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1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 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.

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Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:
Gn 9:8-15

Res. Psalm:
Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

2nd Reading:
1 Pt 3:18-22

Gospel:
Mk 1:12-15

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Mark's typical fashion, the story of the forty days Jesus spends in the desert is recounted in a rapid-fire pace, clear on what happened, and short on details. The forty days are summarized by three things: Jesus was tempted by Satan, was among the wild beasts, and the angels ministered to Him. Each of those things seems to deserve some attention, but

Mark powers past them, perhaps to allow someone else to tell that story or to leave those details to our imagination. Rather than focusing on our Lord's experience in the desert, Mark wants to get to the heart of the matter, which is the beginning of Jesus' preaching ministry. The first words of our Lord's first sermon stand out even more: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."

This is the time of fulfillment! Everything the Scriptures have prepared us for, everything the prophets have foretold, everything God has promised to His people – now is the time when it will be fulfilled. Jesus lays claim to every prophecy spoken about Him in these simple words. The time of fulfillment He speaks of is both a present reality and an enduring moment. Historically, our Lord fulfills every prophecy spoken: the incarnation happened, our sins were forgiven on the cross, and death was defeated once for all. While we can point to all of this as events that occurred in the past, there is a reason that our Lord's words resonate for us in the present tense: "This is the time of fulfillment."

While forty days before we reach the goal of Lent might

seem like a long-distant future, the liturgical observance of this holy season reminds us that the time of fulfillment is still present for us now. On Wednesday, we received ashes and were called to repentance. With that call came the reminder that Jesus walks among us, that His saving power is available to us here and now, and that the words of the Gospel are not spoken in an historic vacuum, but are uttered by the Eternal Word, Jesus Christ. Spoken for eternity, in this present moment we hear the voice of Jesus calling us to be disciples.

The three primary disciplines of Lent are a great help in remembering the fact that this is the time of fulfillment. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are not aspirational goals or past activities. They are, instead, disciplines with which we actively engage in the here and now. Prayer is our daily conversation with God. We are invited to meet Him each day in silence, in Scripture, in the sacraments, most especially the Eucharist and Confession. Fasting can be a daily practice for us, too, as we mortify our appetites and senses, making room for Jesus in our hearts and uniting our sufferings, here and now to His offering on the Cross which was made once for all. Almsgiving reminds us that Jesus remains with us in the distressing disguise of the poor, and that whatever we do for the least of our brothers, we do for Him (cf. Mt. 25:40). As we engage these disciplines in Lent, may they echo our Lord's words, reminding us to find Him here and now, for this is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

Peace,

Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, February 19

8:30AM.....+Raymond Tomasko.....D. Tomasko

Tuesday, February 20

8:30AM.....+Larry Dunn.....J. & A. Connaughton

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

8:30AM.....+Don Tayler.....Carpanzano Family

Friday, February 23

8:30AM.....+Robert VanTornhaut.....B. & M. Hass

Saturday, February 24

8:30AM+Patrick Lynch.....Brady Family

5:15PM.....+Rita Vettoretti.....A. Devaney

Sunday, February 25

7:30AMAll Parishioners

9AM.....+Silk Family.....Natale Family

11AM.....Nicholas Huydic.....Huydic Family



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of John Sabia

in the Chapel in memory of Maura Murphy



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
Michael Grosso, Marie Sodaro & Frank Somohano

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Feb 4	Feb 11
Weekend	\$ 14,915	\$ 13,900
Weekend 2022	\$ 13,623	\$ 12,570
Monthly	N/A	\$ 2,965
Mission	\$ 441	\$ 170



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal



All money raised for the 2024 St. Pius X will go towards critical school repairs. Go to www.st-pius.org to donate.

79%

\$ 196,578

Donated

\$ 250,000

Goal

11%

270

Gifts

2,460

Registered Families



Contribute to the Bishop's Appeal and renew the diocesan efforts of charity, aid to the poor and educational programs. To donate and learn more about how the Bishop's uses your gift, visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home.

MON

19

FEB

Lenten Confessions, 7-8PM, Church
President's Day, Parish Office, Closed

TUES

20

FEB

Lenten Lecture on Penance, 7PM, Community Room

WED

21

FEB

Lenten Sandwich Making, 7PM, Community Room & Kitchen

FRI

23

FEB

Stations of the Cross, 7PM, Church

LENT



CONFESSIONS DURING LENT

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:

- Monday, February 19-March 18, 7-8PM
- Monday, March 25, 3-9PM
- Wednesdays, 7-8PM
- Saturdays, 4-5PM



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



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, 7PM, Church

The Stations of the Cross detail fourteen different moments on the day Jesus died. Tradition holds that after Christ's death and resurrection, the Blessed Mother retraced Jesus' last day every day. Over the centuries following Christ's Resurrection, this practice transformed into what we know as the Stations of the Cross today. This prayer pilgrimage is a powerful way to grow closer to Jesus at any time of the year, though it is most popular during the Lenten season. -*Hallow App*



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 adorers - Tuesday: 11PM, Wednesday: 9PM, Thursday: 1AM, 10AM, 9PM.
- 2) Any hour that has an adorers 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. 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.

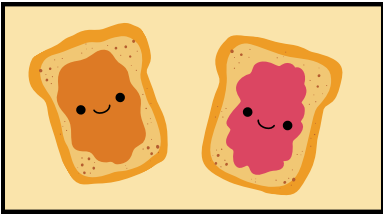
EVENTS



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-March 20, 7-8PM, Community Room

Saturday/Sunday, March 23-24, After all Masses

Donate supplies, make sandwiches at home or onsite for the Merton Center and nOURish Bridgeport. Our goal is to make 100 bagged lunches every week during Lent. Mail mariapiccolo310@gmail.com to sign-up. Feb 28 and March 8 will be from 8-9PM after the Eucharistic Revival.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

Wednesday, February 28, 7PM, Church

Everyone of every age is welcome! Bring your friends and family! Adoration, music and Confession are from 7-8PM. This month, Dr. Joe Tortorello, shares his testimony from 7:30-7:45PM. Fellowship and service to follow in the Community Room at 8PM.

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 _____

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MINISTRIES

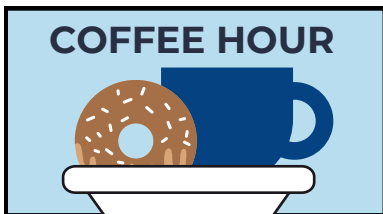
COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



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. 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 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. Don't forget to wear your best GREEN or RED! Lunch \$7. RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

First Monday of Every Month, SPX Faith Center Kitchen

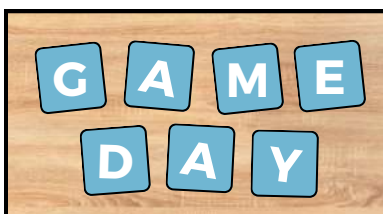
Our Operation Hope Meal Prep Team would love for you to join them. You're invited to help prepare and deliver a monthly meal for 50 of Operation Hope's clients. If you're interested in cooking, donating food or cash to this effort, scan the QR Code or contact Genevieve Ritch at gfanelliritch@optonline.net.



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.



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 or 908-399-2945.

MINISTRIES

COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, March 6, 5-7PM, Community Room

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



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

Feb. 25: Go Figure-Discernment

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 6:30-8PM, School Gym

Feb. 21: Social Night



WRAPPED IN LOVE, KNITTING MINISTRY

Our Knitting Ministry creates baptismal 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 join their efforts, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. We provide yarn.

COMMUNITY



MARCH FOR LIFE CT

Wednesday, March 20, 12PM, Hartford, CT

The Connecticut March for Life Rally will begin at 12PM at the State Capitol followed by the March at 1PM in Bushnell Park. If you are interested in attending, visit www.marchforlife.org/connecticut/ for more information. If you would like to contact your state legislator, visit www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp to look up their contact information.



HOPE & HEALING WITH THE SISTERS OF LIFE

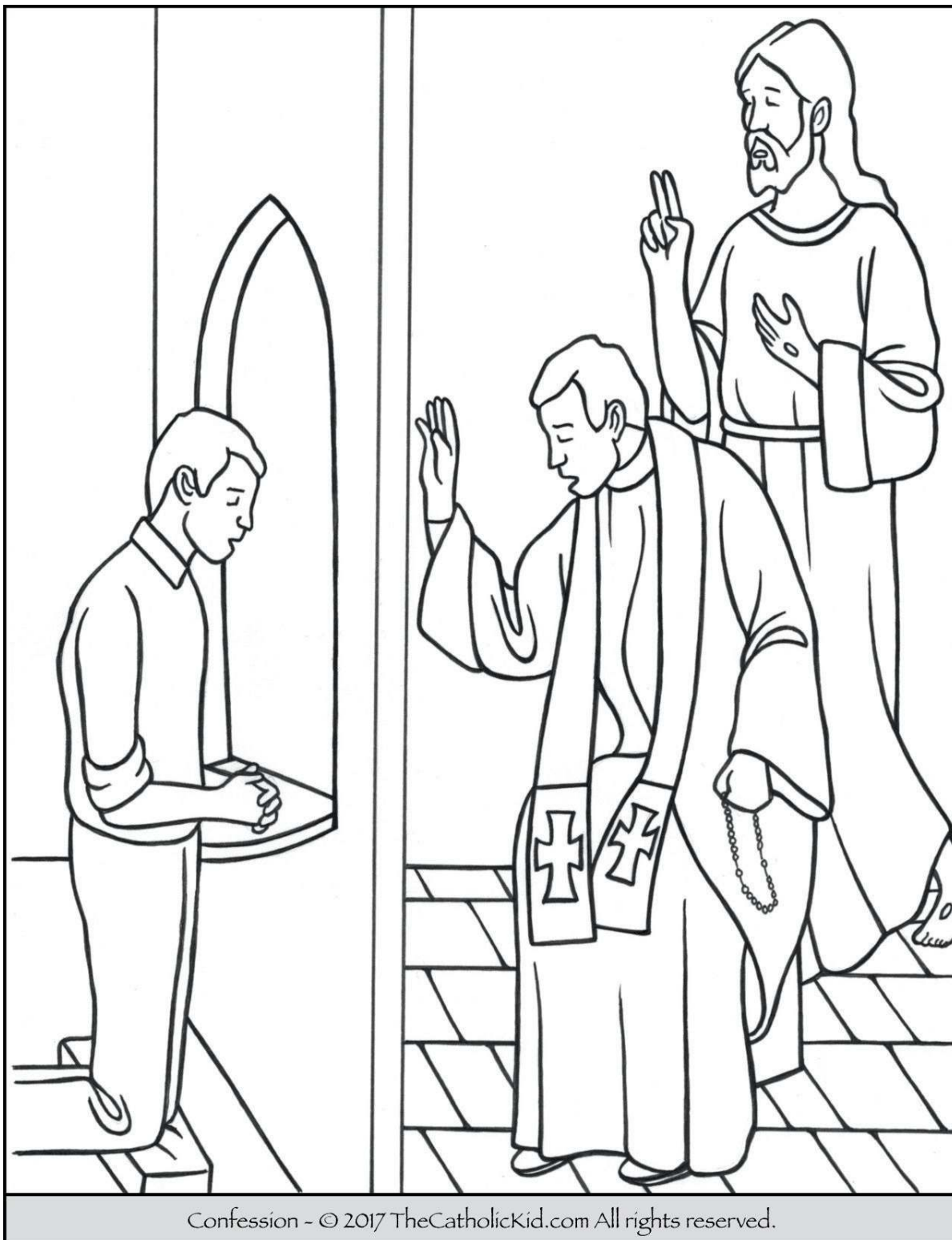
Days of Prayer and Healing for those Impacted by Abortion

Abortion can leave many women and men suffering from deep guilt and pain. Experience the healing that comes when you are able to share your burdens with another in a loving, confidential, and non-judgmental environment. Register for a day of prayer and healing with the Sisters of Life. To find out more, call 866-575-0075 or email hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

Days of Prayer and Healing are Saturday, March 16, Saturday, April 20, (Spanish/Espanol) and Saturday, May 18.

CONFESSION IS A SACRAMENT OF HEALING!

God loves us very much and he asks us to love ourselves and others as He does. When we choose to act in an unkind way, we act against God and sin. When we go to Confession, we ask for and receive God forgiveness and His Grace to do better.



Loaves & Fishes

A LENTEN OFFERING TO FEED
OUR STRUGGLING NEIGHBORS



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." - Matthew 25:35



Help your most vulnerable neighbors struggling to feed their families due to the rising cost of food, gas and housing. Catholic Charities is the leading provider of food resources throughout the Diocese, serving **over 1.5 million meals** each year to individuals, children, families and the homebound elderly!

YOU can transform lives with your Lenten offering!



Catholic Charities' food service programs provide critically needed assistance via our soup kitchens, food pantries, and meal deliveries to the elderly.

These programs are a lifeline to the most vulnerable populations:

- Morning Glory Breakfast Program - Danbury
- New Covenant Center - Stamford
- Room to Grow Preschool Food Pantry - Norwalk
- Senior Nutrition - Norwalk and Stamford
- The **NEW** Thomas Merton Family Center - Bridgeport



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