



A Roman Catholic Community

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

Weekend Assistants

Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Rev. Msgr. Ernest Esposito

Director of Music & Organist

Michael Lantowski

Pastoral Assistant

Kathleen Donnelly

Parish Corp. Lay Members

Kathryn Vogt
Arthur Wolf

Parish Finance Council Chair

Kevin Silk

Parish Membership

We encourage every family in the parish to register as it is our only means of certifying you as a member of our parish family. Registration forms are available online at www.st-pius.org or at the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

9AM-4PM
Monday-Friday

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible. Parking for the physically challenged is located at sides of church.

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

8:30AM, Monday-Saturday
5:15PM, Saturday Vigil
7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM & 12Noon on Sunday

Holy Day Mass Schedule

5:30PM Vigil
8:30AM & 7:30PM Holy Day

Confession

4PM-4:45PM, Saturdays (Church)
7PM-8PM, Wednesdays (Chapel)

Devotions

The Rosary and a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy is prayed each Friday by parishioners at 9AM in the Chapel. Stations of the Cross take place at 7PM on Lenten Fridays in the Chapel.

Baptism

Pre-Baptismal class is held the first Sunday of every month at 1PM. Pre-registration is required. Call Kathleen Donnelly in the Parish Office for information. Baptisms are celebrated 1:15PM on Sundays.

Marriage

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

Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill, contact the Parish Office.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA is available year-round to anyone who wants to inquire about our faith, baptism, or completing their initiation as Roman Catholics with Eucharist and/or confirmation. Call the Parish Office for more information.

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





WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 14

8:30AM +Chris McEttrick
 5:15PM +Helen Sterne B. Sterne

Sunday, April 15

7:30AM +Loretto Byrne M. & J. Derby
 9AM +MaryJane Kaner J. Kaner
 10:30AM +Maureen Rhatigan Rhatigan Family
 12Noon +Mia Rose McCaffrey D. Wilk & M. Sette

Monday, April 16

8:30AM +Ann Gleason M. Gleason

Tuesday, April 17

8:30AM +Jack Horan B. Horan

Wednesday, April 18

8:30AM +Alfred Horan A. Jacobi

Thursday, April 19

8:30AM ♥Thomas Kennedy Toner Family

Friday, April 20

8:30AM +Constantino Lavrado J. Lavrado

Saturday, April 21

8:30AM +Forest Ruddy A. Lesko
 5:15PM +Donna Muthersbaugh Dr. Bird

Sunday, April 22

7:30AM +Claire Young
 9AM +Maria Artieri E. Porco
 10:30AM +Yolanda Pope M. Austin
 12Noon +Paddy Fox Curran Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in memory of
 Robert P. Miller**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 Nancy Fichera**



ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!

Let our Prayer Ministry Team pray for you. Email petitions or thanksgivings anytime to Pat Heile at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com or call Ann Cole at 203-362-5178, Monday-Friday and feel free to leave a message.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout the Easter season, we hear the Gospel accounts of the many times Jesus appeared to his apostles after the Resurrection. He did this to help them understand the truth of his new life, and to encourage them to carry out the mission he had entrusted to them. We will see the apostles struggle with their faith, question things, and hide in fear. Through it all, Jesus reassures, breaks open the Scriptures, and helps them to understand more profoundly the truth of the Resurrection. The apostles, that group chosen by Jesus to accompany him throughout his public ministry, need more time and more lessons. Discipleship is a never-ending process!

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks the apostles why questions arise in their hearts. If we were honestly to ask ourselves the same question, the answer would likely be that either we have not had the opportunity to learn more, or we have not availed ourselves of opportunities to learn more. We often worry that we've done something wrong if we have a question about our faith. Sometimes we put the question aside, sometimes the question disturbs our peace, and sometimes we seek an answer to the question. The apostles, though they were afraid and doubting, brought their questions to the Risen Lord. After the Ascension, the apostles continued to gather together in order to learn more, to ask questions, to grow in their faith in Christ.

This is precisely how we ought to handle the questions that arise in our hearts and minds. We are all capable of a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith. We do this not only as individuals, but also as members of a community of believers. Discipleship is a never-ending process! Last weekend I shared with you our new endeavor in faith formation. Today, I echo the invitation to participate in lifelong faith formation and bring your questions to our Lord as you engage your Catholic faith—as *we* engage our Catholic faith.

Peace,

*"I keep the Lord always before me;
 with him at my right hand, I shall
 never be shaken. Therefore my heart is
 glad, my soul rejoices." —Psalm 16:8-9*



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The disciples in today's Gospel came to know Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we share what we have with those who are in need, we, too, will discover Jesus in our midst.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- April 8, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,612
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$14,574
- Additional Easter Offering: \$1870
- Monthly Offering: \$575
- Mission Offering: \$440
- Votive Candles in Church & Chapel Offering: \$250

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

Our prayers of gratitude to those who have remembered St. Pius X Parish in their will with a bequest.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Mallory Mackenzie and Ryan Young

*"For the Lord does not reject forever,
though he brings grief, he takes pity,
according to the abundance of his mercy,
He does not willingly afflict or bring grief
to human beings."
—Lamentations 3:31-33*



FROM EASTER SEASON TO ORDINARY TIME

During these fifty days of Easter Season, we travel with Paul on his three Missionary Journeys. On the **first journey, 44-49AD**, he and Barnabus left Antioch in Syria (where followers were first called 'Christians') and traveled to Cyprus, to Perga in Asia Minor, to Antioch in Pisidia and then back to Antioch in Syria. In Pisidian Antioch, they established the church with Gentiles. Paul and Barnabus left home in 49AD and went down to Jerusalem for the Council of Jerusalem during which elders made the decision that Gentiles need not submit to circumcision in order to become Christian. In other words, Gentile converts did not need to go through the Old Testament to get to the New Testament. The **second journey, 50-53AD**, took Paul and Luke north to Troas and then west to Asia Minor. He invited Timothy to join him. Paul carried the Gospel to Macedonia and Greece (Europe,) and with the help of Aquila and Priscilla, founded a church in Corinth, a notorious dock city in Greece. Paul then returned to Antioch in Syria. During the **third missionary journey, 53-58AD**, Paul visited the churches in Asia Minor that he had established ten years earlier. He traveled to Ephesus where he converted the disciples of John the Baptist over the course of two years. His third journey ended at the Temple in Jerusalem: Paul was arrested there and defended himself before the 70-member Jewish Senate, the *Sanhedrin*. Paul was sent to Rome, the 'capital of the world' where he spent two years in limited custody proclaiming the Good News of the Risen Lord. So ends the Book of *Acts*...and so continues **our witness to and proclamation of Resurrection faith.**



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!



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading: The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Hey Teens, join us—newcomers always welcome!

We meet most Sundays 6PM-8PM in the Portable Classroom in the Religious Education Center.

For more information, go to www.st-pius.org or email ppena@st-pius.org.

We look forward to meeting you soon!



APOSTOLIC LETTER:

“Rejoice and Be Glad” (Gaudete Et Exsultate)

On April 9, the Vatican released Pope Francis' third apostolic exhortation, "Rejoice and Be Glad." The subtitle is "Call to Holiness in the Contemporary World." The Holy Father writes,

Are you consecrated?

Be a saint by living out your ministry with joy.

Are you married?

Be a saint by loving and taking care of your husband or wife as Christ did for the Church.

Are you a married baptized person?

Be a saint by carrying out your work with honesty and competence and by offering your time in the service of your brothers and sisters.



REQUEST FOR PETITIONS TO BE TAKEN TO LOURDES

Mary's intercession through her title as Our Lady of Lourdes is very powerful.

Parishioners Leslie and Mel Orendorf will be traveling to Lourdes, France on pilgrimage. It is customary to bring written petitions (and thanksgivings) in sealed envelopes to the shrine. The Orendorfs have graciously offered to carry our collected petitions to the shrine at Lourdes where they will be prayerfully offered during Mass. All are invited to place petitions in a sealed envelope and place in the designated basket in the vestibule of the church or chapel or to bring to the parish office, **no later than the afternoon of Monday, April 30.** For more information, contact Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134.



HEARTS RENEWED
SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED

All are welcome to join us April 20!

Hearts Renewed is for men and women in different stages of separation and divorce. We gather to offer 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, in the Religious Education Center.** For more information contact Bette Huckabee, facilitator, at 203-338-0503 or Kathy Donnelly at 203-255-6134.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

All are welcome to join us to knit or crochet for those in need on Saturday, April 21...

All are welcome to knit or crochet and enjoy wonderful companionship as we create prayer shawls for those who need them. Come join us **11AM-1PM, Saturday, April 21 in the Portable Classroom in the Religious Education Center.** For more information, contact Ann Devine at 203-366-4369 or anndevine@optonline.net.



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.

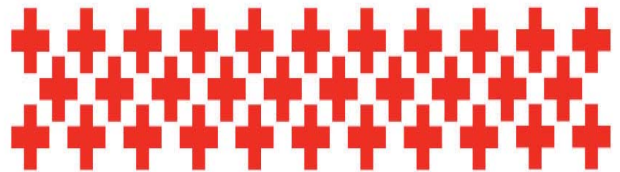


AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT
ST. PIUS X—REGISTER TODAY!

Open to all men and women age 18 and up.

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive
St. Pius Parish Center

St. Pius X Religious Education Center
 834 Brookside Drive
 Fairfield, CT

Saturday, April 28th
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

To schedule your appointment visit
REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG
 Or call 1-800 RED CROSS ~ 800-733-2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Events below continued from page 5...

• 5th Sunday Rosary Program

After the 9AM Mass, Sunday, April 29 in the Chapel



Come Pray the Rosary with Us!

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus Council 16347 is pleased to introduce...

The 5th Sunday Rosary Program

After the 9AM Mass, Sunday, April 29 in the Chapel

Knights, their families and ALL parishioners are invited to join us.

Stay and Pray the Rosary as a Faith Family—
Everyone is Welcome!



• Support for Vocations/Seminarians

Year Round

For more information, contact Vince Giandurco at vgct07@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 for more information.



DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT RITE OF CANDIDACY

Mark your calendar for April 22 right here are St. Pius X...

Please join us at **12Noon Mass, Sunday, April 22** here at St. Pius X as Bishop Frank Caggiano confers Candidacy on Mr. Colin Lomnitzer who will begin theological studies this fall in preparation for Ordination to the Priesthood. All are welcome to attend!



CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS DONATIONS

Flowers may be offered up in memorial or for your intentions.

Did you know you can make an offering for flowers to enhance the celebration of the Eucharist in the name of a loved one or for your special intentions? Contact Amy O'Donnell in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134 to arrange for flowers any week during the year, except Advent and Lent. The cost of flowers for the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God is \$80.



VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Are you being called?

Are you considering a vocation to the Priesthood? For more information, contact Fr. John Connaughton at 203-322-5331 or vocations@diobpt.org.



SIMPLIFY WITH ONLINE GIVING

No more writing checks or handling cash, go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive to get started today...

Did you know you can make your weekly gift online? Online Giving is easy and totally secure and will help us to go green!

- No more writing checks or handling cash.
- Set up automatic contributions for each week of the year—you control the amount and timing.
- Change the amount, or the timing, of your gift at any time—you have total control.

Get started today, two easy steps:

1. Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive.
2. Create an Account and you are on your way!

If you have questions or need help getting started, call Terri Dawes in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



CONFESSION

St. Pius X is a Center of Mercy and Confessions are heard 7PM-8PM Wednesdays and 4-4:45PM Saturdays.

The Sacrament of Confession is a unique and beautiful aspect of our faith, allowing us to obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The Sacrament “washes us clean” and renews us. Confessions are heard **7PM-8PM Wednesdays and 4PM-4:45PM Saturdays in the Chapel.**

*“Let us not grow tired of doing good,
for in due time we shall reap our harvest,
if we do not give up.”
— Galatians 6:9*



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL'S 2ND ANNUAL BACON AND BREWFEST

Good food, live music, and lots of fun on June 9...

Don't miss Notre Dame High School's 2nd Annual Bacon and BrewFest **12Noon-4PM, Saturday, June 9 at Notre Dame High School in Fairfield.** Join us for an afternoon of beer sampling, food trucks, live music and fun! For more information, contact Theresa Marzik at tmarzik@notredame.org. For tickets, go to <https://notredamebaconandbrew2018.eventbrite.com>.



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL LANCER OPEN IN MEMORY OF BOB SHEA

Save the date for June 25...

Join us for Notre Dame's Lancer Open in Memory of Bob Shea on **June 25, 2018 at the Great River Golf Club in Milford.** For those who do not know, Bob Shea was an active and beloved parishioner of St. Pius X for many years. This event is one of Notre Dame's biggest fundraisers of the year. All proceeds directly benefit their students. For more information contact Theresa Marzik at tmarzik@notredame.org or 203-372-6521, ext. 242.

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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