



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 17, 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 Day	5:30PM, Vigil Mass, Church
	8:30AM & 5:30PM, Holy Day, 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 open 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.

## PARISH INFORMATION

Office Hours	Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM Friday, 9AM-12PM
Parish Phone	203-255-6134
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Parish Address	834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield, CT 06824

### Parish Corporation

Lay Members	Kathryn Vogt, Art Wolf
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## Pastor's Note

### Today's

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

### Readings

#### 1st Reading:

Dn 12:1-3

#### Res. Psalm:

Ps 16:5, 8,  
9-10, 11

#### 2nd Reading:

Heb 10:11-14,  
18

#### Gospel:

Mk 13:24-32

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the Church gives us passages of Scripture that remind us of the end of all things. Yet this end is never a hopeless one, but is rather a reminder that we ought to live in this passing world as guests or pilgrims, understanding that our true home and our true concern is eternal union with God. Catholics will find a number of different ways in which this reality is called to mind. One is, of course, the liturgical cycle of readings. The liturgical life of the Church gives us celebrations of great joy, such as weddings and baptisms, as well as of great sorrow, as when we mourn the death of a loved one in the funeral Mass. Aside from the sacraments and the liturgical celebrations the Church gives us, there is another great sign that we are pilgrims passing through this world on a journey to perfect union with God. That sign is the visible witness of consecrated men and women, priests and religious who have dedicated their lives to God and the service of His Church.

When asked why he wore his cassock, I once heard a priest answer with a question. "What do you think of when you see a priest?" The answer was simple: "I think about God." And so the priest's response made perfect sense. "That's why I wear my cassock. I want people when they see me not to think about me, but to think about God." Sometimes seeing a priest in his collar or a religious sister in her habit is surprising. It may be comforting. It may seem out of place – I know a priest who was invited to visit a community of nuns in Miami, FL, and they wanted him to see every part of their city. Seeing a priest in black being

led by nuns in full habit down the Miami Beach boardwalk surely turned heads!

It is not just the visible sign that priests and religious embody that matters here. Priests and consecrated religious brothers and sisters, it is true, provide the visual reminder to think of something beyond this world, a God for whom we are made. But in their prayer, work, and ministry, they make the presence of God in this world here and now felt while also keeping the hope of eternal life in focus. They remind us not to be so narrowly focused on the things of this world that we forget that life that is to come. The great Archbishop Fulton Sheen, in his book "The Priest is Not His Own," writes "We belong to a different union, where love, not hours, is the standard. When we think of all the Lord has done for us, we can never do enough. The word 'enough' does not exist in love's vocabulary."

As you know, this weekend we take a special collection to support the seminarians of the Diocese of Bridgeport. These young men are preparing for a life spent as a living sign of God's presence with us, and a life spent pointing the way to heaven for people who need it most. Please pray for them each day, that they might grow always in love for God and for His people, that their service may be selfless, and that the standard of love will always guide their ministry. If you would like to know more, please visit [www.bridgeportpriest.org](http://www.bridgeportpriest.org).

Peace,

Fr. Sam

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 16**

8:30AM.....+John P. O'Boyle.....O'Boyle Family  
 5:15PM.....+Mr. Anthony V. Piliero

**Sunday, November 17**

7:30AM.....+Anthony Piliero.....O'Brien Family  
 9AM.....All Parishioners  
 11AM.....+Dorris Harrington.....D'Alesio Family

**Monday, November 18**

8:30AM.....+Pat Greenleaf.....A. & J. Connaughton

**Tuesday, November 19**

8:30AM.....Ashley Catalano.....N. & A. Catalano

**Wednesday, November 20**

8:30AM.....+Greg Patti.....B. Shaughnessy

**Thursday, November 21**

8:30AM.....+James Dugan.....A. Armstrong

**Friday, November 22**

8:30AM.....+Philip Steinborn.....Steinborn Family

**Saturday, November 23**

8:30AM.....+Charles Myer.....A. Armstrong  
 5:15PM.....All Parishioners

**Sunday, November 24**

7:30AM.....+Mrs. Ellen Mario  
 9AM.....+Leo Heile.....P. Heile & Family  
 11AM.....+Philip Steinborn.....Steinborn Family



**Sanctuary Lights**

Church & Chapel for Vocations in the Diocese of Bridgeport



**Baptisms**

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:  
 Giada Laura Maselli  
 Josslyn Elizabeth Silvestri  
 Sophie Kristine Silvestri

# STEWARDSHIP

## Weekly Offertory

Offerings	November 3	November 10
Weekend	\$ 13,798	\$ 13,229
Monthly	\$ 1,565	\$ 3,527
Mission	\$ 708	\$ 180

Today's Second Collection is to support the Diocese of Bridgeport Seminarians.



St. Pius X Offertory  
Online Giving



Consider switching to online giving—it's the easiest and safest way to donate. Get started started now: Scan the QR code or visit [www.st-pius.org/giving/](http://www.st-pius.org/giving/). Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



We Stand With Christ  
Construction Loan



- \$ 632,000 Current Loan Balance
- \$ 96,058 From 170 Gifts as of June 2024
- \$ 27,000 K of C Golf Outing Gift
- \$ 45,000 K of C Raffle Contribution

To give to the WSWC Construction Loan, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Construction Loan in the memo.

SAT/SUN

**16/17**  
NOV

St. Pius X Thanksgiving Food Drive

WED

**20**  
NOV

Sandwich Making, 7PM, Community Room

SAT

**23**  
NOV

St. Pius X Advent Giving Tree Kick Off

## ADVENT



### PRE-DAWN RORATE MASS

**Saturday, December 7, 14, & 21, 6AM, Church**

The Rorate Mass is an ancient Advent tradition of offering a pre-dawn Mass in honor of the Blessed Mother in candlelight. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illuminated by the sun as our faith is illumined by Christ.

## PRAYER



### ADORATION

**Monday, 9AM - Friday, 9PM, Chapel**

Adore our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament! Stop by and visit for a few minutes or consider signing up for an hour. We have the following hours open - Tuesday, 10AM, Wednesday, 10PM, Thursday, 10AM, Friday, 12PM, 5PM.

To sign up or to become a substitute visit [www.st-pius.org/adoration/](http://www.st-pius.org/adoration/) 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.



### ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer! Email your petitions and/or thanksgivings to Pat Heile, anytime, at [stpiusxprayerln@aol.com](mailto:stpiusxprayerln@aol.com). If you'd like to pray for others, let Pat know and she will add you to the Prayer Line Team.

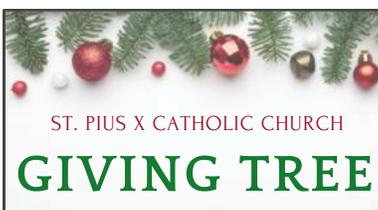
## HOLIDAY GIVING



### ST. PIUS X THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

**Saturday/Sunday, November 16/17, Church**

We're collecting non-perishable food and gift cards from Shoprite, Stop & Shop, and Price Rite. Drop off donations this weekend. If you would like to volunteer to sort the food donations after the 11AM Mass on Sunday, November 17 or drop off the food to charity sites on Monday, November 18 at 10AM, email [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org) to sign up. Volunteer spots are limited!



### ST. PIUS X ADVENT GIVING TREE

**Saturday/Sunday, December 7/8, Gifts Collected in the Church**

Next week, the St. Pius X Advent Giving Trees will be decorated with paper ornaments gift requests. Each ornament lists a request from one of the twelve agencies who depend on our generosity to help keep their clients warm, fed and hopeful. More details to come next week. Email [stpiusxgivingtree@gmail.com](mailto:stpiusxgivingtree@gmail.com) with questions.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



### SCHOLA CANTORUM

**Practice, Sundays, 10AM, Choir Loft**

Join the Choral Schola and help lead the liturgical music at the 11AM Sunday Mass as well as various Holy Days throughout the year. Contact Michael Lantowski at [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com) or call 203-255-6134.

### YOUTH CHOIR

**Practice Thursdays, 4:30-5:30PM, Church**

All children in grades 2-8 are welcome. The Youth Choir will sing at the 9AM Mass on the last Sunday of each month. Email Cidalia Kettles at [cidmezzo@gmail.com](mailto:cidmezzo@gmail.com) or Michael Lantowski [mikestro@ymail.com](mailto:mikestro@ymail.com).

## EVENTS



### LIVE ON VERITAS- FR. SAM & FR. BRENDAN!

**Wednesday, November 20, 3PM, Fr. Brendan**

**Thursday, November 21, 1PM, Fr. Sam**

Tune in to hear our SPX priests live on the Veritas Catholic Network. Veritas' mission is to proclaim the truth of the Gospel to our neighbors and empower apostles within our faith community. Call in to support this independent non-profit during their pledge drive, 440-837-4827 or go to [www.veritascatholic.com](http://www.veritascatholic.com). Download the app to listen.



### ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

**Wednesday, December 11, 7PM, Church**

All adults (18+) of the parish are invited to join us for our Adult Faith Formation Series! This is the second of a 5-part series led by our parish priests that encourages adults to intellectually engage with their faith in a way they may not have since their own childhood catechesis or theology classes. For December's session, we will be discussing how to live liturgically. We hope you will join us!

## YOUTH GROUP



### FAIRFIELD LIFE TEEN + EDGE

**LIFE TEEN - High School, Sunday, 6:30-8PM, School Portable**

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

Life Teen + Edge, hosted at St. Pius X, is open to any middle and high school student. 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. For more information, email [Bill.Staley@SetonCollaborative.org](mailto:Bill.Staley@SetonCollaborative.org) or visit [www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com).

## SERVICE



### ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

**Wednesday, November 20, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen**

Join us on Wednesday night as we make sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. Volunteers are needed as well as donations for sandwich ziploc bags, 8oz water bottles (half size) and granola bars. Please email [stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com](mailto:stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com) to help.

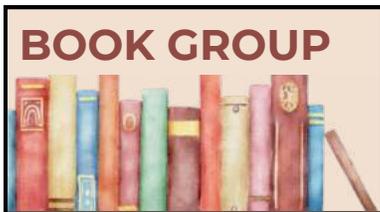
## WOMEN'S GROUPS



### WALKING WITH PURPOSE, CHRISTMAS BRUCH

**Thursday, December 5, 9:30-11:30AM, Community Room**

Walking With Purpose is hosting its annual Q&A with Fr. Sam and Christmas Brunch. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Dawn Carpanzano at [dawnmariec@sbcglocal.net](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcglocal.net) by Monday, December 2.



### WELL-READ MOM BOOK GROUP

**Saturday, December 14, 9AM, Munro Room 2**

Well-Read Mom accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations about goodness, beauty, and truth. The month's book discussion will be on My God and My All: The Life of St. Francis of Assisi by Elizabeth Goudge. Email Karen Lannigan at [karenlannigan0915@gmail.com](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com) with questions.

## MEN'S GROUPS



### 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!

## FELLOWSHIP



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**November 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 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

**December 2, 12PM, Community Room**

Let's Get Merry! Join us for our annual Christmas lunch celebration featuring a complimentary hot buffet catered by Sorrento's Importing along with a holiday raffle. Stay tuned for more info on this year's holiday music. Calling on all Baking Elves to bring some festive holiday treats! RSVP REQUIRED by November 25 to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081. See you there!



### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, December 11, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen**

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.



The readings in today's Mass tell us about some of the things that will happen at the end of the world. It seems pretty scary- the sun and moon will stop shining and the stars will fall down. But it should also be a very happy thing to think about- Jesus is coming back!



When the end of this world comes, all the good people will go to live with God and will be completely happy forever!

As long as we stay close to God and keep away from sin, we can be happy when the end of the world comes. Are you ready for it?

Answer to Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find: the end of time.

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### Daniel's Prophecy Word-Find

What was Daniel talking about? Find all the words from the reading that are in CAPITALS. The leftover letters will give you the answer.

In those DAYS, I, DANIEL, HEARD this word of the LORD: "At that time there shall ARISE MICHAEL, the GREAT PRINCE, guardian of your people;

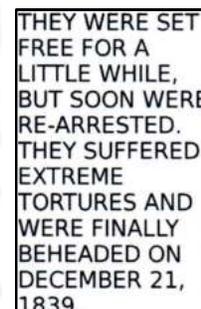
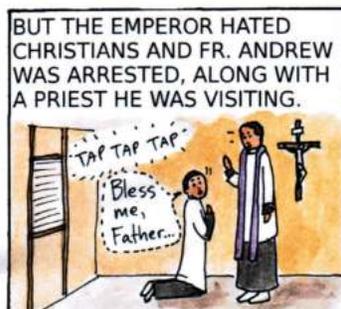
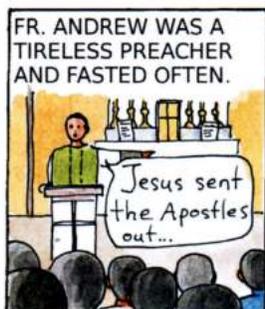
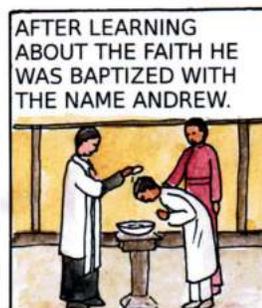
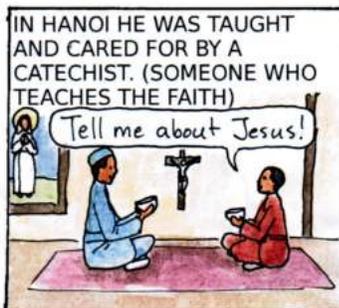
Daniel 12:1-3

it shall be a time unsurpassed in DISTRESS since NATIONS BEGAN until that time. At that time your people shall ESCAPE, EVERYONE WHO is found WRITTEN in the book.

"MANY of those who SLEEP in the dust of the EARTH shall awake; some shall LIVE FOREVER, others shall be an everlasting HORROR and disgrace.

"But the WISE shall SHINE brightly like the SPLENDOR of the firmament, and those who lead the many to JUSTICE shall be like the STARS forever.

## ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS, PRAY FOR US! FEAST DAY, NOVEMBER 24



GOD WANTS ALL PEOPLE TO COME TO KNOW HIM, THAT IS WHY HE SENDS MISSIONARIES ALL OVER THE WORLD TO SPREAD THE FAITH. ST. ANDREW BECAME A CATHOLIC BECAUSE OF THE MISSIONARIES THAT RISKED THEIR LIVES TO BRING GOD TO HIS PEOPLE. WE SHOULD ALWAYS PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES.

ST. PIUS X  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Nov 16-17

DONATE AFTER ALL MASSES

### WE'RE COLLECTING

### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & GIFT CARDS FROM

- SHOPRITE, STOP & SHOP, AND/OR PRICE RITE

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SUN NOV 17, COMM RM AFTER 11AM MASS  
HELP ORGANIZE FOOD DONATIONS

MON NOV 18, 10AM  
DELIVER FOOD BASKETS TO CHARITY SITES

VOLUNTEER SPOTS ARE LIMITED!  
EMAIL [PPENA@ST-PIUS.ORG](mailto:PPENA@ST-PIUS.ORG) TO SIGN UP



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

DECEMBER 1 SUNDAY



5-7PM, COMMUNITY ROOM  
PIZZA & SNACKS PROVIDED



RSVP TO EMILY PRITCHARD AT [EMILYEMCGRATH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EMILYEMCGRATH@GMAIL.COM)

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE *Decorating Party*

The most creative design wins a prize!  
Unless the completed house is needed at your home,  
we will donate them to Operation Hope.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10AM, COMMUNITY ROOM

RSVP required as space is limited.  
[catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com)

Scan the QR code to pay  
\$25 for materials.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUN, DEC 22, 3PM

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.  
IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING,  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
[PATTY.MARIE.OBRIEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PATTY.MARIE.OBRIEN@GMAIL.COM)





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# Advent by Candlelight

AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING FOR WOMEN

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAIRFIELD, CT**

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 6:15 PM FOLLOWED DINNER,  
TALK, DISCUSSION AND EVENING PRAYER

## "CHRIST IN THE CHAOS"

Our guest speaker, Monica Ortega is cohost of TwoBecomeFamily podcast. A wife, mother, and author with Ave Maria Press, Monica's testimonies of faith, marriage and parenting have been featured in the Augustine Institute and National Catholic Register. Begin your Advent with an intimate evening of fellowship and Monica's moving testimony.

## CANDLELIT DINNER

We invite you to host a table of 8 for \$275. As hostess you will decorate and plan food and drink to share among your guests.

PAYMENT

Scan the QR code



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN LANNIGAN AT KARENLANNIGAN0915@GMAIL.COM