



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 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
Religious Education	203-259-4800
Parish Email	secretary@st-pius.org

Parish Corporation

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

Art Credit: Polenov, Vasily. *Raising of Jairus' Daughter*. 1871, oil on canvas. Museum of Russian Academy of Arts.



Pastor's Note

Today's

Readings

1st Reading:

Wis 1:13-15;
2:23-24

Res. Psalm:

30:2, 4, 5-6,
11, 12, 13

2nd Reading:

2 Cor 8:7, 9,
13-15

Gospel:

Mk 5:21-43

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“Talitha koum” is a beautiful phrase. It is in Mark’s account of the healing of Jairus’ daughter that we hear these words. It’s one of those unique occurrences in Scripture where the original language is preserved. For this Aramaic phrase “Talitha koum” – “Little girl, I say to you, arise!” It is Christ calling out to all of his fallen children. In this short phrase is the entire reality of sin, the fall, and then redemption.

Jairus and his wife, hearing those words Talitha koum, said by Jesus over their dying daughter, believed in their hearts that the words of Christ are healing. They believed that she would rise. Sure enough, the twelve-year old got up. It was Jairus’ deep distress over the health and fate of his little girl that he was moved by faith to plead with Jesus to come and lay his healing hands upon her. It was that deep faith to which Jesus responded. The Gospels are filled with the accounts of Jesus performing miraculous healings and exorcisms throughout his public ministry. In fact, his renown for these words was such that he was taunted on the Cross by the crowd who said, “He saved others, he cannot save himself.” To those who witnessed them, these miracles were signs of the Kingdom of God being manifested through Christ. In Jesus, God was reaching out to bring in all those fallen children, to take them out of the hands of Satan who had held them since the fall of Adam and Eve.

Christ commissioned the twelve Apostles and his many

other disciples to go out as healers. To bring the peace, mercy, and healing grace of Christ out into a fallen world. Talitha koum is a message from Jesus to all who are broken, hurt, and spiritually dying. The healing remedy that Christ established within his Church are the seven sacraments. In baptism, original sin, the first effect of Adam and Eve’s sin, is wiped clean. Confirmation signs and seals us with the Holy Spirit to go out as soldiers for Christ in a world mired in spiritual warfare. The Eucharist is the living bread come down from heaven to feed and sustain us when we receive it worthily. Marriage and Holy Orders are where men and women lay down their life for love and service in their vocation. Anointing of the sick provides a particular healing grace to those physically suffering, or near death. And ultimately, the most common and repeated act of healing takes place in the confessional.

Each and every person who comes into the confessional is spiritually ‘dead’. Through our sin, we remove ourselves from the state of grace, and need to be reconciled again with our Heavenly Father. What we receive through the words of absolution is being brought from death into the newness of life. We are brought out of sin and restored back to grace. Each and every confession could end with the priest speaking on behalf of Christ, “My little child, I say to you, arise!”

Stay close to the sacraments. Do not deprive yourself of these great fonts of grace. In them, we hear Christ speaking to us, calling us out of sin and death, and calling us to rise to new life with him.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Brendan

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 29

8:30AM.....+Jerelyn Shunk.....E. & L. Halliday
5:15PM.....+Mary & John Ryan.....Gleason Family

Sunday, June 30

7:30AM+Michael Galella.....J. & J. Goldowsky
9AM.....All Parishioners
11AM.....+Alex Skultety.....J. Skultety

Monday, July 1

8:30AM.....+Nicholas Fabian

Tuesday, July 2

8:30AM.....+Raymond Tomasko.....D. Tomasko

Wednesday, July 3

8:30AM +Mary Trent Devereaux Leatherwood.J. & M. Henry

Thursday, July 4

8:30AM.....+Judith Driscoll.....M. Rausch

Friday, July 5

8:30AM.....+Jerry Curtin.....A. & S. Wolf

Saturday, July 6

8:30AM+Jean Marie Scott.....M. Podolsky
5:15PM.....+Charlene Eisenkraft.....Halliday Family

Sunday, July 7

7:30AMAll Parishioners
9AM.....+Guido Picarazzi.....P. & B. Carolyn
11AM.....+Jose Gomes.....Limperopulos Family



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the church in memory of Lee Ellen Romano
in the chapel for Dr. Edward and Susan McPadden



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:
Charlotte Rose Cardone and Harrison Thomas Cardone

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	June 16	June 23
Weekend	\$ 12,031	\$ 12,195
Monthly	\$ 275	\$ 260
Votives	\$ 557	N/A
Father's Day	\$ 1,514	N/A



We Stand With Christ Construction Loan

\$ 750,000 Outstanding Loan
\$ 34,450 Donated
80 Number of Gifts

To give to the WSWC Construction Loan, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Construction Loan in the memo or visit www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page and choose gift.



CONSTRUCTION
LOAN



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.



\$ 179,352 SPX Donated
\$ 234,600 SPX Goal



BISHOP'S
APPEAL

SUN

30

JUNE

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

THUR/FRI

4-5

JULY

Parish Office Closed for Fourth of July Holiday

PRAYER



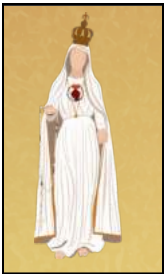
ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

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

- 1) Any hour with no adorer
 - Monday: 2PM, 11PM
 - Tuesday: 12AM, 2PM
 - Wednesday: 4AM, 3PM
 - Thursday: 12AM, 2AM, 3AM, 10AM
 - Friday: 1AM, 10AM, 12PM
- 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.



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 tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle, scan the code. You've got to be in it, to win it! All proceeds benefit the St. Pius X Construction Loan and Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 outreach efforts. Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net with questions.



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!



COFFEE HOUR

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

June 30, July 14 & 28, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

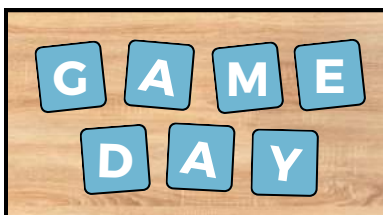
Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, July 1, 12PM, Community Room

In honor of Independence Day, we are excited to welcome Vincent Santilli, CEO and Managing Director of Homes for the Brave and Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heroes of Bridgeport. Vincent will speak to us about how these facilities help provide transitional housing for struggling veterans and their families. Vincent will be introduced by our very own Connie vonZwehl who is generously hosting this event and providing an "All American Country Picnic" lunch. Lunch will still be \$7 and 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!



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.



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.



TASTEBUDS- DATE CHANGE!

Wednesday, July 17, 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.



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ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, July 24, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Join us this July as we continue making sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. Thanks to a generous parishioner, we have most of the supplies we need but we could always use a few more granola bars and 8oz water bottles. If you're interested in donating items, setting up or making the lunches, please email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com. Thank you!



SMALL GROUP LEADER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, July 31 or August 28, 6:30-9PM, Community Room

God created us to be known and be in community. St. Pius X Small Groups provide the opportunity for us to experience both! If you are interested in leading a small group, visit www.st-pius.org/smallgroups to apply for training or contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Thursday, October 3, 2024- January 30, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Rooted and Radiant. By studying the book of Colossians, we will seek to understand the challenges they faced, recognizing that they are remarkably similar to our own challenges today.

Thursdays, February 6, 2025 - May 8, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Passionate Discipleship. Throughout this Bible study, we will study 2 Timothy and immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy. To find out more information, email Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/wwwp.



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.

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



Altar Server Training

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

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

Email frblawie@diobpt.org to sign up for a session.

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.



FAIRFIELD FIGHTS HUNGER

JULY 1-29



Operation Hope, St. Pius X, and other Fairfield organizations are teaming up to help our neighbors!

Summer is a challenging time for families with food insecurity. Pantry donations drop off and schools that provide free meals to their children are closed until September. Join us in helping our neighbors by dropping of any of the following items in labeled boxes in the church and chapel vestibules during the month of July. **THANK YOU!**

- Dried Fruit & Nuts
- Sugar, Flour, & Oil
- Juice
- Chili & Stew
- Canned Fruit
- Box Milk
- Dry Cat Food
- Lotion
- Toothpaste
- Bladder Pads & Flushable Wipes
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels



ST. VINCENT YEN,

PRAY FOR US!

FEAST DAY, JUNE 30

Saint Vinh Sơn Đổ Yên also known as St. Vincent Yen, was one of the Vietnamese martyrs.

St. Vincent Yen entered the Dominican order in 1808 and worked as a missionary. He was martyred during the anti-Christian persecutions throughout Vietnam.

He was canonized in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

VEN. PIERRE TOUSSAINT,

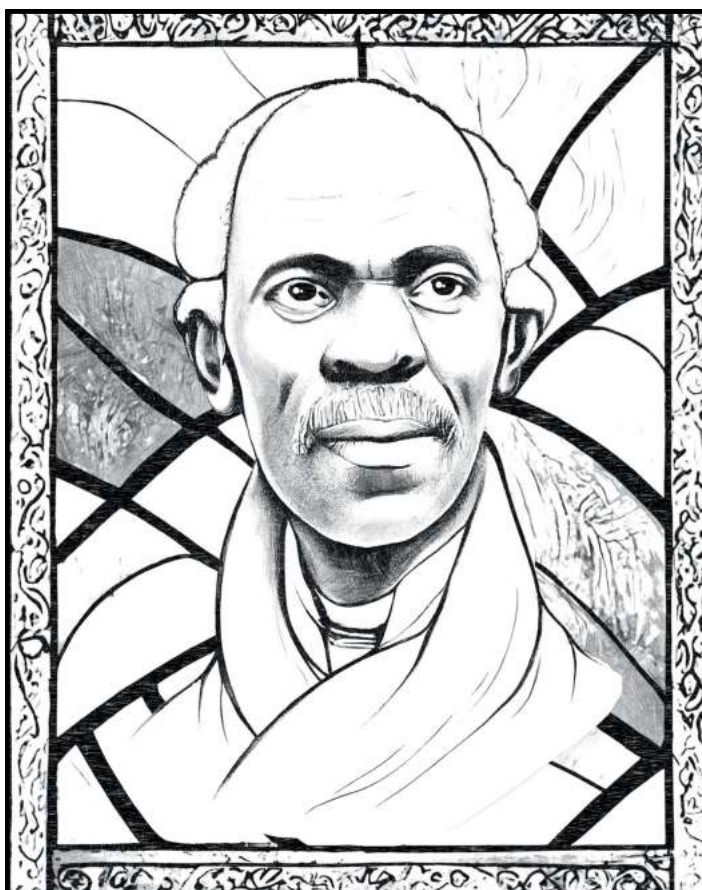
PRAY FOR US!

FEAST DAY, JUNE 30

Venerable Pierre Toussaint was born into slavery in Haiti and later lived in New York City where he was eventually freed by the family who enslaved him.

Pierre chose to devote his life to the service of others and spent much of his resources to help free others who were enslaved.

With his wife Juliette, the Toussaints cared for many people who were experiencing poverty in New York City.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 PRESENTS



ST. PIUS X 2024 Luxury Raffle



1st Prize: 2024 BMW X5 Midsize SUV

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. PIUS X CONSTRUCTION LOAN
& KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 CHARITABLE OUTREACH**

2nd Prize

\$10,000 AMEX Gift Card

3rd Prize

\$2,500 Grocery Card

4th Prize

\$2,000 Mobile Gas Card

Drawing
Sat., September 14, 2024
at 8:00 pm

*Ticket holder need not be
present to win*

TO PURCHASE TICKETS



- Scan the QR Code
- Visit tinyurl.com/spxluxuryraffle
- Mail completed form with payment to St. Pius X Church
- Email psosato@optonline.net or call 203-613-5520



SCAN ME

Name _____ # of Tickets _____ Total \$ _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Email _____

Credit Card # _____ Expires _____

MAIL CHECKS MADE OUT TO ST. PIUS X TO 834 BROOKSIDE DRIVE FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

PRIZES NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH & EXCLUDES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES. WINNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES ON PRIZES