



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2024

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Parish Office Hours      Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM  
Friday 9AM-12PM

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:stpiusxprayerln@aol.com).

Art Credit: "The Calling of St. Peter and St. Andrew" by James Tissot.



## Pastor's Note

### Today's Readings

#### 1st Reading:

Jon 3:1-5, 10

#### Res. Psalm:

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

#### 2nd Reading:

1 Cor 7:29-31

#### Gospel:

Mk 1:14-20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The famous calling of Sts. Peter, Andrew, James, and John recounted for us in the Gospels reminds us that those called to be disciples of Jesus are not only to follow our Lord, but will also be made fishers of men. That is, for those called to follow in the Lord's footsteps, there is an accompanying call to go out, seeking to win souls for Christ. All of us, by virtue of our baptism, are called to be fishers of men, called to be

witnesses to Christ in the world, called to accompany our brothers and sisters as they seek to walk with the Lord. In this season after the Epiphany, the Gospels the Church gives us help us to remember that we have been invited to be disciples of the Lord and made His witnesses to the world.

In a very particular way, today's Gospel applies to those men whom God is calling to serve Him as priests. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," is a call that echoes through the centuries. The task given to the apostles and their successors is to proclaim the Gospel to all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and to sanctify through the sacramental ministry entrusted to them at the Last Supper – "Do this in memory of me." All of that is communicated in the simple phrase "fishers of men." This great mission endures through the ages. In every place where human beings dwell, there is a need for the Gospel to be proclaimed. In every country, state, city, town, or village, in every culture, and in every historical moment, Jesus invites men to join Him in the task of proclaiming the Good News and to be fishers of men.

The need for priests is as great now as ever. You will often hear concerns about a shortage of priests, and I share those concerns, if not always with the same vocabulary. Practically speaking, we need more priests to meet the pastoral and spiritual needs of the Church, especially here in the Diocese of Bridgeport. But the need for more priests does not, to my mind, indicate a lack of men being called by the Lord to this service. In fact, I am firmly convinced that God is even now preparing the hearts of men all around Fairfield County to answer the call to serve the Church here in the Diocese of Bridgeport as priests. All of us will benefit from this grace! And so while we wait for the completion of the good work that God is beginning, we can do three things. First, we ought to pray daily that those who are being called would be courageous and confident and give their enthusiastic "yes" to the vocation to the priesthood. Second, we can encourage young men in our parish, in our schools, in our ministries, and in our families to reflect on their own lives and ask if they have ever heard the Lord inviting them: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Third, we can pray for and give our visible support to the priests we know and who are currently ministering to our Catholic community. I am thinking in particular of two priests who will soon begin ministering here in Fairfield. Fr. Mirek Stachurski will soon step into the role of the pastor at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, and Fr. David Roman will assume the same position at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish. May I suggest a quick note of support and a promise of prayers be sent to each of these priests as a way for our parish families to say "Welcome to Fairfield!"

Peace,  
Fr. Sam

# MASS INTENTIONS

## 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

## Monday, January 22

8:30AM.....+Joseph McLaughlin.....Nunziata Family

## Tuesday, January 23

8:30AM.....Susanne Teitell.....C. Teitell

## Wednesday, January 24

8:30AM.....+Lillian, Gregory & Greg Patti

## Thursday, January 25

8:30AM.....+Lawrence G. Dunn.....L. Maria

## Friday, January 26

8:30AM.....+Maria Galella.....J. & J. Goldowski

## Saturday, January 27

8:30AM .....+Marian Hamrock.....A. & S. Wolf  
 5:15PM.....+Joseph & Bet Farrace.....J. Skultety

## Sunday, January 28

7:30AM .....All Parishioners  
 9AM.....+Emery Silk.....A. & J. Clyne  
 11AM.....+Marion & Luis Leon.....K Leon. & A. Leon



### Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Roy Ervin  
 in the Chapel in honor of George and Kathy Borrelli's  
 50th Wedding Anniversary

# STEWARDSHIP

## Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Jan 14	Jan 21
Weekend	\$ 11,277	\$ 13,237
Weekend 2022	\$ 13,214	\$ 11,261
Monthly	\$ 315	\$ 3,182
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 182
Mission	N/A	\$ 230

## St. Pius X Annual Appeal

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



\$ 156,325 Donated      \$ 250,000 Goal



224 Gifts      2,460 Registered Families



### Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Mila Grace Guglietti
- Madeline Elizabeth Opel
- Max William Opel



### Church Flowers

in honor of George and Kathy Borrelli's  
 50th Wedding Anniversary



### In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:  
 Donald Kleber, Stella Marten, Dorothy Suriano

SUN

21

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

JAN

MON

5

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

FEB

WED

14

Ash Wednesday

FEB

## PRAYER



### PERPETUAL ADORATION

#### Help Us Adore the Lord, 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week

Sign up for a weekend hour by visiting [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/) or scan the QR code below. As soon as we have enough weekend commitments, we will launch Perpetual Adoration.

### 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.

To sign up or to become a substitute visit [www.st-pius.org/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/) or scan the QR code.



### ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

#### Fridays, 9AM, Church

Come pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy lead by Pat Heile. All are welcome to attend!

### FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

#### First Saturdays, 9AM, Church

Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.

## EVENTS



### 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.fairfieldyac.com](http://www.fairfieldyac.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](http://www.st-pius.org/special-events). Email Emily Rauser at [erauser@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org) with any questions.



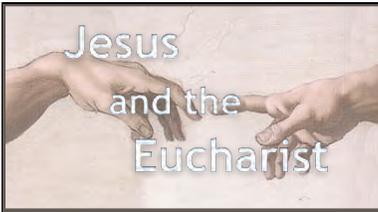
### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

#### Wednesday, February 28, 7PM, Church

Try something new for Lent by attending our well-received Revival Night. There will be Adoration and Confession from 7-8PM and Dr. Joe Tortorello will share his testimony 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!

# LENT

## PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING



### SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS

#### Friday, January 19, Registration Opens

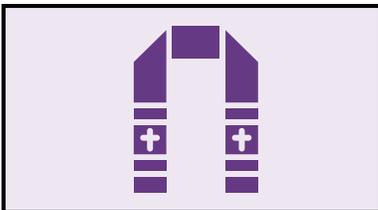
Registration is open for small groups and the parish wide bible study, Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit [www.st-pius.org/smallgroups](http://www.st-pius.org/smallgroups) to sign up. If you have any questions, email Paola Pena at [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org).



### ASH WEDNESDAY

#### Wednesday, February 14, Church

7AM Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes  
 8:30AM Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
 12PM Mass with Distribution of Ashes  
 5:30PM Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes  
 7-8PM Confessions



### 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

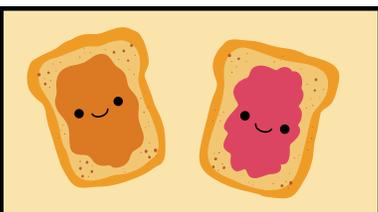


### LENTEN LECTURE SERIES

#### 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



### SPREAD THE LOVE, LENTEN SANDWICH MAKING

#### Wednesdays in Lent - Kick Off February 21, 7-8PM, Community Room

#### Sunday/Saturday, March 23/24, After All Masses

Donate supplies and/or come help make sandwiches for the Merton Center and nOURish Bridgeport. Email [mariapiccolo310@gmail.com](mailto:mariapiccolo310@gmail.com) or [ccoyle@st-pius.org](mailto:ccoyle@st-pius.org). Details coming soon!



### 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](mailto:lizbyrnefeeney@hotmail.com).

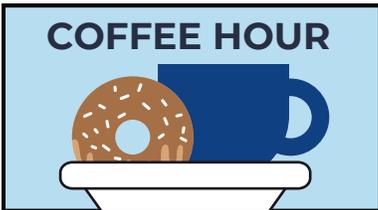
# MINISTRIES

## 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](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org). We provide yarn.



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, January 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](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



### OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

**First Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen**

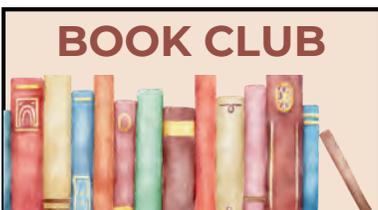
Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 a join one of their scripture studies. To find out more information, email Dawn Carpanzano at [dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.st-pius.org/www](http://www.st-pius.org/www).

# MINISTRIES

## COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org) or for more info, visit [www.fairfieldlt.com.org](http://www.fairfieldlt.com.org).

#### LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL

##### Sunday, 6:00-8PM, School Portable

Jan. 21: One For All-The Pursuit of Happiness  
Jan. 28: Play By The Rules: The Pursuit of Happiness, Part 2

#### EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

##### Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, School Gym

Jan. 24: What Is The Eucharist?  
Jan. 31: Scenic View-Why Do We Stare At A White Host?

## Come, follow Me...

If God asked you to come and follow Him right now, would you be ready to drop everything and follow? In today's Gospel reading that's exactly what happened to Simon and Andrew, and James and John. They were working on their fishing nets when Jesus walked past and called them to follow Him.

We are all called to follow Jesus. What are some ways we can follow His example today?



What else did Jesus say when He called the fishermen? Find the letters that match the numbers in the net to fill in the spaces and find out!



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## St. Francis de Sales, Feast Day: January 24

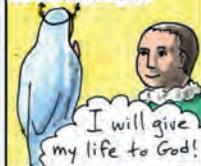
FRANCIS WAS BORN TO AN IMPORTANT FAMILY IN 1567 IN WHAT IS NOW FRANCE. HE WAS EDUCATED SO THAT HE COULD BECOME A MAGISTRATE.



IN SCHOOL HE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT PRE-DESTINATION THAT HE BECAME AFRAID.



BUT HIS FEAR LEFT WHEN HE PRAYED TO OUR LADY.



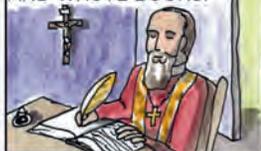
Don't be ridiculous!



AT LAST HIS FATHER AGREED. FR. FRANCIS PREACHED TO THE HERETICS.

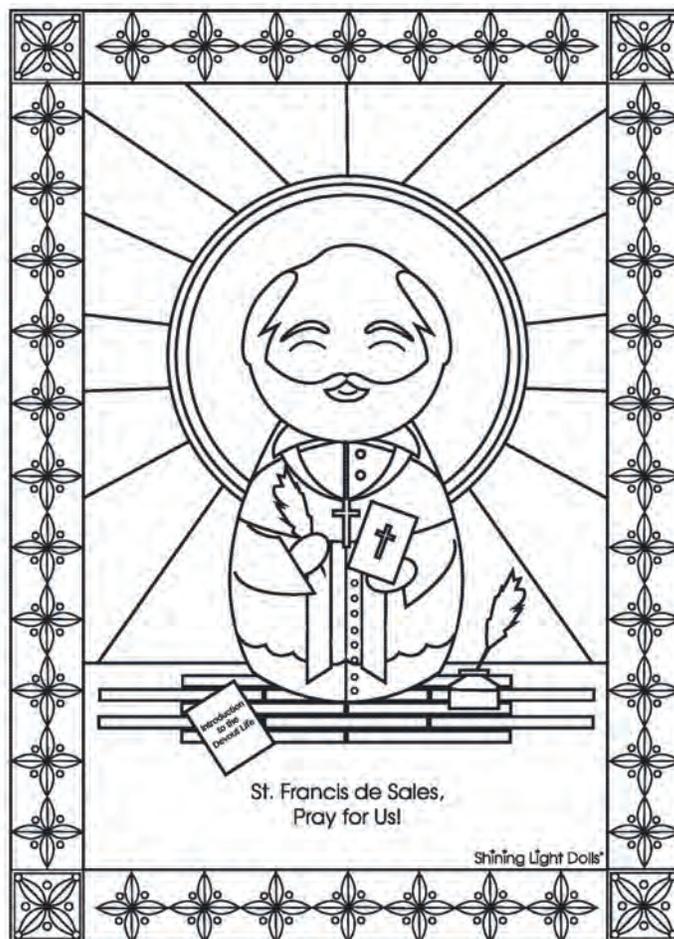


SOON HE WAS MADE BISHOP. HE TRAVELLED TO TEACH THE FAITH AND WROTE BOOKS.



ST. FRANCIS HELPED ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL START A CONVENT FOR WOMEN WHO COULDN'T JOIN OTHERS.

BEFORE HE BECAME A PRIEST, ST. FRANCIS WORKED AT TRYING TO BE HOLY IN ORDINARY LIFE. HE TRIED TO SHOW PEOPLE THAT HOLINESS IS NOT JUST FOR RELIGIOUS MEN AND WOMEN BUT FOR EVERYONE. YOU CAN PRAY TO ST. FRANCIS TO HELP YOU BE HOLY IN EVERY DAY LIFE.





# HAVE YOU DONATED TO THE ST. PIUS X ANNUAL APPEAL YET?

- \$250,000

Every Donation Funds Critical School Repairs:  
**FUNDED!**

- New 2nd Floor and Gym Windows

**ALMOST THERE!**

- Plumbing Upgrades – Sinks and Toilets
- Heating System Upgrades

**WE NEED YOU!**

- Gym Floor Replacement
- Carpeting Replacement

Our School is used daily by parish families, for Rel Ed, and rented as a source of income.

- \$175,000

- \$125,000

## ANY AMOUNT APPRECIATED!

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR GOAL OF \$250,000!

**GIVE TODAY!**



Mail in the form below or visit [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive).

**YES! I want to participate in the 2023-2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal.**

Here is my gift:  \$5,000  \$2,500  \$1,000  \$500  \$250  Other

Full Name

Credit Card Number

Exp. Date

Address

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Billing Name and Address if different from above

Mail credit card information or a check payable to St. Pius X to  
St. Pius X Parish Office, 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield CT 06824