



A Roman Catholic Community in Fairfield

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Mrs. Kathryn Vogt
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



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."



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

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

Saturday, February 24

8:30AM +Paul Valdes Hurtado G. Rodriguez
 5:15PM +Phil Steinborn J. Steinborn

Sunday, February 25

7:30AM +Mary Mastroianni B. & K. Elinskas
 9AM +Rita Benoit Blair Family
 10:30AM +John McGovern V. & J. Giuffre
 12Noon +Eduardo Cutillas G. Rodriguez

Monday, February 26

8:30AM +Nicholas Huydic M. & E. Huydic

Tuesday, February 27

8:30AM +Mary Farren J. Kaner

Wednesday, February 28

8:30AM +Bridie Dawson A. & S. Wolf

Thursday, March 1

8:30AM +William L. Barrett, Sr. S. Barrett

Friday, March 2

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Saturday, March 3

8:30AM +Kathleen Toner S. Sargent
 5:15PM +Virginia M. Kerwick Gartland Family

Sunday, March 4

7:30AM +Mary Mastroianni D. & E. Elinskas
 9AM +Robert Saracco S. & E. Short
 10:30AM +Dominick Verrastro A. Armstrong
 12Noon +Thomas Devine F. & P. Perazzini



SANCTUARY LIGHTS IN THE
 MAIN CHURCH
 WILL BURN THIS WEEK
In Memory of Lynette Wagner



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

Prayer

ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!

Email or call, 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,

Continuing the theme of growing in our knowledge and understanding of the liturgical practices of the Catholic Church, especially as they relate to the Mass, I would like to focus our attention on the rubrics of the Mass. The word "rubric" is derived from the Latin for "red," and (in the context of Catholic liturgy) is a direction for what to do during liturgical worship. The rubrics are generally printed in red, while words spoken aloud by the celebrant or congregation are printed in black. An axiom oft repeated in conversations about the liturgy goes "Say the black; do the red."

According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (#24) "Nevertheless, the priest must remember that he is the servant of the Sacred Liturgy and that he himself is not permitted, on his own initiative, to add, to remove, or to change anything in the celebration of Mass." The Mass (and any of the Church's liturgy, for that matter) is not the personal property of any one person. All Catholics *benefit* from the celebration of the liturgy, but do not have to *create* the liturgy. Rather, the liturgical prayer of the Church is given to us according to the teaching authority of the Church. Adherence to the rubrics has the positive effect of demonstrating the Church's unity, of allowing the Church's prayer to be prayed regardless of geography, language, culture, or time, and of enabling the worshipping community to worship in a way that is properly ordered and beautiful. This is not to suggest a blind adherence to rules, or a stubborn clinging to a legalistic understanding of rubrics or Church law, but rather to highlight that following the Church's rubrics makes sense in order for us to worship well as a community of faith.

Think of a baseball umpire, for a moment. While there is room for the umpire to interpret the strike *zone* (though I may disagree with him vehemently about that last pitch), there is no room for him to allow me to have more or less than three strikes. If the *number* of strikes is left to the whim of the umpire, it is impossible to joyfully play the game. In a similar way, the rubrics provide some options, but if the priest changes or ignores rubrics, it becomes difficult to celebrate the Church's liturgy well. On a grander scale, the Church sometimes issues directives about the celebration of Mass or a particular practice so that proper discipline in the celebration of Mass can be observed and the unity of the Church's worship can be maintained.

This understanding of rubrics and the Church's liturgical directives can help us understand the why behind the Church's liturgy. It can inform what happens at weddings, funerals, Sunday or daily Masses. It can explain why we do what we do in some of the most important celebrations of the liturgical year, and at some of the most significant occasions in our lives. Next week, we will investigate some of the rubrics as they apply to particular celebrations.

Peace,

STEWARDSHIP IS A WAY OF LIFE

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself “did not spare his own Son.” Are my gifts to the Lord—of *my* resources, of my time, of myself—also sacrificial?



of Treasure

- **ANNUAL APPEAL (to date):** \$171,379
- Annual Appeal Goal: \$180,000**
- February 18, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,051
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,012
- Ash Wednesday Offering: \$3,045

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

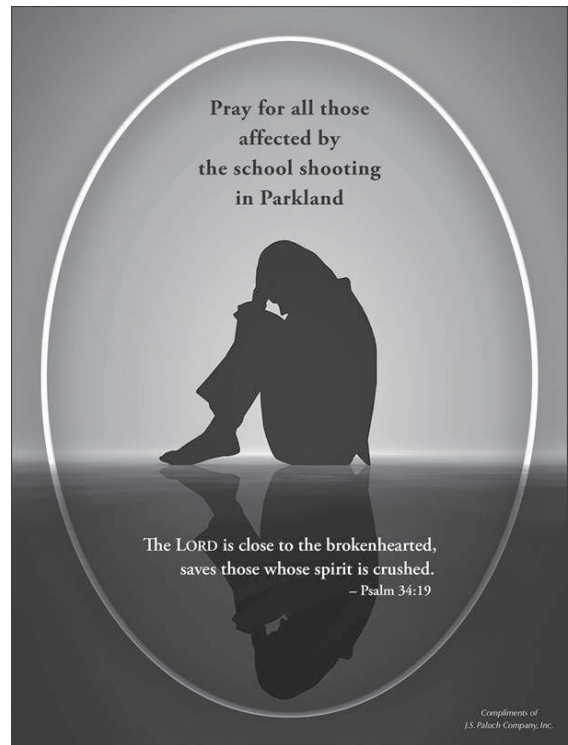
We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Vivian Josephine Scheer.**

**LENTEN JOURNEY IN DAILY LITURGY: 2nd WEEK**

The first three full weeks of Lent form a liturgical unit. In each Mass a basic teaching on the spiritual life is presented for our meditation. The Gospels teach that as followers of Christ we must actually see Christ in others; pray sincerely; forgive others; repent of our sinfulness; ask God for what we need; reconcile with others; be as merciful (compassionate) as God is; beware of hypocrisy in religious life. Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent, (four weeks before Spy Wednesday,) teaches a helpful lesson on humility and points towards Jerusalem and the suffering ahead. Thursday teaches that we must put our trust in God, not in this world. Friday's Lenten Mass is dominated by thoughts of suffering and death. Saturday teaches the merciful forgiveness of God: in spite of our many sins against him, God remains our forgiving heavenly Father (parable of the Prodigal Son.)

**PARISH MISSION MARCH 3-11**

Join us for prayer and reflection from The Little Sisters of the Lamb March 2-11. See the insert in this Bulletin for details.

**LENTEN VIDEO REFLECTIONS WITH BISHOP ROBERT BARRON**

Over the course of seven weeks, you will be receiving Bishop Barron's "Word on Fire ENGAGE" emails once a week. These seven short videos from Bishop Barron cover important Lenten topics such as death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. There are questions to help you engage and we are here to answer any questions that you might have. If you have not received the emails and would like to, text **SPXFFLD** to **84576** and opt in to receive emails and/or texts from "St. Pius X General Parish Info." We hope you enjoy the videos and pray that it will lead you closer to God this Lent.

**JOIN US ANY/EVERY LENTEN FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross, 7PM, Fridays, in the Chapel.

Stations of the Cross are a simple yet powerful and devotional way to mark Jesus' pilgrimage to Calvary as seen through the lens of our personal life experience. Stations are prayed **7PM, Fridays during Lent, in the Chapel.**



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith (Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18).

Psalm: I walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading: God did not spare his own Son (Romans 8:31b-34).

Gospel: This is my beloved Son (Mark 9:2-10).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Volunteers needed for Adoration... consider giving an hour of your time to spend in the presence of the Lord on March 2.

Visit the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God in the Faith Center for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the **First Friday of every month (9AM-9PM.)** Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. You may also volunteer in one-hour increments, sign-up sheets are located outside the Chapel or you may contact the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



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!



MUSIC NOTES

The Parish Choir has been working diligently over the past several weeks to prepare inspirational and beautiful music to enhance all our upcoming Holy Week and Easter services. A lot of what we do this year will be different from other years incorporating a great deal of chant into our liturgies which is a staple in our rich Catholic tradition. Nevertheless, our music offerings continue to be diverse. As always, you'll hear something from centuries past or something more contemporary. Our aim and purpose is to enhance your spiritual experience at Mass. Please try to attend and take part in as many or all of the beautiful liturgies that will be coming up, especially during Holy Week.



ST. PIUS X SENIORS LUNCHEON

Join us for lunch and a talk on Religious art March 5.

All are invited **12Noon, Monday, March 5, Community Room.** We are delighted to host a presentation on the Religious art on loan from the Gesù (mother-church of the Society of Jesus in Rome) by Linda Wolk-Simon, PhD., chief curator and director of the Fairfield University Art Museum. Dr. Wolk-Simon is staging a landmark exhibition, "The Holy Name - Art of the Gesù: Bernini and His Age," in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Contact Peter Carey via phone or text 203-673-2081 or email him at aandp1964@aol.com.



HEARTS RENEWED: SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED

All are welcome March 2.

Hearts Renewed is for men and women in different stages of separation and divorce. We gather to offer one another emotional and practical support so that you know, during this time in your life, you are not alone. Bimonthly Meeting: **First and Third Fridays, 7:30PM – 9:30PM, Portable Classroom, Religious Education Center.** More information: Bette Huckabee, facilitator, at 203-338-0503 or Kathy Donnelley in the Parish Office.

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Sponsor 10 teens from Bridgeport...

We're looking for parishioners to help sponsor 10 teens from Bridgeport, so they can attend our Life Teen Retreat, March 9-11, at an affordable cost.

- **March 2-4:** Convivió, for those interested, we'll 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.



MEDITATION ON FORGIVENESS

We will not be able to forgive without bringing our hurts and resentments to the One who has the power to heal through us. Forgiveness is not something we do entirely on our own. We must pray to have the courage and humility to forgive another. Prayer readies our heart and mind to finally *let go* of what diminishes our love and squashes our kindness to the size of a pebble. (Sr. Joyce Rupp, O.S.M.)

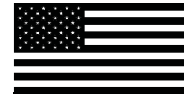


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

- **Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast: 11:30AM, Sunday March 4, in the Community Room.** The Knights of Columbus will sponsor its first Communion Breakfast, which will be presented by "The Little Sisters of the Lamb." To attend, complete the Reservation Form to the right and return to the Parish Office with your payment.
- **Knights of Columbus Food Drive: All Weekend Masses During Lent from February 17 to March 25 (Palm Sunday) in the Community Room.** We accept donations of all canned foods. Please, no glass jars.
- **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.

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit.”
—2 Thessalonians 5:16-19



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.

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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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNION BRUNCH RESERVATION FORM

11:30AM, Sunday March 4, in the Community Room

\$20/Per Person

Catered Event. No Walk-Ins.

Payment Required by Monday, February 26.

Checks made payable to "K of C Council #16347."

Complete this Reservation Form and Return to Parish Office with Your Payment.

Number of people attending: _____

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

