A Roman Catholic Community in Fairfield

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Mr. Arthur Wolf

Parish Finance Council Chairman
Mr. Kevin Silk

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

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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 a Roman Catholic family of faith rooted in the Eucharist, nourished by God's Word and faithful to the sacramental life of the Church. We are committed to welcoming every person we encounter with the love and mercy of Christ. We strive to imitate Christ in all that we say and do. We are committed to teaching and sharing the Gospel, to supporting one another in prayer and action, and to reaching out to those in need, so that, as a community of disciples, we can embrace our parish patron's call to "restore all things in Christ."

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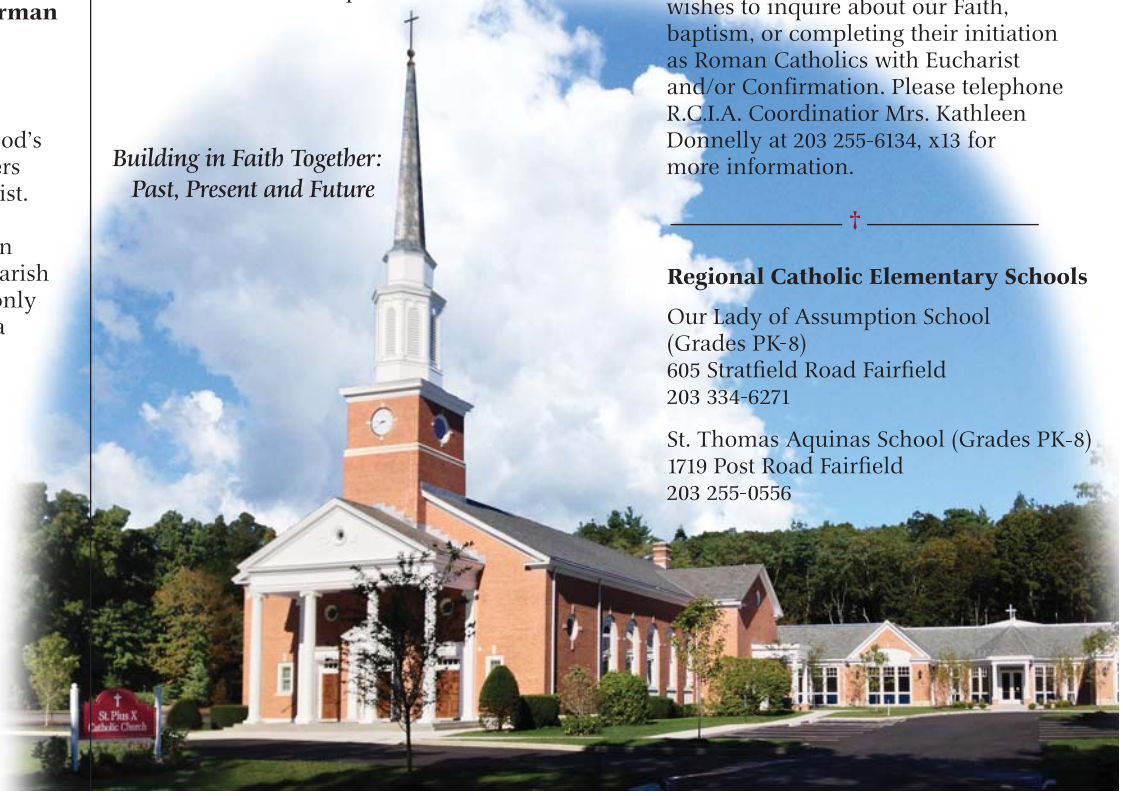
Weekly Mass Schedule
Monday through Saturday 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 5:15 pm
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 & 12:00 pm

Holy Day Mass Schedule
Vigil 5:30 pm
Holy Day 8:30 am & 7:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45 pm – Church
Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00 pm – Faith Center Chapel

Building in Faith Together: Past, Present and Future



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.

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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. Coordinatior Mrs. Kathleen Donnelly at 203 255-6134, x13 for more information.

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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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 20
8:30AM +Thomas Csizmadia, Sr. — Fr. Sam Kachuba
5:15PM +Suzanne Boffa — J. & K. Donnelly

Sunday, January 21
7:30AM +Robert Saracco — Mr. & Mrs. J. McIntosh
9AM +Robert & Barbara Northcott — Northcott/Berarducci Families
10:30AM +Theresa Musso — D. Greenstein
12Noon +Kevin Tracey — Conneely Family

Monday, January 22
8:30AM +Maudie Altieri — C. Brown

Tuesday, January 23
8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Wednesday, January 24
8:30AM +Andrea Pringle — Mr. & Mrs. Rush

Thursday, January 25
8:30AM +Ada DeSantie — S. Barrett

Friday, January 26
8:30AM +Bernard Mangiamele — D. & L. Bird

Saturday, January 27
8:30AM +Joseph Cacciola — Sell Family
5:15PM +Virginia Kerwick — M., D., & J. Bailey

Sunday, January 28
7:30AM +Roselle Smith — C. Bearry & K. Day
9AM +Graham Thomas Jordan — The Lundregan Family
10:30AM +Jennie & Guy Giuffre — V. & J. Giuffre
12Noon +Carlo Limatola — M. Vona

SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MAIN CHURCH
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
In Memory of Rosemary Brosnan

SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD CHAPEL
WILL BURN THIS WEEK
In Memory of Anthony DeFrancesco

Prayer

ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!

Email or call in, anytime, your petitions or thanksgivings to Ann Cole at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com or 203-362-5178, Monday-Friday. Feel free to leave a message.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you see a pattern? The Gospel this weekend again presents the call of the disciples, who leave everything to follow Jesus. They leave their nets to follow the man who proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and that now is the time for repentance. The truth is that Jesus looks at each of us, too, crying out "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." He wants us to share in His mission and bring souls to His Kingdom.

When we hear about these fishermen leaving their whole livelihood behind to follow Jesus, we can at first be tempted to think that it is too much, that following in such a radical way is more than we can handle. We can be intimidated by the saints whose lives seem like such perfect examples of holiness and discipleship when compared to our efforts to follow the Lord. But we should really keep reading the Gospel. If we do, we will find that these same men who seem to follow Jesus in such a perfect manner turn out to be men who struggle, fail, and disappoint, too. Their discipleship is not perfect, and while their readiness to leave all else behind is admirable, it is not the defining characteristic of their lives with Christ. Rather, the disciples are defined by their willingness to get up after a fall, to return to Jesus again and again in their weakness, to pray begging God's help when all else seems lost.

What holds us back from answering Christ's invitation? Are we stuck in some sin and afraid to let it go? Are we worried about what people will think of us if we try to be disciples? Does the possible discomfort of a life of discipleship intimidate us? Fair enough. There are plenty of things to be concerned about in striving to be true disciples of Christ. However, we will never know how we will respond to those challenges if we do not take the first step.

Jesus walks along the shore towards you today. His words are the same He spoke to the fishermen – "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Do not let fears of the future or the opinion of others sway you. Stand up and follow Him. Let Him lead and show you where you are to go and be confident that following Jesus in everything will lead you to the Kingdom of God.

Peace,

Fr. Sam

Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be deep as Sheol, or high as the sky!
—Isaiah 7:11

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

There is certain urgency in today's Gospel as Jesus calls His first disciples—Andrew and Simon, James and John. Each one follows Jesus *immediately*, unhesitatingly abandoning nets and boats and father and fellow-workers. To what is Jesus calling me—at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances? What will I need to abandon in order to follow Him?

Stewardship of Treasure

- **ANNUAL APPEAL (to date): $163,635**
  Annual Appeal Goal: $180,000
- January 14, 2018 Weekend Offering: $13,643
- 2017 Weekend Offering: $11,904
- Monthly Offering: $2,777

Thank you for being good and faithful stewards of God's Blessings and Gifts!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Matthew James Cunningham, Spencer Reed Cunningham, James Hunter D'Aloia** and **Lily Evelyn Hendricks.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: 9AM-2PM, Saturday, April 28, in the Gym in the Religious Education Center. Limited Space, pre-register NOW.** For additional information, and to pre-register, contact Curtis Bentley at cmgbentley@gmail.com.

- **Support for Vocations/Seminarians** (Year Round.) For more information, contact Vince Giandurco at vgct@gmail.com.

Want to join the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus? Contact Bob Elinskas at bobelinskas@gmail.com or Tom Kelty at tkelty@gmail.com.

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Join us 6PM-8PM, each Sunday in the Portable Classroom in the Religious Education Center!

NOTE: The start date of Theology of Body was moved to February 4 to accommodate MLK weekend and upcoming midterms.

January 21: Study Break: Breakfast for Dinner Bring your study gear and eat waffles and pancakes! Spend time in adoration so you can tackle those exams with His peace.

January 28: Teaching Mass + Adoration; Parent Life Meets. The why's to what we do in Mass will change the way you pray.

February 4: Super Bowl Sunday. No Life Teen.

February 11: The Power of Holy Desire: A Life Night on why truth, beauty, and goodness matter in sexuality + Sex is More: A Life Night on the fullness of sexuality.

February 18: President's Day Weekend. No Life Teen.

February 25: Distorted, a Life Night on distortions of sexuality + living love now: A Life Night on chastity.

March 2-4: Convivió, for those who are interested, we will still meet as a youth group on March 4 for movie night.

March 9-11: St. Pius X Teen Retreat! $140, meals and lodging provided. Contact Paola for more details.

Men's Fellowship

ST. PIUS X MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Join us Saturday Mornings at 6:30AM...

The St. Pius X Men's Fellowship meets weekly on Saturday mornings at 6:30AM in the Community Room. Join us for prayer, conversation about the Catholic faith, and good solid fellowship. Coffee provided. Email Fr. Sam at frkachuba@diobpt.org for more information, or text SPXFFLD to 84576 and opt into receiving Flocknote texts and e-mail updates about the Men's Fellowship.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The people of Nineveh believed God and turned from their evil ways (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).
Psalm: Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).
Second Reading: The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).
Gospel: This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand (Mark 1:14-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

WEEKLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR

WE NEED YOU: Looking to increase hosting families!

Weekly Parish Coffee Hour follows the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses. Hosting a Coffee Hour is easy and is also a great way to help with parish community building while meeting people at the same time! Contact Tom Dolan at 203-895-9513 or tmdolanjr@aol.com to sign up to host a Mass (or two!)

ST. PIUS X CALL TO MILITARY

You answered our country's call to serve.
Let your parish support you on your journey.

Whether you're active, or a veteran, we want to hear from you. We're working on activities for veterans and active service members to support each other as a parish and as brothers/sisters in arms. Contact Russell Edgett, Afghanistan veteran, parishioner and founder of *The Freedom Isn't Free Ride* at 475-225-9694 or RussellJ.Edgett@gmail.com.

MEDITATION

How can I pray?

A great way to pray is to look for God's presence in your life. More than 400 years ago St. Ignatius Loyola encouraged prayer-filled mindfulness by proposing what has been called the Daily Examen. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us. Try this version of St. Ignatius's prayer. **1. Become aware of God's presence.** Look back on the events of the day in the company of the Holy Spirit. The day may seem confusing to you—a blur, a jumble, a muddle. Ask God to bring clarity and understanding. **2. Review the day with gratitude.** Gratitude is the foundation of our relationship with God. Walk through your day in the presence of God and note its joys and delights. Focus on the day's gifts. Pay attention to small things—the food you ate, the sights you saw, and other seemingly small pleasures. God is in the details. **3. Pay attention to your emotions.** One of St. Ignatius's great insights was that we detect the presence of the Spirit of God in the movements of our emotions. Reflect on the feelings you experienced during the day. Boredom? Elation? Resentment? Compassion? Anger? Confidence? What is God saying through these feelings? **4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.** Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to something during the day that God thinks is particularly important. It may involve a feeling—positive or negative. It may be a significant encounter with another person or a vivid moment of pleasure or peace. Or it may be something that seems rather insignificant. Look at it. Pray about it. Allow the prayer to arise spontaneously from your heart—whether intercession, praise, repentance, or gratitude. **5. Look toward tomorrow.** Ask God to give you light for tomorrow's challenges. Pay attention to the feelings that surface as you survey what's coming up. Allow these feelings to turn into prayer. Seek God's guidance. Ask him for help and understanding. Pray for hope. St. Ignatius encouraged people to talk to Jesus like a friend. End the Daily Examen with a conversation with Jesus. Ask forgiveness for your sins. Ask for his protection and help. Ask for his wisdom about the questions you have and the problems you face. Do all this in the spirit of gratitude. Your life is a gift, and it is adorned with gifts from God. End the Daily Examen with the Our Father.

ANNOUNCING EVENING WALKING WITH PURPOSE LENTEN SERIES!

Are you interested in getting together with a group of women to explore your faith? You don't have much Scripture knowledge, but you would like to see how the Scriptures apply to your everyday life? If so, we invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose (WWP.) We will follow, *Living in the Father's Love*, a six-week course that is the ideal way to revive and refresh yourself this Lent. In this brief but powerful study, we discover just how much God loves us and how the Gospels are deeply relevant to our relationships, not only with God, but also with those we love. WWP is a Catholic Bible study for women that aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Christ. Through personal study and small group discussions, the group helps to link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. WWP will meet **7PM-9PM, for six consecutive Thursday evenings starting February 15th** in the Community Room (2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 and 3/22). Bring a friend! To order a ***Living in the Father's Love*** study guide, visit www. http://wwp-store.myshopify.com. For questions or to RSVP, contact Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or Allyson Marcus at allysonmarcus@optonline.net. For more information, visit www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA: JANUARY 28

The Catholic Church in Latin America, through all aspects of evangelization (witness, proclamation, catechesis, service) seeks to bring the good news of Jesus Christ as a source of liberation and hope to the people of this great region. Catholics in the United States assist our brothers and sisters in Central America, South America and the Caribbean through today's annual collection that is held in parishes throughout the country. Contributions support the training of priests, religious, and lay leaders; educating youth and other pastoral projects. In an Apostolic Exhortation promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1999, we are called to share our cultural and spiritual resources born in the experience of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. This witness will lead to the paths to conversion, communion and solidarity. As One Church in One America we pray: *May our families be living witnesses to love, justice and solidarity. May they become schools of respect, forgiveness and mutual help, so that the world may believe…may the Church in America flourish and grow richer in the fruits of holiness. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, pray for us! Amen.*

WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

Fridays, immediately following the 8:30AM Mass.

Join us for this peaceful time of prayer following the **8:30AM Mass every Friday in the Chapel.** You can participate or simply sit, listen, and reflect. All are welcome!

ST. PIUS X PARISH TEAM

- Kara Clegg, Dir. Religious Education (Grades 1–5)
- Terri Dawes, Administrative Assistant
- Kathleen Donnelly, Pastoral Assistant
- Shari Garcia, Edge Middle School Youth Ministry
- Barbara Kwiatkowski, Religious Education Assistant
- Michael Lantowski, Music Director
- Kimberlie I. Leon, Business Manager
- Amy O'Donnell, Office Assistant
- Paola Peña, Life Teen Coordinator

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MEN'S RETREAT

Grace Enough: Join us February 23-25…

All men 18 years and over are invited to spend a quiet but active weekend with 150 other men by participating in the annual Men's Retreat at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. The retreat begins on Friday evening with dinner at 6PM, followed by the first of four presentations by members of the gifted (and fun!) retreat team. Bring a friend, your sons, or come alone, you will not regret it. You will return home to Fairfield Sunday around 1:30 PM after well-rested time away from the rigors of daily living. **The 2018 retreat theme, *Grace Enough*, will explore the many ways God's presence empowers us and supports us through every step of life's journey.** Contact Ted Jastrzebski, Holy Family Retreat Center at 860-760-9705 for registration information.