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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 16, 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 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 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 with staff available by email until 12PM

Parish Phone	203-255-6134
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Parish Corporation

Kathryn Vogt	Lay Member
Arthur Wolf	Lay Member
Jeremy Joyce, Chair	Parish Finance Council

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Pastor's Note

Today's Readings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

1st Reading:
Ez 17:22-24

Res. Psalm:
92:2-3,
13-14, 15-16

2nd Reading:
2 Cor 5:6-10

Gospel:
Mk 4:26-34

God is mysterious. He is infinitely greater than we are, his finite creatures. In many ways, throughout our lives the actions or inactions of God are quite mysterious to us. Ants are closer to developing interstellar space travel than we are to fully understanding God. With that being said, how do we approach these great mysteries?

Throughout the Gospels, Christ speaks in parables that sometimes seem as if He is speaking in riddles. Parables are a gift to the Apostles, for how else could Jesus explain the mysteries of God and salvation. Christ unveiled the mysteries of his kingdom through the use of parables. It was of vital importance that the Apostles understood the meaning of them, since they would be the first recipients of the Deposit of Faith. With the images of seeds, Christ taught that the expansion of the kingdom would come from within and overflow in the lives of his followers. The mustard seed is a beautiful analogy, as it is one of the smallest of seeds that grows to mighty proportions. This fitting image of the smallest action of God on our lives, the smallest beginning of conversion in our soul leads to immense holiness that, as we see in the lives of the saints, have an effect on the entire world. In theology, in fact mainly in homiletics, we often

employ the use of analogies. Yet, when trying to compare something earthly and finite with the eternal greatness of God, they fall quite short. These “limping analogies” are useful for us not because they are precise equivocations, but because they illumine our minds by allowing more light of the truth to be seen. Sometimes the analogies are helpful, but really quite incorrect. A very famous example is St. Patrick preaching to pagan Ireland about our Triune God. He turned their attention to the 3-leaf clover. It is before us as an image of something being one while also being three... well, kind of. That image is partially helpful, but in reality, an image like that commits the heresy of modalism. For God is not only one person who reveals himself in 3 different modes, like the clover is one plant with three leaves. God is three distinct persons within the one supreme Godhead. In the end, analogies fall short, but they are helpful. We just need to utilize the ones that are only partially wrong and not entirely wrong.

For, yes, as Jesus said, the Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, but it is something still much greater than that.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 15

8:30AM+Kevin Leary.....E. & L. Halliday
5:15PM.....All Parishioners

Sunday, June 16

7:30AM.....+John & Helen Guman.....B. Guman
9AM.....+Mary Ellen & Thoms McAuliffe.....McAuliffe Family
11AM +Anthony J., Anthony M. Cialone & Joseph Violone...Violone Family

Monday, June 17

8:30AM.....+Vincent Ventura.....C. Dresseen
7PM +All Deceased Members of the Aguilar Vizcarra & Figueroa Families

Tuesday, June 18

8:30AM.....+Jose Gomes.....F. Gomes & Family

Wednesday, June 19

8:30AM.....+Peggy O'Connor.....F. & M. Duzy

Thursday, June 20

8:30AM.....+Margaret Infurna.....G. Rodriguez

Friday, June 21

8:30AM.....+Esperanza Rodriguez-Walling.....Deahl Family

Saturday, June 22

8:30AM+Meghan Raveis.....K. & L. Narowld
5:15PM.....+James & Kathryn Lesko.....A. Kiraly

Sunday, June 23

7:30AM+Mr. Clifford Smtih
9AM.....+Rosemarie Burke.....Lynch Family
11AM.....All Parishioners



Sanctuary Lights will burn in the church in memory of Meghan Raveis in the chapel for all fathers, living and deceased

STEWARDSHIP

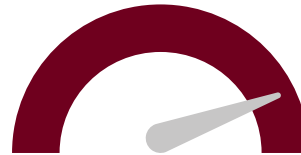
Weekly Offertory

Due to publishing deadlines, our weekly offertories for June 2, 9 and June 16 will be printed in the June 23 bulletin.



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 the SPX 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.



\$ 215,958 Donated
\$ 250,000 Goal



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. Visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home to donate.



\$ 164,996 SPX Donated
\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S APPEAL

WED

19

JUNE

SPX Sandwich Making, 7PM, Community Room and Kitchen

SUN

23

JUNE

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room



A PRAYER FOR ALL MEN

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and father figures as they care for their loved ones. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness, and patience, give them the ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they must do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER



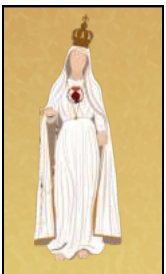
ADORATION

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: 4AM, Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM and 5AM, Friday: 1AM
- 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.



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



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.

EVENTS



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! All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X building loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.



MINISTRIES

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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

June 23 & 30, 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!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, July 1, 12PM, Community Room

God Bless America! In honor of Independence Day, we are excited to we welcome Vincent Santilli, CEO and Managing Director of Homes for the Brave and Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heros of Bridgeport. Vincent will speak to us about these important facilities and their role in providing transitional housing for struggling veterans and their families. Vincent will be introduced by our very own Connie vonZwehl who is also generously hosting this month's event by providing an "All American Country Picnic" lunch. Lunch will still be \$7 which will be donated to the Homes for the Brave! RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake and be sure to wear your best red, white, and blue!



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. 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.



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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 profiburke@optonline.net and join their efforts.



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.



ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, June 19, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

We are continuing our Sandwich Making Ministry once a month at SPX and are looking for volunteers to donate the following items: 8oz water bottles, granola bars, plastic sandwich bags, disposable rubber gloves - medium and large, and 8oz Purell sanitizer pumps. In addition, if you would like to attend the sandwich making, please RSVP at stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, July 10, 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.



VIRTUS TRAINING

Volunteers are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport to have a background check and complete a training program, "Protecting God's Children." Volunteers may sign up for the free class through online registration. The class is approximately 3 hours and may be taken virtually or in person at various locations in the diocese. Upon completion of the class, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the parish office prior to beginning duties as a volunteer. Scan the QR code above or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register.

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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

June 30: Summer Bible Study

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, Church

July 10: Outdoor Movie Night (7:30-9pm)

COMMUNITY



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday, 7-8PM, Religious Education Center, 2nd Floor Classroom

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. Enter the Religious Education School via left side exterior Door #2.



ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH

Small Group Leader Workshop

Be empowered and equipped to walk with a few.

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

OR

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

6:30pm- 9pm in the Community Room

TO LEARN MORE AND APPLY, VISIT
WWW.ST-PIUS.ORG/SMALLGROUPS

Contact Paola Peña, Director of Evangelization, at ppena@st-pius.org.



Give your Dad a spiritual bouquet for Father's Day! Offer up prayers and acts of love to God for your father. Write down your offerings here:

ST. JOSEPH, PRAY US!

St. Joseph,
watch over me
and care for me
just as you cared for
the child Jesus;
and by your help,
may I come to know
your Son,
and so grow
in strength
and wisdom
and the favor of God.
Amen.





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	JULY 15	4:30 - 5:30PM
WED	JULY 17	4:30 - 5:30PM
FRI	JULY 19	4:30 - 5:30PM

All children who have received their
First Holy Communion are welcome to serve!

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