

Parish Council Elections

This year's parish council election will be voted on in person and online. All persons over the age of sixteen, who are Catholic or attend mass at St. Pius X Church, are eligible to vote. Ballots will be available in the Narthex starting at the 5pm mass on Saturday, May 14th. **Voting will open up on May 14th and will close on Sunday, May 29th at 11:59pm.** *A link will be provided if you would like to vote online.*

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Below are the candidates that will be up for election this year.



Renée La Torre

Renée is a mother of two boys, Brendon a 23 year old and Josh who is 21 years old. Both boys have received their first communion and confirmation at St. Pius Church. She decided to volunteer at St. Pius about a year after her oldest son received his first communion. Renée has lived in lower Westchester for the past 37 year and works as a Real Estate Salesperson with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services New Properties in Scarsdale. Renée has a special place in her heart for St. Pius X Church because it was a place where her boys experienced nice memories while serving as altar servers.



Maria Bediako

Maria Bediako lives in White Plains with her husband Sitso, their three daughters Elena (15), Angela (13), and Amelia (8), her parents Marie and Frank, and their dog Clark. Her family joined the St. Pius X Parish in 2012, and since then, Maria has been honored to participate in several ministries including the Luncheon for People with Disabilities, Adopt a Family, the Thanksgiving Food Drive, and by serving as a lector. Maria works at a nonprofit called the New York Foundling as a Vice President, where she supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their goals. In her spare time, Maria is a girl scout troop leader and takes ballroom dancing classes with her husband.



Tom McEvily

Tom joined St. Pius X Church as parishioner in 2000. He and his wife Mary have participated in a number of parish ministries including Adopt a Family, the Angel Tree, St. Patrick's Nursing Home, the parish food bank and they have sponsored students in the Philippines. Together they have helped run the annual Thanksgiving Turkey drive the past few years. Tom is currently President of an insurance agency in Harrison but will be retiring over the

summer. For a number of years, he has done volunteer work for both the NY Foundling Hospital and Abbott house. Tom and Mary live in White Plains and have 4 grown children and 6 grandchildren.



Richard Vera

Richard is a native Ecuadorian and moved to Miami with his wife towards the end of 1999. They have 2 kids, a daughter who is 22 years old who just graduated in Psychology from NYU, and a son who is 17 and is a Junior at Fordham Prep. Richard moved to New York 10 years ago as he was promoted by his ex-company, Estée Lauder Companies. He finally moved into Scarsdale 6 years ago as his kids were attending catholic schools (IHM and Ursuline). He greatly cherishes a catholic education and values. He and his wife attend the 12:00 PM service every Sunday at St. Pius. He is currently working from home and is looking to serve his church and community, and would love to lend a hand as a member of the parish council.



Yvonne Saavedra Limb

Yvonne Saavedra Limb, a Pratt Institute graduate is a Registered Architect in New York State. Her achievements have been recognized by her colleagues within and outside the real estate industry. Ms. Yvonne Saavedra Limb, a successful manager of over 200 domestic and international large-scale multi-million-dollar projects completed under her leadership, is a highly respected and accomplished professional, she has managed all phases of major construction projects. She is presently a Project Executive with Gannett Fleming, a national Architecture, Engineering and Construction Management firm. While a friend and member of St. Pius X Church, she offered her expertise and was a technical advisor throughout the St. Pius X Church's renovation, participating in the design of the new Narthex. Yvonne is a native of Puerto Rico and married to John Limb, they reside in Scarsdale since 2009. As she always has said: "Part of choosing a house in this neighborhood was the possibility of walking to Church, as I did in NYC!"



Marie-Helene McAndrew

Marie-Hélène joined St Pius in 2016. She resides in Larchmont with her husband Greg and their two daughters, Grace and Pauline. Marie-Hélène and her family participate in a number of St. Pius activities including Bag to School and Adopt a Family. They are thrilled to be part of the beautiful St. Pius Community.



Frank Scinicariello

Frank and his wife Marie live in White Plains, with their daughter Maria and her family. They have all been St. Pius X parishioners since 2012. Currently retired, Frank's career was in the aerospace industry as an electrical engineer, where he worked on numerous NASA projects, including the Hubble Space Telescope. Frank and his family participate in numerous parish activities including Adopt-a-Family, Persons with Disabilities Luncheon, Angel Tree, Family Mass Hospitality, and the Religious Education Program.



Baihua Yang-DiPietro

Baihua (Laeh) Yang-DiPietro has been serving her one year appointed term on the parish council. In the last year Laeh helped coordinate the annual Trunk or Treat event, manages St Pius' Instagram page @stpiusxscardale, is a lector and one of the youth ministry coordinators. Laeh enjoys going to mass and often finds that the homily directly relates to what she's needs to hear that week. Recently, she was honored at Easter and was chosen as one of the 12 whose feet was washed. It was a very humbling and moving experience, a memory she will cherish forever. A few of her favorite events to fundraise for are the baby shower and the adopt-a-mom at Christmas for the Good Counsel Homes moms and the teen boutique! She has enjoyed this new community that she joined last year very much and wishes to continue to serve the parish and help on the council.



Claudia Murphy

Claudia Murphy has been a parishioner of St. Pius X since 2004. Born and raised in Queens NY, Claudia moved to Westchester in her twenties and has happily lived and worked here ever since. For some thirty years, her career has been in education administration where, for the majority of that time, she supervised programs that served academically and or economically fragile populations of adults and youth. For that reason, Claudia considered her work her vocation. As an active board member of the Westchester Putnam Workforce Development Board, and the Westchester County Corrections Advisory Board, Claudia strongly believes that it is her moral imperative to bring these experiences to the St. Pius X Parish Council in order to cast a broader net of services that can be provided to those who need it most.