



A Roman Catholic Community

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Pastor

Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

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Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Kathleen Donnelly

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Kara Clegg (Grades 1-5)

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Paola Pena (Life Teen High School)

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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.

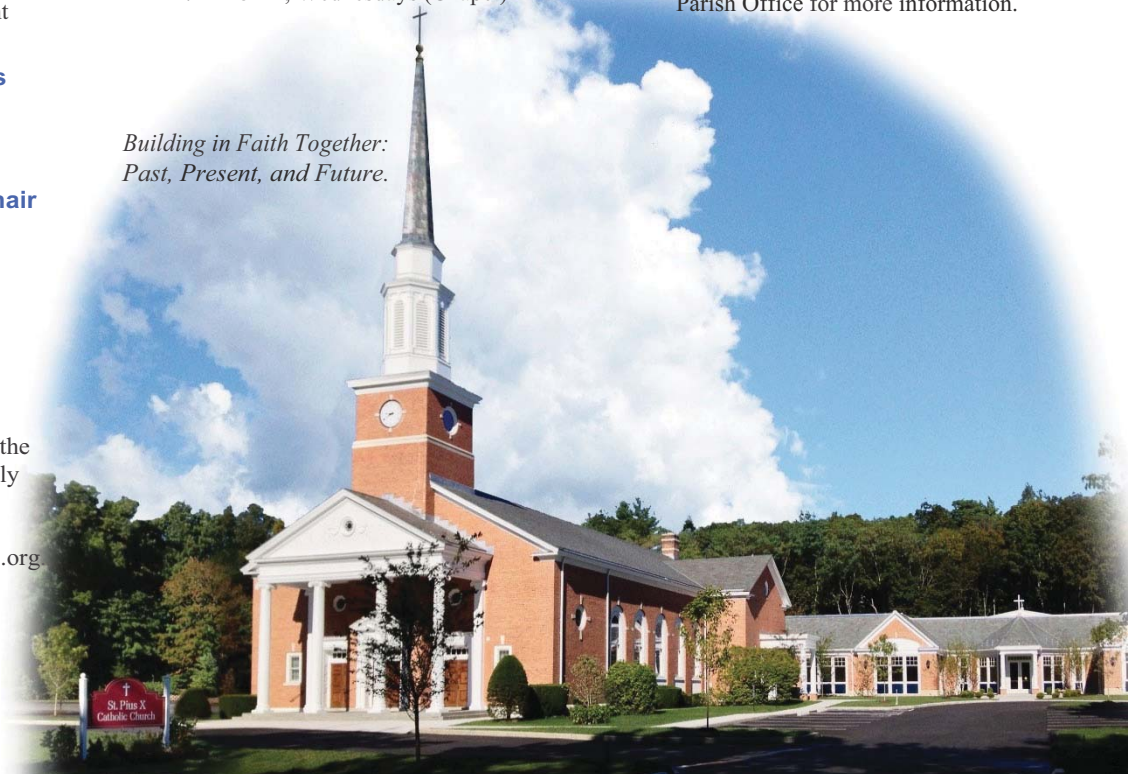
Anointing of the Sick

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 16

8:30AM +Dr. Dick Wallingford J. Thimons
 5:15PM +Martin Randisi Avitable Family

Sunday, June 17

7:30AM +Bill Rainsberger Mr. & Mrs. McAuliffe
 9AM +Donald C. Schroeder D. Schroeder
 10:30AM +Michele Artieri E. Porco
 12Noon +Anthony Cialone L. Violone

Monday, June 18

8:30AM +Eileen Brown M., D., & J. Bailey

Tuesday, June 19

8:30AM +Donald & Eleanor DePasquale J. Huff

Wednesday, June 20

8:30AM +Marian M. Arciola E. Brophy Clarke

Thursday, June 21

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Friday, June 22

8:30AM +Margaret DeSousa J. Thimons

Saturday, June 23

8:30AM +Christopher McEttrick S. Weiss
 5:15PM +James & Kathryn Lesko M. Kiraly

Sunday, June 24

7:30AM +Edward John Roach Mr. & Mrs. Valus
 9AM +Robert & Barbara Northcott C. Wolf
 10:30AM ♥Romeo & Margaret Mentrasti K. Leon
 12Noon +William Rainsberger Devaney Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in memory of
 Mae and John McGovern**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 Dennis Bird**



**Altar Flowers in the Chapel
 last week in memory of
 Robert Brennan**



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,

I confess that I do not often spend much time reading the prophet Ezekiel. The first reading at Mass this weekend from Ezekiel 17:22-24 comes in the context of the great prophetic tradition of Israel. God sends prophets to His people to teach them and, very often, call them back to the right path when they have gone astray. The fuller context of the reading we hear this weekend includes God pointing out the many good things He has given to Israel, only to be answered by ingratitude or infidelity to the covenant. Thus, with the image of a tender cedar shoot, God promises to establish something new and majestic, to which all the earth will turn. The prophet, of course, is preparing those who listen for the coming of Jesus Christ. It is Jesus who promises to draw all people to Himself when He is lifted up on the cross (cf. John 12:32). It is Jesus who is "planted" on a high mountain – Calvary. The Gospel tells us that as Jesus taught, people came to him from everywhere (cf. Mark 1:45).

Like the people of ancient Israel, we are aware of God's many blessings. How fortunate we are in so many ways! Even in our sufferings and challenges, we cannot help but recognize God's abundance and blessings. At the same time, we can ask ourselves if we are sufficiently aware of these blessings and the covenant of love God has established with us. Do we recognize that our profession of faith has practical, lived consequences and that we are obliged to "hold up" our end of the bargain?

What is the promise God makes to us? We are promised forgiveness of our sins through the Blood of Christ poured out on the Cross. This forgiveness of sins opens the way for us to share Christ's eternal life in the heavenly kingdom of God. The order of creation, when Adam and Eve walked in conversation with God in the Garden of Eden, is restored. This covenant requires something of us in return. First, we respond with our faith in Jesus Christ. This faith is expressed not only in our profession of the Creed, but also in the works that accompany our faith. Thus, St. James reminds us that "Faith without works is dead," (James 2:26). Our faith professed and acted upon is our covenant response to the New Covenant established by Christ. Do we live out the covenant? Are we faithful?

Our God is a God who keeps His promises. The covenant established by Christ is new and we are invited into this faithful relationship every day. The sacramental life of the Church help us to remain faithful to the God who has given all for us. The Gospel we proclaim inspires us to put our faith into action. If we are to be the tender cedar shoot that Ezekiel speaks of, we must be faithful and alive in God's grace. The more alive we are in the Gospel and in the covenant, the more the whole world will be drawn to the covenant. The tender shoot planted on the high mountain draws all things to itself, just as Jesus, lifted up on the Cross draws all men to Himself. In the same way, the Church – globally and locally here in this parish community – is planted on a mountain. When we, the members, live in fidelity to our baptismal promises, fed by the graces we receive in the sacraments, we become a living sign of God's presence, and the whole world is drawn into the fruitful branches of this majestic cedar that Ezekiel foresaw.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources; and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the Kingdom of God.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- June 10, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$15,143
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$14,141
- Mission Offering: \$287
- Monthly Offering: \$2,746

**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

I Meghan Drexel and Michael Mucherino



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!



THANKING GOD FOR THE GIFT OF ALL FATHERS

We pause this weekend to celebrate fatherhood and to thank God for the gift of our fathers. Scripture tells us,

"I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning."

—1 John 2:14



SPIRITUAL REMEMBRANCE

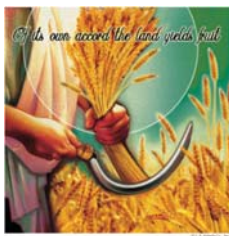
The Father's Day envelopes that have been inscribed with names of fathers living and deceased will remain near the tabernacle until June 30.



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW SEMINARIAN...

Hello, Brendan Blawie!

This summer, we are once again privileged to welcome a seminarian of the Diocese of Bridgeport to our parish community. **Brendan Blawie** has just completed his second year of theological studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome and will be joining us on **July 1** for a two-month assignment. Brendan is originally from St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown and is a graduate of Franciscan University in Steubenville, OH. You can read more about Brendan here: <http://www.bridgeportpriest.org/meet-us/seminarians/58-sem-bios/>. Because Brendan is studying in Rome, this summer marks his first time at home in two years. I know this experience very well, as I was assigned to St. Pius in 2006 after spending two years away from home. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Brendan with open arms!



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I have lifted high the lowly tree (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading: Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:6-10).

Gospel: It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants (Mark 4:26-34)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-7; Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-6ab, 11, 16; Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-7; Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Ps 132:11-14, 17-18; Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-34; Mt 6:24-34

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-6ab, 15ab, 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1-3, 13-15; cts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80



SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Peter's Pence Collection: June 23 and 24

The theme for this year's collection, *Be A Witness of Charity*, echoes Pope Francis' Angelus homily on March 17, 2013: "A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just." The worldwide Peter's Pence began as a "pence" in ninth-century England, when King Alfred the Great collected monies from English landowners as financial support for the pope. Pope Pius IX formally instituted the modern Peter's Pence Collection in the 1860s. The collection has ancient Christian roots, linking back to the New Testament times when people would provide material support to those preaching the Gospel to distribute to those in need. Today the collection is the way we as members of the Catholic church unite ourselves to the concerns of the Holy Father. Donations to this collection support the charitable works of Pope Francis for the assistance of those most in need. Thank you for your generosity!



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

Volunteers Needed!

As always, we need volunteer catechists to help us prepare our young parishioners for these sacraments! If you would like more information about becoming a catechist for Sacramental Preparation, email Kara Clegg at kclegg@st-pius.org or Shari Garcia at sgarcia@st-pius.org.



During the **10:30AM Mass today, 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 blessing.

*"All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries."
—Joshua 1:9*



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fundraising Drive to Help Local Families in Need Rescheduled for Saturday-Sunday, June 23-24

We will be soliciting donations after all Masses next weekend. 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. Please look for the Knights at tables outside of church. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Support for Vocations/Seminarians

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. For more information about our seminarian, you may contact Vincent Giandurco at vgct07@gmail.com.



WEEKLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR

Become a Hosting Family!

We have ONE Coffee Hour date remaining until we break for the summer: **June 24!** Weekly Parish Coffee Hour **follows the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses in the Community Room.** Hosting a Coffee Hour is easy and is also a great way to help with parish community building while meeting people at the same time! Contact Tom Dolan at 203-895-9513 or at tmdolanjr@aol.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.



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 4th Degree Knight interested in the St. Pius X Assembly?



For More Information

Contact Tom Kelty at 203-209-2895 or Tkelty@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.

"I command you: be strong and steadfast! Do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord, your God is with you wherever you go."—Joshua 1:9



**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. 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.



MEDITATION

Prayer to St. Joseph

Blessed St. Joseph, by God’s divine plan, you cared for and protected Mary and the Christ Child. Jesus learned how to love his mother from you. May all fathers imitate your example and life of prayer. Asking for the grace of God’s blessing, we entrust all fathers to God’s care. Amen.

“Jesus answered and said to him,
“What I am doing you do not understand now,
but you will understand later.”
—Joshua 13:7



GIVE ONLINE!

No more writing checks or handling cash...

Make your weekly gift online with Online Giving. It’s easy, totally secure, and helps us save money on mailing the printed offertory envelopes. It’s also a great way 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: 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

UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

Anyone currently in Grades 8-12 are welcome!

- 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!**

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is gracious, if there is any
excellence and if there is anything
worthy of praise,
think about these things.”
—Philippians 4:7

THE SECRET TO A HAPPY MARRIAGE
LIES IN THE ENCYCLICAL
YOU'VE NEVER READ!

Making Room for God's Love:
Humanae vitae at 50

**A one-day symposium marking the 50th anniversary
of Blessed Pope Paul VI's landmark encyclical letter**

featuring talks by

George Weigel

Mary Eberstadt

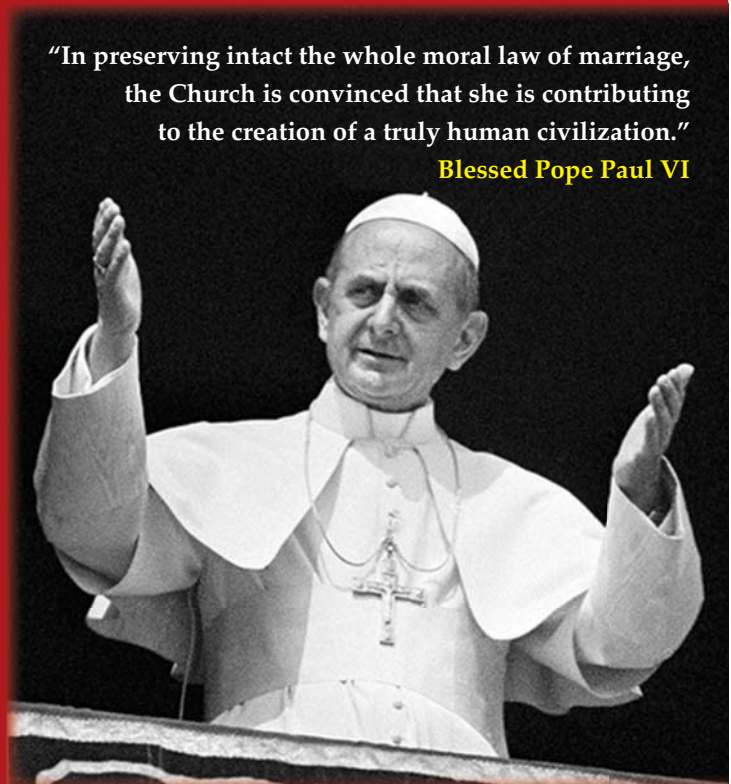
Mary Hallan FioRito

and a panel of
medical experts

Vigil Mass celebrated by
Bishop Frank Caggiano

Saturday, June 23

9:00 am – 4:00 pm



The Basilica of St. John the Evangelist

279 Atlantic Street, downtown Stamford

**For more information and to register,
please visit www.stjohnsstamford.com**

Ample parking behind the Basilica on Bell Street • Handicap accessible