



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

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• Kathryn Vogt  
• Arthur Wolf

### 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, February 25**

8:30AM +Graciela Maria Rodriguez Kathleen Flynn  
 5:15PM +James DeGiacomo McGuinness Family

**Sunday, February 26**

7:30AM +Carol Vivoni Sell Family  
 9AM + Frank Agonito, Sr. G.&J. Niland  
 11AM +Nicholas Huydic Huydic Family

**Monday, February 27**

8:30AM +Eleanor F. Hill Reale Family

**Tuesday, February 28**

8:30AM +Dr. John Coyle Coyle Family

**Wednesday, March 1**

8:30AM +Dennis Poster Foley Family

**Thursday, March 2**

8:30AM +Gail & Jay Higgins Foley Family

**Friday, March 3**

8:30AM +Timothy F. Pagnam Foley Family

**Saturday, March 4**

8:30AM +Hernando Rodriguez F. & J. Minziata  
 5:15PM +Intentions for all Parishioners

**Sunday, March 5**

7:30AM +Cristina Manocchio M. Guligni  
 9AM + Cristina Manocchio M. Guligni  
 11AM +Caitlin Ann Flynn McAuliffe Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
 will burn this week for  
 Eileen Donnelly**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
 will burn this week in memory of  
 Bishop David O'Connell**

**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!



Time Talent Treasure

**STEWARDSHIP INSPIRATION**

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

- February 12, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$12,570
  - 2022 Weekend Offering: \$11,443
  - Monthly Offering: \$3,256
  - Votive Offering: \$598
  - Maintenance Offering: \$150
  - Mission Offering: \$95
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- February 19, 2023 Weekend Offertory \$11,363
  - 2022 Weekend Offering: \$11,624
  - Monthly Offering: \$274
  - Maintenance Offering: \$125
  - Mission Offering: \$120

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR AN UPDATE ON OUR ANNUAL APPEAL.**

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



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. This is a beautiful way to pause, be still, and connect with Him.

- **First Friday, March 3, 9AM-9PM, Chapel.** Volunteer to sit in the chapel and “keep watch” in one-hour increments by signing-up via the Flocknote email link or visiting [spxffld.flocknote.com/signup/114492](http://spxffld.flocknote.com/signup/114492).
- **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.



**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,

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel," we were told on Ash Wednesday. This is a call to conversion, but not to a one-time conversion. Rather, this is the constant, ongoing conversion that leads us to life in Christ. To repent of sin is straightforward enough: say you're sorry and stop doing the bad thing. But we know from experience that saying sorry is much easier than not doing the bad thing again. Stopping the sin can feel unsettling. Think of a teenager learning to drive. At first, their foot is heavy on the brake, making every stop a jarring and uncomfortable experience. When we try to stop sinning, especially with sins that are habitual, the stop can rock us. Over time, the young driver learns to stop smoothly. So we also learn to repent of sin more quickly and easily, and the stop becomes less disruptive.

During Lent, the Church encourages the three great spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. In addition, the sacrament of Confession ought to play a significant role, at least once, in our observance of the Lenten discipline. You will find guides to Confession, with examinations of conscience at the doors of the church. There are also some excellent Catholic guides for confession available online, and in app form. The times for confessions here at St. Pius and at the parishes of Fairfield and Westport have been shared in the bulletin and on our website. You are invited and encouraged to celebrate this great sacrament!

People often approach confession with some fear and trepidation, which is understandable considering the content of the experience: talking about the things I regret doing most. Will the priest recognize me? Maybe, but if he does, he's thrilled that you desire God's mercy. Will the priest think less of me when he hears what I've done? Chances are you've done nothing he hasn't heard many times before, and anyway, he's thrilled that you desire God's mercy. Will the priest ask questions about what I've done? Only as a means to help you confess all the sins you carry on your conscience (and some priests are better at asking clarifying questions or offering guidance than others), but no matter what, he's thrilled that you desire God's mercy. Will I shock the priest like in the movies? No, he's already heard whatever sin you think is most shocking, and besides, he's thrilled that you desire God's mercy.

From the priest's vantage point, these are a few tips that might help your confession be an easier experience.

- Confess *your* sins. You don't need to talk about everything your husband/wife/in-law/neighbor/co-worker/friend/enemy has done that bothers you. Confession isn't about them. It's about what *you* want to have forgiven. It's ok to talk about yourself.
- Confess *sins*. For example, "I lied to my boss," or "I used foul language in front of my kids." Avoid broad general statements like, "I could be nicer to people," or "I would like to be more patient." Those aren't sins, even if they are excellent moral resolutions. In the sacrament of confession, we ask God to forgive the things we have actually done, or the things we have actually failed to do. So we might modify those to say "I was uncharitable and unkind to people x-times," or "I failed to be patient x-times."
- Don't bury the sin. Name it, to the best of your ability, with the proper name.
- Numbers help. How long since your last confession? What sins have you committed? How many times?
- Most importantly, confession on a regular basis is the best practice. The more confession becomes a regular part of your spiritual practice, the easier it is to do. With practice, comes growth in virtue, and with growth in virtue, comes fewer sins to confess, and a deeper appreciation of our need for God's mercy.

Peace,  
Fr. Sam



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
**Second Reading:** Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12  
**The Gospel:** Matthew 4:1-11

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Grace Ann Fogarty



### BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW! ST. PAT'S-ST. JOE'S PARTY

**Saturday, March 4, 6:30PM, Community Room.** Join us for this year's St. Patrick-St. Joseph Party. Dinner, dessert, soft drinks, water, and ice. BYOB. Music by the Jolly Beggars and Dancers from the Lenihan School of Irish Dance. Plus, a 50-50 Raffle. Tickets are \$35. RSVP flyers are at all church exits and on our website under special events.

**February 26, 2023**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**

“One does not live on bread alone,  
 but on every word that comes forth from the  
 mouth of God.” Mt 4:4b



### JOIN US FRIDAYS FOR STATIONS

Join us to pray and meditate on the Stations of the Cross, a simple, powerful devotion to mark the Passion of Christ and Jesus' sacrifice for us. Stations will be prayed, **7PM, Fridays in the Church** during Lent.



### HISTORY OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Since Lent is a penitential season of preparation for Easter, the Stations of the Cross, which follow the path of Christ from Pontius Pilate's praetorium to Christ's tomb are a popular devotion in parishes. In the 16th century, this pathway was officially entitled the "Via Dolorosa" (Sorrowful Way) or simply Way of the Cross or Stations of the Cross. Tradition holds that our Blessed Mother visited daily the scenes of our Lord's passion. There are 14 stations: Pilate condemns Christ to death; Jesus carries the cross; the first fall; Jesus meets His Blessed Mother; Simon of Cyrene helps to carry the cross; Veronica wipes the face of Jesus; the second fall; Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem; the third fall; Jesus is stripped of His garments; Jesus is nailed to the cross; Jesus dies on the cross; Jesus is taken down from the cross; and Jesus is laid in the tomb. (www.ewtn.com)



### 2023 BISHOP'S APPEAL

All of the good works we perform are accomplished in the name of Christ and are expressions of our oneness in Him. 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.

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.





### INTO THE BREACH

**Wednesday, March 8, 7:30pm, Community Room**

All Christians are called to be witnesses of their faith to others. To share the faith a man must know the faith. Join us for a video presentation, as we hear from Ryan Young, Camp Veritas founder, Matt Birk, former NFL player and Dr. Scott Hahn and are inspired to step into the breach and evangelize those around us. Open to all men. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Rosary will be said at 7:15pm prior to the video.



### TASTEBUDS

Join us for Tastebuds monthly gathering as we explore seasonal and celebratory cooking that will allow us to grow together in community and connect our faith to our food! Cooking demonstrations 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. The next gatherings will take place **5PM-7PM, March 1 and April 12, in the Community Room**. To attend, email Catherine MacDonald at [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com). Cost to cover your materials and meal is \$10. Kindred Spirits has generously contributed the wine pairing sample.

**seek**<sup>23</sup>  
March 10-12, 2023 **focus**  
**you are called.**

AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH



### 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. Visit our website to register.



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS LUNCHEONS

*12Noon in the Community Room*

• **March 6:** There's still time to join us for a St. Patrick's Day celebration! Wear your best green and get ready to enjoy live music from the Shamroques. The Shamroques will be entertaining us with traditional Irish music played on an accordion, fiddle, tin whistle, mandolin, and more! You won't want to miss this one. Calling on all bakers to bring some sweet treats to the party. Lunch is \$7 and we are asking for an additional \$3 to help defray the cost of the band. **RSVP to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081 and let Pete know if you are interested in a corned beef sandwich!**

### ★ **GAME DAY** ★

### 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!



### THE EASIEST AND SAFEST WAY TO GIVE TO ST. PIUS X

Your weekly offertory donations directly support the operating expenses of St. Pius. Thank you for being an integral part of sustaining our beautiful Church and for helping us to carry out our parish mission. If you're not currently giving online, take a moment to consider setting up your account online—it's simple and the easiest and safest way to give. Many parishioners have already discovered the benefits and ease of giving online:

**Get started now:** Go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive).

Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



## 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 at any church.

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

- Feb 26: Sacramentally Delicious-The Presence of God in John's Gospel
- Mar. 5: Brain Fog-Why Suffering Exists

### **Middle School Edge Nights, Wednesday, 6:30-8pm**

- Mar 1: The Gateway-Why Do I Need to Go to Mass?
- Mar. 8: Remembrance-Why Can't I Just Go to My Friend's Christian Church?

## 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).



## 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 [tommshane@optonline.net](mailto:tommshane@optonline.net) with any questions.



## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2023 CAMPAIGN

**Feb. 22 – April 2, 2023** - Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide campaign for an end to abortion! Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired millions of volunteers and saved thousands of lives! Please join us at one of these three locations, Bridgeport, Danbury or Stamford. To find out more information on any of these locations or to sign up for vigil hours visit [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com).



## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates in the NYC area: **March 11**, and **May 20**. For more dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, call the Sisters of Life at 860-575-0075 or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).



## ST. PIUS X MASS LIVESTREAM INFO

- Mass Livestream: 8:30AM, Daily Mass and 11AM, Sunday Mass (posted on our Facebook and YouTube.)
- Follow us on Facebook/Instagram @st.piusx\_church
- Like us and subscribe to St. Pius X on YouTube

# Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

St. Pius X Parish: October -December 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)

The Diocese of Bridgeport  
St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield  
COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

|                               | 2ND QTR<br>12/31/2022 | 2ND QTR<br>12/31/2021 | YTD<br>12/31/2022 | YTD<br>12/31/2021 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Annual Offertory              | \$149,096             | \$122,391             | \$148,641         | \$122,734         |
| All other                     | \$332,838             | \$374,870             | \$689,553         | \$633,794         |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>          | <b>\$481,934</b>      | <b>\$497,262</b>      | <b>\$838,194</b>  | <b>\$756,528</b>  |
| <b>Expenses</b>               |                       |                       |                   |                   |
| Administrative & General      | \$144,714             | \$160,822             | \$285,768         | \$298,546         |
| Contributions & Assessments   | \$36,159              | \$35,889              | \$72,827          | \$70,139          |
| Professional Fees & Insurance | \$18,571              | \$15,678              | \$34,145          | \$33,648          |
| Other Services                | \$71,750              | \$59,656              | \$162,606         | \$117,038         |
| Utilities                     | \$31,070              | \$28,726              | \$57,122          | \$61,782          |
| Fundraising Expense           | \$0                   | \$0                   | \$0               | \$0               |
| Interest                      | \$11,937              | \$14,956              | \$24,610          | \$30,737          |
| Program Expenses              | \$10,748              | \$11,782              | \$18,624          | \$15,573          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>\$324,949</b>      | <b>\$327,509</b>      | <b>\$655,702</b>  | <b>\$627,463</b>  |
| <b>Net Parish Operations</b>  | <b>\$156,985</b>      | <b>\$169,753</b>      | <b>\$182,492</b>  | <b>\$129,065</b>  |
| <b>Capital Expenditures</b>   | <b>\$22,413</b>       | <b>\$0</b>            | <b>*\$46,522</b>  | <b>**\$74,735</b> |

\* School Windows, Basketball Hoops, Rectory AC

\*\* School Desks, Parking Lot Resealing, Carillon Bells, AC Unit

## Highlights of maintenance and activities on our 13-acre campus included:

- Renewed lease with Triple Double Basketball for Winter Season and installed athletic padding on Gym walls that was generously donated by Triple Double Basketball—thank you Tom Keyes!
- New windows installed for 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of Religious Education building
- Wall mounted basketball hoops installed in the Gym to continue to upgrade the space for all
- Prepared documents to submit for Earned Retention Credit
- Campus-wide inspection of all Emergency Lights and Fire Extinguishers
- Aqualawn performed irrigation system inspection and shut down for Winter
- Tree work on campus to remove hazardous limbs
- New blinds installed in the Rectory second floor rooms and painting done in the entry way
- Ministries: Young at Heart Senior Luncheons and Game Days continue to grow in numbers, Coffee Hours resumed on Sundays, Knights of Columbus and Men's Fellowship continue to meet and host parish events, Prayer Shawl resurrected with a new group of volunteers!
- Religious Education: preparing 90 children for First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion, and 85 for Confirmation
- Youth Ministry: engaging 90 kids at Edge and 20 at LifeTeen with our faith each week