



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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3rd Sunday in Lent

March 3, 2024

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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 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Readings

1st Reading:

Ex 17:3-7

Res. Psalm:

95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

2nd Reading:

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel:

Jn 4:5-42

With the third Sunday of Lent, the Church begins to invite those who are preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation to a deeper reflection and participation in the life of Christ. Today and for the two Sundays that follow, the Scrutinies are celebrated for those catechumens and candidates anticipating reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Here at St. Pius, the Scrutinies will be celebrated during the 11 AM Sunday Mass.

These unique rites have their origin in some of the ancient practices of the early Church. At a time when persecution was common, it was important for the Church to know that those who sought to be members of the Church were sincere in their desire. Often the period of catechumenate (the time of preparation leading up to baptism) could last for years. It was a time for the catechumen to be evangelized and catechized, as well as tested so that their sincerity could be proven. Hence the name "Scrutiny" has been applied to these rites. In the contemporary version, we focus our attention more on the Church's prayer for the people desiring deeper faith. In the First Scrutiny, we pray especially that the spiritual thirst they have for God would be satisfied by their relationship with God, and that they would see that this spiritual desire can only be satisfied in the sacramental life. In the Second Scrutiny, the Church prays that they would have light and spiritual sight so as to see Christ and His plan for them more clearly. And finally, in the Third Scrutiny, the Church's prayer turns to the gift of new life, that as the catechumens and candidates receive the life of Christ through the sacraments, so they would also put behind them the deadly ways of sin and vice.

In light of the First Scrutiny to be celebrated today, we can look at the Gospel story of the Samaritan woman at the well (NB – while we are in "Year B" for the cycle of readings, for these three weeks of the Scrutinies, we will use the readings

from "Year A," returning to the regular cycle in time for Palm Sunday). The woman is drawing water at midday, not the morning or evening as would be expected. She avoids her neighbors because she is publicly known as a sinner. Yet her well-known sin does not prevent Jesus from speaking to her and asking for a drink. Even someone who is far from God and whose moral life leaves something to be desired is capable of doing good things for others. Jesus teaches her this reality with His simple request for water. As she responds, she is surprised to find herself drawn into a spiritual conversation. How often we, as sinners, think spiritual or godly things are beyond us! Only after recognizing her capacity for good and receiving the invitation to spiritual converse is she invited to consider her moral life. Though she is convicted, she is able to face those questions precisely because Jesus has set a tone of openness. He does not lord His goodness or perfection over her, but he also does not shy away from calling her to a better way of living. Within that environment, the Samaritan woman's life is transformed, and she immediately becomes a witness to others of the gift of following Jesus.

As we go through the Lenten season, Jesus also wants to meet us, especially in those places where we experience shame or regret. As he thirsted for the faith of the Samaritan woman, so he thirsts for our faith. He does not attack us for our immorality, but neither does He leave us without a challenge to leave sin behind. In this season of repentance, let us recognize Jesus as He meets us, as He invites us into spiritual conversation, and let us take Him up on the call to conversion, to repentance, to a new way of living. In the Sacrament of Confession, let us leave the shame behind, and find our desire for mercy satisfied by Jesus, who meets us with love in those places we need Him most.

Peace,
Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 2

8:30AM+Paul M. DiForte.....Brady Family

5:15PM.....+Amy St. Pierre.....Riccio Family

Sunday, March 3

7:30AMAll Parishioners

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

11AM.....+Robin Seymour.....S. Barrett & Seymour Family

Monday, March 4

8:30AM.....+Craig Connors.....Fr. Samuel Kachuba

7PM.....+Joseph Fierro.....D. Collins

Tuesday, March 5

8:30AM.....+Todd Smith.....J. & J. Myers

Wednesday, March 6

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

Thursday, March 7

8:30AM.....+Angela Carey.....P. Carey

Friday, March 8

8:30AM.....+Marie & Robert O'Connell....Coyle Family

Saturday, March 9

8:30AM+Jeannette Deacon.....Dr. Thimons

5:15PM.....Mary-Elizabeth Leahey.....Coyle Family

Sunday, March 10

7:30AM+Marcia Connelly.....M. Piccolo

9AM.....+Theresa & Spiro Morris.....Morris Family

11AM.....All Parishioners



Sanctuary Lights will burn

in the Church in memory of Helen Orsini
in the Chapel in memory of Susan McPadden



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Erik Mitchell Cranston, Jr.
- Sophia Catherine Mullen
- Holden Luke Soosai



In Memoriam

Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
Sandra Gellatly

MON

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MAR

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

WED

6

MAR

Tastebuds, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen
Lenten Sandwich Making, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

THUR

7

MAR

Lenten Lecture Series, Fasting, 7PM, Community Room

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Feb 18	Feb 25
Weekend	\$ 10,753	\$ 11,016
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,363	\$ 11,871
Monthly	\$ 360	N/A
Maintenance	\$ 150	N/A

Next week's Second Collection benefits Catholic Relief Services and Aid to Church in Central and Eastern Europe



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

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

80%

\$ 200,038

Donated

\$ 250,000

Goal

11%

277

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.

PRAYER



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.
- 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/ 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. 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.

EVENTS



LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: FR. SAM ON FASTING

Thursday, March 7, 7-8PM, Community Room

The second of the great disciplines of Lent, fasting teaches us to do without, to discipline our senses and our desires, and to learn self-control. We can fast from food, drink, or activities. Fasting becomes a great tool for growing in our capacity for prayer, and helps us to offer our hearts to God more and more each day.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

Wednesday, March 20, 7PM, Church

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



PADRE PIO RELICS AT ST. PIUS XI!

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. To learn more about the Padre Pio Foundation visit www.saintpiofoundation.org.

SERVICE



VOLUNTEER AT ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL

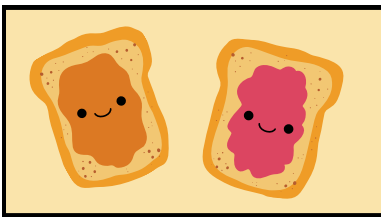
St Vincent's Medical Center is looking for volunteers over the age of 16 years old. There is an urgent need for gift shop volunteers as well as other departments. Please contact Ellen Muentener at ellen.muentener@hhchealth.org or (475) 210-5111 if you are interested. Their Main Campus Hospital is 2800 Main Street, Bridgeport CT 06606



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

First Monday of the Month, Community Kitchen

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.



SPREAD THE LOVE, LENTEN SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, March 6 & 13, 7-8PM, March 20 8-9PM, Community Room

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

Donate supplies, make sandwiches at home or onsite for the Merton Center, nOURish Bridgeport, and Operation Hope. Our goal is to make 100 lunches every Wednesday during Lent. Email mariapiccolo310@gmail.com to sign-up.



COME & JOIN US!

MINISTRIES

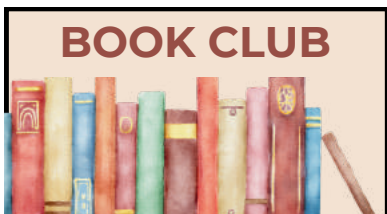
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, 6:30AM, Community Room

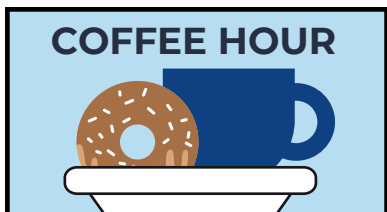
Join the men of the parish for prayer, conversation, and fellowship! For more information, contact Mark Drexel at drexel2424@optonline.net. We look forward to welcoming you!



WELL-READ MOMS BOOK CLUB

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

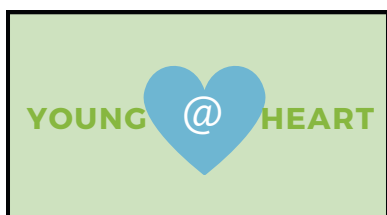
We invite you to our discussion on the memoir, "A Severe Mercy" by Sheldon Vanauken which delves into themes of love, loss, and the search for meaning, ultimately offering a powerful reflection on the human experience in the search for God. For more information or to RSVP, email Karen Lannigan at karenlannigan0915@gmail.com.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

Every Sunday in March, 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!



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.



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 or visit www.st-pius.org/www.

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FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

Life Teen + Edge, hosted at St. Pius X, is open to any middle and high school student from any church. We 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. Adults who would like to support 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

Mar 3: Playing it Safe-Being Overly Cautious

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 7-8:30PM, Church

Mar 6: Why Isn't Mass More Exciting?

COMMUNITY



MARCH FOR LIFE CT

Wednesday, March 20, 12PM, State Capitol, Hartford, CT

If you're interested in attending the Connecticut March for Life Rally, visit www.marchforlife.org/connecticut/ for more information. Make your voice heard by contacting your state legislator. Visit www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgafindleg.asp for their contact information.



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT, PROJECT RACHEL

Saturday, March 16

Are you suffering from the wound of abortion? Begin the healing journey. Come to an Entering Canaan Day of Prayer and Healing for women who have experienced abortion. For confidential registration or more information contact Maureen at projectrachel@diobpt.org or 203-426-1619. God's love and mercy are waiting for you!



Can Fr. Sam give a homily in 3 minutes or less? Scan the code to find out! Listen to this quick podcast and hear our pastor reflect on the daily Gospel readings and saint feast days.



www.dailycatholicreflection.podbean.com



TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Mark Schultz Benefit Concert

at the Fairfield University Quick Center
Friday March 15, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

for Malta House

Malta House in Norwalk provides a home and hope to expectant mothers and babies of all faiths

Mark Schultz is an award winner, contemporary Christian singer-songwriter
But this is so much more than a concert because Mark is an amazing storyteller with a heart of gold
His concerts are inspired, touching and engaging
They speak of family, faith and home
Be prepared to laugh, cry, and most of all, have a memorable evening



Use QR code to order tickets
\$50 general seating
\$30 seniors, students, veterans
Or call 203-254-4010



"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these": Matthew 19:14

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL, PRAY FOR US!

FEAST DAY, MARCH 3

In 1858, Katharine Drexel was born into a wealthy Philadelphia family. The Drexels prayed daily and provided food, clothing and rent to those in need. When Katharine witnessed the suffering within African-American and Native American communities, she became determined to use her fortune to help them. In 1891, Katharine made religious vows and started the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. They taught in schools, missions and reservations throughout the U.S. and still do today.

Scan for a kid's story
on St. Katharine Drexel



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 PRESENTS



ST. PIUS X

CATHOLIC CHURCH



2024 Golf Fundraiser

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. PIUS X BUILDING LOAN & KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #16347 CHARITABLE OUTREACH



MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2024

H. SMITH RICHARDSON GOLF COURSE
& BOCA GRILL, FAIRFIELD, CT
<http://tinyurl.com/spxgolfouting>

WIN PRIZES

65" Smart TV
Lunch on CT River Luxury Yacht
MLB & NFL Game Tickets
Many More Valuable Prizes



SCAN TO REGISTER

REGISTRATION

Single: \$275
Foursome: \$1,100
Includes:
Driving Range
18 Holes of Golf
Lunch, Cocktail Hour
Buffet Dinner
Dinner Only: \$ 125

SCHEDULE

12PM Registration/Lunch
1:30PM Shotgun Start
Scramble Format
5PM Cocktail Hour
6PM Buffet Dinner
6:45PM Silent Auction
7:30PM Sports Auction
Live DJ on Site