



A Roman Catholic Community in Fairfield

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Mrs. Kathleen Donnelly

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Mrs. Kathryn Vogt 203 255-6134
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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.

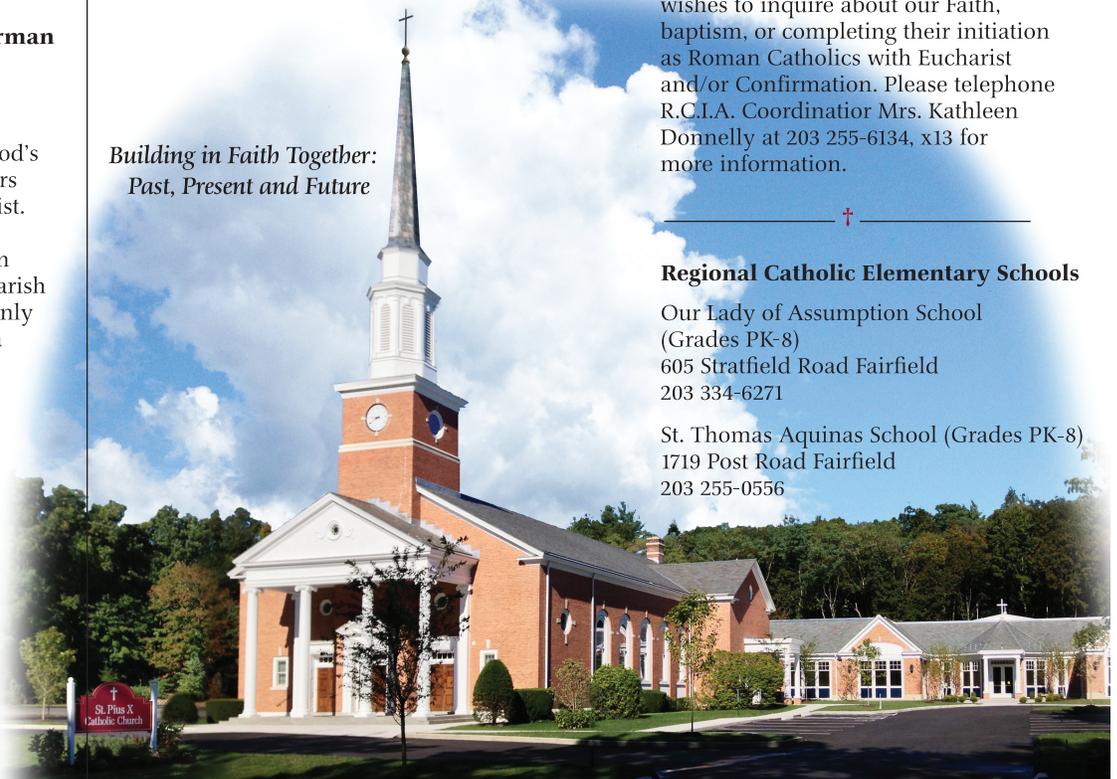


Regional Catholic Elementary Schools

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, September 24

8:30 A.M. +Louis P. Tedesco Toner Family
5:15 P.M. +Salvatore Zaccagnino J. & L. Rosito

Sunday, September 25

7:30 A.M. +Theresa Brewer D. Risley
9:00 A.M. +Patrick Baker Lenahan Family
10:30 A.M. +Gene Richter E. & S. Pierson
12:00 P.M. Intentions of all Parishioners

Monday, September 26

8:30 A.M. +Ed O'Connor S. O'Donnell

Tuesday, September 27

8:30 A.M. +Patrick M. Ryan J. & J. Myers

Wednesday, September 28

8:30 A.M. +John Harrigan A. Flynn

Thursday, September 29

8:30 A.M. +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Friday, September 30

8:30 A.M. +Jennie & Robert E. Bird Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Saturday, October 1

8:30 A.M. +Michael & Maria Artieri Porco Family
5:15 P.M. +Stewart Hefter C. Duggan

Sunday, October 2

7:30 A.M. +Isobel Broadhurst M. Douglas
9:00 A.M. +Maria & Michele Artieri Perco Family
10:30 A.M. +Patricia A. DeMinoVida M. Lantowski
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

Join us every Friday, immediately following the
8:30 A.M. Mass.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Sept. 21, we celebrated the feast of St. Matthew, the apostle and evangelist. His story – being chosen and called by Jesus to leave his tax collector's post behind – connects powerfully to the Gospel we hear at Mass today. Matthew leaves behind the security, power, and money attached to his position. As a tax collector, he had the protection of the Roman Empire, the ability to levy fines and tariffs, and a source of income that was steady and lucrative. When Jesus says "Follow me," he abandons all of it for the sake of our Lord.

The Gospel today reminds us, in the person of the rich man, not to put our trust in earthly riches, positions, or comforts. We live in a culture and locale where a spirit of entitlement can often permeate. Because of our wealth, prestige, and possessions, it is easy to believe that we are entitled to certain privileges or honors. But Jesus makes clear that these material things, as good as they are, pale in comparison to the importance of our relationship with Him.

Are we consumed by the bottom line of our spreadsheets? Are we more concerned about our possessions and personal comfort than we are about the salvation of our souls? Do our material goods mean more to us than prayer? Do we prayerfully offer all of our concerns to God and trust that he will care for us? St. Matthew embarked on a radical journey of trust. His tax collecting job was a sure thing. Following Jesus was unsure. Yet he followed. Jesus invites us, not to a life of comfort, ease, wealth, and privilege, but to a life of trust in His grace, mercy, and benevolence. The more we trust God with our needs and worries, the more we will recognize how infinitely valuable it is to seek God in all things and above all things.

Peace,


St. Pius X Staff

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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 for any week during the year (except Advent & Lent), please contact Terri Dawes in the Parish Office. The cost of flowers for the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God is \$80.



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MAIN CHURCH

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

**In Loving Memory of the
Deceased Parishioners of St. Pius X.**



THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL

WILL BURN THIS WEEK

For the intentions of St. Pius X Parishioners.

MEDITATION: SIRACH 36:1

O Lord God of the universe, look upon us and have mercy. When was the last time that someone heard God speaking through my voice; felt God lifting a burden through my hands; experienced God loving with my heart? (Mark Link, S.J. Vision 2000)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Woe to the complacent. Their wanton revelry shall be done away with (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalms — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Compete well for the faith. Keep the commandment until the appearance of the Lord Jesus (1 Timothy 6:11-16). **Gospel** — The parable of Lazarus and the rich man (Luke 16:19-31).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8;
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8,
13-14; Lk 17:5-10

CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Hudson August Nori.**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Hilary Keefe and Christopher Schuville

I Beth Walker and Brendan Jones

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Beginning Friday, October 7, 2016, we will offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of the month from 9 AM – 9 PM in the Faith Center Chapel. All are invited to spend time in the presence of the Eucharistic Lord! If you wish to volunteer for a particular hour (e.g. 10 AM – 11 AM), please contact the parish office.

A COURSE ON CATHOLIC MINDFULNESS

Catholic Mindfulness, a course developed and taught by Dr. Gregory Bottaro, a Catholic psychologist, will help you learn how to put faith/trust in God into action, and bring peace to your life. Mindfulness is proved to reduce anxiety, depression, and a host of other disorders. Catholic Mindfulness is the integration of Abandonment to Divine Providence and other Catholic spiritual principles with the practice of mindfulness.

- Gain freedom from ways of thinking you thought you were stuck with forever
- Understand the workings of your own mind in a brand new way
- Learn how to put into practice the trust in God you always wanted to have
- Decrease distraction and thought patterns that lead to anxiety and depression
- Stay focused during times of prayer or anything else you want to be more present to in your life

Saturday mornings 9am - 10:30am EST for 8 weeks from October 1 until November 19. The course is available in person or online.

Classes will be archived after they are live-streamed and will be viewable any time.

Visit www.catholicmindfulness.com for more information, or e-mail drgreg@catholicpsych.com.

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.

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Calendar of Events

Sept 25th Social Night: *Lights Out Dodge Ball* 7-9pm

Oct 2nd Life Night: *The Void* 7-9pm

Oct 9th “PRAYER CHANGES ME” Youth Day Event

Location: Notre Dame High School in Fairfield

Time: 10am-3:30pm

One of the challenges young people face is encountering Jesus in prayer amidst the busyness of our daily lives. How can we quiet ourselves to learn to spend time with Jesus? What does good prayer sound like? How can I learn to pray such that it changes me?

All young people in **9th-12th grade** are invited to learn all this and more. Cost: \$15.00 and covers lunch, t-shirt and materials

(4 available carpool spots on first come-first serve. All others must provide own transportation)

Please email Paola for more information

Oct 9th Life Night: *The Cross* 7-9pm

Oct 16th Life Night: *The Life* 7-9pm

Life Teen Family Night Fundraiser

This dinner is open to all in the community and will follow the Saturday 5:15pm Mass on **Saturday, November 19th**.

This evening will illustrate how Life Teen has grown over the past year and our vision of how to inspire the parish for many years to come! You will be able to donate to the youth ministry program in various ways during the night. There will be some games for the kids, a lot of food, and fellowship! Expect a mini-carnival night!

Donate to have a teen come and provide service (i.e. babysitting, yard work, snow shoveling, etc.)

If you would like to be part of the planning process, please email Paola at ppena@st-pius.org by **Sept. 26th**.

SEEK National Conference: Jan 3-7 in San Antonio

Tons of college students from hundreds of schools on one extraordinary adventure to encounter their Catholic Faith in a whole new way! Fabulous speakers. Cool artists (Oh Hellos will be presenting). Amazing worship. Five incredible days. How's that sound?

SEEK isn't your typical conference. It's the start of a journey. This January, come join FOCUS (www.focus.org) and thousands of your future new friends for inspiring talks, awesome entertainment and one unforgettable experience.

Open to all current high school seniors and college students! Cost per person is \$900-\$1,000. This includes roundtrip flight, lodging for 5 day and 4 nights, and 3 boxes lunches and extra spending money on the side. Please visit www.seek2017.com for more information. If cost is an issue, not to worry! Students will be given packets on how to fundraise and St. Pius will be fundraising in Oct to help cover some of the costs of the trip. Please email Paola at ppena@st-pius.org for more details about how to sign-up!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Our Religious Education classes have begun. We are still in need of catechist at all levels. Please call the Religious Education Office at 203-259-4800 if you can help in any way. **Our office will NOT be processing registrations for any returning students during the month of September. Families new to the parish or with first graders entering the program for the first time may still register.**

MOMS OF SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Topic: “Captivating your child’s heart with God’s extravagant grace”

Date: Wed., October 5, 9:30 am – 11:30am

Faith Center Community Room.

Organizer: Dawn Carpanzano

RSVP: dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net

Guest Speaker: Jeannie Cunnion, Author of Parenting the Wholehearted Child. (Jeannie’s book will be available for purchase and signing.)

SACRED HEART ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

(265 Benham St., Hamden)

Sunday, October 16, from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9-12, will host its annual Open House on Sunday,

October 16 from 1 – 3pm. **The Entrance Exam will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 8:00am – noon.** Online application with admission information is available at www.sacredhearthamden.org.

Applicants pre-register for the exam by completing the application for admission and submitting it by Nov. 1st

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

If you wish to have a prayer petition carried to Fatima, please put your petition in an envelope and place it in the envelope marked “Fatima” located on the small table in the front foyer in church. Petitions must be submitted by next Sunday, October 2.

HEARTS RENEWED:

A PROGRAM OF SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED: SEPTEMBER 30

A group 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. All are welcome!

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at the gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

**of Treasure**

Last Weekend's Offering	\$12,442.00
Last Year's 2015 Offering	\$10,846.00
Monthly Offering for Parish Support	\$ 2,546.00
Parish Mission for Outreach (Additional)	\$ 140.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Dear St. Pius Parish Family,

Once again you have reached out to folks living with the pain of homelessness in neighboring Bridgeport. Your very generous donation toward our 11th annual Project Homeless Day brought happiness to fragile folks living in shelters, a friend's couch, or on the streets. Receiving their backpacks filled with good things is often the highlight of the day for many of these, our neighbors. Backpacks filled with as many as twenty basic necessary items were a joy and a relief for all. Your special gift of talcum powder eased the discomfort felt during those very muggy summer days. Your beautiful expression of Mercy is so deeply appreciated by all. May you and your families be blessed as you have blessed others.

*Very gratefully,
Sister Eileen Boffa, RSM*

**KNIGHTS
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Your St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a **Yankee Candle Fundraiser** to raise money to support their service projects at the church. You can place orders online. Your purchases will be delivered directly to you by clicking on the link on our parish website, or by going to www.yankeecandlefundraising.com and entering Group Number **990100205**. (If you use the link on the parish website, or the link in an email you may receive from the church or from a member of the Knights of Columbus, you do not have to input the Group Number required for the Council to get the credit). Please help us raise money to support our service projects at St. Pius X.

LIVING IN LOVE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT:

October 15-16, 2016

**Please see the bulletin insert for
registration / information.**

St. Pius X Church will be hosting a parish Retreat Workshop for Married Couples called "Living in Love" on October 15-16, 2016. All married couples, whether you have been married 6 months or 60 years are invited to attend this remarkably insightful and energizing experience which will take place right in our own parish Faith Center. The time commitment is 8:00 am to 9:00 pm on Saturday and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Mark your calendars now and plan to participate! For more information about time schedule, topics, and cost please visit: www.livinginlove.org. You may register online or pick up a registration form in the parish office.

For local information, please call
Bob & Peg Ellwanger, (203) 331-5485,
or email rellwanger@gmail.com.

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St. Pius X Council #16347

First Annual Columbus Day Fundraiser

Pasta Dinner

"Open to all"

**Saturday, October 22, 2016 following
the 5:15 Vigil Mass - Starting at 6:30 p.m.**

St. Pius X Faith Center Community Room

All proceeds will support K of C service projects
here at St. Pius X.

MENU: Baked Ziti, Penne Marinara, Meatballs,
Salad, Bread

ALSO FOR KIDS: Penne with butter

**DESSERT, SODA AND WATER INCLUDED
B.Y.O.B**

50/50 Raffle

**Cost is \$16 for adults. Children 12 and under \$7.
Children 3 and under are free.**

RSVP by 10-16-16

For more information and/or reservation –
call BJ Baranosky 203-556-4196 or
Jim Maloney 203-373-9280