



## 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

Jeremy Joyce

### Parish Office Hours

9AM-4PM (Mon-Thur)

9AM-12NOON (Summer Fri)

### 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.

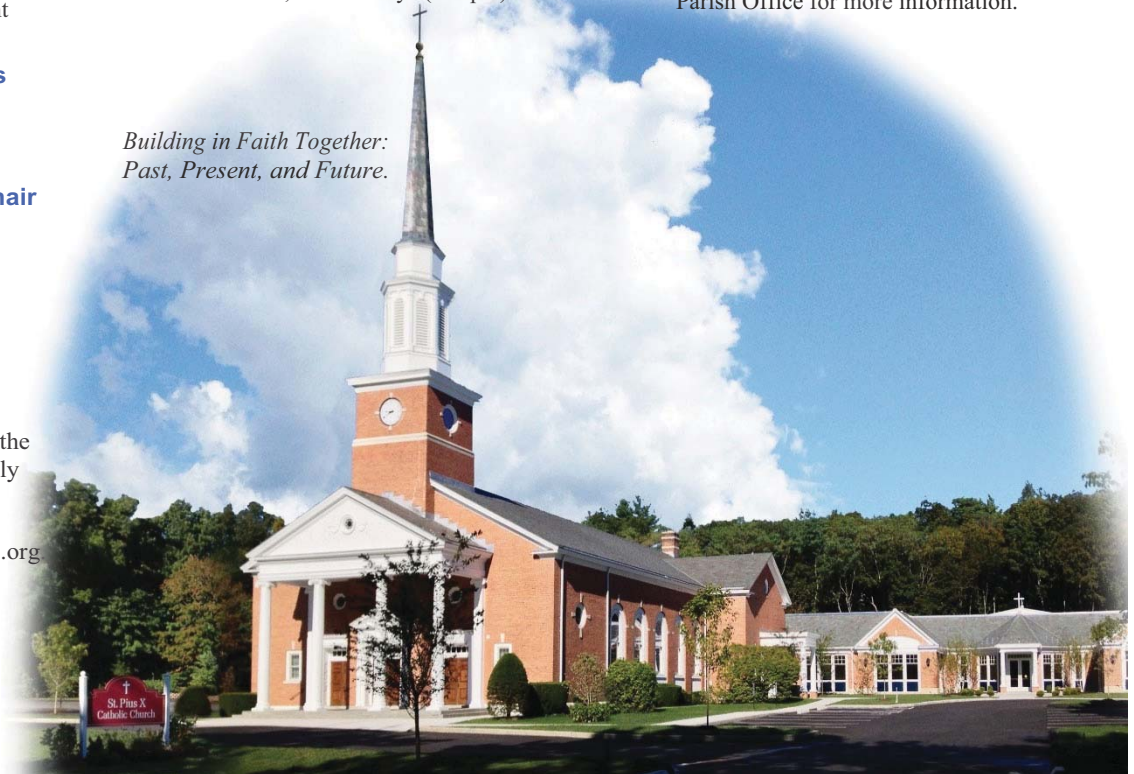
### Anointing of the Sick

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, June 30

8:30AM +Nicholas Fabian

5:15PM +Members of Wood/Miller Families S. Barrett

#### Sunday, July 1

7:30AM +Eileen Brown

Riccio Family

9AM +Karen Hahn

S. Bae Family

10:30AM +Mark Greenstein

D. Greenstein

12Noon +Bill Rainsberger

J. & A. Connaughton

#### Monday, July 2

8:30AM +Gregory Fields

P. & M. Gleason

#### Tuesday, July 3

8:30AM +Joyce Grattan

P. McGuinness Family

#### Wednesday, July 4

8:30AM +Joyce Grattan

McIntosh Family

#### Thursday, July 5

8:30AM +Johanna Orosz

Grosso Family

#### Friday, July 6

8:30AM +Intentions of All Parishioners

#### Saturday, July 7

8:30AM +Albert McCormack

M. Greeley

5:15PM +Rosemary Brosnan

V. & J. Giuffre

#### Sunday, July 8

7:30AM +Mary Kennard

Rhatigan Family

9AM +George Edwards

McGuire Family

10:30AM +Ruben Rodriguez

F. & J. Padula

12Noon +Bill Rainsberger

VanTornhout Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Jennie & Guy Giuffre**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in memory of  
Raymond Tomasko**



### 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,

The self-evident truths that all men are created equal and have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness that the Founding Fathers of the United States of America expressed in the revolutionary spirit of 1776 have not, we know, always been so self-evident. It is because of the ways that governments, kingdoms, and individuals have failed to recognize the truth of the dignity of the human person that our history is replete with heroic witnesses who have raised their voices against tyranny and oppression. Our relatively short national history, in many ways, reflects that the heart of the American understands that their fellow human being is worthy of respect and love.

Of course, our respect for the dignity of every human life is imperfect in our country. It is in this imperfection that our Catholic faith becomes informative. The history of the Catholic Church is also replete with heroic witnesses to the dignity of the human person. Our faith teaches us that human life must be respected from conception to natural death, and at every stage in between. We are called by the Gospel to care for the least, the poorest, the marginalized, the oppressed. We are free, because we are created in the image and likeness of God, endowed with free will. The natural rights that the Founding Fathers cited in the Declaration of Independence are ours by God's Divine plan. Pope St. John Paul II summarized the gift of freedom we will celebrate as a nation this week in these words: "Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought."

To be truly free means to do the right thing. The Gospel preached by Jesus Christ helps us to know what is right and wrong. Our faith in Jesus Christ inspires us to act in our world and to bring our faith to bear on the world in which we live. Our public life certainly can (and should!) be influenced by the tenets of our faith and the loving mercy that Jesus shows us. So, as we celebrate our independence and the gift of freedom this week, let us also remember that with this freedom comes a tremendous and sacred responsibility to act on our faith in every circumstance.

On a separate note, as you know, July 1 marks the beginning of a new fiscal year. For the last several years, St. Pius X Parish has been guided by the expert hand of **Mr. Kevin Silk**, who has served as the chairman of our finance council. Kevin's insight and dedication have kept us on solid financial ground and moving in a positive direction. In particular, his efforts have made my first three years as pastor significantly easier. I am grateful for his hard work, advice, and support. Kevin is stepping away from his role as chairman now and I ask you to join me in thanking him and congratulating him on a job well done. I am happy to announce that **Mr. Jeremy Joyce** has accepted the position of chairman of our finance council with the beginning of this new fiscal year. I am grateful for his willingness to serve our parish community. The work of the finance council is often unseen, but it is vital and a true gift, not only for me, but for our entire family of faith.

Peace,

*J. Nam*



### SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's reading from St. Paul explains the "divine economy" of stewardship—  
 "The relief of others ought not to impoverish you; there should be a certain equality. Your plenty at the present time should supply their need so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need."



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- June 24, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$12,084
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,428
- Peter's Pence Offering: \$2,443
- Monthly Offering: \$285
- Mission Offering: \$135
- Father's Day Offering: \$165
- Votive Candles (Church & Chapel): \$661

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



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Maeve Catherine Hayes, Griffin Ryan Gilbert and Raegan Rose McGowan.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Meghan Drexel and Michael Mucherino

"God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work he had done in creation."

—Genesis 2:3



The Parish Office will be closed for Independence Day on:

**Wednesday, July 4, 2018**

Let us all prayerfully pause and give God thanks and praise for the precious gift of our American freedom. And let us always remember, and give thanks to, those who risked their lives for our freedom.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.  
**GOD BLESS AMERICA!**



### ST. PIUS X SENIORS

*Join us July 9 for lunch and a special presentation from Peter Carey.*

All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, July 9, in the Community Room.** Peter Carey, coordinator, will share reflections from the book he authored commemorating his lovely wife, Angela. Light lunch and beverages are provided. 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.



### MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

*All are welcome July 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 and lunch (\$5 donation for lunch) **12Noon, Tuesday, July 10, in the Community Room.** RSVP to Esther Lawless at 203-368-4222. New participants always welcome!



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** God did not make death, nor does God rejoice in the destruction of the living (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24).

**Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

**Second Reading:** Your abundance should supply the needs of the others (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15).

**Gospel:** Your faith has saved you (Mark 5:21-43 [21-24, 35b-43]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29

**Wednesday:** Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17; Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Country or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891

**Thursday:** Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

**Friday:** Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13

**Saturday:** Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

**Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a



### MEDITATION

*Pope Francis: "Rejoice and Be Glad" Apostolic Exhortation*

The Holy Father invites us to grow in holiness in our everyday lives: "Meeting Jesus in the Scriptures leads us to the Eucharist, where the written word attains its greatest efficacy, for there the living Word is truly present. In the Eucharist, the one true God receives the greatest worship the world can give him, for it is Christ himself who is offered. When we receive him in Holy Communion, we renew our covenant with him and allow him to carry out ever more fully his work of transforming our lives." (no. 157.)



### SACRAMENTAL PREP UPDATE!

*School's (Almost) Out for Summer!*

While your kids are still in school and before you leave for vacation, be sure to register for Sacramental Prep!

**Registration Deadline: July 31, 2018**

- Registration is open to those wishing to prepare for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion or Confirmation
- Indicate a **SECOND CHOICE!** First choice of day is not guaranteed.

To register and for more information about the new Faith Formation model at St. Pius X, visit our website: [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org)

### Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteer catechists to help prepare our young parishioners for these sacraments. If you would like to learn more about becoming a catechist, email Kara Clegg at [kclegg@st-pius.org](mailto:kclegg@st-pius.org) or Shari Garcia at [sgarcia@st-pius.org](mailto:sgarcia@st-pius.org).



### WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

*Join us 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!

*"You changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord, my God, forever will I give you thanks."  
—Psalm 30:13*



The Ten Commandments

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

*Exodus 20:1-17*

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have other Gods beside me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honor your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

“Love the Lord, your God, therefore and keep his charge, statutes, ordinances, and commandments always.”

—Deuteronomy 11: 1



## MEDITATION

The future, because it is the unknown factor in every life, calls us to live with untried courage always. The spiritual challenge of the future resides in being able to accept it before we know it. The future is the only proof of faith we'll ever have. Faith is the willingness to believe that, however dark the present, God's future means only good for us. (*Uncommon Gratitude—Alleluia for All that Is* by Joan Chittister, OSB and Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.)



**BECOME A  
KNIGHT**

**Are you interested in joining or finding out more about the Knights of Columbus?**



**Are you a Knight who recently moved to Fairfield?**



**Are you a Knight interested in transferring into our St. Pius X Council?**



**Are you a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight interested in the St. Pius X Assembly?**



**For More Information**

**Contact** Tom Kelty at 203-209-2895 or [Tkelly@gmail.com](mailto:Tkelly@gmail.com)

**or**

**Go to** <http://www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html>

As a Knight of Columbus, you receive a wealth of resources to help you grow in your faith and become a better Catholic man, as well as access to Catholic news. You will also be able to stay informed on major developments of interest to Catholics with your monthly subscription to *Columbia*, the Order's flagship publication.



### GIVE ONLINE!

*No more writing checks or handling cash...*

Make your weekly gift online with Online Giving. It's 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](http://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 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).

“As Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant in his hands, he did not know that the skin of his face had become radiant while he spoke with the Lord.”



### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES THAT FOLLOW...

Have you ever thought about leaving a legacy and including St. Pius X Parish in your estate planning? Planned giving ensures that you disperse of your assets the way you want. You can give to St. Pius X regardless of the amount—no gift is too small. Every gift is meaningful and greatly appreciated.

You may designate your gift, in any amount, toward exactly what is most important to you at St. Pius X. Gifts can be given in many ways—via your will or a living trust, gifts of retirement, etc. Planned giving is a beautiful and thoughtful way for you to give.

If you are considering a gift but not sure where you would like it to go or where it would do most good, email Kimberlie Leon in the Parish Office at [kleon@st-pius.org](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org). She will be happy to have a preliminary discussion with you and set up time for you to meet with Fr. Sam if you would like to discuss your thoughts further.

We thank all those parishioners who have included us in their wills in the past, and to all of those who are planning to do so. Your gratitude is humbling to us all.

ST PIUS X  LIFE TEEN

SUMMER  
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
COMING SOON!



### 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.



### 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.**

## St. Anthony of Padua Church

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ANNUAL PICNIC

Don't miss some old-fashioned family fun **12:30PM-6:30PM, Sunday, July 8 at the St. Anthony of Padua Annual Picnic, 149 South Pine Creek Road, Fairfield.** You will enjoy live music, dancing, children's games, assortment of delicious homemade food, including hot dogs and hamburgers, pierogies, stuffed cabbage, lobster dinners, strawberry shortcake; also ice cream, beer and wine and a White Elephant! Admission \$3 which includes a chance to win five door prizes and 25% of proceeds will be donated to Merton House. Information: 203-259-0358. All are welcome.

*“I will sing, I will sing to the Lord, I will make music to the Lord, the God of Israel.”*

—Judges 5:3



### BLACK ROCK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

*Enjoy listening to a variety of musical artist on the field adjacent to St. Ann Church in Black Rock...*

St. Ann Church in Black Rock is once again hosting their annual Summer Concert Series, featuring several great bands!

The concerts will take place **6:30PM-8:30PM in the field adjacent to St. Ann's which is located at 481 Brewster Street in Bridgeport.** See dates below for musical artists lineup.

Admission is \$5 per person. Rain date for these concerts will be the next day (the following Wednesday), except for the concert on July 3, which has a rain date of July 5.

#### Musical Artists Lineup

- **July 10:** Midnight Rodeo
- **July 17:** Stratford Orchestra
- **July 24:** Bedlam Brothers (Fr. Sam's Dad's Band!)
- **July 31:** Funky Dawgz Brass Band
- **August 7:** The Barons
- **August 14:** Pocket Hotties
- **August 21:** Jen Durkin & The Business(6PM)