



## 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

### 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

Kevin Silk

### 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](http://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.

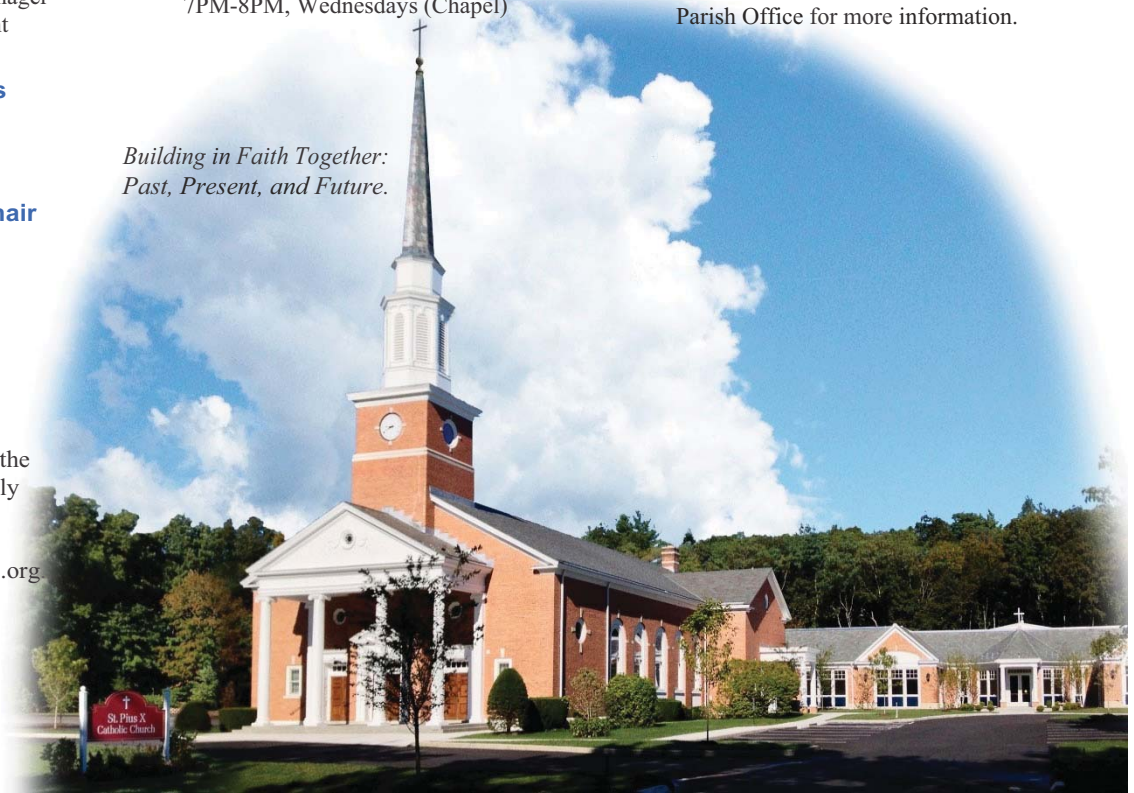
### Anointing of the Sick

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, May 5

8:30AM +Chris McEttrick St. Thomas Mother's Prayer Grp.  
5:15PM +Ruben Rodriguez T. Dawes

#### Sunday, May 6

7:30AM +John & Edith Kachuba J. & F. Padula  
9AM +Louis & Marian Bret P. Johnson  
10:30AM +Bridgit Dawson J. & K. Donnelly  
12Noon +Catherine M. Sheehan P. O'Hara Taylor

#### Monday, May 7

8:30AM +Ada DeSantie S. Barrett

#### Tuesday, May 8

8:30AM +Brian James Piorek D. & D. Sell

#### Wednesday, May 9

8:30AM +Bill Rainsberger Robertson Family  
5:30PM +Luigi Marino G. Marino

#### Thursday, May 10

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
7:30PM +Dr. Dennis Bird Henry Family

#### Friday, May 11

8:30AM +Charles T. Delaney Delaney Family

#### Saturday, May 12

8:30AM +Nancy F. Marino G. Marino  
5:15PM +John McGovern V. & J. Giuffre

#### Sunday, May 13

7:30AM +Kathleen Ann Hampton J. & B. Keating  
9AM +Maria Artieri E. Porco  
10:30AM +Francis H. Ludington, Jr. J. & K. Donnelly  
12Noon +Anne Randisi J. & R. Avitabile



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Martin Curran**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in memory of  
Emily Vosburgh**



### 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](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,

In recent weeks, I've come across a fascinating idea in the world of environmental and ecological conservation called "rewilding." This is the practice of reintroducing plant or animal species to an ecosystem and allowing nature to run its course. Two examples have stood out to me as especially instructive. In the mid-1990s, wolves were reintroduced to Yellowstone National Park where they had a rapid, positive impact on the ecosystem (more on this here: <https://bit.ly/2JHVVMg>). Another example is the Knepp Castle Estate in England, a large tract of land that had been intensively farmed for many years, exhausting the soil and resulting in virtually no profits. They stopped cultivating crops and grazing dairy cows and instead allowed nature to run its course, while also introducing certain animals whose behaviors would be similar to those animals who once inhabited the land but are now extinct or rare. The result was a flourishing biodiversity, healthy free-range cattle, and an aid to scientific understanding of various plant and animal life.

Rewilding is, in some ways, artificial. The results do not magically take us back in time to the way things once were, but rather are new examples of how things can be. Reintroducing species previously lost or similar to lost species allows for a renewed understanding of how creation works and an honest assessment of how our past behavior has impacted the world. In some ways, rewilding is counterintuitive. Wolves are major predators, so why would introducing them into an ecosystem be a good idea? Wouldn't they kill everything? The answer, of course, is no. The reintroduction of wolves brought balance and allowed everything to flourish in ways that were unexpected. Allowing farmland to become overgrown at first seems irresponsible. But the land was not bearing fruit, was over-grazed, and had become unhealthy. Steps needed to be taken to fix the problem.

I believe that rewilding can be an instructive metaphor for interpreting our own present culture. Think, for example, of the move to organic foods and the improved health many people experience by pursuing a more natural diet. Think of the hipster trend and the growing popularity of handmade crafts, foods, and other products. Think of the renewed interest many young people have in understanding their ethnic culture and history, and even of the sometimes-exaggerated objections to cultural appropriation. These are all expressions of rewilding: a desire to reintroduce, recover, or understand something that was lost, resulting in the creation of something similar to what once was that is positive in its newness and beauty.

In the Church, we have an opportunity to apply the metaphor of rewilding, as well. In many places it is already happening as, for example, with the growing devotion, especially among young people, to the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, the old Latin Mass. For many young Catholics, there is a feeling that a part of their heritage was shelved, and they desire to reintroduce it, not for the purpose of going back in time, but for the sake of bringing history into the present day.

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**SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP**

Jesus' commandment is that His disciples love one another, even to the point of laying down their lives, if necessary. What gifts of myself—my skills and talents, my time and resources—will best demonstrate my love for God's people?



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

- April 29, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$12,591
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,603
- Monthly Offering: \$502
- Mission Offering: \$70

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

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

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The metaphor of rewilding can be applied to religious formation. For years and years, we cultivated the same fields in the same way (i.e. religious education/CCD programs) and over time the soil was exhausted and bore less fruit (e.g. declining practice of the Catholic faith with each passing generation). We have an opportunity to reintroduce the most essential elements of our Catholic faith and to recover something lost. There was a time in the life of the Church when people **young** and **old** *together* sought out catechesis in a voluntary way. With the passage of time, that practice became somewhat rigidly confined to school-age children going through a set program. It now seems counterintuitive to approach catechesis any other way, but the truth is that we have reached a critical point. We can no longer farm the way we did. It is time to try something new. This is why the invitation to a reimagined Faith Formation at St. Pius X is so important to me and to our staff. Rewilding can be a challenging and even scary process. But when we take down the barriers and stop fearing the worst, our hearts can be open to the wildness of God who loves without limit and who desires always to reconcile our history with our present, that we might face the future standing on the rock of Christ, remaining in His love, walking in the full power of the Holy Spirit.

Peace,

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

*Thursday, May 10*

**Vigil Mass:** 5:30PM, Wednesday, May 9

**Holy Day Masses:** 8:30AM and 7:30PM, Thursday, May 10



**MAY IS MARY'S MONTH**

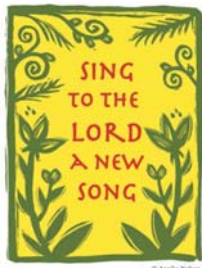
*May Crowning is May 20*

The fifteen Marian feasts of the revised Roman calendar honor Mary's role in the birth and life of Jesus, celebrate grace in her own life, and hail her as the model of Christian living and as an instrument of grace. The crowning of a statue of Mary during the month of May is a traditional Catholic devotion that underscores these special feasts. Marian apparitions in Fatima, Portugal began during the month of May in 1917 and continued monthly until October when Mary identified herself to the three children of Fatima as "Our Lady of the Rosary." May 13 marks the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the first Fatima apparition. On **Sunday, May 20**, our parish children who have received their First Communion this year will participate in the "May Crowning" during the **9AM Mass**.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: John Michael DeSalvo, Vienna Veronica Frangi, Emily Bristol McWhorter.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).  
**Psalm:** The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).  
**Second Reading:** Let us love one another, because love is of God (1 John 4:7-10) or 1 John 4:11-16.  
**Gospel:** This is my commandment: love one another as I love you (John 15:9-17) or John 17:11b-19.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15  
**Thursday:** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23  
**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; Mk 16:15-20



**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!

*"The Golden Rule:*

*Do to others whatever you would have them do to you." —Matthew 7:12*



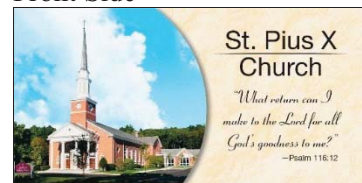
**NEWLY REDESIGNED OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

*Coming to your mailboxes for June/July collections...*

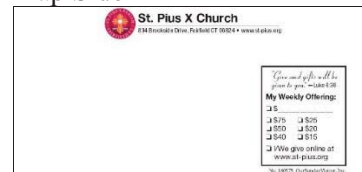
Our offertory envelopes have been re-designed! We're excited to debut the new Weekly Offering envelope, Gold for Monthly Parish Maintenance envelope, and Green for Parish Community Outreach envelope. Since our envelopes hadn't been updated since 2012, it was time to refresh them with a consistent look and feel and adjust the suggested offertory amounts to be in line with what parishes across the country are currently using. The new envelopes will be in your June/July packet. You may preview them all below...

**New Weekly Envelope**

Front Side



Flap Side



**New Gold Envelope**



**New Green Envelope**



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## MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

*All are welcome May 8...*

“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, May 8, in the Community Room.** New participants welcome! Call Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 for more info.

*“Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.”*

*—Matthew 7:1-2*

## ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

### NEW SERIES: MORE THAN FLESH AND BONES

*Hey Teens!*

*Join us Sundays 6PM-8PM in the Portable Classroom.*

Human beings are *More Than Flesh and Bones* and have inherent value and dignity. This series explores what it means to be a body-soul composite being and how to take care of the whole person; body, mind, and soul, not to prove our value, but to respect our value.

- **May 13:** Happy Mother’s Day! No LifeTeen.
- **May 20:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome! **SATISFIED**-Taking Care of the Soul
- **May 21–22:** CHWC Mission Trip Bake Sale
- **May 27:** Happy Memorial Day Weekend! No LifeTeen.
- **May 31:** Solemn High Mass at 7PM in the Church



## ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Fundraising drive May 19-20 to solicit donations to help local families in need...*

Don’t miss our fundraising drive on **Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20.** We will be soliciting donations after all Masses at St Pius X. Proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County (Habitat CFC), to support construction of affordable housing for low-income families in Bridgeport. Habitat CFC has helped construct hundreds of homes for families in-need since 1985. Supporting this cause is a great way to give back to the local community and provide hard-working families in need of financial assistance the opportunity to live-in and own their own home. After Masses May 19-20, look for the Knights at tables outside of church. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, those who donate \$5 or more will receive a Patriotic themed gift. Thank you!

## CONGRATULATIONS TO BRADEN MOORE!

*K of C Free Throw Competition State Champion*

We are pleased to announce that Braden Moore is the winner of the 14-year old division of the K of C Free Throw Competition, which was held on April 8, 2018 at St. Paul’s High School in Bristol, Congratulations to Braden, who represented St. Pius X Council #16347 at the State Level.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to James Maloney, our Director of Youth Activities, for all of his work in making this a success!



## ST. PIUS X SENIORS

*Join us May 7 for a special guest speaker!*

All are invited **12Noon, Monday, May 7, in the Community Room** as we welcome parishioner Ken Hine, author of newly-published and acclaimed book, *I Am Not Well, But I Am Not Sick.* Books will be available. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Call or text Peter Carey at 203-673-2081 or email him at aandp1964@aol.com.



**HEARTS RENEWED**  
**SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED**

Please note we **will not meet during the month of May**.  
 For more information, please contact Bette Huckabee, 203-338-0503.



**MEDITATION**

*Peace—Unwrapping the Present*

What did Jesus have in mind when he bestowed his gift of peace upon us? It is up to each one of us to ‘untie the bow and undo the wrapping’—we may discover that **PEACE** is a collection of special graces permeating our lives:

**P**racticing non-violence through encouraging words and compassionate actions.

**E**voking calm while others around us are agitated and irritable.

**A**ccepting difficult situations with grace and serenity as we work toward conflict solutions.

**C**hallenging ourselves and others to seek local and global justice.

**E**ntrusting our lives to God in faith-filled surrender and exuberant hope.

May peace reign in our hearts and in our world. *(Sr. Bridget Haase, O.S.U.)*



**WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE...**

*...and help the mothers of Good Counsel Malta House?*

The weekend of **May 26-27**, Good Counsel Malta House of Connecticut will be visiting and asking for prayers and financial support for homeless, pregnant mothers and their babies. Consider taking a baby bottle home to fill with spare change, dollars, checks, or whatever you can, and return it by the weekend of June 10-11 in the collection bin in the church vestibule. Thank you for supporting life.



**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.



**DINNER HONORING**  
**REV. JAMES M. BOWLER, S.J.**

*Buy your tickets for the May 18 event...*

The Center for Ignatian Spirituality at Fairfield University will be honoring its founder, Rev. James M. Bowler, S.J., for his lifetime of service exemplifying the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola. All are invited **Friday, May 18 at Fairfield College Preparatory School Student Life Center. 6PM Cocktail Reception and 7PM Dinner**. Individual Tickets: \$250. Sponsorship Opportunities available. RSVP by May 11, call 203-254-4000, ext. 3468.



**MEDITATION**

*The Things of the Spirit*

Whatever you make of your life, let it be something that reflects the love of Christ. The whole people of God will be all the richer because of the diversity of your commitments. In whatever you do, remember that Christ is calling you, in one way or another, to the service of love: the love of God and of your neighbor. Real love is demanding. Love demands effort and personal commitment to the will of God. It means discipline and sacrifice, but it also means joy and human fulfillment. (Pope John Paul II, *The Things of the Spirit*.)



# SOLEMN HIGH MASS

In the Extraordinary form of the Roman Rite  
Celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi  
**Thursday, May 31 at 7 PM**

**"WHAT  
EARLIER  
GENERATIONS  
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SACRED...**



**...REMAINS  
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*Pope Benedict XVI*