



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 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

### CONFESSIONS

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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MASS INTENTIONS

STEWARDSHIP

**Saturday, February 8**  
8:30AM.....+Mark Thomas Driscoll.....A. & C. Coolidge  
5:15PM.....+Marie Sodaro.....M. & J. Sullivan

**Sunday, February 9**  
7:30AM.....+Mr. Vito J. Mario  
9AM.....All Parishioners  
11AM.....+Lucille McClure.....S. & M. Ryan

**Monday, February 10**  
8:30AM.....+Marie Sodaro..... F. Girard

**Tuesday, February 11**  
8:30AM.....+Mark Driscoll.....Zaino Family


**Wednesday, February 12**  
8:30AM.....Special Intentions.....A. & C. Coolidge

**Thursday, February 13**  
8:30AM.....D’Cunha Grandchildren.....B. & M. D’Cunha


**Friday, February 14**  
8:30AM.....+Robert Maurino..... J. Durkin

**Saturday, February 15**  
8:30AM.....+Tony Goicouria.....G. Rodriguez  
5:15PM.....+Anthony Annuncio.....T. Annuncio


**Sunday, February 16**  
7:30AM.....All Parishioners  
9:00AM.....+Marina Tavares.....M. Gagliano  
11:00AM.....+Alex Skultety..... J. Skultety



**SANCTUARY LIGHTS**  
Church in Memory of Jack C. Stauss  
Chapel in Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes



**BAPTISMS**  
We welcome Ryan Erin Brawley and Serafina Alexandra Pellegrino into the Church.




**IN MEMORIAM**  
We pray for the repose of Mary Genese’s soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Offerings	January 19	January 26
Weekend	\$ 14,870	\$ 13,143*
Cathedraticum*	<u>-\$ 3,310**</u>	<u>-\$ 3,310**</u>
Net Retained	<u>\$ 11,560</u>	<u>\$ 9,833</u>

\*January 26 weekend totals include donations from the Mission, Monthly, & Maintenance Funds. Thank you for your generosity!

\*\*The Cathedraticum is paid to the Diocese of Bridgeport 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!



MON 10 FEB	Spring Small Groups Start
M, W, F 10, 12, 14 FEB	Altar Server Training, 4:30PM, Sacristy
MON 12 FEB	Revival Night, 7PM, Church





## PASTOR'S NOTE

### Today's Readings

#### 1st Reading:

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

#### Res. Psalm:

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

#### 2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

#### Gospel:

Luke 5:1-11

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last few weeks, we've experienced some problems with two important systems in the Church: heat and sound. Fortunately, we have been able to resolve both issues, and I hope you find the temperature of the Church pleasant and the volume coming through the speakers sufficient. While building maintenance and technology is a necessary concern, I cannot help but think about the intersection of our spirituality, liturgy, architecture, and technology in all of this.

Churches have been around far longer than electronic amplification systems. A fascinating part of the logic of ecclesiastical architecture involves the selection of certain building materials and styles in service of the worship offered in the building. Marble floors in a church with stone walls and vaulted ceilings doesn't just look cool, it also creates an acoustically resonant space. Choir lofts are found the world over so that the voices of those singing are physically elevated above the crowd, allowing their chant to fill the air and call to mind the heavenly singing of the choirs of angels. In churches around the world that predate the colonizing of North America, you will find pulpits that seem out of place outside of the sanctuary and strangely covered by a little roof. But they were built in strategic locations, with a wooden canopy - a sounding board - so that the preacher's voice could project and fill a large space. Microphones are, in the grand scheme of the Church's history, still a brand new technology. These architectural features, of course, also predate our modern liturgy, which, in its turn, is also relatively new in the context of 2,000 years of tradition. Traditionally, the principal prayers of the liturgy were chanted - the voice tends to carry differently

when singing. But significant prayers, including the entire Eucharistic prayer and consecration of the bread and wine, were once prayed in a near whisper. These were not simply practical considerations, but spiritually significant actions. Remembering them in our modern context and with modern means of amplification can help us keep our focus as we celebrate the liturgy today.

What then is the focus of the Church's liturgical prayer? The prayers of the Mass are, almost entirely, addressed to God the Father. Whether the prayer is audible or not (either deliberately or not), all who pray at Mass are invited to direct their attention and their prayer to the worship of God. When we can hear, we are able to make the prayer our own. If we cannot hear, we are, just the same, invited to offer our worship and our attention to God. If I go to a Mass celebrated in a language I do not speak, I might be able to hear the prayers being said, but the fact that I cannot understand does not diminish my capacity to participate in the Mass, because my participation is not primarily a vocal exercise but an exercise of the heart. To fruitfully participate in Mass, the most essential thing is the focus of mind and heart on the God who gathers us for worship. Participation is helped by being able to hear, but can also be helped when inaudibility demands that we enter into silence. With gratitude that we can hear, let us also appreciate the gift of silence. With gratitude that we can understand, let us also appreciate that our worship allows us to confront and contemplate mystery. With gratitude for the technology that makes our experience of worship more comfortable, let us also appreciate that our periodic discomfort invites us to be united to our Lord in His suffering, to the poor and the sick, and that we are able to make our lives and our worship a gift of love to 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/adore365/](http://www.st-pius.org/adore365/) 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.

## 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



### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

**Wednesday, February 12, 7PM, Church, 8PM, Fellowship in Community Room**

Every one of every age is welcome! Bring your friends and family! Adoration, music, and confessions are from 7-8PM. This month, Fr. Sam will lead us in a meditation on the Eucharist.

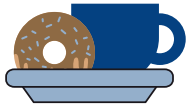


### SPX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

**Monday, June 9**

Don't miss this year's St. Pius X Golf Outing. Save the date and bring your friends to this amazing event! The Golf Committee is looking for volunteers, donations, and event sponsors. Email Paul Sposato at [psposato523@gmail.com](mailto:psposato523@gmail.com) if interested.

## FELLOWSHIP



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**February 9, 16, & 23, After 9AM Mass, Community Room**

Enjoy coffee and treats after the 9AM Mass. If you would like to help, contact Genevieve Ritch at [gfanelliritch@optonline.net](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or scan the QR code to contribute.



### TASTEBUDS, SPECIAL EDITION

**Sunday, February 23, 3:30-5:30, Community Room & Kitchen**

Create delicious vegetarian and gluten-free dishes and then enjoy them with the group. RSVP to [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) and scan the code for the \$15 event fee.



### YOUNG AT HEART, SENIOR LUNCHEON

**Monday, March 3, 12PM, Community Room**

Save the date for our St. Patrick's Day Celebration Lunch with a special nod to St. Joseph! The Shamroques return for live Irish music and our friends at Sorrento's will provide their famous corned beef sandwiches. RSVP to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081.



### YOUNG AT HEART GAME DAY

**Tuesday, 10AM-12PM, Community Room, Mahjong**

**Wednesday, 1-3PM, Community Room, Canasta**

Bring a friend and meet us in the Community Room. Learn how to play or just stop by for fellowship and conversation. Questions? Contact Margaret at [blk125@msn.com](mailto:blk125@msn.com) or call her at 908-399-2945.

## SERVICE



### SANDWICH MAKING

**Wednesday, February 19, 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, volunteer to set up, make sandwiches, or clean up, please email [stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com](mailto:stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com).



### OPERATION HOPE MEAL PREP, LUNCH DATES ADDED!

**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](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net).



### 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 Cathy Hughes at [chughes@st-pius.org](mailto:chughes@st-pius.org). We provide the yarn.



### 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 at [profefurke@optonline.net](mailto:profefurke@optonline.net) and join their efforts.

## GROUPS



### 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 info, email [Bill.Staley@SetonCollaborative.org](mailto:Bill.Staley@SetonCollaborative.org) or visit [www.fairfieldlt.com](http://www.fairfieldlt.com).



### WALKING WITH PURPOSE, SPRING SIGN-UPS

**Wednesday, February 5 - May 7, 6:30-8PM OR**

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

Women of the parish are invited to join our spring study, Passionate Discipleship. 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/](http://www.st-pius.org/womens-groups/) for more information.



### WELL-READ MOM BOOK GROUP

**Saturday, February 15, 9AM, Munro Room 2**

Read great books and spiritual classics with other women in the parish. Our February book discussion is on *The Father's Tale* by Michael O'Brien. If you'd like to join, email [karenlannigan0915@gmail.com](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com).



### 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!



### 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](mailto:Tyler.Lomnitzer@KofC.org) for more information.



## New Altar Server Training

<b>MON</b>	<b>FEB 10</b>	4:30PM - 5:30PM
<b>WED</b>	<b>FEB 12</b>	4:30PM - 5:30PM
<b>FRI</b>	<b>FEB 14</b>	4:30PM - 5:30PM

**Children who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to attend one of the trainings!**

Email [frblawie@diobpt.org](mailto:frblawie@diobpt.org) to sign up for one of the sessions.





# MARDI GRAS

## *Pancake Dinner*

\$10 Per Person

\$40 Per Family

**Tuesday, March 4th, 2025**

**5pm - 8pm**

**St. Pius X Community Room**

JOIN A  
**SMALL  
GROUP**  
THIS SPRING

**REGISTER NOW**



Visit [www.st-pius.org/spring-small-groups/](http://www.st-pius.org/spring-small-groups/)

### **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.



## Fishers of Men



In today's gospel reading Peter had been out fishing all night and hadn't been able to catch any fish. When Jesus told him to let down the nets again he did it anyway. He was very surprised when the nets filled up with fish right away. And there were so many that the boat started to sink!

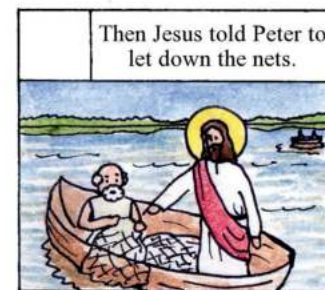
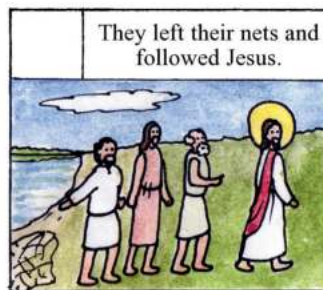
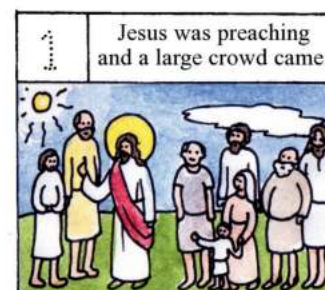
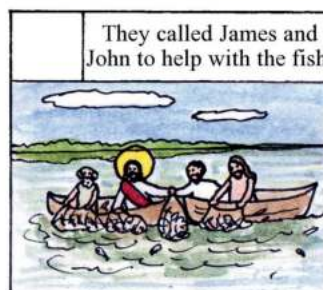
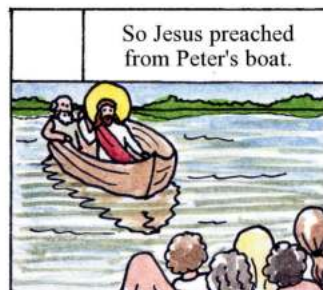
Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

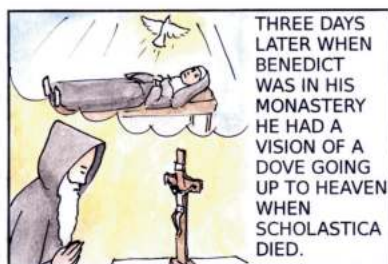
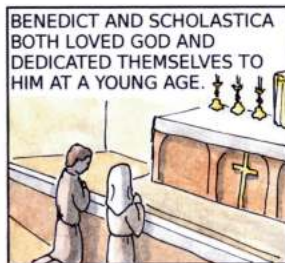
## PICTURE PUZZLE: AN AMAZING CATCH!

The pictures of this story are all mixed up! Sort them by numbering each picture in order of the Gospel story.



## ST. SCHOLASTICA, PRAY FOR US!

FEAST DAY, FEBRUARY 10



SAINT SCHOLASTICA AND HER BROTHER SAINT BENEDICT ARE A GREAT EXAMPLE TO US OF HOW BROTHERS AND SISTERS CAN HELP EACH OTHER TO BECOME HOLY. DO YOU EVER PRAY WITH YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS OR FRIENDS? YOU CAN HELP EACH OTHER BECOME SAINTS!



**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](mailto:lizbyrnefeeney@hotmail.com)

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Please Return RSVP to Parish Office or Collection Basket

(Checks Payable to "St. Pius X")

Name(s) -----

Phone/Email ----- #of Tickets -----

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