



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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2nd Sunday in Lent

February 25, 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](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 Transfiguration," by Raphael, Vatican Museum, 1520.





## Pastor's Note

### Today's Readings

**1st Reading:**  
Gn 22:1-2, 9a,  
10-13, 15-18

**Res. Psalm:**  
Ps 116:10, 15,  
16-17, 18-19

**2nd Reading:**  
Rom 8:31b-34

**Gospel:**  
Mk 9:2-10

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Lord, it is good that we are here." Overwhelmed by the glory of the transfigured Jesus, shocked by the presence of Moses and Elijah, St. Peter utters these words in the Gospel we read today in the hope of remaining on the mountain for a while longer. While the moment of the Transfiguration will pass and things will seem to go back to normal, the short-lived

glory that Peter, James, and John were privileged to witness would become a sign and a prefiguration of what was to come. Jesus is transfigured so that the Apostles can be confident in the time after His death on the cross that, indeed, He will be raised as He promised. So it is good that the Apostles are there, for their witnessing of the glory of the Lord will help them later, when they are called upon to strengthen their brothers in hope.

But those words, "it is good that we are here," ring true for us today, as well. It is good that we are here, in this Lenten season. It is good that we have this time dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, because it is through this holy season and the disciplines that accompany it that we are able to reorder our lives. The discipline of Lent has an immediate purpose – the fast of this time allows me to offer myself to God here and now. The Transfiguration had a present-moment purpose, as it confirmed for the Apostles the true identity of Jesus. It also had a future-oriented purpose, as it prepared them for the Passion and Resurrection of the Lord. Just so, our Lenten discipline both helps us now, and prepares us for that future time when, faced with temptation, difficulty, or spiritual doubts, we will need the skills these forty days teach us to help us on our way. And so it is truly good that we are here on this Lenten journey. It is good that we are embracing the

disciplines of Lent. And it is good that, as we enter more deeply into this season, we are here with Jesus. For our Lord who went into the desert for us, has invited us to come with Him there. He has invited us up the mountain with Him. It is good that we are here.

The next part of the Gospel story is important, though we will not read it today. Immediately after the Transfiguration, Jesus returns down the mountain with Peter, James, and John. There, they find the remaining Apostles trying to cast a demon out of a boy and having no success. The boy's father makes the humble prayer "Lord, I believe. Help my unbelief," and at that supplication, Jesus casts the demon out, healing the boy. The Apostles ask why they could not exorcise in this situation, and Jesus tells them that this particular kind of demon can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. This episode teaches us that, while some kinds of healing can happen simply by the authority of the name of Jesus, there are some healings that will take place only by our perseverance in prayer and discipline. So it is good that we are here, in Lent. For Lent teaches us those disciplines of prayer and fasting that will help us to find the healing that Jesus desires for us to receive. Virtue is the habit of choosing to do what is good. Prayer and fasting help me to choose, habitually, to do the good. The only way to cast out the demon of sin is the consistency and habit of penance, prayer and fasting which these forty days call us to live. It is good that we are here. We are not meant to live a constant Lent, but we need the lessons from Lent every year, for our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving give us the tools we will need to be strong in the face of temptation, to strengthen our brethren in faith, and to uproot sin whenever and wherever it crops up in our lives. It is good that we are here.

Peace,  
Fr. Sam

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 24

8:30AM .....+Patrick Lynch.....Brady Family  
 5:15PM.....+Rita Vettoretti.....A. Devaney

### Sunday, February 25

7:30AM .....All Parishioners  
 9AM.....+Silk Family.....Natale Family  
 11AM.....Nicholas Huydic.....Huydic Family

### Monday, February 26

8:30AM.....+Josephine Liuzzo.....A. Armstrong

### Tuesday, February 27

8:30AM.....+Edward Hojanowsky.....E. O'Hara

### Wednesday, February 28

8:30AM.....+Tom Rini.....Mooney Family

### Thursday, February 29

8:30AM.....+Paul Padovano.....F. Padula

### Friday, March 1

8:30AM.....Connor A. Sentementes.....C. Teitell

### Saturday, March 2

8:30AM .....+Paul M. DiForte.....Brady Family  
 5:15PM.....+Amy St. Pierre.....Riccio Family

### Sunday, March 3

7:30AM .....All Parishioners  
 9AM.....+Silk Family.....Natale Family  
 11AM.....+Robin Seymour.....S. Barrett & Seymour Family



### Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Ron & Brian Davis  
 in the Chapel in memory of Susan McPadden



### Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Leo Kevin Rapisarldi

MON

26

FEB

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

WED

28

FEB

Eucharistic Revival Night, 7-8PM, Church  
 Lenten Sandwich Making, 8-9PM, Community Room & Kitchen

THUR

29

FEB

Lenten Lecture Series, Prayer, 7PM, Community Room

SAT

2

MAR

St. Patrick's Day Party, 6:30PM, Community Room

## STEWARDSHIP

### Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Feb 11	Feb 18
Weekend	\$ 13,900	\$ 10,753
Weekend 2022	\$ 12,570	\$ 11,363
Monthly	\$ 2,695	\$ 360
Maintenance	N/A	\$ 150
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,511	N/A



### 2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

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

79%

\$ 198,338

Donated

\$ 250,000

Goal

11%

273

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](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/bishops-appeal/home).

# LENT



## WHY GO TO ADORATION?

As parishioners of St. Pius X, we have an incredible gift at our parish: Eucharistic Adoration in our Chapel every weekday. So why not stop by this Lenten season? Below, parishioners of St. Pius share their thoughts on why they attend Adoration.

One parishioner goes because it is “a place of refuge, a source of strength, and an anchor amidst the storms of life.” Another parishioner, Charlie Rich, attends Adoration to “develop a transformative... personal relationship” with Jesus. While, a St. Pius mother, Noreen Zaino, goes to Adoration because in all our imperfection, He waits to welcome us with “a warm hug.”

As one parishioner put it: “The Lord is a gentle listener with a tender heart, [who] delights to see us and spend time with us.” In Adoration, we can rest “in His loving gaze.” So during this Lenten season, why not come and see the Blessed Sacrament that inspired a nationwide pilgrimage? This humble King of kings invites us to commune with Him and find repose in His loving presence.



## 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, Wednesday: 9PM, Thursday: 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.



## 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*



## ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

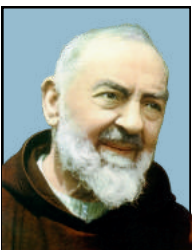
### Friday, 9AM, Church

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.



## PADRE PIO RELICS AT ST. PIUS X!

### Friday, March 22, 12PM-6:30PM, Veneration of Relics, 7PM Mass, Church

We are incredibly grateful to host some of Padre Pio's relics this Lent. Do not miss this opportunity to venerate the relics of a holy, modern day saint. More details to come!

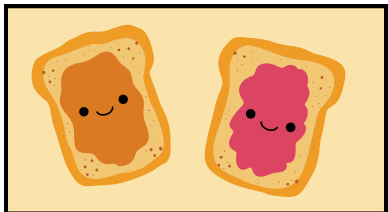
## EVENTS



### LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: PRAYER

**Thursday, February 29, 7-8PM, Community Room**

In the second session of our Lenten Series, Fr. Brendan will remind us that the foundation of our life of faith is that we are to be people of prayer. Lent is a season that is designed for us to go out into the desert with Christ, and prayer is the avenue toward a deeper relationship and intimacy with Him, where we can become people who pray without ceasing.



### SPREAD THE LOVE, LENTEN SANDWICH MAKING

**Wednesday, February 28-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 lunches every Wednesday during Lent. Mail [mariapiccolo310@gmail.com](mailto:mariapiccolo310@gmail.com) to sign-up for to help make sandwiches and bag up the lunches. *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.

SAVE  
THE DATE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 16347 PRESENTS

# ST. PIUS X GOLF FUNDRAISER

REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY MARCH

**MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024**

**H. SMITH RICHARDSON GOLF COURSE & BOCA GRILL, FAIRFIELD, CT**

18 HOLES OF GOLF, SHOTGUN START,  
LUNCH, HAPPY HOUR, DINNER,  
LIVE MUSIC, SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLES

CONTACT US TO VOLUNTEER,  
DONATE PRIZES, & PROVIDE  
SPONSORSHIP

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SPXGOLFOUTING](http://tinyurl.com/spxgolfouting)

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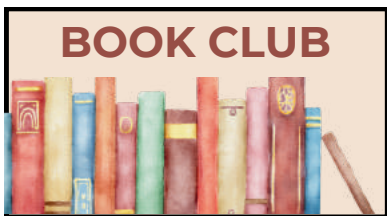
## COMMUNITY, SERVICE AND FORMATION



### 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!



### WELL-READ MOMS BOOK CLUB

**Saturday, March 9, 9-10:15AM, Munro Room**

We invite you to our discussion on the memoir, "A Severe Mercy" by Sheldon Vanauken which delves into themes of love, loss, and the search for meaning, ultimately offering a powerful reflection on the human experience in the search for God. For more information or to RSVP, email Karen Lannigan at [karenlannigan0915@gmail.com](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com).



### 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. 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!



### 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](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### 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.

## 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](mailto: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](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. 25: Go Figure-Discernment

#### EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Wednesday, 7-8:30PM, Church**

Feb 28: Eucharistic Revival 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](mailto: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/](http://www.marchforlife.org/connecticut/) for more information. If you would like to reach out to your state legislator, visit [www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp](http://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](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

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



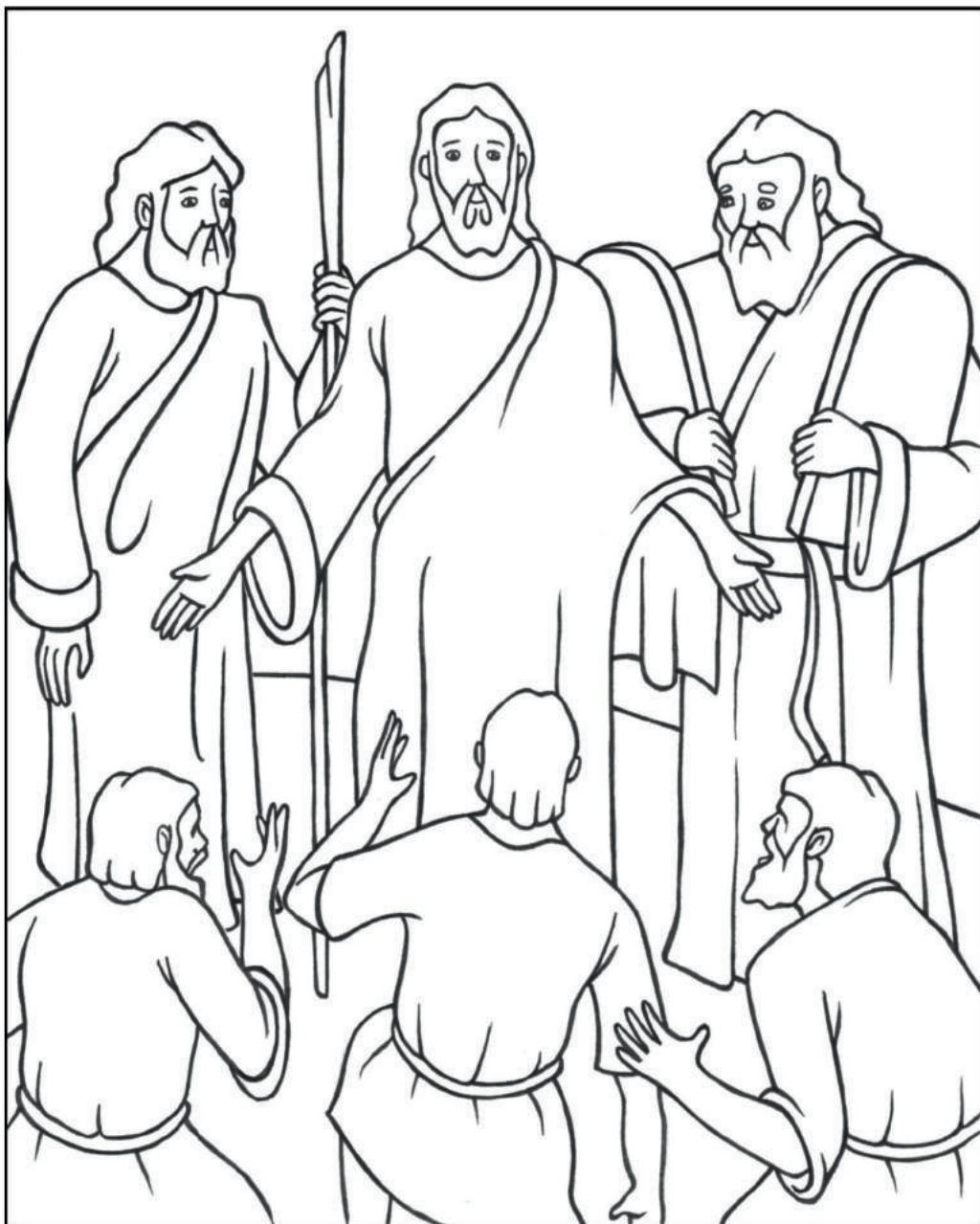
## USE THE PICTURES TO HELP READ TODAY'S GOSPEL STORY

 took Peter, James and John up a   
 Suddenly His  became dazzling white, like the  
 .  began to speak with Moses and Elijah,  
 who appeared beside Him.  were terrified.  
 Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Shall we  
 build  : one for You, one for Moses and

one for Elijah?" Then a  came over them, and a  
 voice came out of it and said, "This is my beloved Son.  
 Listen to Him." Then only  was there with them.  
 Coming down the  , He told  not to tell  
 anyone what happened until after He rose from the dead.

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION





# Saint Patrick's Day

## PARTY

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

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

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

**Dancers from the Lenihan School of Irish Dance**

**Raffle Prizes, 50-50**

**B.Y.O.B.**

**Water, Soft Drinks, Ice Available**

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

Interested in making a donation for a raffle, please contact Liz at [lizbyrnefeeney@hotmail.com](mailto:lizbyrnefeeney@hotmail.com)

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Please RSVP to Parish Office or Collection Basket  
(Checks Payable to "St. Pius X")

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Email \_\_\_\_\_ #of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Seat us with \_\_\_\_\_