



A Roman Catholic Community

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Pastor

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Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Rev. Msgr. Ernest Esposito

Director of Music & Organist

Michael Lantowski

Pastoral Assistant

Kathleen Donnelly

Faith Formation *(formerly Rel. Ed.)*

Kara Clegg (Grades 1-5)

Shari Garcia (Edge Middle School)

Paola Pena (Life Teen High School)

Barbara Kwiatkowski (Assistant)

Parish Office

Terri Dawes, Administrative Assistant

Kimberlie I. Leon, Business Manager

Amy O'Donnell, Office Assistant

Parish Corp. Lay Members

Kathryn Vogt

Arthur Wolf

Parish Finance Council Chair

Jeremy Joyce

Parish Office Hours

9AM-4PM

Monday-Friday

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. Register online at www.st-pius.org

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible with parking located at the 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.

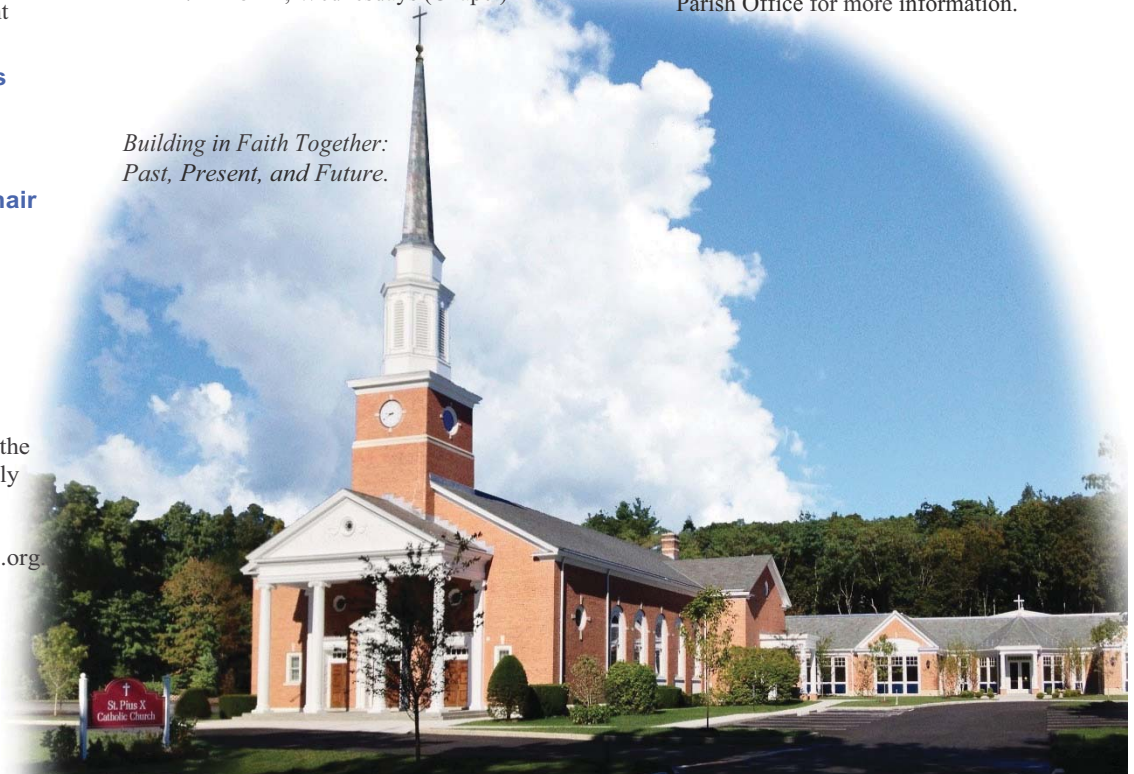
Anointing of the Sick

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, June 2

8:30AM +Kathleen Curristan J. & L. Feeney
 5:15PM +Andrea Pringle D. O'Brien

Sunday, June 3

7:30AM +Angus Lamond L. Foley
 9AM +Alicia Jeffries Horton Family
 10:30AM ♥Dominick Verrastro A. Armstrong
 12Noon +Ann Cronan J. & F. Padula

Monday, June 4

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

Tuesday, June 5

8:30AM +Kathleen Curristan J. & L. Feeney

Wednesday, June 6

8:30AM +Shirley OKerblom Kelty Family

Thursday, June 7

8:30AM +John Rogowski C. & S. Jakab

Friday, June 8

8:30AM +Helen & Bill Valus B. & M. Valus

Saturday, June 9

8:30AM + William Stuart J. Hooper
 5:15PM +Guy Giuffre V. & J. Giuffre

Sunday, June 10

7:30AM +Theodore Pasquarello M. Fuligni
 9AM +Raymonda Blair Blair Family
 10:30AM +MaryEllen & Thomas McAuliffe McAuliffe Family
 12Noon +William H. McMahan IV L. Walsh



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in memory of
 Henry Sodaro**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 Larry Stewart**



ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!

Let us 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,

With the celebration of today's great feast of Corpus Christi, we celebrate the gift of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ on earth through the Eucharist. We are brought back to Holy Thursday, when Jesus commands the Apostles to take bread and wine and "do this in memory of me." They are to repeat His words and actions: this is my body, this is my blood. We are brought back to Ascension Thursday, when Jesus speaks His last words to the Apostles: "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20). From the very earliest days, then, the Eucharist has been the supernatural food, the celebration, which gives the Church life and which sustains Christians in the daily pursuit of virtue and holiness. Indeed, there is a maxim in theology that the Church makes the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes the Church.

On this great day, we also turn with gratitude to the work of our patron, Pope St. Pius X. A lifelong devotion to the Eucharist fueled St. Pius' entire priestly, episcopal, and papal ministries. One of his legacies is the encouragement that children should begin to receive the Eucharist in Holy Communion at the age of seven, coupled with his desire for all Catholics to receive the Eucharist more frequently. He wrote "*Children have need of Him that they may be formed in habits of virtue; youth have need of Him that they may obtain mastery over their passions; maidens have need of Him that they preserve their innocence untarnished; all men and women have need of Him that they may advance in virtue and carry out faithfully the duties of their state in life; there are none who can afford to neglect this great source of spiritual strength, none who can do without Him.*"

How true these words are today! We cannot afford to neglect this great source of spiritual strength! Notice how our patron's words end: "none who can do without Him." The Eucharist *is* Jesus, who is the way, the truth, and the life. To neglect the Eucharist is to neglect Jesus Himself. This is why our devotion to the Eucharist encompasses our celebration of Mass, our reception of Holy Communion, and our reverent devotion to the Eucharist outside of Mass. The Church's great desire, and the desire that all Catholics ought to share, is, as the classic prayer goes, that Jesus who is truly present in the Eucharist would "be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the Tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time."

This praise, adoration, and love is expressed in our reverence in the church. We genuflect each and every time we cross in front of the Tabernacle, and before entering a pew or exiting the church. This is a sign of respect that all of us should make without hesitation. We maintain a prayerful spirit of silence in the church, especially before and after Mass, because our Lord's mysterious presence in the Eucharist must be acknowledged not only with our physical gestures, but also with the attentive listening of hearts attuned to the spiritual gifts Jesus wishes to communicate to us.

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SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The focus of today's feast is the total self-giving of Jesus. The bishops' stewardship pastoral reminds us that "the glory and the boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all he has and is, in order to be faithful to God's will and carry through to completion his redemptive stewardship of human beings and their world."



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- May 27, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,062
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$11,371
- Mission Offering: \$113
- Monthly Offering: \$502

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

**Prayers of gratitude to those who have remembered
St. Pius X Church in their will with a bequest.**



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Emily Diurno and Alex Peck

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind,
and your neighbor as yourself."
—Luke 10:27



RE-IMAGINED FAITH FORMATION: SACRAMENTAL PREP UPDATE!

*Exciting news about the launch of
Sacramental Prep online registration...*

We are pleased to share that our new Re-Imagined Faith Formation Program is in full swing! As part of the program, Sacramental Prep (for those children receiving Communion or Confirmation) Registration was online this year and went more easily and smoothly than ever before. Stats as follows:

- Online registration began second week in April.
- 200 students are registered to date for our new Sacramental Prep.

Important Reminders and Deadlines

- Registration deadline is July 31, 2018. Simply go to www.st-pius.org to register.
- All weekly classes for Sacramental Prep (First Communion and Confirmation) will meet 4:30PM-5:30PM, Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday from September through May.

We Need Volunteers—Please Consider Joining Us

As always, we need volunteer catechists to help us prepare these young parishioners for the Sacraments! If you would like to learn more about becoming a Catechist, email Kara Klegg at kclegg@st-pius.org.

THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting our new vision for the Re-imagination of Faith Formation. You helped to make our first step of launching Sacramental Prep a big success!

"Instruct the wise, and they become still wiser; teach the just, and they advance in learning. The beginning of wisdom is fear of the Lord and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding"
—Proverbs 9:9



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm: I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading: Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel: This is my body. This is my blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mk 3:20-35

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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We receive the Eucharist with reverence and care, above all. In my weekly bulletin columns over the last three years, I have frequently encouraged us to examine how we receive Communion. I once again want to encourage this reflection, and in particular, suggest the practice of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue rather than in the hand.

There are countless reasons I make the request to receive on the tongue. It was the universal practice of the Church from time immemorial and remains the normative way to receive (reception in the hand being something permitted by way of exception). It guarantees that the sacred host is properly cared for and not profaned. It makes visible the reverence the whole church community has for our Eucharistic Lord. It communicates to any and all who come to our parish that the Eucharist is the center of our parish's existence, our reason for being, and our greatest treasure. It instills in the whole worshipping community a sense of reverence and of the sublime action of God that remains invisible. It reminds us that to worship God is to acknowledge that we are approaching a sacred mystery to which our humanity bows in humble adoration. May our reception of the Eucharist not only reflect but also increase our reverence, devotion, and love for Jesus Christ!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

Join us June 4 at 12Noon for lunch with Fr. Sam!

All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, June 4, in the Community Room.** We are delighted to welcome Fr. Sam as our special guest speaker. Fr. Sam will share the details of "Lifelong Faith Formation," our new faith program for parishioners of all ages! 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.



JOURNEY TO LIGHT: BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY

Join us June 9... all are welcome.

Grief is a process we journey through with the help of trusted companions and each other. Our parish Bereavement Ministry, Journey to Light (Part I) and The Journey Continues (Part II,) will convene **11AM-1PM, Saturday, June 9, in the Community Room.** For more information, email Denis Sullivan at denisrsullivan@mac.com or Kathleen Donnelly at kdonnelly@st-pius.org.

Note: We will not gather during the summer months.



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

All are welcome June 12...

"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 for lunch) **12Noon, Tuesday, June 12, in the Community Room.** RSVP to Esther Lawless at 203-368-4222. New participants always welcome!



WE'RE HONORING GRADUATING SENIORS!

During the **10:30AM Mass** on **June 17** we are honoring graduating high school parishioners!

We want to acknowledge your accomplishments, offer our thanks for sharing your faith by worshipping with this community, and extend our prayer and blessings. If you would like to be included, RSVP to Kathleen Donnelly at kdonnelly@st-pius.org no later than Wednesday, June 13.



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Please help us support our "adopted" Seminarian!

Support for Vocations/Seminarions

Our Council has adopted a seminarian who is dedicating his life to the priesthood. As part of our support for his preparation for religious life, we provide him with a small assistance at Christmas and Easter. This comes in the form of a check that reflects what we have gathered through fundraising activities, and donations.

A donation may be sent to: Vince Giandurco c/o K of C Vocation Support at the Parish Office, or dropped into the collection basket at any of the Masses. **Please put your donation in a separate envelope and mark the outside: "K of C Seminarian Support."** Any contribution is welcome and appreciated—thank you!

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.

"As we look not to what is seen but
to what is unseen; for what is seen is
transitory, but what is unseen
is eternal!"
—2 Corinthians 4:18



FAIRFIELD FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

*Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 118*



6PM-8PM, Thursday, June 14, 2018
Fairfield Town Gazebo, Post Road

Music performed by The Clam Diggers

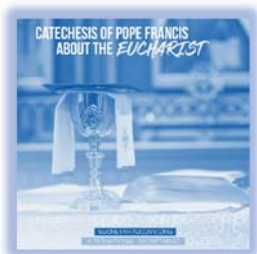
All are welcome!



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.



POPE FRANCIS REFLECTS ON THE EUCHARIST AS A “MEETING POINT” WITH CHRIST

“In this new series of catecheses on the Eucharist,, we begin by reflecting that the Mass is first and foremost a prayer, indeed the prayer *par excellence*, for at every Mass we encounter God in His word and in the body and blood of Christ When we meet with Christ in prayer, and above all in the Eucharist, we experience the consolation of His presence, the grace of His forgiveness and the joy to live fully our vocation as God’s beloved children..” (Papal audience November 15, 2017)

No more writing checks or handling cash...

Did you know you can make your weekly gift online? Online Giving is easy and totally secure and helps us save money on mailing the printed offertory envelopes.

- 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: Go to www.stpius.org/onlinegive.

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

ST PIUS X  LIFE TEEN

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR FUNDRAISERS THIS PAST MONTH!

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

Anyone currently in Grades 8-12 are welcome!

- June 3: Life Night
- June 10: Bonfire Social
- June 17: Father’s Day, no Life Teen
- June 24-29: Catholic Heart Workcamp
- June 24: No Life Teen

COLLEGE NIGHTS

Graduating and current college students are welcome!

- Wednesdays, 7:30PM-8:30PM
- June 21: Kick off BBQ at 7:30PM

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON!



FESTIVAL 2018 NEEDS CHAIRPEOPLE!

Consider giving time to help us continue the Festival...

This year’s Festival needs new volunteers to take on leaderships roles as chair people in the following areas: Site Map, Live Music, Volunteers/Hospitality, Set Up/Tear Down, Inflatables and Carnival Games, Prize Booth, Face Painter and Glitter Tattoos, Vendor Tent, First Responders Touch-A-Truck, and Ads/Signs. To learn more about any of these chair positions, email Kimberlie Leon at kleon@st-pius.org.

“Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”
—Proverbs 31:30



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 in the Chapel and 4PM-4:45PM Saturdays in the Church.**



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.



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 sit, listen, and reflect. All are welcome!

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

—Matthew 28:20



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!



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.** Beer sampling, food trucks, live music and fun! Tickets: <https://notredamebaconandbrew2018.eventbrite.com>.



NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL LANCER OPEN IN MEMORY OF BOB SHEA

Don't miss this special event on June 25...

Notre Dame's Lancer Open is 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. For more information, email Theresa Marzik at tmarzik@notredame.org.

“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed.”

—Psalm 34:19