



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 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
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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>

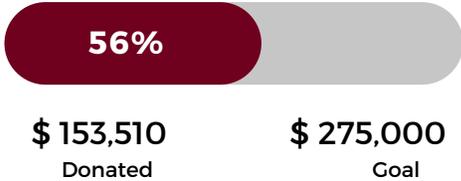
*January 26 weekend totals include donations from the Mission, Monthly, & Maintenance Funds. Thank you for your generosity!

**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

Spring Small Groups Start

FEB

M, W, F

10, 12, 14

Altar Server Training, 4:30PM, Sacristy

FEB

MON

12

Revival Night, 7PM, Church

FEB



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/ 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.

MUSIC MINSITRY



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



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.

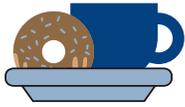


SPX ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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 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 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 and scan the code for the \$15 event fee.



YOUNG



HEART

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 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 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.



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.



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. 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 profiburke@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 or visit 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/ 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.



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.



New Altar Server Training

MON	FEB 10	4:30PM - 5:30PM
WED	FEB 12	4:30PM - 5:30PM
FRI	FEB 14	4:30PM - 5:30PM

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

Email 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/

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

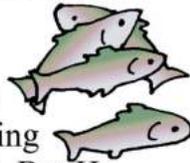
Thursdays, February 13 - March 20, 6:30-7:45PM

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!

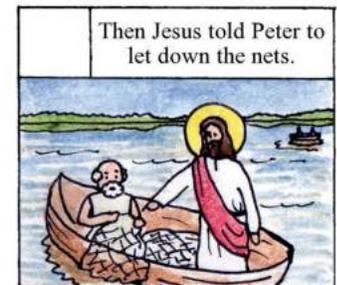
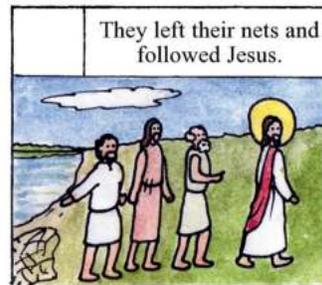
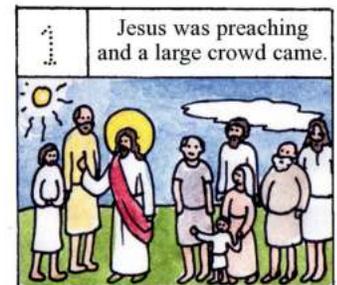
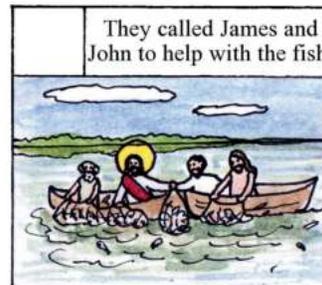
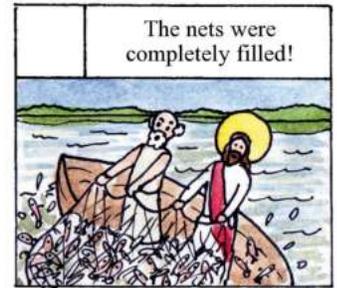
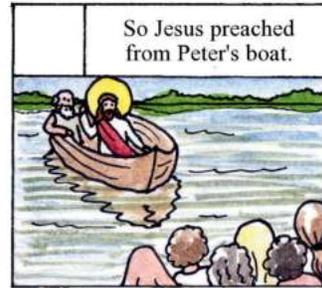


Jesus told Peter and his friends James and John that he was going to make them "fishers of men." But He didn't mean that they would catch people in nets! He was showing them that they had to bring people into the Church.



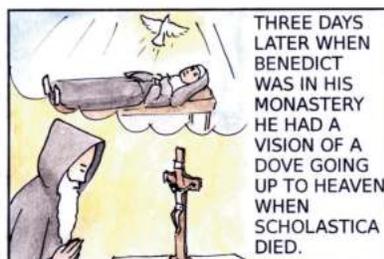
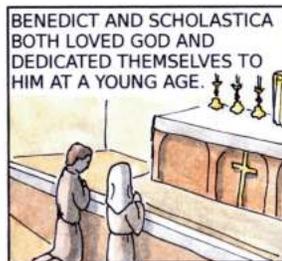
Who are the "fishers of men" today? Priests! They help people to come to the Faith by giving them the sacraments and teaching them the truth about God.

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!



Saint Patrick's Day

PARTY

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) -----

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

Seat us with -----