



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024



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## PARISH INFORMATION

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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 Possessed Man in the Synagogue" by James Tissot 1886-1894 from the Brooklyn Museum.



## Pastor's Note

### Today's Readings

**1st Reading:**  
Dt 18:15-20

**Res. Psalm:**  
Ps 95:1-2, 6-7,  
7-9

**2nd Reading:**  
1 Cor 7:32-35

**Gospel:**  
Mk 1:21-28

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" This question posed to our Lord by a demon is a powerful one, as it reveals the fear that evil spirits have of the Incarnate God. They know that the mission of Jesus is to destroy sin and death, to conquer their power in favor of the grace, mercy, peace, and overwhelming love of God. The story handed down to us in the tradition of

the Church is that Lucifer, an archangel, rebelled against God's authority, freely choosing for eternity to oppose the God who made him. In doing so, this fallen angel took a third of the angels with him and was cast out of heaven by St. Michael the Archangel. Since that time, the devil has worked to lead as many human souls away from God's authority as possible. God the Son, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, takes on our human flesh to redeem those led astray by the devil, and so a major part of His mission involves exorcism. While the demon's cry in the Gospel today is a cry of despair and protest, clinging to sin and selfishness, we can find a different, spiritually healthy tone for this question to resonate in our own hearts.

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," (Lk. 5:8). St. Peter says these words to Jesus after the Lord grants him an incredible catch of fish. In all humility, Peter is asking Jesus what He has to do with such a lowly man. When we come to the realization of our sinfulness in light of God's infinite goodness, we might humbly ask the same question. What do you want with me, Lord Jesus? Who am I, that you would give me any blessings whatsoever? Though Peter judges himself unworthy, Jesus has a different plan. He does not call Peter because he is worthy, but because he is loved. Our Lord sees beyond

our wounds and weakness, and wants to work with us in building His Kingdom.

"Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only say the word and my servant will be healed," (Mt. 8:8). The Roman centurion's words become our prayer before Holy Communion at every Mass. In recognizing his unworthiness, the centurion is not putting himself down in any way. Rather, he acknowledges the greatness of Jesus. This is a prayer of worship, of wonder and awe. It reminds us of the joyful exclamation of Elizabeth when Mary greets her: "Who am I, that the mother of my Lord should come to visit me?" (Lk. 1:48). God comes to us - this is the simple message of Christmas. God desires to be with us - this is the simple message of the Gospel as Christ preached it. God saves us - this is the simple message of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus. God remains with us and calls us to be in communion with Him - this is the simple message of the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Asked properly, the question "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" is an entirely appropriate point of meditation and prayer. When we ask it, not as a protest demanding our own autonomy, but as an awe-filled cry of the heart that humbly recognizes our own shortcomings in the face of God's perfect goodness, we will be drawn into a meditation that shows us how truly Jesus desires communion and relationship with us. Praying with this question, we come almost necessarily to a very different question. Lord, if You who are so infinitely good can look upon my weakness and still love me, how should I respond, how should my life be different, what do You want me to do, so that I can have everything to do with You?

Peace,  
Fr. Sam

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, January 29

8:30AM.....+Jack Horan

### Tuesday, January 30

8:30AM.....+Theresa Greco.....Dr. Thimons

### Wednesday, January 31

8:30AM.....+Gertrude Carbone.....D. Tomasko

### Thursday, February 1

8:30AM.....Malini D'Cunha.....B. & M. D'Cunha

### Friday, February 2

8:30AM.....+Rose, Carmella & Joseph Pillo.....D. Tomasko

### Saturday, February 3

8:30AM .....+Larry Dunn.....Catalano Family  
 5:15PM.....+Karen Ferguson.....J. & L. Devaney

### Sunday, February 4

7:30AM .....+Raymond Tomasko.....D. Tomasko  
 9AM.....+Francis Fatigati.....O'Brien Family  
 11AM.....+All Parishioners



### Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Virginia O'Rourke  
 in the Chapel in memory of Marion Leon

## STEWARDSHIP

### Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Jan 14	Jan 21
Weekend	\$ 13,237	\$ 11,702
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,353	\$ 11,261
Monthly	\$ 3,182	\$ 457
Maintenance	\$ 182	\$ 195
Mission	\$ 230	\$ 182

### St. Pius X Annual Appeal

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

72%

\$ 180,583

Donated

\$ 250,000

Goal

11%

259

Gifts

2,460

Registered Families



### Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Shea Elizabeth Klinka
- Everly Rose Michels
- Hudson James Michels



### Chapel Flowers

in memory of Marion Leon



### In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:  
 Sally Burns

SUN

28

JAN

Coffee Hour, After 9AM Mass, Community Room

MON

5

FEB

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

WED

14

FEB

Ash Wednesday

# LENT AT ST. PIUS X

## PRAYER

### ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

**7 AM**

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

**8:30 AM**

MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF  
ASHES

**NOON**

MASS WITH DISTRIBUTION OF  
ASHES

**5:30 PM**

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

## FASTING

### HOW TO FAST



1 Regular  
Meal



2 Small Meals  
that don't equal  
a regular meal.



No  
Snacks

Catholics  
18-58 are  
obliged  
to fast.

### HOW TO ABSTAIN



No Meat



Fish is OK

Catholics 14+ are  
obliged to practice  
abstinence.

FAST & ABSTAIN ON  
**ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY.**

ABSTAIN FROM MEAT DURING FRIDAYS IN LENT.

Those outside the age limits and those whose state in life (e.g. pregnant women, manual laborers, the infirm) may be excused from fasting and abstinence, but are encouraged to take up some other form of penitence of act of charity or piety.



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a simple yet powerful and devotional way to mark Jesus' pilgrimage to Calvary as seen through the lens of our personal life experience.

*Stations will be prayed at 7 PM Fridays in the Church— beginning **Friday, February 16.***



### LENTEN CONFESSIONS

On Mondays during Lent, we will be offering another opportunity for Confessions in the Main Church.

**Mondays**

7PM – 8PM

**Wednesdays**

7PM – 8PM

**Saturdays**

4PM – 5PM



### REVIVAL NIGHTS

Join us monthly for testimony, adoration, praise + worship, and confession starting at 7PM in the Church. Fellowship to follow in the Community Room.

**FEB 28**  
(WED)

Joe Tortorello

**MAR 20**  
(WED)

David Ronness

**APRIL 25 +26**  
(THU & FRI)

*Two-Night Revival with national speaker, Bobby Angel!*



### LENTEN LECTURE NIGHTS

Fr. Sam and Fr. Brendan are hosting a Lecture Series at St. Pius from 7PM – 8PM in the Community Room. No RSVP needed!

**TUES, FEB 20**

*"Confession" – Fr. Sam*

**THUR, FEB 29**

*"Prayer" – Fr. Brendan*

**THURS, MAR 7**

*"Fasting" – Fr. Sam*

**THURS, MAR 14**

*"Almsgiving" – Fr. Brendan*

# LENT AT ST. PIUS X

## PRAYER

## FASTING

## ALMSGIVING



### PARISH WIDE BIBLE STUDY

"Jesus and the Eucharist" as provided by the National Eucharistic Congress.

A dynamic, 7-session study designed to help you connect with your fellow parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord.

### MONDAY'S 7PM-9PM

February 5th

February 12th

February 26th

March 4th

March 11th

March 18th

March 25th

Register at [www.st-pius.org/smallgroups](http://www.st-pius.org/smallgroups)



### SMALL GROUPS

Join a small group community!  
Groups starts week of Feb 5th.

**Parish Wide Study**

**The Mass Small Group**

**YA Small Group (25yr+)**

**UpperRoom Small Group (18-24yr)**

Register at

[www.st-pius.org/smallgroups](http://www.st-pius.org/smallgroups)

### FREE DEVOTIONAL



"Lenten Daily Devotional"  
by *Magnificat*

Available the weekend  
of February 10-11.



### LENTEN SANDWHICH MAKING

During Lent, Help those in Need!  
Supporting Merton Center and  
nOURishBridgeport.



Donate Supplies

- Bread
- Sliced turkey, ham or cheese
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Sandwich bags
- Brown lunch bags
- Granola bars
- 8oz. water bottles
- Apples Fruit cups

**WED, FEB 21**  
7-8PM

**WED, FEB 28,**  
8-9PM

**WED, MAR 6,**  
7-8PM

**WED, MAR 13,**  
7-8PM

**WED, MAR 20,**  
8-9PM

**SAT & SUN, MAR 23-24**  
(AFTER EVERY MASS)

Sandwiches may also be made at home and dropped off at St. Pius X. To RSVP for sandwich making on site or in your home, contact Maria Piccolo at [mariapiccolo310@gmail.com](mailto:mariapiccolo310@gmail.com) for more information.



## PRAYER



### ADORATION

**Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel**

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

- 1) An hour that does not have an adorer - Tuesdays: 11PM, Thursdays: 1AM, 10AM
- 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/](http://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



### 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**

Dr. Joe Tortorello will share 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!



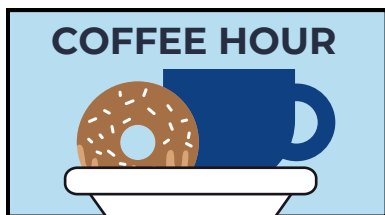
### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

**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



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**Sunday, January 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!



### 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)



### 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.



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

**Monday, March 4, 12PM, Community Room**

Save the Date for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration Lunch with a special nod to St. Joseph! The Shamroques return for live Irish music and our friends at Sorrento's will provide their famous corned beef and cabbage sandwiches, soda bread, AND traditional Italian Zeppole. Don't forget to wear your best GREEN or RED! Lunch \$7. RSVP to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



### 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.



### 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](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net) or visit [www.st-pius.org/www](http://www.st-pius.org/www).



# MINISTRIES

## COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



### 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. 28: Play By The Rules: The Pursuit of Happiness, Part 2

Feb. 4: No Strings Attached-Materialism and Detachment

### EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Jan. 31: Scenic View-Why Do We Stare At A White Host?

Feb. 7: Rerouting-Why Does the Eucharist Matter?

# MARDI GRAS *Pancake Dinner*

**Tuesday, February 13th, 2024**

**5pm - 8pm**

**St. Pius X Community Room**

**PANCAKES AND BACON OR SAUSAGE!**

**\$10 Per Person**

**\$40 Per Family**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting Fairfield Life Teen and Edge!**

Email Emily Rauser at [erauser@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org). RSVP required by February 6th . Pay at the door or submit payment with RSVP slip. Return to Parish Office or drop off in the collection basket at Mass.

Cash or checks made out to "Regional Youth Ministry Program"



## Baby Jesus is Presented in the Temple

On February second we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in The Temple. That is the day that St. Joseph and Our Lady took the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate Him to God. The Jewish people dedicated their first-born sons to God, so Joseph and Mary were obedient to the law even though their baby was God Himself!

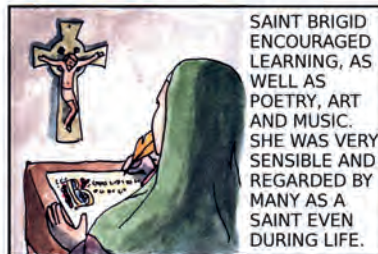
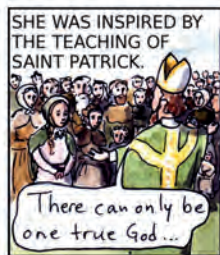
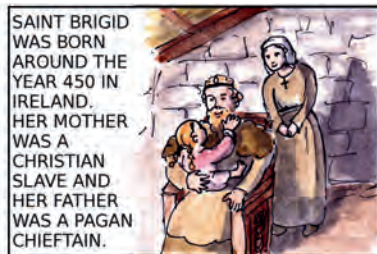
This was an amazing moment, even though almost no one noticed it: here was the great Temple where the people came to worship God and now God had actually come into it - as a little baby! But only Joseph, Mary and the prophets Simeon and Anna knew what happened.

St. Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Every time you receive Holy Communion, it's like baby Jesus entering the Temple. When you go to Communion, remember that you know that amazing secret- that even though the rest of the world might not know, you have just received Jesus, what a special moment!



Answers to front page: it came out saying, 'AUTHORITY'.  
Answers to Unscramble: man, Jesus, destroys, holy, come, spirit, voice, they.

## St. Brigid of Kildare, February 1



SAINT BRIGID IS HELD IN GREAT HONOUR, ESPECIALLY IN IRELAND, WHERE SHE HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE COME TO GOD. AND YET ALL SHE DID WAS WHAT SHE OUGHT TO HAVE DONE- SHE SHARED FOOD, TAUGHT PEOPLE ABOUT THE TRUTH AND BEAUTY AND MOST OF ALL LOVED GOD. CAN YOU DO THE SAME?

## Unscramble: Jesus Casts out a Demon

Sort out the letters to fill in the blanks.

Use the letters in the boxes to fill in the last row of boxes.

And immediately there was in their synagogue a    (NMA) with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, "What have you to do with us,    (ESSJU) of Nazareth? Have you come to    (YDSETRO) us? I know who you are, the    (OYLH) One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and    (MEOC) out of him!"

And the unclean    (TRSIPI), convulsing him and crying with a loud    (IOCEV), came out of him.

And    (YEHT) were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves,    (YSNIAG), "What is this? A new teaching!"

With           he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

