

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 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 available 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.

PRAYER

Devotions

Adoration, Monday, 9AM-Friday 9PM, Chapel
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Friday, 9AM, Church
First Saturday Devotion to Our Lady, 9AM, Church

Prayer Line

We must never underestimate the power of prayer. To pray for others or to have others pray for you, email Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com.

Art Credit: "Behold the Lamb of God," from St. Bartholomew, Rome. Photo taken by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.



Pastor's Note

Today's

Readings

1st Reading:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Res. Psalm:

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

2nd Reading:

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel:

Jn 1:35-42

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last weekend as we celebrated the Epiphany of the Lord, I was especially struck by the longing the wise men had to find God's presence, light, and life in the world. Through all their learning and study, the wise men were attuned to the signs in nature like the star, as well as to the signs contained in the written word. Aware that there were prophecies that said a king would be born to the Jews who would be the savior of the world, they searched for the fulfillment of these words. The search was not merely an intellectual activity. Rather, it was reflected in their hearts, which desired to find Jesus, though they did not yet know Him by that name. The human heart searches for God, and with the celebration of the Epiphany, we were reminded to continue that search ourselves.

The liturgical time between the Christmas season and the start of Lent was traditionally named in relation to the Epiphany. Today, for example, would be the start of the second week after the Epiphany. This naming convention pointed believers back to the celebration of Christ's manifestation to the nations and reminded them that foundational to the Christian life is our search for relationship with the living God. While the name of the season has changed, the Gospel the Church gives us today retains the message. As Jesus passes by, St. John the Baptist sends his disciples to follow the Lord. When they meet Him, Jesus immediately asks "What are you looking for?" At the very heart of the encounter with the Lord is the very question of what we seek. The deep longing of the human here is relationship with God. The response to that longing is an invitation: "Come and see."

When Jesus invites the two disciples of John to come with him, they find themselves at a critical point. Their hearts were inspired by the preaching and baptismal ministry of John, and when he pointed to Jesus as "Lamb of God," the sense of profound longing for a relationship with God continued to grow. Now they hear the voice of God-incarnate inviting them to take the next step. It is one thing for them (and us) to recognize the longing of the heart, and quite another thing to actually follow through in that search. Taking the step of going with Jesus and spending time with Him is the start of a very new aspect of their life. The search for relationship with God is not over, but they are beginning to experience the fulfillment of their sincere, human desire.

Just as those first disciples of the Lord had to recognize the internal desire welling up in their hearts and had to take Jesus at His word and begin to follow Him, so we who count ourselves Catholic must today, and every day, see that desire for God present in our hearts and be reminded that we are continually being invited into that relationship. In a special way, this "Come and see" invitation comes to us through the Eucharist. In the Blessed Sacrament, Jesus shows us where He stays – our Lord remains here with us in the Tabernacle, in the Monstrance, in the gift of Holy Communion. Every Mass, then, is an invitation to come and see. Every time we receive the Eucharist, Jesus speaks to us "Come and see." Every time we genuflect as we pass in front of the Tabernacle, every time we kneel at the altar rail for a moment of prayer before or after Mass, every time we visit the Adoration Chapel, Jesus is inviting us to come and see. The invitation is constant. Will we go with the first disciples and accept the invitation Jesus extends?

Peace,
Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 13

8:30AM.....+Chuck Steffan.....Nunziata Family
 5:15PM.....+Casimir & Christine Gorski.....D. Gorski

Sunday, January 14

7:30AM.....+Mrs. Carol M. Smyth
 9AM.....All Parishioners
 11AM.....+Peggy O'Connor.....S. & M. Ryan

Monday, January 15

8:30AM.....Sr. Mary Gabriel, SV.....A. & J. Connaughton

Tuesday, January 16

8:30AM.....+Elizabeth Heyn DeTar.....L. & M. Foley

Wednesday, January 17

8:30AM.....+Peggy O'Connor.....Fr. Sam Kachuba & St. Pius X Staff

Thursday, January 18

8:30AM.....+Thomas Francis Cimlin.....D. Carpanzano

Friday, January 19

8:30AM.....+Edmund Rihbany.....B. Coords

Saturday, January 20

8:30AM+Lawrence G. Dunn.....K/C St. Pius X Council
 5:15PM.....+Rita Vettoretti.....J. & L. Devaney

Sunday, January 21

7:30AM+Dan Tobin.....C. & R. Chiusano
 9AM.....+Mary Farran.....J. Kaner
 11AM.....+Irene Austin.....J. & K. Donnelly



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Kenneth Smith
 in the Chapel in memory of Angela Carey

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Dec 24	Dec 31
Weekend	\$ 14,427	\$ 11,277
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,071	\$ 13,214
Monthly	\$ 125	\$ 315
Maintenance	\$ 455	N/A
Christmas	\$ 38,185	N/A
Christmas Flowers	\$ 1,097	N/A

St. Pius X Annual Appeal

This year's parish appeal is for critical school repairs.



\$ 135,275

Donated

\$ 250,000

Goal



216

Gifts

2,460

Registered Families



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Henry Robert Flood Cymbolin
- Faris Rafick El-Far
- Emilia Ann Mastroluca
- Archer Stephen Pritchard
- Holden Luke Soosai
- Robert Jameson Vogel



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
 Arthur J. Hedge Jr., Robert Smith, Thomas Falcone

SUN

14

JAN

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

WED

17

JAN

Eucharistic Revival Night, 7PM, Church

MON

5

FEB

Young at Heart, Senior Luncheon, 12PM, Community Room

PRAYER



2025 MASS BOOK OPEN

The 2025 Mass Book is now open. Stop by the Parish Office or call 203-255-6134 to book your Mass intentions. To accommodate all parishioners, there is a limit of 10 Mass requests.



ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

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

- 1) Any hour that does not currently have an adorer - Thursdays: 1AM, 10AM, 3PM, 4PM
Fridays: 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.

EVENTS



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

Wednesday, January 17, 7PM, Church

Come and listen to Fr. Sam, as he shares his testimony. There will be Adoration and Confession from 7-8PM and Fr. Sam will speak from 7:30-7:45PM. Fellowship and refreshments to follow in the Community Room at 8PM. Everyone of every age is welcome! Bring your friends and family!



YOUNG ADULT ADORATION

Friday, February 9, 7PM, Church

Join us every second Friday of the month for Young Adult Adoration! There is praise and worship, a homily, and confessions. Fellowship is at 8PM in the Community Room. For more young adult events or small groups, please visit www.fairfielddiac.com.



MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, February 13, 5-8PM, Community Room

Don't miss out on a favorite St. Pius X tradition - our Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner! Support our Youth Ministry by purchasing tickets - \$40 for families and \$10 for individuals. RSVP forms are on www.st-pius.org/special-events. Email Emily Rauser at erauser@setoncollaborative.org with any questions.

SAVE THE DATES



LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

7-8PM, Community Room

Fr. Sam and Fr. Brendan will give lectures to deepen our knowledge and faith during the Lenten season.

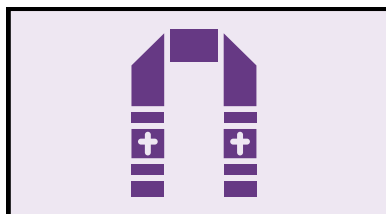
- Tuesday, February 20, Confession by Fr. Sam
- Thursday, February 29, Prayer by Fr. Brendan
- Thursday, March 7, Fasting by Fr. Sam
- Thursday, March 14, Almsgiving by Fr. Brendan



SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS

Friday, January 19, Registration Opens

Registration for small groups and a parish wide bible study opens Friday, January 19. Look out for our Flocknote email with the registration link or visit www.st-pius.org/smallgroups. If you have any questions, email Paola Pena at ppena@st-pius.org.



MONDAY CONFESSIONS IN LENT

Monday, February 19 - Monday, March 25, Church

An additional hour of Confession will be added on Mondays throughout Lent. Don't wait to receive God's compassion and mercy, come at any of the following times:

- Mondays in Lent, 7-8PM
- Wednesdays, 7-8PM
- Saturdays, 4-5PM



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

Saturday Evening, March 2, Community Room

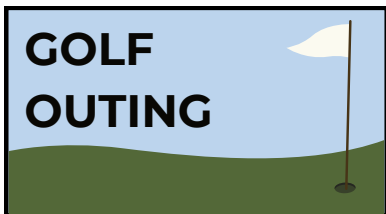
Mark your calendars for the 2024 St. Pat's Day Party. More details and RSVP forms coming soon! Email Liz Feeney with any inquiries lizbyrnefeeney@hotmail.com.



REVIVAL RETREAT

Evenings of Thursday, April 25 & Friday, April 26, Community Room

Nationally known speaker and published author, Bobby Angel, will be leading our Revival Retreat. This is an incredible opportunity for SPX families and friends, don't miss it!



ST. PIUS X GOLF FUNDRAISER

Monday, June 10, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course, Fairfield

Get ready to reserve your spot at the St. Pius X Golf Fundraiser. Lunch, dinner, libations and appetizers provided by Boca Restaurant. Sign up information coming soon. Questions? Email Paul Sposato at psposato@optonline.net.

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



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 yarn.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, January 14, 21, & 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!



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

First Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

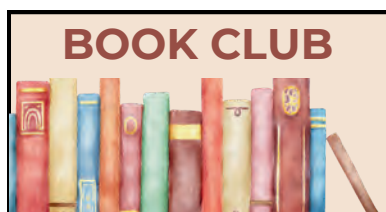
Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, February 7, 5-7PM, Community Room

Come to Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners will be paired with Kindred Spirits selections in Fairfield. The cost is \$15. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



WELL-READ MOMS BOOK CLUB

Saturday, February 3, 10-11:15AM, Munro Room

We invite you to our monthly discussion of great books and spiritual classics that encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversation. For more information or to RSVP, email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Wednesday, 6:30-8:30PM, Munro Room

Thursday, 9:30-11:30AM, Community Room

Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic bible study, invites all women of the parish to join one of their scripture studies. To find out more information, email Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit www.st-pius.org/www.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Tuesday of the Month, 7-8:30PM, Community Room

All men of the parish are welcome to the Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council. The Knights meet each month to deepen their faith and fellowship while doing good works for the parish and greater community. Email Tyler Lomnitzer at Tyler.Lomnitzer@KofC.org for more information.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 6:30AM, Community Room

New series 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!



YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, February 5, 12PM, Community Room

Fr. Brendan Blawie is back to teach us about Eucharistic Miracles! RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!

Monday, March 4, 12PM, Community Room

Save the Date for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration Lunch! We will welcome back the Shamroques to get us in the spirit with live Irish music and our friends at Sorrento's will be providing their famous corned beef and cabbage sandwiches.

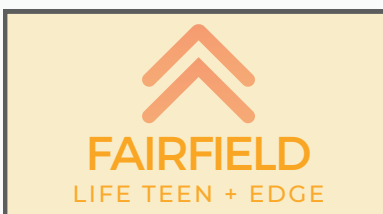


YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong

Wednesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Canasta

Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. You can just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at blk125@msn.com or 908-399-2945.



FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Life Teen + Edge, hosted at St. Pius X, is open to any middle and high school student from any church. Our mission is to 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. Join us! Any adults interested in supporting 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

Jan. 14: No Life Teen

Jan. 21: One For All-The Pursuit of Happiness, Part 1

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, School Gym

Jan. 17: Eucharistic Revival Night (7-8:30pm)

Jan. 24: What Is The Eucharist?

Be Ready to do God's Will

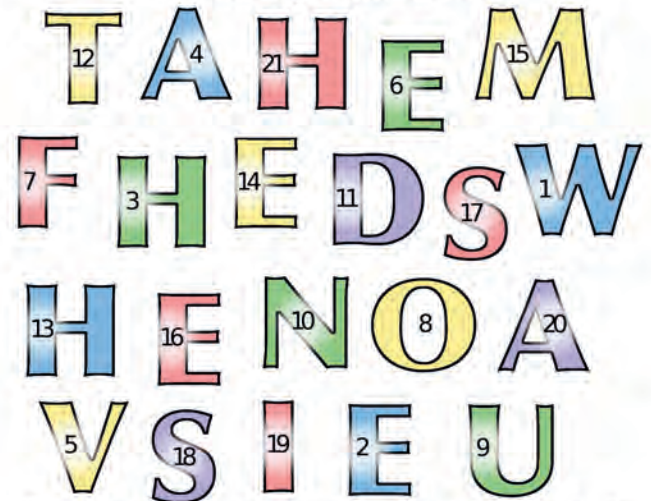
In today's first reading, God Called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, St. John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother, Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock'. God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church, the first pope!

God has a special purpose for each of us. Like Samuel and St. Peter, we should all be ready to do God's will. How can you do God's will today?



Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!



What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



St. Bernard of Corleone, Feast Day: January 12

PHILIP LATINI WAS BORN IN 1605 IN SICILY. HIS FAMILY WAS CATHOLIC BUT HE DIDN'T TAKE THE FAITH SERIOUSLY. HE BECAME A SHOEMAKER LIKE HIS FATHER.

WHEN HIS FATHER DIED HE QUIT WORKING AND BECAME A SWORDSMAN- A VERY GOOD ONE!

PHILIP GOT INTO MANY QUARRELS, BUT HE DID DEFEND THE ELDERLY AND HELPLESS PEOPLE.

How dare you speak like that!

ONCE HE WOUNDED THE HAND OF A MAN WHO HAD FOUGHT WITH HIM IN A DUEL.

HE WENT TO THE CHURCH, WHERE HE THOUGHT ABOUT HOW HE WAS SPENDING HIS LIFE.

WHEN HE WAS 27 HE BECAME A CAPUCHIN MONK AND TOOK THE NAME BROTHER BERNARD

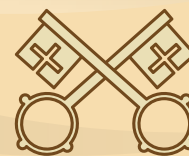
BROTHER BERNARD DID MUCH PENANCE AND DID HIS JOBS WITH JOY. HE ALSO HAD GREAT DEVOTION TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. HE DIED AT AGE 62.

SAINT BERNARD WAS POSSIBLY THE GREATEST SWORDSMAN IN SICILY, BUT WHEN HE FELT THAT GOD WANTED HIM TO BECOME A MONK, HE DIDN'T LET HIS FAME STOP HIM FROM SERVING GOD. IS THERE SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT? DOES IT HELP YOU SERVE GOD OR DOES IT GET IN THE WAY?



"Here I am Lord!"

PAPAL HONORS



In 2023, Pope Francis awarded seven St. Pius X Parishioners and one St. Pius X Alum with Papal Honors for their exemplary service and dedication to our Church. We are truly grateful for the time, talent, and treasure they graciously share with our parish and the larger Church.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10.

PRO ECCLESIA ET PONTIFICE CROSS MEDALS



AL & CHRIS DI GUIDO



GRACE RODRIGUEZ



BOB & BARBARA SCINTO

Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross Medals are bestowed on individuals who have merited special recognition by the Holy See. This Pontifical decoration was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1888 and is conferred for distinguished service to the Church. It is the highest honor the Pope can confer on a lay person.

BENEMERENTI MEDALS



SHEILA CLANCY



CHARLES & RUTH CHIUSANO

The Benemerenti Medal is a Pontifical decoration instituted by Pope Gregory XVI in 1832 and is conferred on recipients for distinguished service to Catholic principles, the Church and society, and who have shown an active fidelity to and love for the Church.