



ST. PIUS X PARISH

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The Lord's Epiphany

January 5, 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
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Lay Members	Kathryn Vogt, Art Wolf
Parish Finance Council	Jeremy Joyce, Chair

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 4

8:30AM.....+Albert Kingston McKee Jr.....Foley Family
 5:15PM.....+Stella Cozzareli Marten.....Friends of McDonald Family

Sunday, January 5

7:30AM.....All Parishioners
 9AM.....+Pamela Vuilleminot Waesche.....D. & W. Lavallee
 11AM.....+Stella Cozzareli Marten....Carpanzano Family

Monday, January 6

8:30AM.....+Myna Lazarus.....A. & C. DiGuido
 7PM.....+Cole Lodge.....M. Lantowski

Tuesday, January 7

8:30AM.....+Stella Cozzareli Marten.....Fr. Sam & SPX Staff

Wednesday, January 8

8:30AM..+Gordon Bardos & Rosemary V. Boyce...Feeney Family

Thursday, January 9

8:30A.....+Ralph L. Crews.....Miller Family

Friday, January 10

8:30AM.....+Dorota Zambrzycki.....Bergeron Family

Saturday, January 11

8:30AM.....+Johanna Orosz.....K. Grosso
 5:15PM.....+Walter Flynn.....K. Flynn

Sunday, January 12

7:30AM.....+Mrs. Linda Gabriele
 9:00AM.....All Parishioners
 11:00AM.....+Dorothy Orlando.....P. Volpacchio

STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Offertory

Due to publishing deadlines, the Offertory will be printed in next week's bulletin.



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/. Questions? Call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



2024-2025
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 ANNUAL APPEAL

Due to publishing deadlines, an update on the SPX Annual Appeal will be printed in next week's bulletin. To give to the Appeal, scan the QR code or drop a check in the Sunday basket with SPX Annual Appeal in the check memo.



Sanctuary Lights

Church in Memory of Eleftheria Fatsi
 Chapel in Memoery of Stella Cozzareli Marten

SAT/SUN

4/5
 JAN

Lunches for the Merton Center

SUN

12
 JAN

Tastebuds Bread Baking, 3:30PM, Community Room & Kitchen

WED

15
 JAN

Adult Faith Formation Class, 7PM, Church

Sandwich Making for nOURish Bridgeport, 7PM, Community Room & Kitchen



MEDIEVAL MINSTRELS, Mike and Sam Kachuba, recreate the music of the middle ages at the recent third annual Medieval Market & Faire on the grounds of St. Pius X Church. At right, Countess Adriana, Vera Messina, takes on Torrin The Wonder...



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FR. SAM!!!



10

YEARS

AS PASTOR OF
ST. PIUS X. WE ARE BLESSED
TO HAVE YOU HERE!





Pastor's Note

Today's

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Readings

1st Reading:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Res. Psalm:

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
10-11, 12-13

2nd Reading:

Ephesians
3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel:

Matthew
2:1-12

When Bishop Caggiano told me I was to be pastor at St. Pius X, he set January 5, 2015 as my start date. It is hard to believe that ten years have gone by already! This parish has been and remains a tremendous blessing in my life. More than any lesson, this decade has taught me that the life breath of this parish cannot be in any activity, ministry, or person, save that of the Person of Jesus Christ.

Instaurare omnia in Christo - To restore all things in Christ. This motto of Pope St. Pius X is writ large in my heart, and I try to make it my own and a guiding principle in what I do here. This is why it was important early in my time here to place the Tabernacle at the center of the sanctuary. Jesus Christ must be at the center of everything we do. Our parish patron is known as the Pope of the Eucharist, and so I am firmly convinced that Jesus in the Eucharist must be at the center and heart of our parish, most especially in the place where we worship. In fact, as I see it, everything we are as a parish starts at the church's altar, flows from it, and returns eventually to that place of worship. The Second Vatican Council says that the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, a truth that Pope St. Pius X had already articulated, and which I hope the parish that bears his name will always embody. This is why I am so immensely proud of the renovation of the church building undertaken in 2019. I firmly believe that the place where we worship has to be the priority, and, in my opinion, the beating heart of our parish is found in our beautiful church. The Chapel was already a refuge of prayer in our Faith Center even before we began the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. The fact that our parishioners come night and day to pray in the presence of

Jesus is a great consolation. The doxology of the Mass reminds us that all honor and glory is given to God the Father through

The doxology of the Mass reminds us that all honor and glory is given to God the Father through Jesus, with Jesus, and in Jesus. In Jesus Christ, we find the unifying force of our parish. When people walk through the doors of the church for the first time, even if they are not fully aware of it, it is Jesus they are seeking. So many people have come to this parish because a friend, neighbor, or relative has invited them. One glance at the 9 AM Mass, for example, is enough to see the life and vitality that our parish families bring to this community. From the Mass, we are able to proceed to so many important things: our communal life is alive in the weekly coffee hour, in our small groups, in our elementary faith formation, in our middle and high school youth ministry, in our monthly senior ministry, in our sandwich making for the Thomas Merton Center and nOURish Bridgeport, and in our meal preparation for Operation Hope. All this flows from and returns to our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

I am a very grateful pastor today, ten years since my arrival. I am also very much aware of my own imperfections and that I am not always the pastor you need me to be. This tenth anniversary coincides, happily, with the Church's Jubilee year. In a Jubilee, we seek and share God's mercy, and renew our commitment to the Lord. And so I hope you will share my gratitude for the gift that this parish is. I ask your forgiveness for my shortcomings. And I invite you to join me in refocusing our efforts and our lives on the One Person who makes our parish family what it is, Jesus Christ. In this Jubilee year, let us truly restore all things in Christ!

Peace,

Fr. Sam

PRAYER

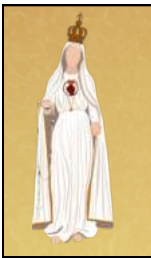


ADORATION

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 an hour. We have the following hours open - Tuesday, 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, Wednesday, 10PM, Thursday, 8AM, Friday, 5PM.

To sign up or to become a 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.

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Wednesday, January 15, 7PM, Church

In our third installment, we will focus on living in community. When God created Adam, He declared that "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). This statement highlights that humanity was not created for isolation but for relationship – first with God and then with one another. We hope you will join us!

SERVICE



SANDWICH MAKING

Wednesday, January 15, 7-8PM, Community Room & Kitchen

Our Wednesday night efforts continue as we make sandwiches for **nOURish Bridgeport**. The Wednesday crew is set with donations but if you'd like to help set up, make sandwiches, or clean up, please email stpiussandwichmaking@gmail.com.



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.



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, SPRING SIGN-UPS

Thursday, February 6, 2025 - May 8, 2025, 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.

YOUTH GROUP

Fairfield Life Teen Christmas Party



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.



CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP

January 5, Registration Deadline

June 22-28, Service Trip

We will be flying to Nashville for a week of service in Music City, USA. The trip is open to all high school students and costs \$1,250/person. Scholarship and fundraising opportunities are available. Visit www.FairfieldLT.com to register and for more info!

FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR

January 5, 12, 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, January 6, 12PM, Community Room

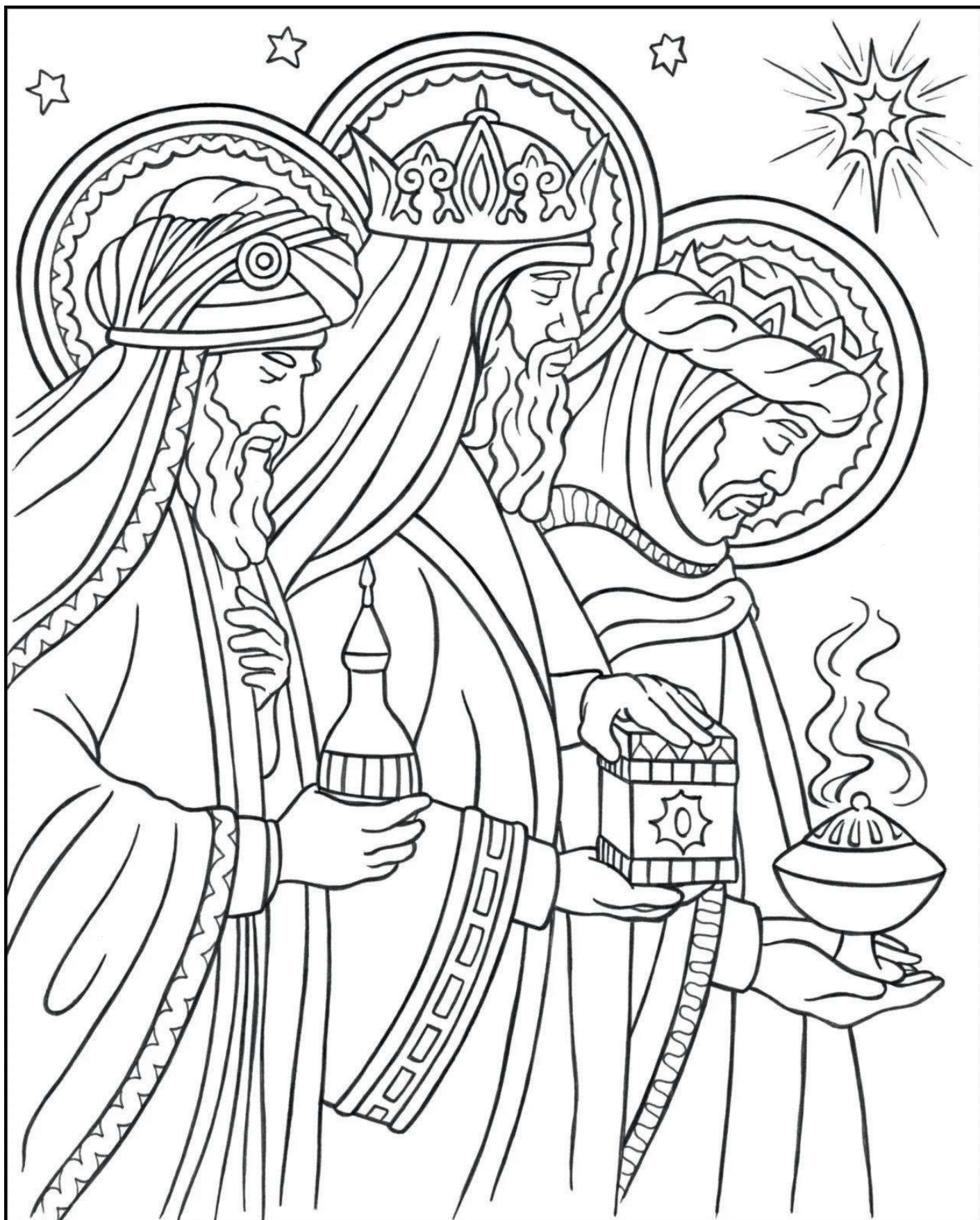
Kick off the New Year with Fairfield Fire Inspector Ron Varga. Ron will talk to us about fire safety, smoke detectors, cooking safety, candle safety, and other helpful safety tips. RSVP required to Peter Carey at aandp1964@aol.com or 203-673-2081.



TASTEBUDS BREAD BAKING

Sunday, January 12, 3:30PM, Community Room

Save the date for a special edition of Tastebuds. Learn the tips and tricks of making bread with your friends and family. More details to come! Email catherinemacdonaldcake@gmail.com with questions.



Epiphany House Blessing



The feast of Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi, the three wisemen, who bring gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the infant Jesus.

On this day, it's a wonderful centuries-old tradition to bless your home. The blessing not only commemorates the visit of the Magi, but also gives you an opportunity to welcome the Christ Child and ask for his blessing on your home and on all who visit during the new year. All you need is a piece of blessed chalk and the prayer below!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

We gather in this holy place to recognize that Christ dwells here. As the three kings followed the light of the star, we too follow the light of Christ that we may be a people of generosity, our home may be a place of welcome, and a dwelling place for God.

Loving God, bless our home and all who live here. May you reside with us as our unseen guest. We invite you to join us each time we gather for meals, prayers, celebration, and recreation. May your peace rest upon us during this year and may we draw closer to one another by drawing closer to you through your word and sacrament. Amen.

With the blessed chalk, mark the lintel, the top of the door with:

20 + C + M + B + 25

The 20 stands for the first two digits of the new year and the 25 stands for the last two digits of the new year.

The letters C, M, and B traditionally stand for the initials of the legendary Magi, Casper, Melchior, and Balthazar. They are also an abbreviation of the Latin "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless the house."

The "+" sign symbolizes the cross.