



# ST. PIUS X PARISH



**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 11, 2024**

203-255-6134

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## PARISH INFORMATION

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

Parish Phone              203-255-6134  
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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: "Our Lady of Lourdes," by Virgilio Tojetti 1877.



## Pastor's Note

### Today's

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### Readings

#### 1st Reading:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

#### Res. Psalm:

Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11

#### 2nd Reading:

1 Cor 10:31 –  
11:1

#### Gospel:

Mk 1:40-45

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous, a fourteen year old girl gathering firewood near the small village of Lourdes, France. It was the first of a series of apparitions, through which Mary shared with Bernadette God's desire for healing for those who suffer, invited her to do penance, and encouraged public manifestations of piety. Since these visions, countless people have visited Lourdes to bathe in the miraculous spring of water our Lady showed to St. Bernadette. In addition to countless stories of personal healings that have taken place, there have been 70 confirmed, miraculous cures.

Though the liturgical observation of Sunday takes priority, February 11 is ordinarily celebrated as the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. How fitting that the Gospel today is a story of healing. The leper surrenders himself both to the power and the plan of Jesus. "If you wish, you can make me clean." In response, Jesus confirms His healing will: "I do will it. Be made clean." This Gospel passage communicates the desire our Lord has to bring healing to our lives and to our souls. "Be made clean" includes both His plan to bring us to physical wholeness and His plan to purify our hearts that we may live holiness of life. Today, we can also call upon Mary, under her title as Our Lady of Lourdes, asking that she would intercede for our healing before the throne of her Son.

This week, we begin the holy and penitential season of Lent. The prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we will take on purify our hearts and minds so that we can be more fully committed to our walk as disciples of Christ. In many ways, the season is one of healing. These forty days leading us to Holy Week are a great opportunity to grow in our identity as God's beloved people. To help us on that path, we have a number of opportunities and resources available throughout Lent. Printed in this bulletin, you will find our complete list of Ash Wednesday services, as well as those of the other parishes in our deanery. Additionally, the times for confession here and at our neighboring parishes are included.

Finally, as a reminder, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us: "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards."

Peace,  
Fr. Sam

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday, February 10

8:30AM .....+William F. Plunkett, Jr.....A. & F. Schanne  
 5:15PM .....+Anthony J. Ciaolone & MaryAnn Ciaolone...Violone Family

## Sunday, February 11

7:30AM .....+Mr. Vito Mario  
 9AM.....All Parishioners  
 11AM.....+Alice Raymond.....C. & R. Raymond

## Monday, February 12

8:30AM.....+Larry Dunn.....T. Dawes

## Tuesday, February 13

8:30AM.....+Larry Dunn.....Coyle Family

## Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday

8:30AM, 12PM.....All Parishioners

## Thursday, February 15

8:30AM.....+Marian Hamrock.....A. & S. Wolf

## Friday, February 16

8:30AM.....+Eric Foertsch.....T. Carron

## Saturday, February 17

8:30AM .....+Todd Smith.....A. & S. Wolf  
 5:15PM.....+Anthony Annuncio.....T. Annuncio

## Sunday, February 18

7:30AM .....+Mrs. Deana Hoffman  
 9AM.....All Parishioners  
 11AM.....+Patricia Butzko.....Kelty Family



**Sanctuary Lights will burn**  
 in the Church in memory of Jim Fuller  
 in the Chapel in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes

# STEWARDSHIP

## Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Jan 28	Feb 4
Weekend	\$ 10,317	\$ 14,915
Weekend 2022	\$ 13,014	\$ 13,623
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 906
Mission	\$ 1,470	\$ 441
Votive Candles	N/A	\$ 482



## 2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

All money raised for the 2024 St. Pius X will go towards critical school repairs.



\$ 194,793  
 Donated

\$ 250,000  
 Goal



266  
 Gifts

2,460  
 Registered Families



## In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:  
 Mark Driscoll, Jane O'Connor

MON

12

FEB

Parish Study "Jesus in the Eucharist", 7-9PM, Community Room

TUES

13

FEB

Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner, 5-8PM, Community Room,

WED

14

FEB

Ash Wednesday, Distribution of Ashes: 7AM & 5:30PM, Liturgy of the Word  
 8:30AM & 12PM, Mass

FRI

16

FEB

Stations of the Cross, 7PM, Church

# LENTEN DAILY MASS



As the Lenten season approaches, most of us ask ourselves, “What am I doing for Lent this year?” One suggestion is to attend Daily Mass. With a hectic schedule, carving 30 minutes out of the day seems difficult; but participating in Daily Mass once or twice a week can offer great practical and spiritual benefits. Below three churchgoers at Saint Pius X share their thoughts on why they go to daily Mass.

One parishioner, Ray Vogt, says daily Mass helps him sustain a sense of “faith and peace,” while also providing a “perspective centered in Christ” that he can carry through the day. Another parishioner, Art Wolf, attends daily Mass because it allows him “the opportunity to be up-close and personal with our Lord” in an atmosphere with “fewer distractions.” A Saint Pius X mother of young children, Darcy Ronan, describes weekday Masses as an experience that is “quiet, focused, and prayerful.” Not only that, but the “rhythm” of the daily “lectionary and liturgy...helps me be more attuned to God’s grace in my life and my need to remain in Him.”

Pope Benedict XVI said, the Eucharist received at Mass is Jesus’ “self-gift” to us, in which He “desires to become one with us.” “Every time we receive him, he reminds us that we are precious...that he is truly in love with us,” said Pope Francis. As Mrs. Darcy Ronan put it, you will just have to “come and see for yourself!”



## DAILY MASS TIMES IN FAIRFIELD

- St. Pius X.....Monday-Saturday.....8:30AM
- St. Thomas Aquinas.....Monday-Friday.....7AM, 12:10PM
- Holy Family.....Monday-Friday.....7:45AM
- Fairfield Univ., Egan Chapel.....Monday-Friday.....12:30PM
- Assumption.....Monday-Saturday.....7:30AM  
Monday-Friday.....5:30PM



## 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 - Tuesday: 11PM, Thursday: 1AM, 10AM, 9PM.
- 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

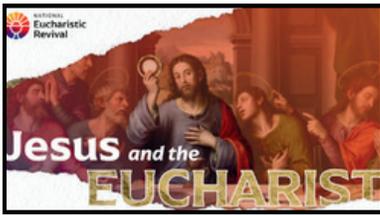
Come pray the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy lead by Pat Heile. All are welcome to attend!

## 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



### PARISH WIDE STUDY

**Monday, Now until March 25 , Community Room, 7-9PM**

There's still time to join the best study EVER - no assigned reading or homework! Connect with your fellow parishioners as you fall deeper in love with our Eucharistic Lord. Immerse yourself in the beauty of our faith in a small group setting, hear from some of the most brilliant voices in Catholicism, and explore the mystery of the Eucharist anew. Visit [www.st-pius.org/smallgroups](http://www.st-pius.org/smallgroups) to sign-up. Questions? Email Paola Pena at [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org). There will be no meeting on Monday, February 19.



### MARDI GRAS PANCAKE DINNER

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

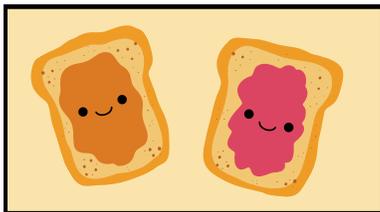
Don't miss out on a favorite St. Pius X tradition, our Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner! Support Fairfield Lifeteen + Edge by purchasing tickets - \$40 for families and \$10 for individuals. RSVP forms are in the bulletin and on [www.st-pius.org/special-events](http://www.st-pius.org/special-events). Email Emily Rauser at [erauser@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:erauser@setoncollaborative.org) with any questions.



### PENANCE: SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE & SACRAMENTAL GRACE

**Tuesday, February 20, 7-8PM, Community Room**

Fr. Sam kicks off our Lenten Lecture Series with a talk on one of the pillars of Catholic spirituality, penance. As a penitential season, Lent calls us in a special way to two forms of penance. The first is the spiritual discipline wherein, through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we offer something to God while mortifying ourselves. The second is the sacrament of confession, through which we receive the grace of God's forgiveness.



### SPREAD THE LOVE, LENTEN SANDWICH MAKING

**Wednesday, February 21, 7-8PM, Community Room**

Donate supplies, make sandwiches at home or onsite for the Merton Center and nOURish Bridgeport. Our goal is to make 100 sandwiches every Wednesday during Lent. Mail [mariapiccolo310@gmail.com](mailto:mariapiccolo310@gmail.com) to sign-up for a sandwich making slot.

## St. Patrick's Day

**SAT, MARCH 2, 2024 | 6:30 PM | ST. PIUS X**

**\$35 Per Person Dinner + Dessert**

**Dancers from the Lenihan School of Irish Dance  
B.Y.O.B.**

**Music by John Connor's Irish Express**

**Raffle Prizes, 50-50**

**Water, Soft Drinks, Ice Available**

**\*PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE FOR THE 100 BOTTLES DOOR PRIZE\***

**PLEASE RSVP TO PARISH OFFICE OR COLLECTION BASKET  
(CHECKS PAYABLE TO "ST. PIUS X")**

**NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_**

**PHONE/EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ #OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_**

**SEAT US WITH \_\_\_\_\_**



# MINISTRIES

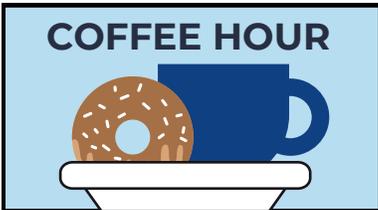
## COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Saturday, 6:30AM, Community Room**

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!



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**Every Sunday in February, After 9AM Mass, Community Room**

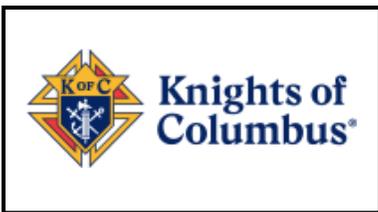
Come to the Community Room after the 9AM Mass for coffee and treats. If you would like to help with the hospitality, contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

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

Get ready 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 in honor of St. Joseph. 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!



### 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.



### 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. Stop by for fun, 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**

Feb. 11: Adoration

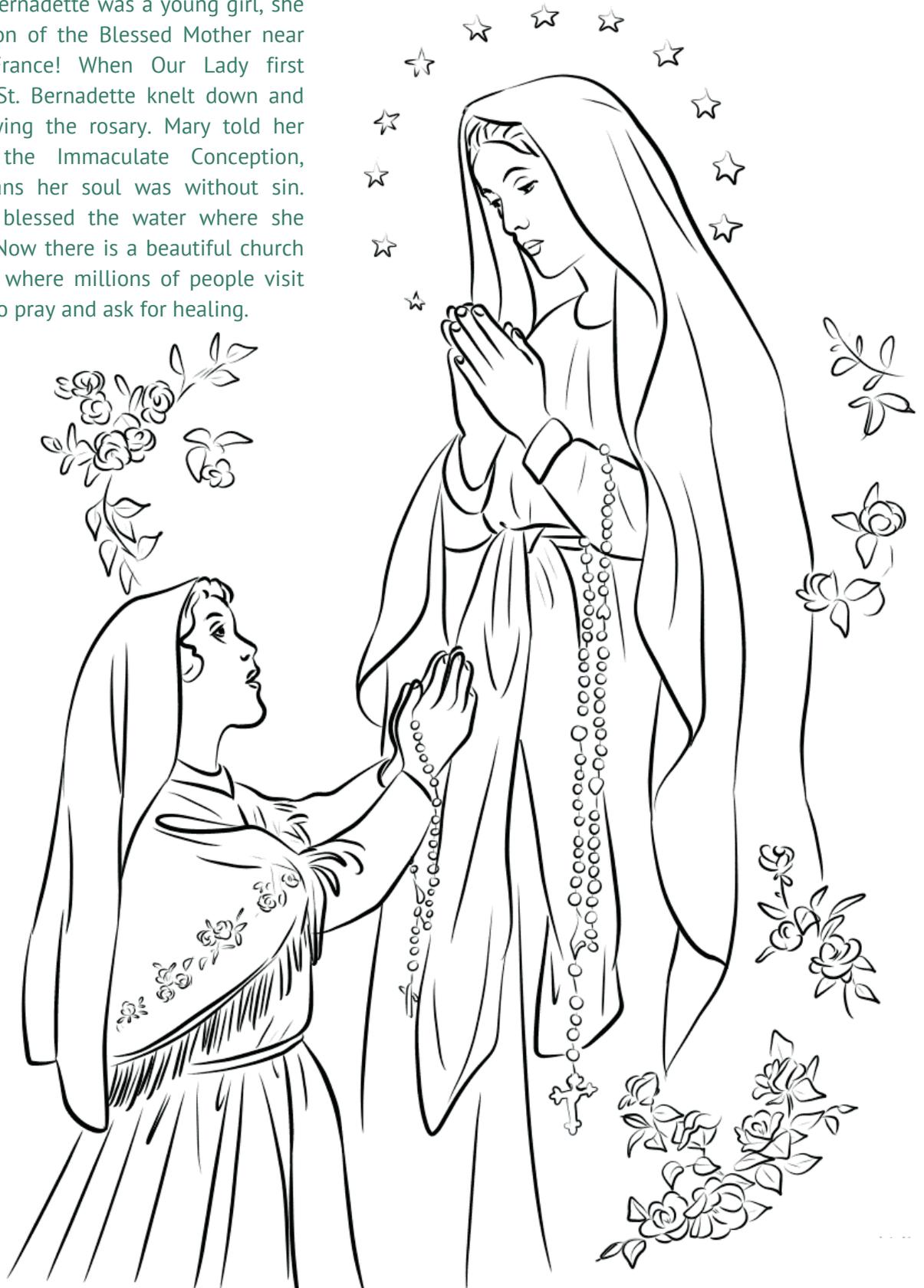
### EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Feb. 14: No Edge

## OUR LADY OF LOURDES & ST. BERNADETTE, PRAY FOR US!

When St. Bernadette was a young girl, she saw a vision of the Blessed Mother near Lourdes, France! When Our Lady first appeared, St. Bernadette knelt down and began praying the rosary. Mary told her she was the Immaculate Conception, which means her soul was without sin. Mary also blessed the water where she appeared. Now there is a beautiful church in Lourdes where millions of people visit each year to pray and ask for healing.



## Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

*St. Pius X Parish: As of Oct-Dec 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)*

### The Diocese of Bridgeport

### St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

	2ND QTR 12/31/2023	2ND QTR 12/31/2022	YTD 12/31/2023	YTD 12/31/2022
Annual Offertory	\$141,124	\$149,096	\$161,503	\$148,641
All other	\$393,252	\$332,808	\$812,192	\$689,523
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$534,376</b>	<b>\$481,904</b>	<b>\$973,695</b>	<b>\$838,164</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administrative & General	\$143,318	\$144,714	\$298,635	\$285,768
Contributions & Assessments	\$39,521	\$36,159	\$79,192	\$72,827
Professional Fees & Insurance	\$31,323	\$18,571	\$54,613	\$34,145
Other Services	\$107,795	\$73,229	\$179,188	\$164,086
Utilities	\$29,748	\$31,070	\$61,203	\$57,122
Fundraising Expense	\$1,805**	\$0	\$1,891	\$0
Interest	\$9,160	\$11,937	\$18,762	\$24,610
Program Expenses	\$4,745	\$10,748	\$7,622	\$18,624
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$367,415</b>	<b>\$326,428</b>	<b>\$701,106</b>	<b>\$657,182</b>
<b>Net Parish Operations</b>	<b>\$166,961</b>	<b>\$155,476</b>	<b>\$272,589</b>	<b>\$180,982</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures</b>		<b>\$22,413</b>		<b>\$46,522 *</b>

\* School 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Windows, Basketball Hoops, Rectory AC

\*\* Regional Youth Ministry Pie Fundraiser Holding Account

#### Q1 and Q2 highlights and activities on our 13-acre campus included:

- Launched Perpetual Adoration Chapel.
- Landscaping cleanup of Prayer Garden.
- Repaired broken Bell Carillon in Church.
- Renewed Hunt Ridge Montessori School and Triple Double Basketball leases in School.
- Cleaned School carpet.
- Plumbing repairs (sinks, toilets, and faucets) in School.
- Replacement of hot water heater and repair of one out of two boilers all damaged due to flood in School.
- Replaced Rectory back door awning.
- Upgraded weak and underperforming WiFi to fiber in Rectory.
- Renegotiated John Patrick Publishing Bulletin contract for second page of ads, expanding to 12 total pages.
- ADT conducted annual Fire Extinguisher, Emergency Lights, and Exit Signs inspection on campus.
- AquaLawn winterized irrigation system on campus.
- Tree work on campus to remove dead and high-risk trees and shrubs primarily around Church. Streamlined plantings for limited maintenance and cost efficiency.
- Fellowship and Ministries: Senior Ministry trip to Goodspeed Opera House, Trunk or Treat, and Thanksgiving Food Drive. Prayer Shawl Ministry expanded to creating Baptismal Blankets.
- Received Employee Retention Credit refund – monies will go to outstanding construction loan.

# Fairfield + Easton

## Local Ash Wednesday + Confession Times



### Holy Cross

750 Tahmore Drive

Ash Wednesday

Mass: 9AM, 5:30PM

Confessions:

Saturdays 3:45-4:15 PM

Tuesday, March 26, 7-8PM



### St. Thomas Aquinas

1719 Post Road

Ash Wednesday

Mass: 7AM, 12:10PM, 4PM, 5:30PM

Confessions:

Saturdays 4–4:45 PM

Monday, March 25, 3-9PM



### St. Anthony of Padua

149 S. Pine Creek Road

Ash Wednesday

Mass: 9AM, 6 PM

Confessions:

Saturday, March 2, 4:15-5PM

Tuesday, March 26, 7-8PM



### Our Lady of the Assumption

545 Stratfield Road

Ash Wednesday

Mass: 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 12:10PM,  
5:30PM

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3-3:45PM

Wednesday, March 27, 7-8PM



### Fairfield University

Egan Chapel  
Bellarmine Road

Ash Wednesday:

Mass: 12:30PM, 4PM, 5:30PM, 9PM

Liturgy of the Word: 8AM, 7PM

Confessions:

Wednesday, February 14, 8:30PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 8:30-9PM

Wednesdays, 9-10PM



### St. Pius X

834 Brookside Drive

Ash Wednesday:

Mass: 8:30 AM, 12PM

Liturgy of the Word: 7AM, 5:30PM

Confessions:

Mondays & Wednesdays, 7-8PM

Saturday 4:00 PM– 5:00 PM

Monday, March 25, 3-9PM



### Holy Family Church

700 Old Stratfield Road

Ash Wednesday

Mass: 8AM

Liturgy of the Word: 12PM, 5PM, 7PM

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3-3:45PM



### St. Emery Church

838 Kings Highway E.

Ash Wednesday:

Mass: 7AM (use ramp door)



### Notre Dame Easton

655 Morehouse Road

Ash Wednesday:

Ashes: 8AM

Liturgy of the Word: 12PM

Confessions:

Saturdays, 4:15-4:45PM