



## 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.

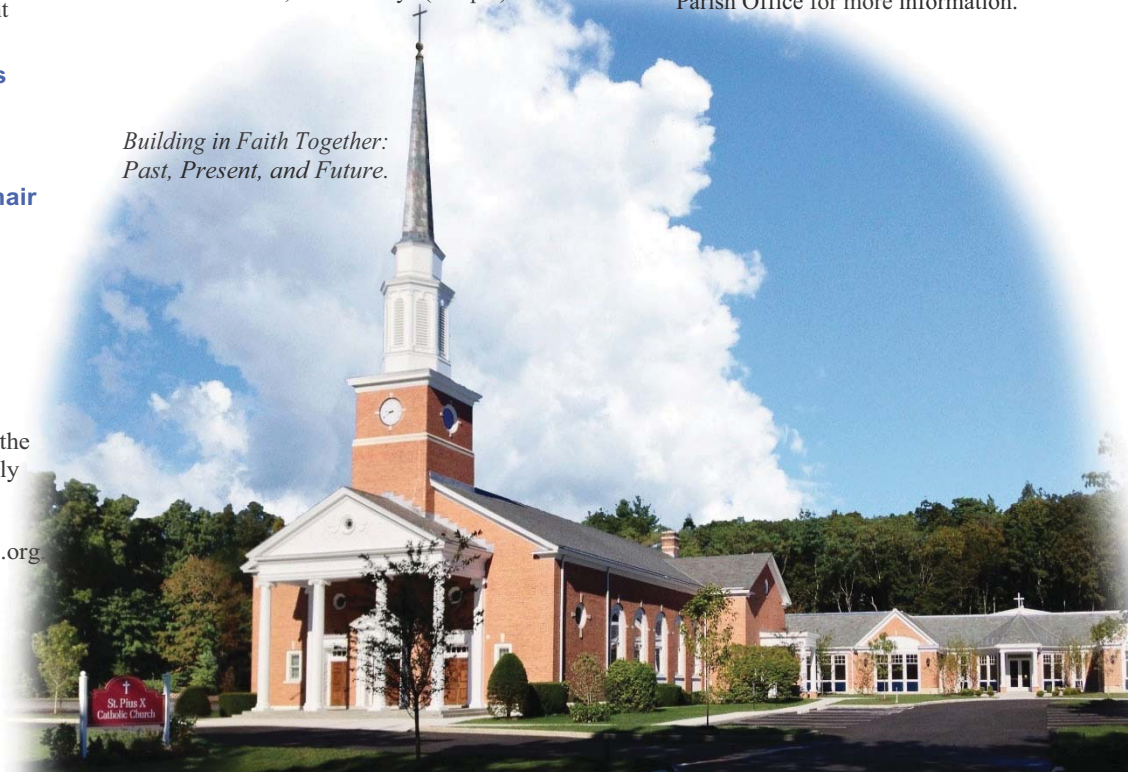
### Anointing of the Sick

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, 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

#### Monday, July 9

8:30AM +Larry Kelly

#### Tuesday, July 10

8:30AM +Sister Mary Happ M. Grosso

#### Wednesday, July 11

8:30AM +Shirley Okerblum Dr. R. Testo

#### Thursday, July 12

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

#### Friday, July 13

8:30AM +Mary Engelskirger Toner Family

#### Saturday, July 14

8:30AM +Sal DeViva M. Freiler  
5:15PM +Members of the Barrett Family S. Barrett

#### Sunday, July 15

7:30AM +Mrs. Ann Lemak  
9AM +Geraldine McGuire T. & W. McGuire  
10:30AM +Bill Rainsberger E. & R. Trapp  
12Noon +Martin Randisi Avitable 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  
Eileen Altieri**



### 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 the Gospel this weekend, Jesus tells the apostles that a prophet is not without honor except in his native place. Our Lord is pointing out the challenge of speaking prophetic words calling people to conversion to the people who know you best. It is no easy thing to share our faith with people who are close to us, especially family, neighbors, and old friends!

July 8 ordinarily marks the celebration of the feast of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, a young Italian man known for his tremendous faith, ability to share that gift with his peers, and his seemingly endless charity. Pier Giorgio was born in 1901 and lived in Turin, Italy for his entire life. His mother rarely went to Mass, and his father was a newspaper publisher who actively hated the Catholic Church. Somehow, Pier Giorgio developed a deep and sincere faith. In his teen years, he began to gather friends together for both social and spiritual activities. He was especially fond of hiking and mountain climbing. On these excursions with his friends, he always insisted on making visits to whatever churches and chapels he could find along the way. Pier Giorgio modeled for his friends what it means to actively practice the Catholic faith.

In addition to all this, Pier Giorgio very quietly went about among the poor of his city to share their lives. Though he came from a fairly affluent home, he loved to go to the poorest neighborhoods. It was not unusual for him to return home without his coat or shoes because he had encountered a poor person who had nothing. He met the sick and suffering, and made arrangements for medicine to be provided to them. In fact, he kept notes about the needs of various families so he would not forget.

Because of his activity among the poor, especially the sick, Pier Giorgio contracted polio. At 24 years old, he was facing the tragedy of death and suffering. He wrote to his friends to make sure his charitable work would be continued. When he died, his family made arrangements for his funeral. His charitable work and life of faith was only partially known to them - they were aware of his devotion to Mass and that he prayed frequently. They knew almost nothing about the impact he had on the poor. On the day of his funeral, the streets of Turin were lined with the poor, who had come to pray for and bid farewell to their friend. His family was deeply affected by this display of love and respect, and it caused a real change in their attitude to the Catholic faith.

While it may be difficult to be a prophet in our own communities and families, Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati gives us a good example. By being a friend and support to so many, he helped them to receive the Gospel and encounter Christ. Let us this week look for opportunities to share our faith with others and be the presence of Christ in their lives.

Peace,



### SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

This weekend as we celebrate the Independence of our country, we will do well to echo the Psalmist, saying, “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.” May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to an early print deadline for the Bulletin, Offertory Totals for the weekend of Sunday, July 1 will be reported in next weekend’s Bulletin.

**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.**

“The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I lack. In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul. He guides me along right paths for the sake of his name. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me. You set a table before me in front of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Indeed, goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of the Lord for endless days.”  
—Psalm 23



### 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](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com).



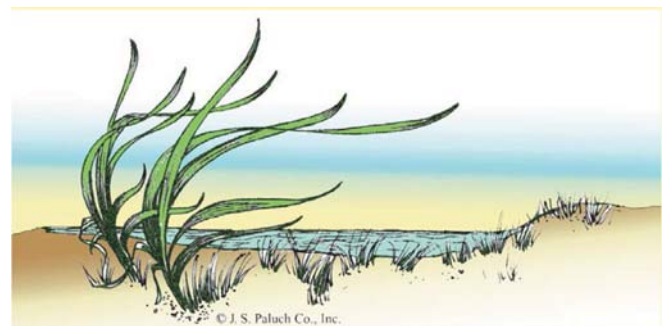
### MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

*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!

“Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of man does not accomplish the righteousness of God.”

—James 1:19





### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

**Psalm:** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

**Second Reading:** I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

**Gospel:** The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33

**Sunday:** Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13



### MEDITATION

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

"The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, at work through others and at every moment. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us better to perceive God's language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in his own light. In this way, we allow the birth of a new synthesis that springs from a life inspired by the Spirit." (no. 171.)



### 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](http://www.st-pius.org)

### Volunteers Needed!

Catechists are still needed on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday for First Reconciliation/First Communion or Confirmation preparation! For more information, 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).

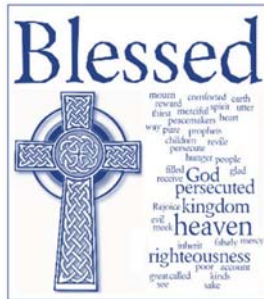


### WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

*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!

"Have you ever comprehended the  
breadth of the earth?  
Tell me, if you know it all."  
—Job 38:18



### THE BEATITUDES

*Matthew 5*

The Sermon on the Mount. When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
3. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the land.
4. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.
5. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
8. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ST PIUS X  LIFE TEEN

SUMMER  
SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
COMING SOON!

“I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.”  
—2 Corinthians 12:9



**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

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.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://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.



### 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).

“Know that the Lord works wonders  
for his faithful ones;  
the Lord hears when I call out to him.”  
—Psalm 4:4



### 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.



### 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.

# EXCITING NEW FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!

## LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Each month we will gather as a community after the 9am and 10:30am Masses to learn more about our Catholic faith. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend! Our first gathering will be on Sunday, September 16. We hope to see you there!

## FORMED.ORG

We have purchased a subscription for FORMED On Demand for the entire parish. Set up your account today to gain access to the best in Catholic family media!

FORMED On Demand offers access to thousands of studies, films, audios, and ebooks. Discover great digital media from over 40 of the best Catholic content producers.

## WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE

Word on Fire Engage provides short videos and mini-courses to help you boost your faith! We will send you these resources via Flocknote each week, so that you can access everything right from your phone!

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

To sign up for our new opportunities and for further details, visit [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org) or call the office and ask to speak to a member of the Faith Formation Team!