs of food, gas and housing. Thanks to YOUR generosity, Catholic Charities has been a leader in providing food to the most vulnerable members of our community. This Lenten Season, give to the Loaves and Fishes Campaign and help feed the hungry in our midst. Donations can be made online at the agency website at [www.ccfairfield.org](http://www.ccfairfield.org). Checks made out to Catholic Charities may be mailed to: Catholic Charities ATT: Finance Dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06606



## TURKEY & SYRIA

### SHOE COLLECTION FOR TURKEY & SYRIA

On February 6th, a devastating 7.8 magnitude hit the countries of Turkey and Syria, leaving 45,000 dead and over 500,000 homeless. The Natural Disaster Relief Club at Hopkins is partnering with Funds2Orgs to host a shoe drive to help the victims of this horrible event. Please place gently worn or new pairs of shoes in the collection box through April 13th. The box will be in the church vestibule. Thank you for your help. – Nicolas Ciminiello, parishioner & student at Hopkins



## SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, March 19, Community Room.** Join us for coffee hour after the Sunday 9:00 am Mass for food and fellowship. This week, kids will have the chance to make Easter cards for our homebound parishioners. This is a great way to get to know each other better and support an important parish ministry. If you would like to help with coffee hour, please scan the QR code above or email Genevieve Ritch at [Gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:Gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



## CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Connecticut March for Life is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Hartford.** Our Knights of Columbus are coordinating a bus to and from St. Pius X Parish. Transportation costs are \$35 and discounts are available for those who may need assistance. Reservations may be made at [rally.co/ct-march-for-life](http://rally.co/ct-march-for-life). Contact Tom McShane at [tommcshane@optonline.net](mailto:tommcshane@optonline.net) with any questions.



## YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

**March Luncheon Recap:** Over 95 folks joined us for this year's St. Patrick's Day celebration—and we welcomed people from Assumption, St. Thomas, and other nearby parishes! We enjoyed authentic Irish music from a fantastic 12-piece Irish band, the Shamroques, with revelers singing along, dancing, and having a grand ol' time. All of the merriment was accompanied by delicious corned beef and cabbage sandwiches, deli sandwiches, and Irish Soda Bread from Sorrento's Importing. Thank you to Sorrento's for donating a generous gift card to our raffle and to everyone who baked sweet treats, set up, and cleaned up. A good time was had by all!! Pictures on page 6.

Stay tuned for details on our April lunch!



## YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS GAME DAY

Join us at **Young at Heart Seniors Game Day** to enjoy a variety of games such as Mah Jongg, cards, and Canasta! If anyone knows Canasta and can help us learn it, we'd love to have you join us. If these games are not your thing, bring your own OR just come and meet new friends and have fellowship and conversation. See you in the Community Room **10AM-12Noon, on Tuesdays.** Questions? Contact **Margaret** at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or **908-399-2945.** Stop by and check it out!



## ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL NEEDS YOU

**Donated to Date: \$188,832**  
**# of Donors: 285 out of 2,300+**

**This Year's Needs:**  
**\$275,000 for School building renovations**  
**\$1.2 Million to pay off construction loan**

We still have some very important financial challenges. If you have not yet contributed to the St. Pius X Annual Appeal, we ask you to prayerfully consider it. Your gift, no matter the size, will make a difference.

- Our 60-year-old school building is used daily and requires significant repairs/updates: approx. **\$275,000.**
- We have a **\$1.2 million** outstanding bank loan from the renovation of the church that must be paid off.

**We humbly ask ALL families to donate in some way.**

### TWO WAYS TO DONATE:

- **Online** at [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive)
- **Mail or Drop in Offertory** a check and put ANNUAL APPEAL in the memo **THANK YOU!**



## FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Fairfield Life Teen and Edge invite high school and middle school students into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Life Teen and Edge are hosted at St. Pius X and open to anyone from any church.

### High School Life Nights, Sunday, 6-8pm, Portable

- March 12: Heavy Heart-Redemptive Power
- March 19: Helping Hand-Supporting Others
- March 26: Saint Staff-Suffering with the Saints

### Middle School Edge, Wed, 6:30-8pm, School Gym

- March 15: Social Night
- March 22: Quantum Leap-Why Do I Have to Stand and Kneel So Much?
- March 29: Into The Ages-How Does the Mass Change the World?

## 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.

For more info, visit [www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com) or contact Emily Rauser at [erauser@st-pius.org](mailto:erauser@st-pius.org).





**Mardi Gras  
Pancake Dinner 2023**

*Thanks to you,  
our Youth Groups  
raised over \$1,000  
for their mission  
trips!*

*Merci Beaucoup!!*



**St. Pat's & St. Joe's**



**Thank you to all of our sponsors, chairs  
and volunteers for supporting our  
Mardi Gras & St. Pat's / St. Joe's Parties**

- Louise & Joe Bentivegna
- Rose & Sean Close
- Jim Feeney
- Patty & Kevin Keenan
- Kristen & Dave Lynch
- Sheila Sargent
- Noreen & Tim Zaino
- Saugatuck Sweets
- The Tennis Spot
- The Castle
- Pedal Cruise CT
- Park City Music Hall
- Bigelow Tea Co.
- A&S Deli
- Jolly Beggars
- Jenn & Terry Brady
- Mary Ann Doonan
- Jen Hinkle
- Meghan Lenihan
- Anna Roland
- Lisa & Matt Sauer
- The Pantry
- Super Duper Weenie
- Milk Craft
- Garden Catering
- Isabelle Et Vincent
- Crumb Cookies
- Hands on Pottery
- Sorrento's Importing
- Shamroques
- Lenihan School of Irish Dance
- Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
- Hartford Healthcare Amphitheatre
- Stepping Stones Museum for Children
- Discovery Science Center & Planetarium



# CT BISHOPS' CALL TO ACTION:

CONNECTICUT  
CATHOLIC  
*Public Affairs*  
CONFERENCE  
[ctcatholic.org](http://ctcatholic.org)

## CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS

### CT General Assembly: Assisted Suicide Senate Bill 1076

- Insurance companies will benefit from the cost savings—it is much cheaper to offer lethal drugs to patients in lieu of quality, long-term care or expensive life-saving treatment.
- This is not the practice of medicine, and our good doctors should not have to consider this option for their patients. If it were, the standard of care would not be changed for only this procedure.
- Patients should not be left alone at home or elsewhere to ingest untested, lethal drugs without a doctor, nurse, or witness present.
- Instead, policymakers should improve hospice care, palliative care, disability support services, and mental health care.
- The tragic consequences have come true in Canada—in 2021, over 10,000 Canadians died due to lethal prescriptions.
- International news reported the pressures faced by Canadians that took their own lives this way—fear of homelessness and lack of care.
- Suicide contagion is real. 1 in 3 U.S. teenage girls has contemplated suicide. States with assisted suicide laws are associated, on average, with a 6 percent increase in a state's total suicide rate.
- The Alzheimer's Association "deeply regrets" and is ending its relationship with Compassion & Choices.

Your voices and testimony are needed now to stop these bills from becoming law.

Please Call or Email your State Legislators—  
**ASK THEM TO STOP  
ASSISTED SUICIDE.**

For more information and to find your legislators, please go to:  
[ctcatholicpac.org](http://ctcatholicpac.org)

CALL:

House Democrats: (860) 240-8500  
Senate Democrats: (860) 240-8600

House Republicans: (860) 240-8700  
Senate Republicans: (860) 240-8800