



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

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.

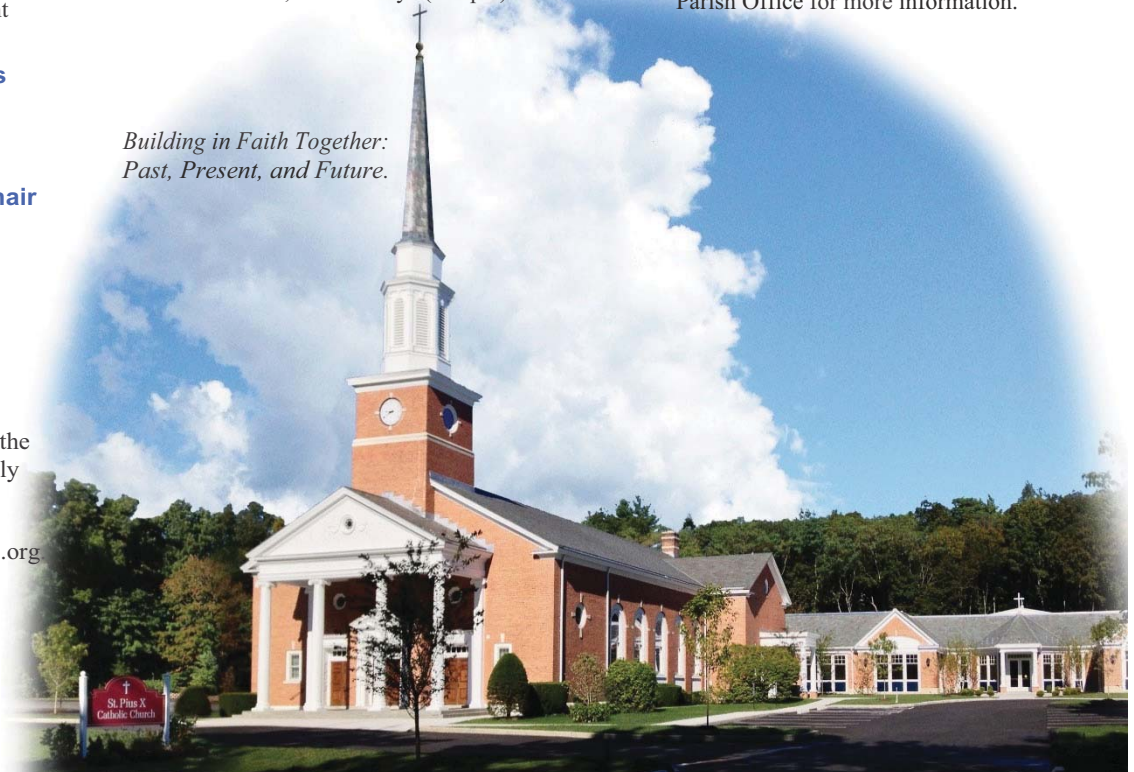
Anointing of the Sick

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, July 21

8:30AM +Bud Confoy Lyons Family
5:15PM +Johanna & Andrew Orosz Gross Family

Sunday, July 22

7:30AM +Catherine M. Kosciak Catalano Family
9AM +Mary Gioiosa Dillabough Family
10:30AM +Nicolina Vona M. Vona
12Noon +Helen Johnstone Bazenas Family

Monday, July 23

8:30AM +Joe Lippert C. Kehoe

Tuesday, July 24

8:30AM +Jennie Bird Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Wednesday, July 25

8:30AM +Martha & John Jacob S. Jacob Pierson

Thursday, July 26

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

Friday, July 27

8:30AM +Nancy F. Marino & Clara Marino G. Marino

Saturday, July 28

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
5:15PM +Nancy Belous Rosito Family

Sunday, July 29

7:30AM Jack Teitell Family Friend
9AM William S. Rainsberger D. Mazzoni
10:30AM +Mary Donnelly T. & J. Kelly
12Noon +Albert Salese Toner Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Rosemary Brosnan**



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



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,

The prophet Jeremiah issues a great challenge to anyone who wishes to take on a role of leadership. His clear words about what a shepherd ought to be were directed at the rulers of Israel but can easily be applied to leaders of any kind today, especially in the Church. To be entrusted with the care of souls is no small task. And the number of souls in need of spiritual nourishment far outstrips the supply of shepherds! I am so grateful for the privilege to minister to this community and to have the outstanding assistance of Fr. Tim. Please pray for us, that we would be good and faithful shepherds! Please pray also for an outpouring of good and holy vocations, that from our own parish, God would call young men and women to serve as priest and religious sisters.

The role of shepherd, the role of leadership, is not limited to the priesthood, of course. The first shepherds of our souls are our parents. You who are raising families are the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith. I would like to address two points that I think are especially pertinent to our families and parents.

1. To be a good shepherd or leader, one must continually learn and grow. A growing body of knowledge and wisdom allows a leader to effectively teach, guide, and form those who follow or are in our care. I want to invite you to increase your knowledge of our Catholic faith. As you experience and know your faith more completely, you will be strengthened for the role of leadership and shepherding to which the Lord calls you. To that end, in the fall we will begin to offer monthly sessions to encourage and enhance lifelong discipleship in the life of every member of the parish. One Sunday per month, we will gather after the 9 AM or 10:30 AM Mass for a time of study, discussion, prayer, community building and growth in faith. You can sign up here: <https://www.st-pius.org/lff-monthly/>. I hope you will join us and grow as good, holy, shepherds and leaders in the ways of faith!

2. Young people are hungry for real answers to deep questions about their faith. Youth ministry has, as you know, played a significant role in my ten years of priestly ministry. I have worked with grammar school children, high school students, young men and women in college and beyond. I find in them a genuine curiosity about the faith and openness to the truths taught to us by the Catholic Church. In my experience, young people can handle the answer and would prefer to hear an honest challenge than a watered-down version or facile explanation. Do not be afraid to share with your children the fullness of the Gospel and what Jesus teaches through the Catholic Church! Our lifelong discipleship sessions will help us understand the truth we proclaim. We are always in need of adults who can help our sacramental preparation programs, our Edge Middle School and Life Teen High School Youth Ministries. We welcome your help – please just call the parish office for more information. Most of all, please be encouraged to share your faith with your children and with the young people you know.

As a parish, we have a tremendous gift in faith. Woe to us, if like the bad shepherds Jeremiah speaks to, we mislead and scatter the flock by failing to learn the Gospel message and share it with those around us. But what a blessing to be called to leadership by the king who shall reign and govern wisely, who will save us, and lead us to live in peace.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus had planned to slip away from the crowds for a few moments of peace and a little rest. When He saw the people gathered, however, He put His needs aside to meet the needs of others. Sometimes, as good stewards, we are called to do the same.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- July 15, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$10,474
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$13,040
- Mission Offering: \$225
- Monthly Offering: \$507
- Co-op Mission Offering: \$3,614

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Nicole Alberico and Christopher Genova



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Sianna Aoife Egan, Max Salvatore Nocerino, Hannah Lynn Shaw and Finn Owen Swart.



MEDITATION

We must always ask for this grace: to know what is happening in our heart, to constantly make the right choice, the choice for good. And to ask also that the Lord help us to love one another. And if I cannot love another, well, why not? Pray for that person, pray that the Lord gives me the grace to love him. (Pope Francis: Homily, February 16, 2014)



MUSIC NOTES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

For the past year and a half, you've probably noticed that we've been doing something different at communion. We have been singing a "second" psalm, known as communion antiphons, in place of an actual communion hymn. Why are we doing this you may ask?

The church encourages us to sing the communion antiphon together as we enter this sacred meal. The communion antiphon captures the essence of the gospel, and by reiterating it, we digest God's word, so it can nourish us along with the Eucharist. We join our voices with our neighbors, our brothers and sisters in the Lord, and engage with them around the Lord's table.

So, how can we better participate in the Eucharist? Recognize and reverence the presence of Christ in the Eucharist *and* in your neighbor at the Lord's table. As we process to and from communion, we sing and digest the antiphon to allow God's word to open our hearts and lead us into a deeper intimacy in God's living presence. During communion, we focus on God's word sung in the antiphon, allowing God to speak to us. This moves us out of ourselves and removes distractions. As we process to and from communion, and as we are seated, we sing the antiphon to bathe others in God's Word as they receive. We sing the antiphon to carry the Gospel phrase into our week as a "walking stick," a mantra of God's word to guide, comfort and sustain us throughout the busy-ness of life.

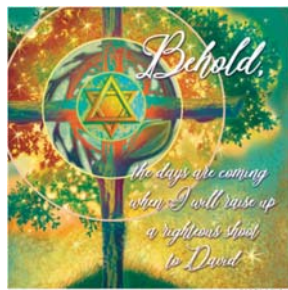
Singing the same antiphons that our sisters and brothers in faith sang for centuries, connects us spiritually to the great communion of saints, a procession in which we are only the most recent walkers. I will make the effort in the weeks to come to publish the antiphon refrains here in the Bulletin as well to help everyone become more familiar with them.

~Michael Lantowski, Music Director



EMBROIDERY HELP NEEDED FOR PARISH BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

If you enjoy embroidering and would like to help with parish baptismal garments, contact Eleanor Burke at 203-255-5335 or profefurke@optonline.net for more information.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I shall gather the remnant of my flock and bring them back to their meadow (Jeremiah 23:1-6).

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading: In Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13-18).

Gospel: When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he began to teach them many things (Mark 6:30-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

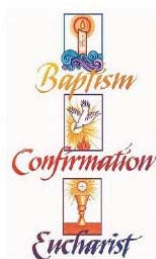
Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-13; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15



RCIA

Rite of

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Adults

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO WANTS TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

The R.C.I.A. process is a wonderful and prayerful journey of faith during which adults learn about and grow closer to God through the Catholic experience of faith, worship and prayer. Invite someone you know to come and find out who we are. For more information, email or call Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 or kdonnelly@st-pius.org.



SACRAMENTAL PREP UPDATE!

School's 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!

Catechists needed on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday for First Reconciliation/First Communion or Confirmation prep. Interested? Email Kara Clegg at kclegg@st-pius.org or Shari Garcia at 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 belong to God, children, and you have conquered them, for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”
—1 John 4:4



SOLITUDE

“Settle yourself in solitude,
and you will come upon
God in yourself.”

—St. Teresa

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

WEEKLY SUMMER SCHEDULE

Hey Teens, join us in the Portable Classroom in the Religious Education Center!

● **Youth Group**

7PM-9PM, Sundays (Note: this time is only for the Summer, normal meeting time is 6PM-8PM during the school year.)

● **Open Hangouts**

12Noon-2:30PM, Tuesdays. Join us for snacks, ping-pong, foosball, and games!

● **Alumni Nights**

7:30PM-8:45PM, Wednesdays. High School graduates and college students welcome back!

● **Young Women’s Small Group Study**

11AM-2PM, Thursdays

● **“Mass and Saints”**

12Noon-2PM, Fridays. Mass is at St. Thomas at 12:10PM. Bring a bagged lunch and come learn about a new saint every week!

For more information on any of these events or Life Teen in general, email Paola Pena at ppena@st-pius.org today.



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?



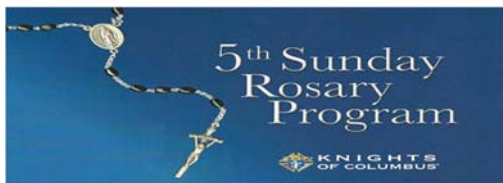
For More Information

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.



PRAY THE ROSARY

The 5th Sunday Rosary Program—Everyone is Welcome!

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus

Council 16347 is pleased to introduce...

The 5th Sunday Rosary Program

10AM, Sunday, July 29 in the Chapel

Knights, their families and ALL parishioners are invited.

Stay and Pray the Rosary as a Faith Family.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS***

ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICERS

Our Knights of Columbus Council # 16347 is pleased to announce its newly inducted officers for the 2018-2019 fraternal year...

- Chaplain: Rev. Sam Kachuba
- Grand Knight: Bob Elinskas
- Deputy Grand Knight: Mark Drexel
- Chancellor: Frank (BJ) Baranosky
- Recorder: Curtis Bentley
- Treasurer: Kevin Donohue
- Financial Secretary: Tom Lagndon
- Advocate: Frank Duffin
- Warden: Art Wolf
- Inside Guard: Charles Chiusano
- Outside Guard: Jim Dobson
- Trustee 1 Year Term: Bob Shea
- Trustee 2 Year Term: Tom Kely, Sr.
- Trustee 3 Year Term: Dan Omohondro
- Lecturer: Gerard Callahan

Congratulations to the new K of C officers, and best wishes for a promising fraternal year!



GIVE ONLINE—GO GREEN!

Make your weekly gift online with Online Giving. It's easy and totally secure and helps us go green and 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 now: Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive.

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



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.



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.



DONATE A BRICK IN HONOR OF A VETERAN!

This is a unique opportunity to honor a veteran by donating a brick at the Veterans Memorial at the Diocesan Shrine of St. Margaret located at 2523 Park Avenue in Bridgeport. The names of the Veterans, on the newly donated bricks, will be read at the 8th Annual Veterans Mass in October and be included in the Mass Program Book. For an information packet on donating a brick for a Veteran from the U.S. Military and our Allies; living, deceased, wartime, peacetime, reserves, regulars, and currently serving, call 203-345-3244. **The deadline for donating a brick is September 10** so that installation is ensured by Veteran's Day 2018. Thank you for your support of all veterans!



OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION TUITION RAFFLE

Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Fairfield will have its SeptemberFest Raffle—a \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold at \$25 per ticket. The prize can be used for any student of the winner's choice to attend any K-12 school, college or university, located and accredited in the U.S. Or, it can be used to pay back college loans! We must sell 1,000 tickets by August 15 for the raffle to proceed. If fewer are sold, the raffle will be canceled, and ticket purchasers will be refunded. The drawing will take place at **SeptemberFest, 6PM, Sunday, September 16**. For tickets, contact the parish office at 203-333-9065, Monday-Thursday 9AM-3PM.



DONATIONS FOR PROJECT CONNECT DAY AT ST. MARY CHURCH IN BRIDGEPORT

Donations due by July 29.

Donations of new women's and men's underwear (sizes M, L, XL and 2XL) are requested for Project Connect Day which will be held August 8 at St. Mary Church in Bridgeport. On this day, attendance of more than 300 folks is expected. Please allow your loving hearts to touch our Bridgeport sisters and brothers in need. A collection box has been placed inside St. Pius X near the front entrance, so you may place donated items there. Sister Eileen Boffa will pick up donations after the last Mass on **Sunday, July 29**.



BLACK ROCK SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Don't miss the continuation of the Summer Concert series from St. Ann Church in Black Rock. Concerts take place **6:30PM-8:30PM in the field adjacent to St. Ann's which is located at 481 Brewster Street in Bridgeport**. Admission is \$5/person.

Musical Artists Lineup

- **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)

“I love you, Lord, my strength,
Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer,
my God, my rock of refuge, my shield,
my saving horn, my stronghold!
Praised be the Lord, I exclaim!”
—Psalm 18:3-4