

This year's parish council elections and proposed By-Law amendments 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 15th. Voting will open up on May 15th and will close on Sunday, May 30th at 11:59pm. **A link will be provided next week if you would like to vote online.**

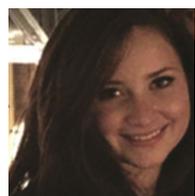
Parish Council

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



Ryan Berthod

Ryan lives in White Plains with his wife (Katherine), son (Monty), and toy poodle (Daisy.) They joined St. Pius X in March of 2017 during Holy Week and got married in the Church in October of 2017. This would be the second term for Ryan, with his first term focused on helping to create a social media presence for the Parish and organizing EMBER and the first RACE WITH GRACE virtual race. You can find them at the Noon Mass every Sunday. Ryan graduated from Fairfield University where he played on the Tennis team. Currently, he is a Regional Manager for Life Time Inc. and is the Tennis Director at Life Time Athletic Westchester in West Harrison. In his free time, Ryan enjoys spending time with family, being a news junkie, working out, and writing music.



Katherine Berthod

Katherine grew up in Colombia and currently lives in White Plains with her husband (Ryan), son (Monty), and dog (Daisy.) They joined St. Pius X in March of 2017 during Holy Week and got married in the Church in October 2017. This would be the second term for Katherine, with his first term focused on helping to create a social media presence for the Parish and organizing EMBER and the first RACE WITH GRACE virtual race. You can find them at the Noon Mass every Sunday. She is currently the Office Manager for the Westchester Children's Museum in Rye. In her free time, Katherine enjoys being a yogi (she is a certified yoga instructor), hiking, art, and chasing Monty around.



Ivan Pooran

Ivan, his wife, Maria Cristina, and children Nicolas and Michelle moved to Scarsdale several years ago. Ivan is a Finance/Risk executive with careers at Citigroup, General Electric, Banco Santander and more recently at Guardian Life of America. Through their life experiences, they have deep catholic faith and have learned to respect cultural and religious values which they have shared with the many communities where they have lived. Ivan has been actively engaged with the Parish during the last year. He is a member of the Parish Council. He also serves as greeter/usher at the Sunday 10:30 mass as well as on special occasions and is part of the re-entry planning Committee. He has also been supporting several food and Christmas efforts during the year. He is part of the Parish Nominating Committee and helped coordinate last year's "Open Wide our Hearts" event.



Michael Cosgrove

Michael Cosgrove has been a parishioner at St. Pius X since 2015. He enjoys attending Mass weekly. He often attends with his grandchildren, who volunteer as altar servers. Michael has many years of professional experience in business and finance with General Electric, Neuberger Berman and numerous Board and Trustee positions. He has a heart for service and is looking forward to sharing his gifts on the Parish Council.



Maria Dhingra

Maria Dhingra has been a member of the St. Pius X Parish community since 2016. Maria and her husband most often attend the 10:30am Mass with their two children. She has served on the parish council Nominating Committee and also enjoys volunteering with various programs including the annual Christmas Pageant, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving Food Drive and Advent Toy Drive. Maria is grateful for the community that St. Pius has provided and is looking forward to giving back and serving on the Parish Council.



James Briggs

James Briggs has been a member of the parish since 2014. He was born and raised in Westchester and has lived in White Plains for over 30 years with his wife, Marcella. They raised two children. Jim is a plumbing contractor who spent many years serving another parish as council member and president. He has also served on many committees, and is a Eucharist Minister. Jim is so pleased to be a parishioner of St. Pius X.

Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

Below are the proposed amendments to the St Pius Constitution and By-Laws.

Proposed amendments:

Article II of The Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Pius X Parish Council is hereby amended in connection with eligibility to attend and speak at Council meetings and vote for Parish Council candidates with the following replacement language: **“All persons over the age of sixteen, who are Catholic or attend mass at St. Pius X Church, are eligible to attend and speak at Parish Council meetings and may vote for Parish Council candidates. However, one must be registered as a member of the Parish to be eligible for election to the Parish Council and to hold office.”**

Article III, Section C, of The Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Pius X Parish Council is hereby amended to remove sections 4, 5 and 6, and replace section 4 with the following language: **“In the event that an elected or appointed member of the Council resigns or ceases to be a member of the Council, the President shall fill the vacancy for the balance of the unexpired term.”**

Article III, Section D, of The Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Pius X Parish Council is hereby amended to **remove sections 3 and 4** as unnecessary in connection with liaisons to organizations.

Article IV, of The Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Pius X Parish Council is hereby amended to be renamed **“Transition and Implementation”** and to remove sections 1 and 2, and replace them with the following language: **“This amended set of by-laws may be adopted through both online and in-person balloting and takes effect immediately if it receives most of the votes cast through online and in-person balloting. These amended by-laws also ratify changes and procedures adopted in response to the Covid pandemic.**

Article IV of The Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Pius X Parish Council is hereby amended to add to the first sentence in section 1 the phrase “one or more Vice President(s)” in the place of the words “Vice President”

Article VIII of The Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Pius X Parish Council is hereby amended to remove sections 1 through 5 and replace them with the following sections:

“1. There shall be a Nominating Committee appointed by the President for recruiting candidates and conducting elections.

2. Parish announcements in the month before the elections shall make clear that parishioners may nominate themselves for election by notifying the Nominating Committee of their interest in seeking election to the Council.

3. The election of the members of the Council shall be through online and in-person balloting in Early June as designated by the Parish Council. All online elections held prior to the adoption of these amended by-laws are hereby ratified and deemed fully valid for all purposes.”

Article IX of The Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Pius X Parish Council is hereby amended to remove sections 1 and 2 and replace them with the following language:

1. Proposed amendments to the by-laws may be made by the Council or by a petition from ten or more parishioners. Any such proposed amendments shall first be distributed online at least two weeks prior to the vote on them.

2. Amendments to the by-laws may be adopted through both online and in-person balloting, through voting procedures set by the Parish Council, and will take effect immediately if the amendments receive a majority of the votes cast through online and in-person balloting.