



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 19, 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 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

Monday, January 20.

8:30AM.....+Noreen Murray.....J. & K. Conneely

Tuesday, January 21

8:30AM.....+Fr. Edward Dillon.....Coyle Family

Wednesday, January 22

8:30AM.....+Jeanne Anne Benefico.....F. & J. Nunziata

Thursday, January 23

8:30AM.....+Jerome J. Wild.....Giardini Family

Friday, January 24

8:30AM.....+Arthur E. Otten, Jr.Giardini Family

Saturday, January 25

8:30AM.....+Mark Driscoll.....Frey Family
 5:15PM.....+Rita Neugebauer.....McIntosh Family

Sunday, January 26

7:30AM.....All Parishioners
 9AM.....+Maria Galella.....J. & J. Goldowsky
 11AM.....+Jack Horan.....B. Horan



Sanctuary Lights

Church in Memory of John J. Eagan
 Chapel in Memory of Antonia Perna



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church: James Christopher Viola,
 Charlotte Elizabeth Leach

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	January 5	January 12
Weekend	\$ 16,745	\$ 13,775*
Cathedraticum*	<u>-\$ 3,310</u>	<u>-\$ 3,310**</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$ 13,435</u>	<u>\$ 10,465</u>

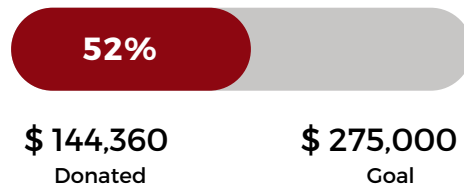
*January 12 Weekend totals include gifts to the Monthly & Maintenance Funds. Thank you for your generosity!

**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:
 Joy Fierro

MON
20
 JAN

Parish Office Closed
 Online Registration for Spring Small Groups Open

THURS
23
 JAN

Volunteer Potluck, 6:30PM, Community Room

MON
3
 FEB

Spring Small Groups Start



Pastor's Note

Today's

Readings

1st Reading:
Isaiah 62:1-5

Res. Psalm:
Psalm 96:1-2,
2-3, 7-8, 9-10

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians
12:4-11

Gospel:
John 2:1-11

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first public miracle Jesus performs is tremendously significant both because of what occurs and because of the context in which our Lord works. Changing water into wine is an indication of the good things God wants to bestow on the world, and the quantity (nearly 200 gallons) and quality of the wine (the best wine, saved for last) tells us something of God's generosity to humanity. But for our purposes today, let's focus on the wedding feast as the setting for this first miracle. To do so, we should keep in mind that the life and mission of Jesus is to restore what is broken in humanity. Before beginning his ministry, He goes to the Jordan River to be baptized. There, He who has no sin to repent of, enters the waters of baptism and imbues those waters with the power to sanctify and to wash sin away. Just as the Israelites crossed the Red Sea to escape slavery in Egypt, the Incarnate Son of God crosses the waters to lead us out of slavery to sin. Sin, however, did not begin in Egypt, but in Eden. And sin began in the context of marriage.

The great American preacher, Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, meditates on the wedding feast at Cana with a unique insight. Our Lord's words to Mary might seem jarring: "Woman, how does your concern affect me?" Sheen gives a literal translation to these words, rather than the more literary one we hear today. He suggests it be read as "Woman, what to you to me." In English, this might be grammatically incoherent, but it speaks to a very important reality. Let's go back to Eden for a moment. Adam and Eve disobey God, and when asked what they have done, Adam famously answers "The woman you put here with me gave me the fruit." With that sentence, Adam rejects his wife, what she has given to him, and the one who brought them together in marriage. Now at the wedding feast at Cana, as the wine – the sign of

God's abundance, goodness, and blessing – runs short, Jesus, the New Adam, says to His mother Mary, the New Eve, "What to you to me. My hour has not yet come." In other words, although the time for the full gift of salvation I am here to pour out has not yet arrived, what is yours is mine, your concern is my concern. Eve shared her disobedience with Adam. The New Eve, obedient to God's will – "Let it be done to me according to your word" – shares her obedience with the New Adam, who in turn, humbles himself in His Divinity to be obedient to His human mother. In this episode, then, Jesus is beginning the work of restoration in that foundational human relationship of marriage. "What to you to me" becomes God's gift to married couples, as marriage is raised from a natural institution to the dignity of a sacrament. From here on out, we must understand marriage as a privileged channel of God's grace, binding man and woman together in a profound union and a shared mission.

For this reason, the Church teaches that Catholics ordinarily marry in the Church, asking that this same blessing given to the couple at Cana be given to them, as well. If a wedding is desired outside of a Catholic Church, we are taught to seek the Church's blessing nevertheless. Often couples who marry in a civil ceremony do not realize that the sacrament of marriage is still available to them. The grace of the wedding feast at Cana is still offered. The Church wants to bless marriages, wants marriage to be revered and lived as a sacramental grace. If you are a married couple but did not marry in the Church, I want to invite you to consider seeking out the sacrament. The path to sacramental marriage may be particular and unique to each couple, but it is a beautiful path to walk. Fr. Brendan and I are available to assist you on this path and are eager to share with you the grace of sacramental marriage. Your marriage matters very much, to you, to me...and to the Lord, who comes to restore all things.

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 one of our open hours - Monday, 11AM, Tuesday, 8AM, 10AM, 2PM, 11PM, Wednesday, 12AM, 3PM, 9PM, 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.

SPRING SMALL GROUPS



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Monday, January 20, Online Registration Opens

Join a small group this spring at St. Pius X! To see what is available, visit our website or click the link in the weekly email. We look forward to seeing you!

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

Saturday/Sunday, February 1/2

Join us in providing 250 lunches each month to the **Merton Center**. You can help in the following ways:

- **NEW!!!** Make Sandwiches at SPX, 3:30-5PM, Sat, February 1
- Make Sandwiches at Home and/or Donate Lunch Items
- Assemble Lunches, After 9AM Mass, Sun, February 2



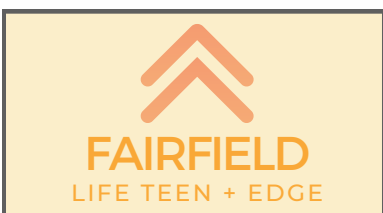
All lunch items and sandwiches made at home must be dropped off in the Community Kitchen by **Saturday, February 1 at 3PM**. Scan QR code or email ccoyle@st-pius.org to sign up.



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 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!

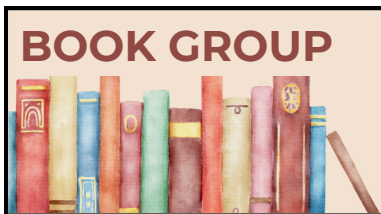


YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

Monday, February 3, 12PM, Community Room

Come and welcome Al DiGuido - parishioner, Saugatuck Sweets owner, and Al's Angels founder. We'll hear how Al's Angels supports children and families battling illness, natural disasters, and severe financial hardship. Lunch is \$7. Calling on all bakers to bring some sweet treats! RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081. And don't forget to wear your RED in honor of Valentine's Day!!!

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, SPECIAL EVENT

Thursday, January 23, 9:30-11:30AM

All women are invited to hear Paola Pena, SPX's Director of Evangelization, speak about discovering developing a "Heart of Service." Together, you'll explore how anxiety and unmet needs can distort our gift of empathy, and how embracing healing and freedom allows us to serve from a place of love rather than fear. This talk invites you to uncover what's behind the anxious drive to serve and step into the peace and wholeness God desires for your heart.

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.



BUILDING A
**Eucharistic
Marriage**

Marriage is a gift.
But it can also be a challenge.

Become better, not bitter - and breathe fresh life into your marriage with a new online, video-based program born from over thirty years of couples therapy written and hosted by Greg Schutte, MSW, LISW-S.



**CATHOLIC
MARRIAGE
DATE NIGHT &
LEARNING**

All engaged and married couples are invited to start this new and exciting series, "Building a Eucharistic Marriage." More details to come. Email questions to karenlannigan0915@gmail.com.



St. Patrick's Party

SAT, MARCH 1, 2025

6:30 PM, ST. PIUS X

Early Bird \$45 / person before Feb. 14
\$50 / person after Feb. 14

O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant Catering
John Connor's Irish Express Band
Lenihan School of Irish Dance

Raffle Prizes, 50-50
B.Y.O.B.
Water, Soft Drinks, Ice Available

NAME(S) _____

PHONE _____ **EMAIL** _____ **#OF TICKETS** _____

SEAT US WITH _____

DROP RSVP WITH CHECKS MADE OUT TO ST. PIUS X IN THE OFFETORY BASKET OR AT THE PARISH OFFICE

THE WEDDING AT CANA



In today's Gospel we hear the story of Jesus' first miracle. Wine was an important part of a wedding, and Our Lady felt bad for the people when they ran out.

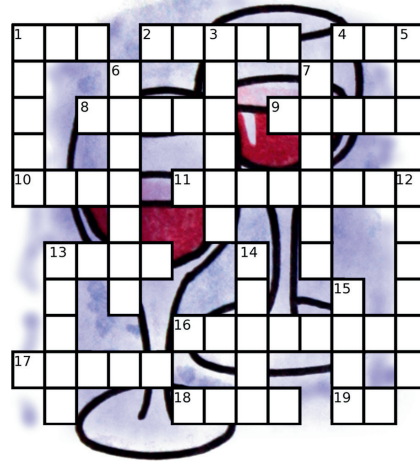
When Mary hinted to Jesus to do something, Jesus said that the time wasn't ready yet. But do you know what? He did what His mother wanted anyway! He told the servants to fill six big jars with water, and when they did it turned into wine! And not just ordinary wine, but the very best.

We can learn from this story that we should listen to our parents. Jesus is God and even He obeys His mother!



Here's another thing: if you need Jesus to help you with anything, pray to His Blessed Mother to ask Him for it. You know He will listen to His Mother!

Answers to Crossword: Across: 1 six 2 woman 4 now 8 feast 9 tells 10 said 11 servants 13 wine 16 everyone 17 Jesus 18 when 19 do Down: 1 sign 3 mother 5 was 6 water 7 became 12 serves 13 water 14 where 15 good



ACROSS:
 1. How many water jars were at the wedding at Cana?
 2. "_____, what has this to do with us?" (Jesus' words)
 4. What had been water was _____ wine.
 8. Mary and Jesus were invited to the wedding _____.
 9. "Do whatever He _____ you." (Mary's words)
 10. Jesus _____ "Fill the jars with water."

11. Who filled the jars with water?
 13. They had run out of _____ at the wedding.
 16. "_____ else serves the good wine first, but you have saved it till now."
 17. _____ and His disciples were also at the wedding.
 18. Mary turned to Jesus _____ she saw there was no more wine.
 19. "_____ whatever He tells you."

DOWN:
 1. Jesus did this first of His _____ in Cana in Galilee.
 3. The _____ of Jesus was at a wedding in Cana.
 5. Jesus _____ also there.
 6. They were guests at the _____.
 7. The water _____ wine.
 12. "Everyone else _____ the good wine first, but you have saved it until now."
 13. They filled the jars with _____.
 14. Cana in Galilee was _____ Jesus did His first public miracle.
 15. "You have saved the _____ wine until now."

ST. SEBASTIAN, FEAST DAY, JANUARY 20

SEBASTIAN WAS BORN TO A ROMAN OR GAULISH FAMILY AROUND THE YEAR 260. HE WAS A CHRISTIAN AND BECAME A SOLDIER.

If I become a soldier I can help the Christians in prison!

SEBASTIAN ENCOURAGED HIS FELLOW CHRISTIANS AND HELPED BRING OTHERS TO THE FAITH.

We must not let the persecution frighten us!

HE HELPED PEOPLE WHO WERE IN PRISON FOR THEIR FAITH.

Shh! Here's something for you to eat!

Thanks!

Haha! Sebastian was a Christian all along!

SLAM!

BUT THEN HE WAS ARRESTED AND IMPRISONED!

ACCORDING TO HIS LEGEND HE WAS SHOT WITH ARROWS AND LEFT FOR DEAD.

BUT THE CHRISTIANS WHO CAME TO BURY HIM FOUND HE WAS STILL ALIVE AND NURSED HIM BACK TO HEALTH.

WHEN HE HAD RECOVERED, SEBASTIAN WENT TO THE EMPEROR HIMSELF AND TOLD HIM THAT HE WAS WRONG TO KILL THE CHRISTIANS.

AT FIRST THE EMPEROR THOUGHT SEBASTIAN WAS A GHOST. WHEN THE EMPEROR REALIZED SEBASTIAN WAS REALLY ALIVE, HE HAD HIM PUT TO DEATH. THIS STORY REMINDS US NOT TO GIVE UP ON OUR FAITH EVEN WHEN THINGS ARE VERY HARD. IF YOU FEEL LIKE GIVING UP, JUST THINK OF SEBASTIAN.

SPX VOLUNTEER POTLUCK DINNER

Join us for a heartwarming evening filled with delicious food and good company. Bring your favorite dish to share! Open to anyone who has ever volunteered any time at SPX!

Email ppena@st-pius.org with questions.

Thursday, January, 23, 2025
6:30 PM, Community Room

