



## 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

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.

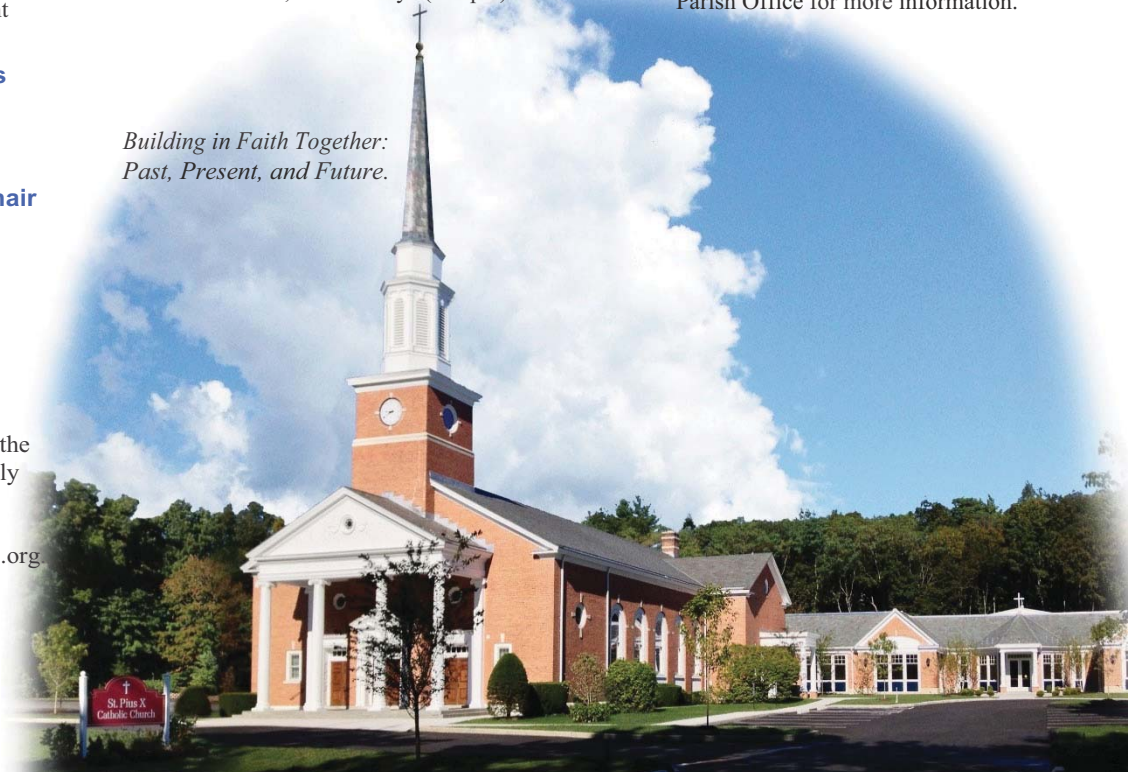
### Anointing of the Sick

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, 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

#### Monday, June 25

8:30AM +Nan Robertson Cartwright E. Brophy Clarke

#### Tuesday, June 26

8:30AM +Christy Vaporis J. Thimons

#### Wednesday, June 27

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

#### Thursday, June 28

8:30AM +Joseph Anthony Peloso, IV Mr. & Mrs. Sodaro

#### Friday, June 29

8:30AM +Mary & John Ryan M. Gleason

#### 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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Daniel F. Caruso**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in memory of  
Susan Valteria**



### 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,

With the celebration of the birth of St. John the Baptist, the Church remembers the great forerunner of the Messiah. John is the voice crying out in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Savior of the world. We are familiar with his story and his mission. John baptizes with a baptism of repentance and calls people to be ready for the coming of Jesus. In all that he does, John points people to Jesus and prepares them to receive the Gospel. He gives all his energy and eventually his very life in witness to Christ.

The mission of John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus is a mission that continues in the Church today. We are called to prepare the hearts of all people to receive Jesus. We carry out this mission in a variety of ways. St. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 that we are one body in Christ, though the gifts of the Holy Spirit are given in different ways. Some are called to preach, some are called to give of themselves in service, some are called to bring healing, etc. In all of this, we see that every disciple of Jesus is called to allow their faith to influence and inform every aspect of their lives. Our Catholic faith then is not something to be kept bottled up and hidden, but shared. We are meant to bear witness to our faith not only in private, but even in public.

When we express our faith publicly, we may run into opposition. We will be told to keep faith and public life (or politics) strictly separate, or to keep our faith to ourselves. But we need to remember that sharing our faith is not the same as forcing our faith on others. It is actually a measure of our integrity that our faith permeates both our private and public lives. To be a disciple of Jesus means to be a disciple in every moment. Our Catholic faith ought never be siloed in only one part of our lives. There is nothing wrong with letting our faith-based convictions inform how we ought to act, even if that means standing against the prevailing culture, contradicting our preferred political party's agenda, or even disagreeing (civily!) with people we care for. In fact, an integrated life of faith *demand*s this. John the Baptist is a reminder to us of our responsibility to allow our faith in God to be integrated in our lives and to influence all our actions.

This week, our Life Teen high school youth ministry will be putting their faith in action at Catholic Heart Workcamp in Groton, MA. Their volunteer service will be with the poor and elderly. It is one way in which our young people are able to bear witness to their faith in public. Through their work, through their kindness, and through their enthusiastic generosity, our teens prepare the way for Christ to come into the lives and hearts of the people they serve. Please pray for them this week as they bear witness to the Catholic faith!

Peace,



### SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading that Christ died “so that those who live might live no longer for themselves.” What we give to and do for others, we give to and do for Jesus!



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- June 17, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$10,785
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,548
- Father’s Day Offering: \$2,590
- Mission Offering: \$270
- Monthly Offering: \$387

**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.**



### CONGRATULATIONS!

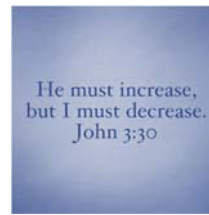
We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Olivia MacLeod Brachle.**



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Meghan Drexel and Michael Mucherino

“If you have foolishly been proud  
or presumptuous—  
put your hand on your mouth.”  
—Proverbs 30:33



### THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST CELEBRATED SUNDAY JUNE 24

This feast, dating from the 4<sup>th</sup> century, came to be celebrated six months before the Lord’s birth. Augustine, referring to the Gospel of John 3:30 (“He must increase while I decrease”), found this date fitting because after the birth of John, daylight hours begin to grow shorter whereas after the birth of Jesus, daylight hours begin to grow longer. (cf. ORDO – Order of Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours and Celebration of the Eucharist 2018)



### SUPPORT THE WORKS OF THE HOLY FATHER

*Peter’s Pence Collection is Today!*

Peter’s Pence 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!



### COFFEE HOUR BREAKS FOR THE SUMMER: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

Another wonderful Coffee Hour season has come to a close. We are grateful to all who participated. A special ‘thank you’ to: **Tom and Lynn Dolan** who coordinate this ministry, our “hosting” couples and families, **Amy O’Donnell**, and **Angela Toner** who regularly stock the kitchen with needed supplies, and to **Terri Dawes** who deposits the donations and maintains our good standing with Donut Inn! If you would like to become a “host” family when we resume in the Fall, contact Tom Dolan at 203-895-9513 or [tmdolanjr@aol.com](mailto:tmdolanjr@aol.com) for more information.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I will make you a light to the nations (Isaiah 49:1-6).

**Psalm:** I praise you for I am wonderfully made (Psalm 139).

**Second Reading:** John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance (Acts 13:22-26).

**Gospel:** John is his name (Luke 1:57-66, 80).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Ps 119:33-37, 40; Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

**Friday:** Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19

**Day:** Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-7, 20-21; Mt 8:15-17

**Sunday:** Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]



### WELCOME BRENDAN BLAWIE, OUR NEW SEMINARIAN...

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!



### 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).

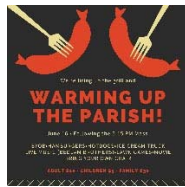


### WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

*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!

“Behold, one is coming after me;  
I am not worthy to unfasten the  
sandals of his feet.”  
—Acts 13:25



## THANK YOU ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...

*...for organizing a successful parish BBQ!*

THANK YOU to our St. Pius X Knights of Columbus for “warming up the parish” with a good old-fashioned BBQ which drew 160 people this past Saturday. The Knights fired up the grills to cook hot dogs and hamburgers and the Youth Group volunteered to help serve the food. The BBQ took place on the field and included lawn games and music from Fr. Sam’s Dad’s band The Bedlam Brothers. Alene’s Ice Cream Truck topped off the evening with sweet treats and the Knights also sold patriotic merchandise for their Habitat for Humanity fundraising initiative. All leftover potato salad, hot dogs, uncooked burgers, and macaroni salad left was then donated to Operation Hope on Sunday.

A special thank you to **BJ Baranosky** for leading the charge on this event and making it a wonderful evening of good food, fun, and fellowship!

“A good name is more desirable than great riches, and high esteem, than gold and silver.

Rich and poor have a common bond:  
the Lord is maker of them all.”

—Proverbs 22:1-2

## ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

### UPCOMING EVENT CALENDAR

*Anyone currently in Grades 8-12 are welcome!*

- 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

### SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON!



**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.

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self control.”

—2 Timothy 1: 7



**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).

“The Lord says to you: Do not fear or be dismayed at the sight of this vast multitude, for the battle is not yours but God's.”  
—Joshua 13:7



**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.



**A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

Matthew, Rebecca, and Frances **Hall**; John **Dineen**; Kiernan, Jennifer, Audrey, Ryan, and Declan **O'Connor**; Kenneth P. II, Erika, and Zoey **Zerella**; John, Josephine, Stella, and Natalie **Occhipinti**; Tom, Teryl, Christian, and Sofie **Taglieri**; Michael, Mikaela, and Marli **LaRaia**; Eric, Kristina, Ellery, and Benjamin **Sullivan**; and Jeanne, Carson, Benjamin, and Olivia **Miller**.



### 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.



### VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

*Are you being called?*

Are you considering a vocation to the Priesthood? For more information, contact Fr. John Connaughton at 203-322-5331 or vocations@diobpt.org.



### 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.**

*"But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."  
—John 11:22*



### 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

- **June 26:** Alpaca Gnomes
- **July 3:** Generation Blues Band
- **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)