



## A Roman Catholic Community

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### Pastor

Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

### Weekend Assistants

Fairfield Jesuit Community

### Priest in Residence

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](http://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 7**

8:30AM +Sue Donaher E. Fiore  
 5:15PM +Rosemary Brosnan V. & J. Giuffre

**Sunday, April 8**

7:30AM +Loretto Byrne McGuire Family  
 9AM +Bernie Mangiameli Welch Family  
 10:30AM +Mildred Annuncio T. Annuncio  
 12Noon +Civita Limatola M. Vona

**Monday, April 9**

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

**Tuesday, April 10**

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

**Wednesday, April 11**

8:30AM +Daniel Amelio S. Milano

**Thursday, April 12**

8:30AM +Margaret Monahan A. & B. O'Donnell

**Friday, April 13**

8:30AM +Alfred Horan A. Jacobi

**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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
 will burn this week in memory of  
 Rosemary Brosnan**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
 will burn this week in memory of  
 Gertrude & Louis Carbone**



**Altar Flowers in the Chapel this  
 week for the occasion of the  
 marriage of  
 Caitlin Taylor Bartlein and  
 Kiernan Gerard Collins**



**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](mailto: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,

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Octave of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. We are reminded that the cross and resurrection of Christ are the source of God's mercy toward us and that the mercy extended by our Heavenly Father is immeasurable and infinite. Jesus continues to pour out the gift of mercy upon us through the sacraments, most especially through Confession.

The Monday before Easter was designated as Reconciliation Monday in the Diocese of Bridgeport, and confessions were heard for 6 hours at several parishes, including ours. For me, it was a powerful experience of God's mercy. I was struck in particular by two feelings. One was gratitude that so many people were taking advantage of an opportunity to celebrate the gift of God's mercy. The other was a deep desire for people to receive this sacramental gift of mercy more frequently. The practice of regular confession is one of the best things we can do for ourselves spiritually. In this great sacrament, we not only receive forgiveness for our sins, but also God's help to be stronger, to resist temptation, to heal from the wounds our sins cause. So I urge you, come to confession frequently. Never feel afraid to bring your sins to the Lord for mercy! Never be afraid to ask His help in moments of temptation! Never be ashamed that you still haven't conquered this or that sin. Instead, trust that our Savior is working in your heart and life, that He has a plan for you, that He is building you up in grace and virtue and calling you ever more to the path of discipleship.

As we continue celebrating the Easter season, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for a beautiful Holy Week and Triduum. Our parish staff worked tirelessly to ensure that all was prepared for each liturgy. Our music ministry, led by Maestro Michael Lantowski gave voice to our prayer and helped us to celebrate the Church's greatest liturgies with dignity, reverence, and joy. Our ushers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, and altar servers showed once again how dedicated they are to the liturgy and to enhancing our worship by faithful service. Thank you all for making these holiest of days so beautiful by your service!

Peace,



### SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The Christian community described in Acts understood and practiced *total* stewardship. St. Paul reports that the believers did not claim anything as their own, but held everything in the common, and distributed to each whatever was needed.



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- March 25, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,069
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$16,773
- Monthly Offering: \$170
- Palm Sunday Offering: \$5,401
- Mission Offering: \$102
- Votive Candles in Church Offering: \$290
  
- April 1, 2018 Easter Weekend Offering: \$39,391
- 2017 Easter Weekend Offering: \$41,820
- Monthly Offering: \$930
- Holy Land Offering: \$1,726
- Easter Flowers Offering: \$188
- Mission Offering: \$782

**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: **Giovanna Grace Sperry.**



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Caitlin Bartlein and Kiernan Collins



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today, the worldwide Church celebrates the Feast of Divine Mercy and has been doing so since April 30<sup>th</sup> in the Jubilee year 2000. Divine Mercy is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter and is originally based on the Catholic devotion to Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus. The Vatican acknowledges that in the 1930s, St. Faustina recorded these promises from Jesus in a diary. These include a promise of forgiveness of sins and the action of Jesus within the soul of each person who approaches the sacrament of Reconciliation with trust. In specific Jesus states that the soul that receives sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before), and receives Eucharist on the Feast of Divine Mercy shall obtain the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment. "...from this fount of mercy souls draw graces ...if one's trust is great, there is no limit to my generosity. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for souls. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open."

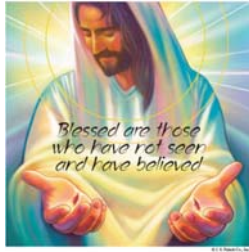


### REQUEST FOR PETITIONS TO BE TAKEN TO LOURDES

*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.





### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** The community of believers was of one heart and mind (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalms:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading:** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel:** The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. (John 20:19-31).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48



### 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](mailto:anndevine@optonline.net).



### ST. PIUS X SENIORS

*Join us April 9 at 12Noon for a special guest speaker!*

All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, April 9, in the Community Room.** We are delighted to welcome parishioner James Hughes, Esq. who is an Elder Care lawyer. Jim will make a brief presentation, followed by Q and A. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Call or text Peter Carey (TODAY!) at 203-673-2081 or email him at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com). **Note:** This ministry usually meets on the first Monday of the month, but the Parish Office is closed Easter Monday.



### MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

*All are welcome April 10...*

“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, guest speaker and lunch (\$5 donation) **12Noon, Tuesday, April 10, in the Community Room.** New participants welcome! Call Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 for more info.



### JOURNEY TO LIGHT BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY

Grief is a process we journey through with the help of trusted companions and each other. Our parish Bereavement and Coping Ministry, Journey to Light (Part I) and The Journey Continues (Part II), will convene **11AM-1PM, Saturday, April 14 in the Community Room.** All are welcome to attend...we especially welcome newcomers! For more information, contact Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 or [kdonnelly@st-pius.org](mailto:kdonnelly@st-pius.org).



**OLD AND TATTERED AMERICAN FLAG COLLECTION**

*April 14-15, 2018...*

Retire your worn American Flags with respect and dignity by dropping them off at boxes located near all the doors on the weekend of April 14-15. This Old and Tattered American Flag Collection is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly 118.

Look for these boxes at all the doors:



THANK YOU for respecting our flag!



**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!

*"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."  
—Luke 11:9*



**ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*Don't miss these upcoming events from the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus...*

- **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**  
9AM-2PM, Saturday, April 28  
Gym in the Religious Education Center

**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](http://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](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.**

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### ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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#### • **5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vgct07@gmail.com).

#### **Want to join the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus?**

Contact Bob Elinskas at [bobelinskas@gmail.com](mailto:bobelinskas@gmail.com) or Tom Kelty at [tkelty@gmail.com](mailto:tkelty@gmail.com) for more information.



### 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](mailto:RussellJ.Edgett@gmail.com).



### 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.

### 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](http://www.st-pius.org) or email [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org).

*"Courage, daughter!  
Your faith has saved you."  
—Matthew 9:22*



### SIMPLIFY WITH ONLINE GIVING

No more writing checks or handling cash, go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://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](http://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.



### BOOK SIGNING!

*New book from Fr. Thomas Lynch...*

Have you or someone you love received a serious diagnosis? Are you a caregiver for a loved one dealing with a serious illness? The challenges of these situations can become overwhelming, the anxieties and pressures a heavy burden to bear. Father Thomas Lynch and co-author Barbara Mariconda have spent the last 7 years addressing these issues in their soon-to-be released critically acclaimed book: *After the Diagnosis, A Guide for Living*. Fr. Tom and Barbara share with you the practical strategies and insights that can transform this phase of life that all of us will eventually face. Join them at their Book Launch, Signing, and Q&A Session 1PM-4PM, Sunday, April 29 at the St. James Parish Hall. For more information go to [www.journeyofthesoulbooks.com](http://www.journeyofthesoulbooks.com).

*"I highly recommend this book for anyone who has received a diagnosis of serious illness and wishes to seek healing and hope. I also commend it to anyone who desires to learn how to live life fully, one day at a time."*

—Most Reverend Frank Caggiano,  
Bishop, Diocese of Bridgeport



### ARE YOU MISSING ANY ITEMS?

*Check the Lost and Found Basket in the Ushers' Room.*

If you think you left something here during Mass, check the lost and found basket in the ushers' room in the front foyer of the church. The basket is cleaned out monthly and items will be disposed of or given to those in need. Thank you!

*"For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."*

—*Luke 11:10*

### 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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