

The Baptism of the Lord

January 12, 2025



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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 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 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
Parish Finance Council	Jeremy Joyce, Chair

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11

8:30AM.....+Johanna Orosz.....K. Grasso

5:15PM.....+Walter Flynn.....K. Flynn

Sunday, January 12

7:30AM.....+Mrs. Linda Gabriele

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....+Dorothy Orlando.....P. Volpacchio

Monday, January 13

8:30AM.....+Susan McPadden.....Lederer Family

Tuesday, January 14

8:30AM.....+James Burke.....F. Lynch

Wednesday, January 15

8:30AM.....+Donald Kleber.....Fr. Sam Kachuba & SPX Staff

Thursday, January 16

8:30AM.....+Michael Healy.....E. Smith

Friday, January 17

8:30AM.....+Beth Gruber.....F. Lynch

Saturday, January 18

8:30AM.....+Colum Carey.....M. Gagliano

5:15PM.....+Jane E. Tynan O'Connor..... L. & S. Castelot

Sunday, January 19

7:30AM.....All Parishioners

9AM.....+Jack Conunale.....Carpanzano Family

11AM.....+Bet & Joe Farrace..... J Skultety



Sanctuary Lights

Church in Memory of Edward A. Bugniazet, Jr.
Chapel in Memory of Vincent John LeDonne
& Janet Debone



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church: Hudson Oswiecimski, Ella Diane Flaherty, James Erik Kremheller, Catherine Holland Marcovich

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	December 22	December 30
Weekend	\$ 12,509	\$ 13,762*
Cathedraticum*	<u>-\$ 3,310</u>	<u>-\$ 3,310**</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$ 9,199</u>	<u>\$ 10,452</u>
Christmas	\$ 33,140	
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 2,311	

*December 30 Weekend totals include gifts to the Mission, Monthly, & Maintenance Funds. Thank you for your generosity!

**The Cathedraticum assessment imposed on parishes is utilized to support the administrative function of the diocesan curia.



2024-2025 ST. PIUS X PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL

This year's appeal will directly fund cash flow for operating expenses, school repairs, and emergency repairs. If you have not contributed yet, please prayerfully consider donating. Scan the QR code or drop a check in the offertory with SPX Annual Appeal in the check memo. Any amount is gratefully accepted and will help us reach our goal. Thank you!



In Memoriam

Pray for those who recently passed:
Deacon Emmett Murray

SUN

12

JAN

Tastebuds Bread Baking, 3:30PM, Community Room & Kitchen

MON

13

JAN

Senior Luncheon, 12PM, Community Room

WED

15

JAN

Sandwich Making for nOURish Bridgeport, 7PM, Community Room & Kitchen



Pastor's Note

Today's

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Readings

1st Reading:

Isaiah 42:1-2,
6-7

Res. Psalm:

Psalm 29:1-2,
3-4, 3, 9-10

2nd Reading:

Acts 10:34-38

Gospel:

Luke 3:15-16,
21-22

As we move into the new year, we should give some attention to the ways that 2025 is especially significant. First, on a universal level, 2025 is a Jubilee Year. These holy years, celebrated every 25 years, are a time to rejoice in God's mercy and grace. In these years, Catholics traditionally make a pilgrimage to a holy site, as an outward and tangible sign of the pilgrimage of faith that is our journey through this world. For more information on the Jubilee year, I encourage

you to visit www.iubilaeum2025.va. I will be part of a pilgrimage September 28 – Oct. 9 to Rome, Assisi, and Loreto: if you'd like to participate, please visit www.integratedlifefoundation.com/rome. Local opportunities for pilgrimage are also available, as Bishop Caggiano has designated holy doors at the Cathedral of St. Augustine in Bridgeport, the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist in Stamford, and St. Peter Church in Danbury.

In addition to the Jubilee Year of 2025, this year also marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of our parish. In the 70 years since Bishop Lawrence Sheehan established St. Pius X Parish, our community has grown and changed in many ways. A constant in that time is our profession of faith, our celebration of the sacraments, and our participation in the life of the Fairfield community. We will try to keep a special focus on our 70th anniversary in our various parish events and will celebrate this anniversary in a particular way with a visit from Bishop Caggiano for the 11 AM Mass on Nov. 9, 2025.

This Jubilee and Anniversary year begins with a special initiative in the Diocese of Bridgeport: Called By Name Sunday. This is an effort to encourage young men to consider the possibility that God is calling them to the priesthood. You

will hear Fr. Brendan and I speak about our own journey to the priesthood in our homilies this weekend. We do so at the request of Bishop Caggiano, with the hopes that our stories are apt complements to the liturgical celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, and a reminder of how God works through very ordinary means and calls very ordinary men to an extraordinary and blessed vocation. If you know a young man who you would like to encourage in his vocational discernment or who you think would be a good priest, please consider submitting his name and echoing the invitation of Jesus. Called By Name submissions can be made at <https://bridgeportpriest.org/called/>.

One final word to try to bring this all together. In a Jubilee, we are invited not only to experience personal conversion and grace, but to ask the Lord for special graces in a bold way. In the 70 year history of St. Pius X, one man from our parish has become a priest, Fr. Dominic Langevin, OP, a member of the Dominican order. In those 70 years, St. Pius has been served by many priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport who are native sons of Fairfield County. My special prayer intention in this anniversary year and Jubilee year is that a man from this parish would respond to God's call to priestly ministry. As we have received many priests over the years, so may we send priests from our community to serve our broader Diocesan community!

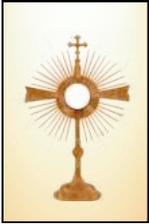
A Prayer for Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and charity. Raise up worthy priests for your altars, and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Sam

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. The following hours are open - Monday, 11AM, Tuesday, 8AM, 10AM, Wednesday, 10PM, Thursday, 8AM, 9PM, Friday, 5PM.

To sign up as an adorer or substitute, visit 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. If you'd like to pray for others, let Pat know and she will add you to the Prayer Line Team.



PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

Our beautiful, handmade shawls are available to anyone in need of comfort and healing. Each piece is infused with prayer by our crafters and blessed by Fr. Brendan. To gift a shawl to someone or pick one up for yourself, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. Suggested donation is \$25 to cover the cost of yarn.

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 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 or Michael Lantowski mikestro@ymail.com.

EVENTS



TASTEBUDS - BREAD BAKING!

Sunday, January 12, 3:30PM, Community Room

Save the date for a special edition of Tastebuds. Learn the tips and tricks of making bread with your friends and family. Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com with questions.

SERVICE



OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP

Last 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.



SANDWICH MAKING

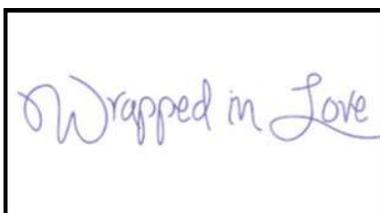
Wednesday, January 15, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Our Wednesday night efforts continue as we make sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. Donations of 8oz water bottles (half size) and granola bars are needed. If you'd like to donate items, or volunteer to set up, make sandwiches, or clean up, please email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com.



BAPTISMAL GARMENT MINISTRY

Every child baptized at St. Pius X receives a handmade baptismal garment that is lovingly created by this ministry. If you enjoy simple sewing and embroidery, email Eleanor Burke profiburke@optonline.net and join their efforts.



WRAPPED IN LOVE

This group crochets and knits 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 help with this ministry, contact Kim Leon at kleon@st-pius.org. We provide the yarn.

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 or visit www.fairfieldlt.com.

FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

January 12, 19, & 26, 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 or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!

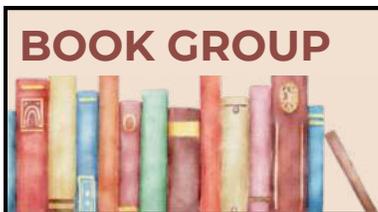


YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, January 13, 12PM, Community Room

Kick off the New Year by brushing up on fire safety tips with Fairfield Fire Inspector Ron Varga. Ron will talk to us about how to keep our homes and family safe. Calling on all bakers to bring some sweet treats! RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. See you in the New Year!

WOMEN'S GROUPS



WELL-READ MOM BOOK GROUP

Saturday, January 25, 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. Our January book discussion is *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck. If you'd like to join, email karenlannigan0915@gmail.com.

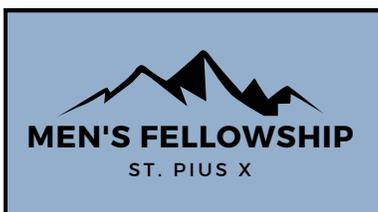


WALKING WITH PURPOSE, SPRING SIGN-UPS

Thursday, February 6, 2025 - May 8, 2025, 9:30-11:30AM

Women of the parish are invited to join Walking With Purpose for our spring study, Passionate Discipleship. Throughout this Bible study, we will study 2 Timothy verse by verse as we immerse ourselves in Paul's last and deeply personal letter to his beloved friend and mentee, Timothy. Please visit www.st-pius.org/womens-groups/ for more information.

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. We look forward to welcoming you!

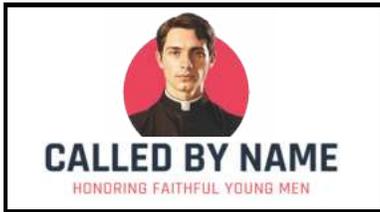


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.

DIOCESE & COMMUNITY



CALLLED BY NAME

Bishop Caggiano is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 16-40) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to the priesthood. To submit names, please visit www.bridgeportpriest.org/called. Men you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Caggiano, an invitation to a special dinner, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for your support!



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

Tuesday, 7-8PM, Religious Education Center, 2nd Floor Classroom

Park City Men's Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Beginners/Speakers Meeting is open to any man seeking help with alcohol. The only requirement is a desire to stop drinking. If you, or someone you know, is trying to get help, stop by, or share this information. Enter the Religious Education School via left side exterior Door #2.

Thank you!

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Dear St. Pius X Parishioners,

Your generous gifts will help struggling families and homeless individuals all through 2025! The Stop & Shop cards have already been a huge help to moms who have had their children home from school these past few weeks of Christmas. With no school breakfasts or lunches, it is difficult to put healthy food on the table. We cannot measure the wonder and love that you gifts bring to our Bridgeport sisters and brothers. Let us this 2025 look on our own lives and the lives of others with the eyes of Mercy.

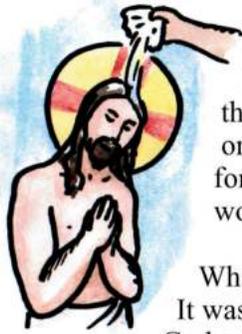
Peace, Gratitude,

Sister Eileen Boffa, RSN

FR. SAM'S ANNIVERSARY

Thank you to everyone who celebrated Fr. Sam's 10-year anniversary as St. Pius X pastor. We are especially grateful to the Marsillio Families who hosted breakfast last Sunday morning. May God continue to bless Fr. Sam in his priestly ministry!





Today we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. After living with his mother for thirty years and working as an ordinary carpenter, it was time for Jesus to start His special work.

What was Jesus' special work? It was showing people the way to God and taking away their sins.

When you were baptized God was getting you ready for a special job too. He was giving you grace so that you could grow closer to Him and bring other people closer to Him too.

How can you help bring others closer to God?



Answer to front page: You are my beloved Son, with You I am well pleased. Answers to Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle: servant, spirit, shouting, voice, break, smoldering, light, eyes, prisoners.

www.thekidsbulletin.com

Saint Paul the First Hermit
January 15

SAINT PAUL THE HERMIT WAS BORN IN THE 200'S IN EGYPT. HIS PARENTS DIED WHEN HE WAS YOUNG. WHEN A PERSECUTION BEGAN, HE HID IN A NEIGHBOUR'S HOUSE.

Can you hide me from the soldiers?

BUT HE WAS AFRAID THAT HE WOULD BE FOUND, SO HE RAN AWAY TO THE DESERT.

THERE HE HID IN A CAVE, INTENDING TO RETURN HOME WHEN THE PERSECUTION WAS OVER.

I wonder how long it will last.

HOWEVER, HE LOVED THE QUIET SO MUCH THAT HE DECIDED TO STAY IN THE DESERT!

SAINT PAUL GOT WATER FROM A SPRING AND FOOD AND FROM A TREE NEARBY.

I could even make clothes from the leaves!

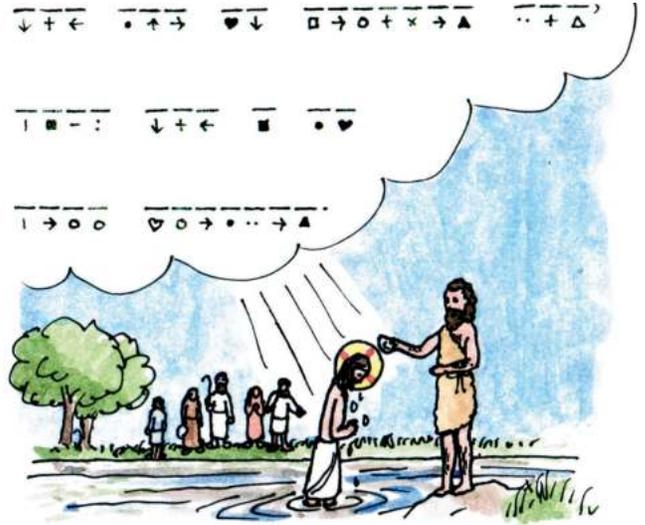
HE PRAYED AND LIVED A HOLY LIFE IN THE DESERT, BUT WAS TEMPTED TO THINK THAT HE WAS GREAT BECAUSE HE WAS THE FIRST HERMIT.

Maybe I am the greatest hermit... NO! I must not be proud!

How wonderful to meet you!

HOWEVER, HE SOON MET SAINT ANTHONY OF THE DESERT, WHOM HE REALIZED WAS HOLIER THAN HIMSELF. PAUL LIVED UNTIL HE WAS 113 YEARS OLD!

SAINT PAUL DIDN'T GROW UP THINKING THAT HE WOULD BECOME A HERMIT. BUT WHEN HE REALIZED THAT HE COULD BEST SERVE GOD BY LIVING BY HIMSELF AND PRAYING FOR PEOPLE, THAT'S WHAT HE DID. YOU CAN PRAY THAT GOD WILL SHOW YOU HOW YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SERVE HIM BEST!



Luke 3.15-16, 21-22

After Jesus was baptized, a voice came from the clouds and said something to Jesus. What did it say? Use the code to find out!

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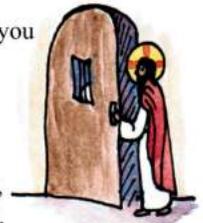
Isaiah 42 Word Puzzle

Use the words at the bottom to fill in the blanks!

Here is my _____ whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am pleased,
upon whom I have put my _____;
he shall bring forth justice to the nations,
not crying out, not _____,
not making his _____ heard in the street.
A bruised reed he shall not _____,
and a _____ wick
he will not quench,
until he establishes justice on the earth;
the coastlands will wait for his teaching.



I, the Lord, have called you
for the victory of justice,
I have grasped you by the hand;
I formed you, and set you
as a covenant of the people,
a _____ for the nations,
to open the _____ of the blind,
to bring out _____
from confinement,
and from the dungeon,
those who live in darkness.



PRISONERS VOICE EYES
SMOLDERING SERVANT LIGHT
SHOUTING SPIRIT BREAK

Christmas Pageant 2025



Thank you to Darcy Ronan, Patty O'Brien, all the parents, and children!