



# ST. PIUS X PARISH

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2024

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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<br>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](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

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|---------------------|--|
| Office Hours        | Monday-Thursday, 9AM-4PM<br>Friday, closed, 9AM-12PM |
| Parish Phone        | 203-255-6134   |
| Religious Education | 203-259-4800   |
| Parish Email        | secretary@st-pius.org                                |
| Parish Address      | 834 Brookside Drive,<br>Fairfield, CT 06824          |

### Parish Corporation

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

Art Credit: Dubufe, Edouard Louis. *The Widow's Coin*.  
Between 1839-1883. Amsterdam Museum.





## Pastor's Note

### Today's

### Readings

#### 1st Reading:

1 Kgs 17:10-16

#### Res. Psalm:

Ps 146:7, 8-9,  
9-10

#### 2nd Reading:

Heb 9:24-28

#### Gospel:

Mk 12:38-44 or  
12:41-44

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The widow's mite is a powerful moment in the Gospel. The two small coins this poor woman places in the Temple treasury are worth very little in a monetary sense. Two "mites" added up to one of the smallest, least valuable Roman coins in circulation. Yet Jesus says that this poor widow has given more than anyone else, even those wealthier people who were giving large sums of money, for the woman gave even out of her poverty, even to the point that giving might hurt. The actual amount is of less import. This moment is powerful for another reason. Most lessons our Lord teaches come in the form of parables. This one, in contrast, comes from a real event. It is a reminder that Jesus does not just teach a philosophy or set of ideals. Rather, the Gospel lessons he offers us are both profound ideas and eminently practicable.

Jesus points out that the rich people putting large sums into the treasury are giving from their surplus wealth. He does not criticize them for doing so, as they are doing what is just. In keeping with the practice of the time, familiar even in our own day, the wealthy understood that they had a responsibility to use their wealth for a common good, in this particular case, to support the worshipping community by maintaining the Temple and its precincts. Every culture has some understanding of this responsibility. Those with means ought to help those who are less fortunate. This is why we praise philanthropy and recoil at behavior reminiscent of Ebenezer Scrooge (though we ought to do a better job of remembering the Scrooge changed in the end, and became a very generous man). This teaching of our Lord is incorporated into the Precepts of the Church. Those Precepts, by way of reminder are:

- Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
- Confess your sins at least once a year

Receive the Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter season

- Observe the days of fasting and abstinence (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday)
- Provide for the temporal needs of the Church

The reason that the poor widow is given special consideration by our Lord is that she gives, not from a surplus, but from the depth of her poverty. Her lack of financial means makes the small monetary offering she places in the treasury a true sacrifice. All the Jewish people worshipping at the Temple share an obligation to give to the treasury according to their means. That the rich give according to their surplus wealth is a statement of fact, not a criticism. The widow receives this special praise because she not only gave according to her means, but in fact she went beyond what could be expected. Her love and the devotion that inspired such an offering is held out to us as a model to imitate.

This model is often called "stewardship," and the widow represents one aspect of a stewardship model. We can call this a three-T model: Time, Talent, and Treasure. The widow, as well as the rich people putting in large sums, represents treasure. We are called to give according to our means, and even to give in a way that is sacrificial. This real-life story recounted in the Gospel allows us to pause and ask if we give to the Church in a way that is truly sacrificial. We are called to give of our talent, as well. Do I place my abilities and talents at the service of the Church? We are called to give of our time, as well. Time here refers not only to the time spent in worship with the community, but also to that time we give in service to our brothers and sisters as volunteers or participants in parish ministries. May the example of the widow's mite, her sacrifice, and her devotion, inspire in each of us a more generous offering of our time, our talent, and our treasure, for the greater glory of God and the building up of His Kingdom here on earth.

Peace,  
Fr. Sam

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 9**

8:30AM.....+Margaret Hannon.....Feeney Family

5:15PM.....+Matthew & Elizabeth Morris.....K. Flynn

**Sunday, November 10**

7:30AM.....+All Parishioners

9AM.....+Lyn, Bill & Billy Klein

11AM.....+Christopher Ronald Conroy.....E. O'Hara

**Monday, November 11**

8:30AM.....+Jose Gomes.....F. Gomes & Family

**Tuesday, November 12**

8:30AM.....+Kathryn Ventricelli.....Ventricelli Family

**Wednesday, November 13**

8:30AM.....+Lillian, Gergory & Greg Patti

**Thursday, November 14**

8:30AM.....+Robert Martin.....Mr. & Mrs. Taterosian

**Friday, November 15**

8:30AM.....+William P. McGuire.....J. & B. McGuire

**Saturday, November 16**

8:30AM.....+John P. O'Boyle.....O'Boyle Family

5:15PM.....+Mr. Anthony V. Piliero

**Sunday, November 17**

7:30AM.....+Anthony Piliero.....O'Brien Family

9AM.....All Parishioners

11AM.....+Doris Harrington.....D'Alesio Family



**Sanctuary Lights**

Church - For Our Country

Chapel - For All Newly Elected Officials



**In Memoriam**

Pray for those who recently passed:

Angela Anderson



**Baptisms**

We welcome the newly baptized into the Church:

Emma Grace Fiori

Harper Mae Fiori

# STEWARDSHIP

**Weekly Offertory**

| Offerings  | October 27 | November 3 |
|------------|------------|------------|
| Weekend    | \$ 10,035  | \$ 13,798  |
| Monthly    | \$ 460     | \$ 1,565   |
| Mission    | \$ 70      | \$ 708     |
| All Saints | N/A        | \$ 1,854   |
| All Souls' | N/A        | \$ 1,280   |



St. Pius X Offertory  
Online Giving



Consider switching to online giving—it's the easiest and safest way to donate. Get started now: Scan the QR code or visit [www.st-pius.org/giving/](http://www.st-pius.org/giving/). Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



**We Stand With Christ  
Construction Loan**

\$ 633,000 Current Loan Balance

\$ 96,058 From 170 Gifts as of June 2024

\$ 27,000 K of C Golf Outing Gift



To give to the WSWC Construction Loan, scan the QR code, drop a check in the Sunday basket with Construction Loan in the memo.

SUN

10

Holiday Baking Boot Camp, 3:30PM, Community Room & Kitchen

NOV

MON

11

Parish Office Closed

NOV

WED

13

Eucharistic Revival Night, 7PM, Church

NOV

## 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. We have the following hours open - Tuesday, 10AM, Thursday, 10AM, Friday, 12PM, 5PM.

To sign up or to become a substitute visit [www.st-pius.org/adoration/](http://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](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.

## EVENTS



### HOLIDAY BAKING BOOT CAMP

**Sunday, November 10, 3:30PM, Community Room**

Join fellow parishioners for the 2nd annual Holiday Baking Boot Camp. During this event, we will create baked goods to share as hostess and holiday gifts. RSVP to [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) and scan the QR code to pay \$20 for materials.



### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL NIGHT

**Wednesday, November 13, 7PM, Church**

Everyone of every age is welcome! Bring your friends and family! Adoration, music and confession are from 7-8PM. This month Bill Staley, our new Senior Regional Youth Minister, shares his testimony from 7:30-7:45PM. Fellowship and service to follow in the Community Room at 8PM.



### ST. PIUS X THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

**Saturday/Sunday, November 16/17, Church**

We're collecting non-perishable food and gift cards from Shoprite, Stop & Shop, and Price Rite. Drop off donations the weekend of November 16/17. If you would like to volunteer to sort the food donations after the 11AM Mass on Sunday, November 17 or drop off the food to charity sites on Monday, November 18 at 10AM, email [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org) to sign up. Volunteer spots are limited!

## EVENTS



### AL'S ANGELS THANKSGIVING MEAL ASSEMBLY

**Saturday, November 16, 7AM, Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater**

Once again, Al's Angels is providing Thanksgiving Meal Bins to over 1,250 children and families battling serious illness and financial hardship. If you'd like to help with the meal assembly, email Al at [adiguide@yahoo.com](mailto:adiguide@yahoo.com). Meal assembly will be done in one shift and held outdoors so dress for the weather. Food and drink will be provided throughout the event for all volunteers. Al is asking that each volunteer bring a NEW Toy for a child under the age of 10 years of age to support the Al's Angels Toy Drive. Thank You for your ongoing support of Al's Angels!



### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

**Sunday, December 8, 10AM, Community Room**

Bring your friends and family to decorate a gingerbread house. The most creative design will win a prize! Unless the completed house is needed at your home, we will donate them to Operation Hope. You do not want to miss this event! RSVP is required and space is limited. Email [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) and scan the QR code to pay \$25 for materials.



## 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).

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

## SERVICE



### ST. PIUS X SANDWICH MAKING

**Wednesday, November 20, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen**

Join us on Wednesday night as we make sandwiches for nOURish Bridgeport. Volunteers are needed as well as donations for sandwich ziploc bags, 8oz water bottles (half size) and granola bars. Please email [stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com](mailto:stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com) to help.



## WOMEN'S GROUPS



### WALKING WITH PURPOSE, CHRISTMAS BRUCH

**Thursday, December 5, 9:30-11:30AM, Community Room**

Walking With Purpose is hosting its annual Q&A with Fr. Sam and Christmas Brunch. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Dawn Carpanzano at [dawnmariec@sbcglocal.net](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcglocal.net) by Monday, December 2.



### WELL-READ MOM BOOK GROUP

**Saturday, December 14, 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. The month's book discussion will be on My God and My All: The Life of St. Francis of Assisi by Elizabeth Goudge. Email [karenlannigan0915@gmail.com](mailto:karenlannigan0915@gmail.com) with questions.

## 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](mailto:drexel2424@optonline.net). We look forward to welcoming you!

## FELLOWSHIP



### YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

**Monday, December 2, 12PM, Community Room**

Let's Get Merry! Join us for our annual Christmas lunch celebration featuring a complimentary hot buffet catered by Sorrento's Importing along with a holiday raffle. Stay tuned for more info on this year's holiday music. Calling on all Baking Elves to bring some festive holiday treats! RSVP REQUIRED by November 25 to Peter Carey at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com) or 203-673-2081. See you there!



### SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

**December 8, 15 & 22, 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](mailto:gfanelliritch@optonline.net) or scan the QR code to contribute. All are welcome!



### TASTEBUDS

**Wednesday, December 11, 5-7PM, Community Room & Kitchen**

Come to our Tastebuds gathering! Along with cooking demonstrations, we will review recipes, and enjoy the meal we created together. Our dinners may be paired with complimenting wines and beverages. The cost is \$15. Email [catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com) to RSVP and scan the QR code to pay.



GIVING TO GOD



In today's first reading we hear about a widow who was asked to give away all the food she had. In the Gospel Jesus points out a woman who put all her money into the Temple treasury.

It pleases God when He sees us sharing what we have with the poor and the Church. But do you think He wants us to give everything away?

Everything we have comes from God and He wants us to use it well. That's called being a good steward. It means using what we need for ourselves, but making sure that we always give to the Church and those in need.



What would a bad steward do?

How can you be a good steward with your money?

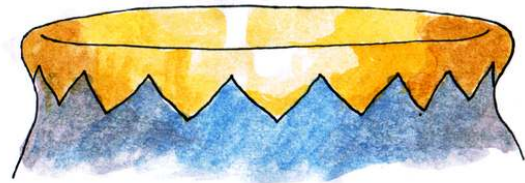


Answers to True or False: 1. True, 2. False, 3. False, 4. True, 5. True, 6. True, 7. False.

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Mark 12:38-44



In today's Gospel reading Jesus saw a poor woman putting everything she had into the Temple treasury. How much was it? Connect the dots to find out!

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE, PRAY FOR US!

FEAST DAY, NOVEMBER 14

LAWRENCE O'TOOLE WAS BORN IN 1128 IN IRELAND. HIS FATHER WAS THE CHIEF OF A CLAN, BUT IT WAS TAKEN OVER BY A ROUGH MAN CALLED DERMOT.

WHEN HE WAS 10, LAWRENCE WAS TAKEN HOSTAGE BY DERMOT.

This will teach him to challenge me!

WHEN HE RETURNED, HIS FATHER WANTED TO DEDICATE ONE OF HIS SONS TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING.

I'll gladly give my life to God!

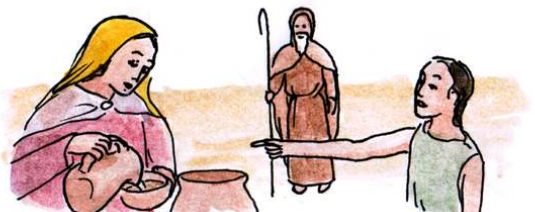
Bring these to the poor.

LAWRENCE WAS MADE AN ABBOT AT AGE 25. HE WAS FAIR AND GENEROUS.

WHEN HE BECAME AN ARCHBISHOP HE INVITED THE POOR TO EAT WITH HIM EVERY DAY.

LAWRENCE WORKED HARD TO KEEP PEACE AMONG HIS PEOPLE. HE FELL ILL ON A PEACE-MAKING JOURNEY AND DIED AT A MONASTERY IN FRANCE AT AGE 52.

ST. LAWRENCE O'TOOLE WAS GENEROUS AND MADE SACRIFICES TO KEEP PEACE BETWEEN KINGS & NATIONS. GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH EACH OTHER. SOMETIMES WE NEED TO MAKE SACRIFICES TO KEEP PEACE IN OUR FAMILIES AND WITH OUR FRIENDS. DO YOU?



ELIJAH AND THE POOR WIDOW

1 Kings 17:10-16

How well do you know the story of Elijah and the widow? Which of these are true and which are false?

1. Elijah met a widow collecting sticks and asked her for a cup of water. True or False?
2. The woman did not want to get the water for Elijah. True or False?
3. The woman had a lot of food stored up. True or False?
4. Elijah told the woman to bake a little cake for him. True or False?
5. The woman was afraid that she would run out of flour and oil. True or False?
6. Elijah told the widow that God would not let the flour or oil get used up. True or False?
7. The widow ran out of food and could not feed her son. True or False?



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Nov 16-17

DONATE AFTER ALL MASSES

### WE'RE COLLECTING

### NON-PERISHABLE FOOD & GIFT CARDS FROM

- SHOPRITE, STOP & SHOP, AND/OR PRICE RITE

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SUN NOV 17, COMM RM AFTER 11AM MASS  
HELP ORGANIZE FOOD DONATIONS

MON NOV 18, 10AM  
DELIVER FOOD BASKETS TO CHARITY SITES

VOLUNTEER SPOTS ARE LIMITED!  
EMAIL [PPENA@ST-PIUS.ORG](mailto:PPENA@ST-PIUS.ORG) TO SIGN UP



## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

DECEMBER 1 SUNDAY



5-7PM, COMMUNITY ROOM  
PIZZA & SNACKS PROVIDED



RSVP TO EMILY PRITCHARD AT [EMILYEMCGRATH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EMILYEMCGRATH@GMAIL.COM)

## GINGERBREAD HOUSE *Decorating Party*

The most creative design wins a prize!  
Unless the completed house is needed at your home,  
we will donate them to Operation Hope.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

10AM, COMMUNITY ROOM

RSVP required as space is limited.  
[catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com](mailto:catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com)

Scan the QR code to pay  
\$25 for materials.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUN, DEC 22, 3PM

JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.  
IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING,  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL  
[PATTY.MARIE.OBRIEN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PATTY.MARIE.OBRIEN@GMAIL.COM)







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# Advent by Candlelight

AN INSPIRATIONAL EVENING FOR WOMEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAIRFIELD, CT

CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION 6:15 PM FOLLOWED DINNER,  
TALK, DISCUSSION AND EVENING PRAYER

## "CHRIST IN THE CHAOS"

Our guest speaker, Monica Ortega is cohost of TwoBecomeFamily podcast. A wife, mother, and author with Ave Maria Press, Monica's testimonies of faith, marriage and parenting have been featured in the Augustine Institute and National Catholic Register. Begin your Advent with an intimate evening of fellowship and Monica's moving testimony.

## CANDLELIT DINNER

We invite you to host a table of 8 for \$275. As hostess you will decorate and plan food and drink to share among your guests.

PAYMENT

Scan the QR code



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT KAREN LANNIGAN AT KARENLANNIGAN0915@GMAIL.COM