



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 26, 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 Corporation

Lay Members	Kathryn Vogt, Art Wolf
Parish Finance Council	Jeremy Joyce, Chair

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 25
8:30AM.....+Mark Driscoll.....Frey Family
5:15PM.....+Rita Neugebauer.....McIntosh Family

Sunday, January 26
7:30AM.....+Maria Galella.....J. & J. Goldowsky
9AM.....All Parishioners
11AM.....+Jack Horan.....B. Horan

Monday, January 27
8:30AM.....+Luke Engebretson.....Crowe Family

Tuesday, January 28
8:30AM.....+Margaret Sirot.....Crowe Family


Wednesday, January 29
8:30AM.....Noelle Carpanzano.....Carpanzano Family

Thursday, January 30
8:30AM..+Jeffrey A. Monachino..F. & J. Nunziata & Family

Friday, January 31
8:30AM.....+Louis Carbone.....D. Tomasko

Saturday, February 1
8:30AM.....Malina D'Cunha.....B. & M. D'Cunha
5:15PM.....All Parishioners


Sunday, February 2
7:30AM.....+John & Helen Guman.....B. Guman
9AM.....+Jame E. Gold.....DiGuido Family
11AM.....+David Wales.....Wales Family



Sanctuary Lights

Church in Memory of Louis Carbone

Chapel for the Intentions of Ken Corcoran



Baptisms

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church: Carter Christian Nolan, Liam Patrick Nolan, Simone Marie Langeveld, Patrick Martin Langeveld and Madeline Isabelle Rand

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Offerings	January 12	January 19
Weekend	\$ 13,775	\$ 14,870*
Cathedraticum*	<u>-\$ 3,310</u>	<u>-\$ 3,310**</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$ 10,465</u>	<u>\$ 11,560</u>

*January 19 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.

Second collection this weekend for those impacted by the California Fires.



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!


54%

\$ 147,960

Donated

\$ 275,000

Goal



SAT/SUN	
1/2	Sandwich Making for Merton House
FEB	
MON	
3	Senior Luncheon, 12PM, Community Room
FEB	



Pastor's Note

Today's Readings

1st Reading:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Res. Psalm:

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

2nd Reading:

1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel:

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." On the liturgical calendar, we are now two weeks removed from our Lord's baptism in the Jordan River, and one week removed from the occasion of His first public miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. As Jesus reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, announcing that the fulfillment of the prophecy – "the Spirit of the Lord is upon me" – is at hand, we ought to pause

and consider what it means that Jesus had a custom of going to the synagogue on the sabbath. This custom is part of the fuller context of His public preaching and ministry, as well as an important element of His recapitulation of salvation history which we examined last week.

It is the custom, the habit, the weekly activity of Jesus to go to the synagogue to worship and pray on the sabbath. In this way, we see our Lord fulfilling the divine precept to keep holy the sabbath. Throughout the Gospel, we will find Jesus explaining the true purpose of the sabbath to the scribes and Pharisees. This divinely-instituted day of rest gives God's people the chance to pause their regular activities and rest in the presence of God. This rest is accompanied by worship, prayer, and listening to the word that God speaks through the Scriptures. The history of Israel is full of examples of God's people faltering in their worship, ignoring the sabbath, or forgetting their need to rest in the Lord. The first reading today, from Nehemiah, recounts a moment when the people of Israel are challenged to renewal in their sabbath observance. That the sabbath observance is part of Jesus' custom shows us that in His humanity, our Lord set the standard for entering into the

sabbath that we ought to follow. Observing the sabbath by worshipping God and listening to His word needs to be part of our lives.

"He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day." We often distinguish custom from habit, with custom being a shared, communal practice or behavior, while a habit is a more personal repeated behavior. But Luke describes participation in the worship at the synagogue as a custom of Jesus. That is, what is normally communal and shared is also personal for Jesus. Not only does our Lord join Himself to the worshipping community, He is personally, habitually invested in communion with His Father in heaven. We might approach Mass attendance as a matter of custom, which may feel like we are a degree or two removed from the practice: "my family has always gone to Mass and so I go" or "my community customarily has Mass at the following times..." Or we might go to Mass as a matter of habit, a personal practice that is near and dear to our hearts. In fact both are necessary. If you attend Mass because it is what your family has always done, or because you desire a sense of community, wonderful! You are sharing in the custom of assisting at Mass. Perhaps today is the day to begin thinking of your participation in Mass in a more personal way, such that it is a habit deeply rooted in your heart by which you contribute to the customary practice of this community. If Mass attendance is a personal practice, but feels at all isolated from the other people with whom you worship, perhaps today can be a moment to recognize how vital your presence is to the life of the parish community. This weekend, let us see our observance of the sabbath as both a matter of personal habit and as a custom that extends beyond ourselves, that we might have greater union with the Lord.

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, 4AM, 8AM, 1PM, 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



SPRING SMALL GROUPS

Online Registration Opens

Join a small group this spring at St. Pius X! Visit our website or scan the QR code to view our offerings. Groups start in February. We look forward to seeing you! Email ppena@st-pius.org 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

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

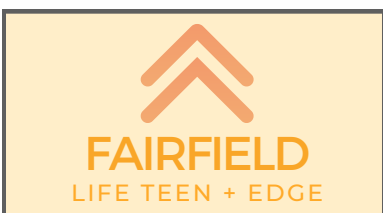
All lunch items and sandwiches made at home must be dropped off in the Community Kitchen by **Saturday, February 1 at 3PM**. Scan QR code or email ccoyle@st-pius.org to sign up.



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 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!

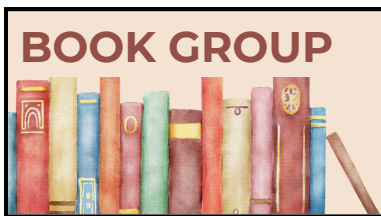


YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR LUNCHEON

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, February 15, 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 truth, goodness, and beauty. Our January book discussion is *The Father's Tale* by Michael O'Brien. If you'd like to join, email karenlannigan0915@gmail.com.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE, SPRING SIGN-UPS

Thursday, February 6 - May 8, 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

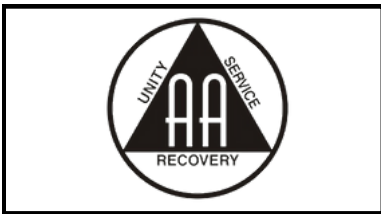
All men of the parish are welcome to the Knights of Columbus St. Pius X Council. The Knights meet each month to deepen their faith and fellowship while doing good works for the parish and greater community. Email Tyler Lomnitzer at Tyler.Lomnitzer@KofC.org for more information.

DIOCESE & COMMUNITY



VIRTUS TRAINING

Volunteers are required by the Diocese of Bridgeport to have a background check and complete a training program, "Protecting God's Children." Volunteers may sign up online for the free class. The class is approximately 3 hours and may be taken virtually or in person at various locations in the diocese. Upon completion of the class, a copy of the certificate must be submitted to the parish office prior to beginning duties as a volunteer. Scan the QR code or visit www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/ to register.



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.

JOIN A
**SMALL
GROUP**
THIS SPRING

REGISTER NOW



NEW TESTAMENT BASICS FOR CATHOLICS, DEACON DON Mondays, February 10 - March 10, 7-8:15PM

Dive more deeply into the salvation story of the New Testament.

THE BIBLE AND THE CHURCH FATHERS, PAOLA PEÑA Mondays, February 10 - May 5, 7-9PM

Learn who the Early Church Fathers were and how they shaped the way we read Scripture.

THE CHOSEN SERIES – SEASON TWO, MIKE McPADDEN Tuesdays, January 7 - February 25, 7-8PM

Watch The Chosen at home and gather for a lively discussion on each episode.

YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP Tuesdays, Details coming soon!

ANGELS, DEMONS, AND MAN, FR. BRENDAN Thursdays, February 13 - March 20, 6:30-7:45PM

Investigate the origins, nature, and purpose of angels and demons, and how they interact and influence the world around us.

THE CHURCH IS ONE BODY!

The Catholic Church isn't a building. Did you know that? The Church is actually the group of people who have been baptized into the Faith. All the different kinds of people in the Church work together, just like a person's body.



Think about the different parts of your body. What do your eyes do? What about your ears? Hands? Feet? Brain?



Now think about the Church. It has a pope, bishops and priests, teachers, doctors, musicians, mothers and fathers, and even children. What do each of these people do for the Church?

What is your job in the Church right now? What do you think it will be when you are grown up?



Answer to Word-Find:
We are one body in Christ.

'ONE BODY' WORD-FIND



Find the words that are written in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

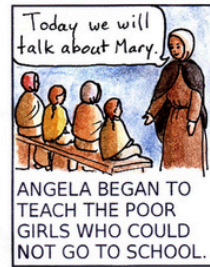
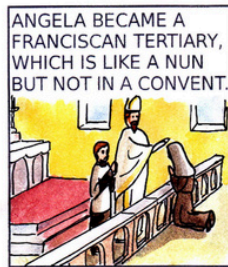
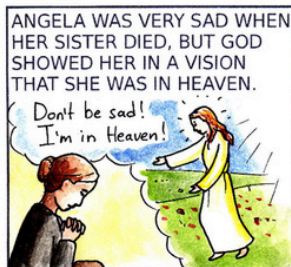
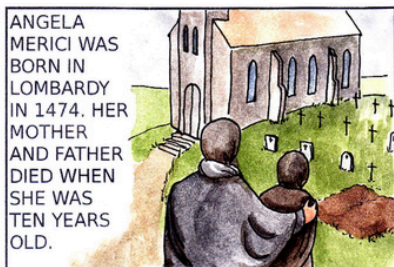
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RISMELLSTGOD



SAINT PAUL tells us that we have been BAPTIZED into the ONE body of CHRIST which is the CHURCH. There are MANY MEMBERS, but they all work TOGETHER and CARE for each other. But the parts of a BODY are not ALL the same as each other! An EYE is different from an ear, and a HAND is not the same as a FOOT. If all your body was an EAR, then how could you SMELL?

In the Church there are many different GIFTS. Some people are APOSTLES, some are PROPHETS, some are TEACHERS. Some people have the gift of HEALING. GOD has made all these different sorts of people to work together in the Church.

COMMUNION OF SAINTS



IN ANGELA'S TIME POOR PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY GIRLS, COULDN'T GO TO SCHOOL AND THERE WERE NO WOMEN TEACHERS. IT TOOK A LONG TIME FOR PEOPLE TO ACCEPT WHAT ANGELA WAS DOING, BUT SHE NEVER QUIT. WHEN YOU HAVE A HARD TIME WITH SCHOOL YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT ANGELA FOR HELP!

ST. ANGELA MERICI, PRAY FOR US!
FEAST DAY JANUARY 27



SAT, MARCH 1, 2025 | 6:30 PM | ST. PIUS X

\$45 Per Person (Early Bird Price for RSVP before 2/14/25)
\$50 Per Person after 2/14

Dinner + Dessert Catered by O'Neill's Irish Pub & Restaurant
Music by John Connor's Irish Express
Dancers from the Lenihan School of Irish Dance
Raffle Prizes, 50-50
B.Y.O.B. with Water, Soft Drinks, Ice Available

PLEASE BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE FOR THE 100 BOTTLES DOOR PRIZE

Interested in making a donation for a raffle, please contact Liz at lizbyrnefeeney@hotmail.com

Please Return RSVP to Parish Office or Collection Basket

(Checks Payable to "St. Pius X")

Name(s) -----

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