



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 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 during Lent

Saturday, 4-5PM, Church
Monday, 7-8PM, 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:

1 Sm 16:1b,
6-7, 10-13a

Res. Psalm:

23: 1-3a, 3b-
4, 5, 6

2nd Reading:

Eph 5:8-14

Gospel:

Jn 9:1-41

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, gives us great reason for hope as we enter more deeply into these penitential days. Hopefully our disciplines and prayer have begun to bear fruit in our lives. Perhaps they have been a bit of a struggle, but even in those challenges we can see the grace of God at work. Today, though our journey in the desert is not yet over, the Church sounds for us a note of hope as we look forward to the day on which Christ accomplishes our salvation.

The name "Laetare Sunday" comes from the first words of the entrance antiphon at Mass: "Laetare, Ierusalem, en conventum facite, omnes qui diligitis eam; Gaudete cum Laetitia, qui in tristitia fuistis, ut exsultetis, et satiemini ab uberibus consolationis vestrae." "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." We might pause at the 8th Station of the Cross, where Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem. They represent the whole of Jerusalem grieving over their sin, appropriately pained by the reality of the Passion. They weep also because the one they love is suffering. The women of Jerusalem are able to love precisely because they have been loved first. The call to rejoice is also fitting, then, for Jerusalem (and thus the whole People of God) has been loved so profoundly by the Lord. Even in the midst of grief, the women can be comforted and consoled by the power of God's love. Just so, even as we undertake these weeks of penance, even as we grieve our sins in the sacrament of confession, we can be called to rejoice. The rejoicing of Laetare Sunday is also inspired by the second Scrutiny. We pray for our catechumens and candidates today that they would receive the eyes of faith with which to see Jesus.

As the story of the man born blind is proclaimed, we are reminded of the mystery of how God calls and works. Jesus makes clay, rubs it on the man's eyes, and commands him to wash. Our Lord sees the man in his need and, without a word being spoken between them, Jesus satisfies the man's great desire.

The image of clay opening the man's eyes evokes the image of the creation of man. God, who is perfectly sufficient in Himself, in an act of pure love, created the world and all that is in it, beginning with the command from God, "Let there be light." As Jesus heals the man born blind, we see that God is always active, always moving toward us, always acting on our behalf in acts of pure love. Though the formerly blind man does not fully understand what has happened to him, he is filled with a desire to believe. So our catechumens and candidates are encountering the mystery that they are created and loved by God, and we pray for the light that comes from Christ to shine in their hearts and minds more and more each day. This same light is the desire of our hearts, too. As we accompany those preparing to receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil, we pray that our own desire for the sacraments, for the light of Christ, would increase in our hearts.

Though we remain in the desert, though the Passion of our Lord remains before our eyes, though we may face many challenges in these forty days, today is a reminder that we can still rejoice. Even in our crosses we can find hope. Even in our difficulties, we can find joy. Even at the foot of the Cross, we find reason to rejoice in the Lord who gives us hope.

Peace,

Fr. Sam

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, March 11

8:30AM.....+Fabio Biazus.....Fr. Sam Kachuba & St. Pius X Staff
 7PM.....+Joseph Fierro.....D. Collins

Tuesday, March 12

8:30AM.....Robert Renehan

Wednesday, March 13

8:30AM..+Evelyn Paparelli..Fr. Sam Kachuba & St. Pius X Staff

Thursday, March 14

8:30AM.....Allan Sheony.....B. & M. D’Cunha

Friday, March 15

8:30AM.....+Matthew Littlefield.....Carpanzano Family

Saturday, March 16

8:30AM+Terry Clancy.....B. & D. Omohundro
 5:15PM.....All Parishioners

Sunday, March 17

7:30AM+John & Helen Guman.....B. Guman
 9AM.....+Robert Baird Jr.....S. Barret
 11AM.....+Jay Kowalsky.....K. Kowalsky



Sanctuary Lights will burn
 in the Church for Special Intentions
 in the Chapel for the intentions of Sr. Deirdra
 Mary of the Divine Will



Baptisms
 We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

- Lili Elizabeth Canahui
- Henry John Hawes
- Madalyn Alexandria Mirkor



In Memoriam
 Pray for our parishioners who recently passed:
 Frank Boemio, Dorothy Kollar

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	Feb 25	Mar 3
Weekend	\$ 11,016	\$ 13,581
Weekend 2022	\$ 11,871	\$ 14,915
Monthly	N/A	\$ 825
Votive Candles	N/A	\$ 700



2024 St. Pius X Annual Appeal

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



\$ 200,688 Donated \$ 250,000 Goal



281 Gifts 2,460 Registered Families



SPX APPEAL

To donate, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Annual Appeal in the memo or visit www.st-pius.org/online-giving-page. You can also sign up for online giving while you're there!



BISHOP'S APPEAL

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.

In pew Bishop's Appeal is next weekend, March 16 & 17.

MON

11

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

MAR

WED

13

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

MAR

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14

Lenten Lecture Series, Almsgiving, 7PM, Community Room

MAR

PRAYER



ADORATION

Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel

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

- 1) Any hour with no adorer - Tuesday: 11PM, Thursday: 2AM, 3AM, 5AM 10AM and Friday: 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!

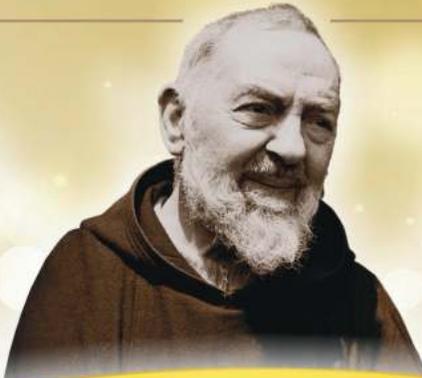
FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

First Saturday, 9AM, Church

Join us for a devotion to Our Lady. We will pray the Rosary, Litany of Loreto, and follow with Benediction.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2024
VENERATION: 12-6:30PM
MASS: 7PM



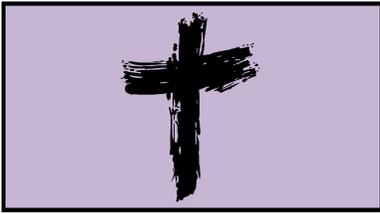
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FAIRFIELD, CT 06824

THE RELICS OF PADRE PIO



1 SAINT PIO'S CRUST OF THE WOUNDS
2 A PIECE OF SAINT PIO'S MANTLE
3 SAINT PIO'S WHITE FINGERLESS GLOVE
4 SAINT PIO'S HANDKERCHIEF
5 A LOCK OF SAINT PIO'S HAIR

EVENTS



LENTEN LECTURE SERIES: FR. BRENDAN ON ALMSGIVING

Thursday, March 14, 7-8PM, Community Room

All are called to be good stewards of creation, and that includes our own personal time, abilities, and wealth. Lent calls us to grow in generosity by living out the great command to “love our neighbor as ourselves” where we can give more of ourselves in support of those most in need. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”



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

SERVICE



VOLUNTEER AT ST. VINCENT’S HOSPITAL

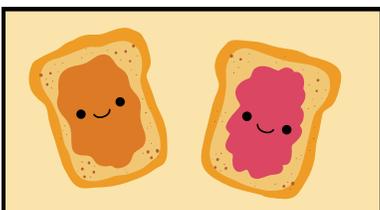
St Vincent’s Medical Center is looking for volunteers over the age of 16 years old. There is an urgent need for gift shop volunteers as well as other departments. Please contact Ellen Muentener at ellen.muentener@hhchealth.org or (475) 210-5111 if you are interested. Their Main Campus Hospital is 2800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

MINISTRIES

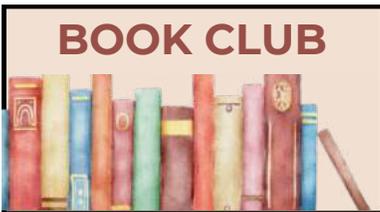
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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

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, April 6, 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.



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

March, 10, 17 & 24, 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, April 8, 12PM, Community Room

We're happy to welcome Paul Piorek, award winning meteorologist. After 25 years at News 12 CT, Paul is currently the chief on-air meteorologist at WICC 600 AM, 107.3 FM and a lifelong St. Pius X parishioner. He will share stories about his fascinating career and answer any questions you may have! Lunch \$7. RSVP to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. Let Pete know if you can bake!



TASTEBUDS

Wednesday, April 3, 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

NEW!!! Wednesday, April 3-May 29, 6:30-8PM, Munro Room

Thursday, 9:30-11:30AM, Community Room

Starting April 3, Ordering Your Priorities will help you discover and prioritize what matters most in life. 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 10: You Are What You Eat-The Institution of the Eucharist

EDGE - MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 7-8:30PM, Church

Mar. 13: New Destination - Does the Eucharist Change Me?

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

HAPPY

ST. PATRICK'S & ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

