



A Roman Catholic Community in Fairfield

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Rev. Robert Crofut

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

Priest in Residence

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Director of Music & Organist

Mr. Michael Lantowski

Pastoral Assistant

Mrs. Kathleen Donnelly

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Parish Council President

Mrs. Grace Rodriguez 203 255-6134

Parish Finance Council Chairman

Mr. Kevin Silk 203 255-6134

Parish Membership

Through baptism we become God's sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of each other in Christ. We ask that every family in the Parish be registered. Registration forms may be acquired at the Parish Office. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our Parish Family.

Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am to 4:00 pm



St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible. Parking for the physically challenged is located at sides of church. We thank you for turning off all personal electronic devices before entering the church.

Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Pius X Parish, are an open and inviting Roman Catholic Family of Faith centered in the Eucharist, nourished by God's Word and faithful to the sacramental life of the Church. We strive to imitate Christ in all that we say and do. We are committed to teaching and sharing the Faith, supporting one another in prayer and action, and to reaching out to those in need. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we seek always to be just, gentle, and forgiving as we walk humbly with our God.



Weekly Mass Schedule

Monday through Saturday 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & 12:00 pm

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil 5:30 pm
Holy Day 8:30 am & 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Devotions

The Rosary is prayed each Friday by parishioners at 9:00 am. Stations of the Cross take place on Lenten Fridays at 7:00 pm.

Baptism

Pre-Baptismal class is held the first Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Parish Office for information. Baptisms are celebrated Sundays at 1:15 pm.

Marriage

Registered parishioners should make arrangements one year in advance with the Rectory. There are no Sunday weddings.

Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill, please contact the Rectory.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

The Rite of Initiation of Adults is available year round to anyone who wishes to inquire about our Faith, baptism, or completing their initiation as Roman Catholics with Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Please telephone R.C.I.A. Coordinator Mrs. Kathleen Donnelly at 203 255-6134, x13 for more information.

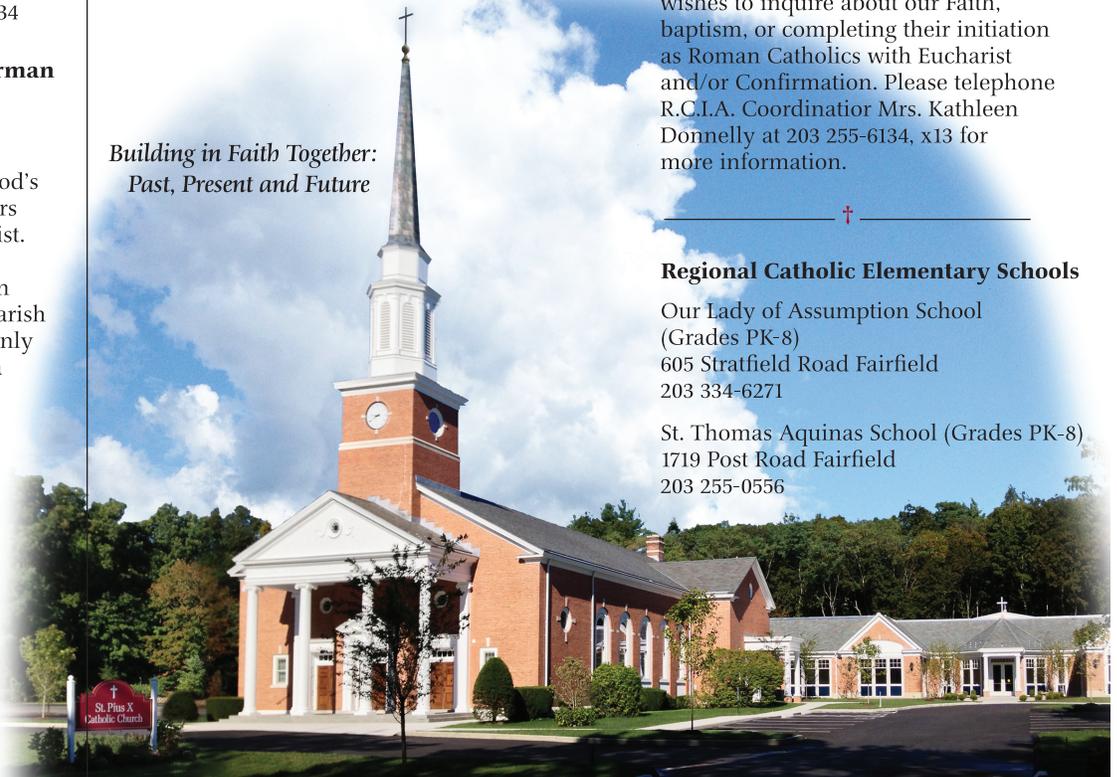


Regional Catholic Elementary Schools

Our Lady of Assumption School
(Grades PK-8)
605 Stratfield Road Fairfield
203 334-6271

St. Thomas Aquinas School (Grades PK-8)
1719 Post Road Fairfield
203 255-0556

*Building in Faith Together:
Past, Present and Future*




**Mass Intentions
for the Week Requested by:**
Saturday, July 30

8:30 A.M. +Dennis Murphy Claflin Family
5:15 P.M. +Anthony Mastroberardino E. Mastroberardino

Sunday, July 31

7:30 A.M. +Patrick McFadden A. M. O'Keefe
9:00 A.M. +Robert Northcott N. Berarducci
10:30 A.M. Intentions of all Parishioners
12:00 P.M. +Gene Richter P. & J. Fracassini

Monday, August 1

8:30 A.M. +Lyn Klein P. & T. Klein

Tuesday, August 2

8:30 A.M. +R. Abel Garraghan Sherriff Family

Wednesday, August 3

8:30 A.M. +Edward O'Connor Dr. P & B. Carolan

Thursday, August 4

8:30 A.M. +For the sanctification of all parish priests.

Friday, August 5

8:30 A.M. +For All Souls

Saturday, August 6

8:30 A.M. +Nicholas & Anne Fabian
5:15 P.M. +Elizabeth Henry Henry Family

Sunday, August 7

7:30 A.M. +Christina Grinavic Blair Family
9:00 A.M. +Gene Richter P. & J. Fracassini
10:30 A.M. +Lucretia Siedel M. & M. Douglas
12:00 P.M. Intentions of all Parishioners

ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!
Petitions and thanksgivings may be emailed at any time to stpiusxprayerln@aol.com, or called in to **Ann Cole, 203-362-5178, Mon. through Fri. (anytime). Feel free to leave a message.**

WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

The Rosary is prayed every Friday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed immediately following the rosary.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

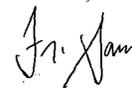
This week, in France, an 84 year old priest, Fr. Jacques Hamel, was martyred by terrorists claiming allegiance to ISIS. Along with a few nuns and faithful parishioners, he was taken hostage while celebrating the morning Mass at his parish and ruthlessly killed. This did not take place in a far-off country or time. No! It happened in modern day France at the hands of a very modern terrorist organization, ISIS. This was an act of evil.

In the face of this seemingly-ever-present threat of Islamic terrorism, in the face of a terrible killing of a brother priest, how should I respond? My first thought was to pray for his soul and his eternal rest. This week, I will offer Mass for him, in thanksgiving for his vocation and powerful witness. My second thought was anger: anger that ISIS has been allowed to spread, anger that so much hatred exists in the world, anger that our current political landscape seeks to blame rather than solve. I am proud of my first thought, and ashamed of my second. I am ashamed of the latter because it was not a righteous anger, but one heavily influenced by fury, vengeance, hatred, and despair.

Then I read the Gospel for this Sunday. A rich man, about to die...is he prepared? As I reflected on the Gospel, I realized that Fr. Hamel was spiritually rich and was ready to meet his Lord. All reports about him speak of his quiet and gentle nature, his servant's heart, his availability to the people who needed his time – in a word, he was a good and faithful priest. Am I prepared to meet Jesus? Am I willing to lay down my life for the sake of the Gospel? If I am to be prepared, if I am to be ready to lay down my life, I must put aside anger, hatred, and despair. I must serve with generosity and love. And the only way to do that, is to embrace the Cross of Christ, to fall on my knees every day, asking for God's mercy and grace.

Let us pray today that we would have courage to stand for our faith, to be instruments of God's mercy in the world, and to work to end hatred, division, and terrorism. Fr. Jacques Hamel, martyr, pray for us!

Peace,


St. Pius X Staff

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THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MAIN CHURCH
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
For the Intentions of Bradley Jones.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
in Loving Memory of Anthony Ciaramella.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Do not spend your life toiling for material gain (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23). **Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Christ has raised you to new life, so seek now what is above (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel — Be on guard against all greed, for your life does not consist of earthly possessions, but of the riches of the reign of God (Luke 12:13-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Hb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS:

“St. Pius Forget-Me-Nots” is a ministry of support for those who are taking care of family and friends who are chronically ill and/or elderly. All are invited to join us for discussion and lunch on **Tuesday, August 9**, at noon, in the Community Room in the new Faith Center. New participants are always welcome!

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT PARTICIPANTS SAY: “THANK YOU!”

We have met our goal of 300 containers of powder! Many thanks to all who contributed! Containers have been added to backpacks as part of a personal care package provided for the most vulnerable among us who will attend Project Homeless Connect on August 5th. This annual day of information regarding vital resources, appropriate services and screenings is sponsored by United Way and will take place at UB’s Wheeler Recreational Center.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Emily O’Brien and Matthew Tyksinski

CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Nathan James Ducsay.**

HEARTS RENEWED: A PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED: AUGUST 5

Our group is made up of men and women who are in different stages of separation and divorce. Your participation in HEARTS RENEWED will offer you emotional and practical support. At this time in your life, it is important to know that you are not alone! Bimonthly Meeting: **First & Third Friday...7:30pm-9:30pm:** St. Pius X Religious Education Center – Portable Classroom - **Facilitator: Bette Huckabee, 203-338-0503.** For more information, contact Bette or Kathleen Donnelly at the parish office.

ST. PIUS X SENIORS AUGUST 1: NOON-GUEST SPEAKER SR. EILEEN BOFFA, RSM

All are invited to us on Monday, August 1 in the Community room at noon. Sr. Eileen Boffa, RSM, will speak to us regarding her ministry to the homeless in Bridgeport and our SPX connection. We are collecting Walmart gift cards (any denomination) for Sr. Eileen for anyone who would be able to bring one. A light lunch and beverages are available for \$5. Our main purpose is to relax together in an informal setting. We will be sponsoring more day trips, speakers, etc. For lunch reservation, please call or text **Peter Carey, 203-673-2081**, or drop him an email: aandp1964@aol.com

ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

Please consider picking up raffle tickets (packets are in the pews) at any Mass this weekend.

We need to record who has taken tickets; therefore, we ask that you write your name and address (pencils are in the pews) on the yellow slip stapled to the envelope and return it before leaving church. Fill in the tear-off and place it in the offertory basket or in one of the raffle boxes located at each door. You may drop your return in the slotted box at each church exit, in the offertory basket or at the parish office. The drawing will be held at the parish picnic on September 11, 2016.

Only **ONE** name is permitted on each ticket, together with the full address and phone number. The State of Connecticut does not permit usage of mailing labels on the tickets. Ticket information must be handwritten. **Thank you!**

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Calendar of Events

Sundays from 7-9pm in the Religious Ed. Building

July 31st Life Teen 7-9pm

August 5th (Fri.) Volunteer Opportunity with the Sister of Life (please email) *Stamford, CT*

August 6th (Sat.) Profession of Vows for the Sisters of Life at 11am *Stamford, CT*

August 6-7th "SPX Lock-IN" Sleepover, games, campfire, Adoration, and more! Starts at 8pm on Sat and ends after the 9am Mass on Sunday. No evening meeting on Sunday.

College Ministry: "College Life"

All young adults home from break or recently graduated are welcome to attend. Come meet new people and grow in your faith this summer!

We will be meeting every Tuesday until August 23rd from 6:30-8pm in the Munro Room of the Faith Center.

Recap: Wine and Cheese Life Teen & Edge Info Night

Because of the many people who attended, we ran out of copies of the CORE and Life Support application for Life Teen and Edge (great problem to have!). If you were not able to receive a copy, please email Paola for Life Teen at ppena@st-pius.org and Shari for Edge at sgarcia@st-pius.org.

— *Applications are due August 1st. Please email or drop off at the Parish Office.* —

Edge Middle School Ministry is in need of **4 more CORE members for Tuesday nights** and **6 more CORE members for Wednesday nights**. Edge is part of the Religious Ed. program and runs from 7-8:30pm both nights.

Life Teen meets every Sunday from 7-9pm and is in need of **3-4 more CORE members** for the upcoming school year.

CORE members plan Edge/Life nights, facilitate small group discussions, give talks, and most importantly build relationships with the teens they are leading. They are mentors in the faith. The mission of Life Teen and Edge is to lead teens closer to Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church.

MUSIC NOTES

Next Sunday, August 7th, the Men's Ensemble from the Connecticut Chamber Choir, one of the area's premier choral groups, will be joining us to sing at the 10:30am Mass. The ensemble under the direction of Galen Tate and Mike Lantowski will sing settings of the Mass as well as Motets and favorite hymns to enhance our Eucharistic experience. Please plan on joining us as and invite your friends!

CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS

Our celebration of the Eucharist has been enhanced with the addition of fresh flowers. If you would like to make a memorial offering in the name of a loved one, or a special intention, for any week during the year (except Advent & Lent), please contact Terri Dawes in the Parish Office, 203-255-6134. The cost of flowers for the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God is \$80.

Religious Education

*******IMPORTANT REMINDER*******

REGISTRATIONS WERE DUE BY JUNE 30th!
We are not currently processing registration requests. The Rel. Ed. office is closed for the month of July.

****Catechists****

Have you thought about sharing your faith with our young parishioners? We are in need of catechists for every age level. We provide training, all learning materials, fellowship, and classes meet at a variety of times throughout the week - so there is likely a perfect time for you to join us! Please contact us at 203-259-4800 and we will find just the right place for you to join us in this beautiful and important ministry.

ST. PIUS X PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Our parish picnic opens with an outdoor Mass at 10:30 a.m. on the parish grounds and runs until 5:00 pm. There will be plenty of tasty food, baked goods, amusement rides, children's games and prizes, a huge tag sale, the parish raffle drawing, a DJ and more. Look for more information in the coming weeks. There are plenty of volunteer activities available to choose from. See the insert in this weekend's bulletin for a complete listing. Be sure to sign up early to get your 1st choice of activity and time slot. Thank you, in advance, for all your help and support.

CONFESSION: ST. PIUS X IS A CENTER OF

MERCY: Thursdays, in the Faith Center Chapel, until Nov. 17, 2016, 7:00pm – 8:30pm; Confessions are also heard on Saturdays in the Church from 4:00pm – 4:45pm.

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

Seeing Jesus transfigured made Peter want to do something to mark the event. But the Voice from the cloud said clearly that the first task of those who recognize Jesus as Lord is to listen to Jesus – and then act!

	
of Treasure	
<u>Weekend of July 16-17</u>	
Last Weekend's Offering	\$13,271.00
Last Year's 2015 Offering	\$11,166.50
Co-Op Mission Sunday Offering	\$ 6,048.00
Monthly Offering for Parish Support (Additional)	\$ 397.00
Parish Mission for Outreach (Additional)	\$ 270.00
<u>Weekend of July 23-24</u>	
Last Weekend's Offering	\$12,597.00
Last Year's 2015 Offering	\$11,437.50
Monthly Offering for Parish Support (Additional)	\$ 87.00
Parish Mission for Outreach (Additional)	\$ 161.00
<i>Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of God's Blessings and Gifts!</i>	

The Children's Prize Booth is in need of new items for our Parish Family Picnic. Below are just suggestions of prizes that could be donated:

- baby dolls ● barbies ● beach balls ● legos ● puzzles
- outdoor sidewalk chalk ● bubbles ● dinosaurs ● art kits
 - board games ● beanie babies ● action heroes
 - stuffed animals ● toy cars ● jewelry making kits
- play dough ● toy trucks ● paint sets ● learning toys
 - wiffle ball/bat sets ● playground balls
- dress up costumes (princess, fireman, policeman)
 - building blocks ● outdoor games

Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated, and may be dropped off at the parish office.

Thank you very much,

Donna DeBartolomeo, Prize Booth Chair, 203-292-6698

LANCER OPEN

Notre Dame High School, Fairfield, is currently taking reservations for their **16th Annual Lancer Open in memory of Bob Shea**. This year's golf tournament will take place at Brownson Country Club in Huntington, on Mon., **Sept. 12**. Entry fee: \$200 per player. This includes 18 holes of golf (scramble format) with cart, on-course cold beverages, tournament gifts and raffle prizes, BBQ lunch, silent auction, 2 hour open bar with hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner and individual and team awards. For more information please log on to notredame.ejoinme.org/MyPages/2016LancerOpen or contact Theresa Marzik: 203.372.6521 or tmazrik@notredame.org.

**ST. MARGARET SHRINE
VETERANS MEMORIAL**

The deadline for donating a Veteran's Brick to the St. Margaret Shrine Veterans Memorial, is September 30, 2016. The Memorial, on the National War Memorial Registry www.nationalwarmemorialregistry.org, is located at St. Margaret Shrine, 2523 Park Ave, Bridgeport. The names of the Veterans on the newly donated bricks will be read at our 6th Annual Veterans' Mass and Blessing. They will also be included in the Veterans Mass Program Book. This year's Mass will be held on Saturday, November 5, 12:15PM, at the Shrine. For information on donating a brick for a Veteran, from the U.S. Military or our Allies; living, deceased, wartime, peacetime, or currently serving, call [203-345-3244](tel:203-345-3244).

**Knights of Columbus St. Pius X
Council #16347 Youth Soccer**

Challenge Competition All boys and girls ages 9-14 (by September 1, 2016) are invited to participate in the Soccer Challenge.

The competition will be held **Sat., Aug. 6, at 9 AM** at Ludlowe Middle School Soccer Field, 689 Unquowa Road, Fairfield (behind school). The rain date is Sat., Aug. 13. The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district, and state competitions. The Soccer Challenge is a penalty kick competition. Each competitor gets 15 shots. Winners of each age group will win an Official Knights of Columbus Soccer Ball. All contestants are recognized for their participation in the event. **Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of Birth Certificate) and written parental consent.** For entry forms or additional information contact: Tom Kelty at tkelty@gmail.com. Please **Preregister** by emailing a copy of the Birth Certificate and Parental Authorization Form to the above email address or mail to St. Pius X Church, c/o Knights of Columbus, 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: ALL ARE INVITED

RCL Benzinger Religion Publishing and the DOB – Office of Faith Formation welcome Dr. Tim Hogan as he presents: **The Gift of Cultural Hurricanes: How to Build New Bridges that Transform Catholic Families:**

Saturday, August 6, 2016 – 10 am – 1 pm

The Diocese of Bridgeport Catholic Center, Queen of Saints Room, 238 Jewett Ave., Bridgeport. This event is free and lunch is included. To register, contact Rose Talbot-Babey, 203-416-1648 or rtalbotbabey@diobpt.org.