



## 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.

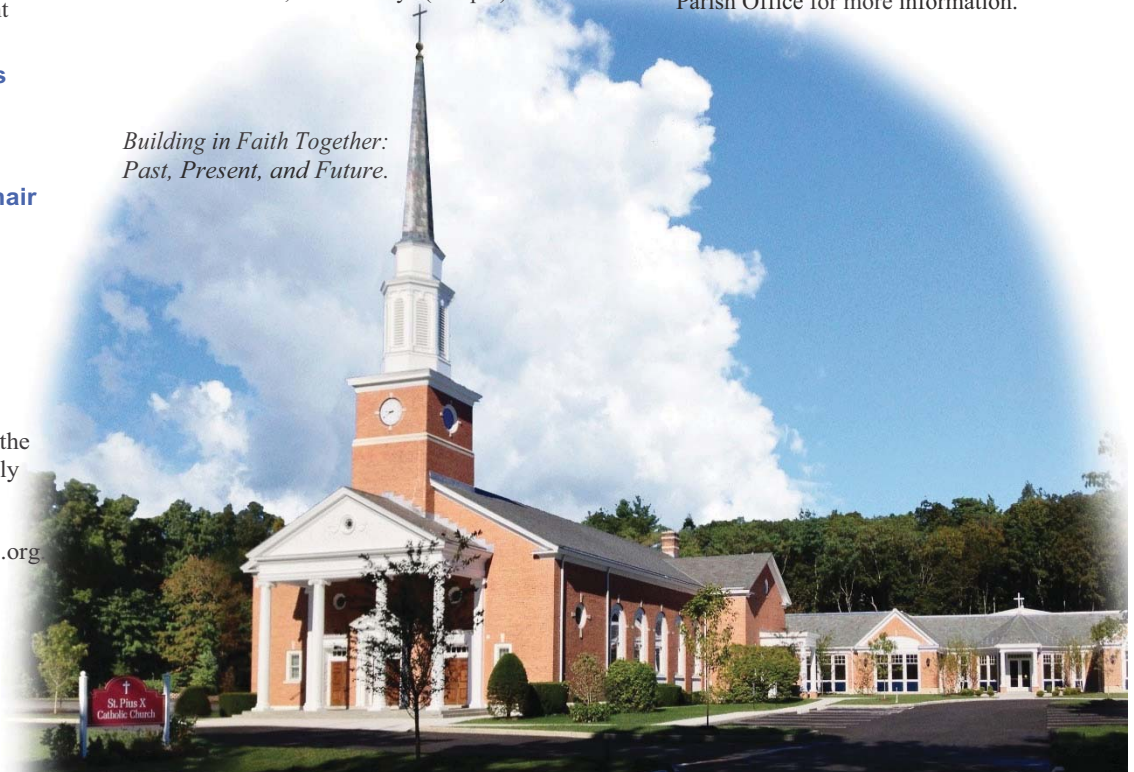
### Anointing of the Sick

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, August 18

8:30AM +Stephen Charles T. Dawes  
5:15PM +Mary P. Kennard Rhatigan Family

#### Sunday, August 19

7:30AM +Gianna Rapallo Vassallo Family  
9AM +Jean O'Leary M. DeMasi & Family  
10:30AM +Helen Laffey C. & B. Barry  
12Noon Intentions of All Parishioners

#### Monday, August 20

8:30AM +John Mallozzi M. Gleason

#### Tuesday, August 21

8:30AM +Bernie Clark Dr. & Mrs. Bird

#### Wednesday, August 22

8:30AM +Virginia M. Kerwick Gartland Family

#### Thursday, August 23

8:30AM +Kevin Baumgardner S. Sargent

#### Friday, August 24

8:30AM +James Kiraly M. Kiraly

#### Saturday, August 25

8:30AM +Christopher Lubrano Toner Family  
5:15PM +Naida & Nick Cogna Pesci Family

#### Sunday, August 26

7:30AM +Maria Galella P. & F. Perazzini  
9AM +Mary Jane Paull Bae Family  
10:30AM +Shirley Okerblom Crowley Family  
12Noon +Beatrice Steeneck M. Grosso



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Jane Morris**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week for the  
special intentions of  
All St. Pius X Parishioners**



### 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 Christ,

As we continue to reflect on the sixth chapter of John's Gospel, we hear again that Jesus is the Bread of Life. In today's Gospel passage, our Lord makes clear that His flesh is true food and His blood is true drink. In the Jewish religious practices of the day, sacrifice, especially of animals, was a well-known component of their worship. In order for a sacrifice to be acceptable to God, it had to be unblemished, the blood of the animal had to be poured out, and the flesh had to be consumed – either by fire or by those who offered the sacrifice. Thus, when Jesus speaks of His flesh and blood as true food and drink, He speaks in the context of sacrificial language that is understood by all. Yet His words remain mysterious. The sacrifice of an animal was enough to feed a group, but Jesus states that His flesh is food, bread for the life of the world. How can this apparently limited flesh feed the whole world?

To understand this, we go back only a few verses to the feeding of the five thousand. Jesus multiplies loaves and fishes that a great crowd might eat. The miracle foreshadows the plan of Jesus to give Himself to us in the Eucharist. At the Last Supper, Jesus will take bread and wine, give them to the Apostles saying "This is my body... This is my blood," and will command them to "do this." The Lord imparts to the Apostles His very own power, by which the substance of bread and wine is miraculously transformed. Thus, His flesh is true food, His blood true drink. Throughout history, the Church has taken simple offerings of bread and wine and by the ministry of the priest handed on by the Apostles, spoken the words of Christ, that bread might become our spiritual food and wine might become our spiritual drink. St. Thomas Aquinas, reflecting on this great mystery, coined a term to describe the miracle that occurs at every Mass: transubstantiation. In this, the substance of bread and wine are truly, sacramentally changed into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, while the accidents (appearance, taste, texture, etc.) remain unchanged. The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is a hidden yet real presence and with it, our Lord desires to feed His people.

It is fitting that we reflect on this Gospel today as this Tuesday (August 21) marks the feast of our parish patron, Pope St. Pius X. As you know, he has gone down in history as the Pope of the Eucharist. It was Pope Pius X who encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion and who permitted children to receive Holy Communion at a younger age. He recognized the sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist and understood in a profound way the truth of our Lord's words "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Through our patron's intercession, may we grow in our devotion to the Eucharist and by our faithful reception of the Bread of Life one day enter the heavenly courts in our Savior's company for all eternity.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

“Those who seek the Lord want for no good thing,” says today’s Psalm. But in the second reading St. Paul reminds us that, thus blessed by the Lord, the good steward should “give thanks to God the Father always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- August 12, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,332
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$11,162
- Mission Offering: \$145
- Monthly Offering: \$2,581

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



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I Natalie Wagner and John Gallucci  
III Alexandra Vertiz and Mitchell Intriери



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Annabella Marie Reyes-Pena & Zoey Brooklyn Zerella.**



### THE GIFT OF GRACE

“The gift of grace increases as the struggles increase.”  
—St. Rose of Lima



### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!

*Sponsor List as of August 13, 2018*

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#### Want to support the Parish Festival with a sponsorship?

Email Kimberlie Leon at [kleon@st-pius.org](mailto:kleon@st-pius.org) to request a Sponsorship Form.

You may do a sponsorship in your name, your business’ name, or in memory/honor of a loved one.

See you at the Festival **Sunday, September 9.**  
**Sign up to volunteer at [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org).**



### LIVE MUSIC AND ICE CREAM JOINS THE FESTIVAL LINEUP!

#### Live Music

- Bar Car Band, 12Noon-1:30PM
- Highland Rovers, 2PM-5PM

#### Ice Cream

- Alene’s Ice Cream Truck, 1PM-5PM

**More Festival information on page 7...**





### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

**Psalm:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading:** Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

**Gospel:** I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Saturday:** Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69



### OUR PARISH PATRON FEAST DAY

*St. Pius X, August 21*

Giuseppe Sarto was born in 1835 in the small village of Riese, Italy. He was ordained in 1858 and served God's people as a curate (nine years), pastor (eight years), Spiritual Director of the diocesan seminary (nine years), bishop (nine years), cardinal (eight years) and pope (eleven years.) During his pontificate, Pius X confronted, challenged and inspired many critical issues facing the Church. He is referred to as the "Pope of the Eucharist" because he encouraged frequent and fervent reception of communion for all Catholics, especially children who had reached seven years of age. He established and promoted the practice of looking at the elevated Host while interiorly praying the words of St. Thomas, "My Lord and My God." He reformed the liturgy and Gregorian chant. Pius X took as his papal motto, the passage from Paul, "To restore all things in Christ, that Christ might be all and in all." He died in 1914 and was canonized in 1954. His will read, "I was born poor; I lived poor; I wish to die poor."



### COFFEE HOUR RETURNS!

*Join us August 26 Following the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses.*

We will honor our patron, St. Pius X (feast day is August 21) with Coffee Hour **following the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses, Sunday, August 26.** We need hospitality people/baked goods, contact Tom Dolan: 203-895-9513 or [tmdolanjr@aol.com](mailto:tmdolanjr@aol.com).



### ST. PIUS X SENIORS DAY TRIP TO LOURDES OF LITCHFIELD!

*All are invited to join the St. Pius X Seniors on September 19 for a visit to this Connecticut Shrine.*

Join the St. Pius X Seniors Wednesday, September 19. The group will leave from the St. Pius parking lot by 10AM to arrive in time for daily 11:30AM Mass at the Shrine. Lunch is available for purchase. Visit the website [www.shrinct.org](http://www.shrinct.org) for information about the Shrine. To register for the trip, RSVP Peter Carey via phone or text, 203-673-2081 or email him at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com).



### 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](mailto:kdonnelly@st-pius.org).



### MUSIC NOTES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

For the past few years, we have reintroduced some Latin into our liturgies, primarily during the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent, singing the Holy, Holy (Sanctus) and Lamb of God (Agnus Dei). There are two primary reasons we've decided to do this.

First, Vatican II in its document *Sacrosanctum Concilium* called for continued use of the Latin language, particularly in the "fixed" parts of the Mass, such as the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei*. "Steps should be taken so that the faithful may also be able to say or to sing together *in Latin* those parts of the Ordinary of the Mass which pertain to them." In this, Vatican II echoed the desire of our patron, Pope St. Pius X, who encouraged faithful Catholics to learn to sing parts of the Mass in Latin. Singing some Mass parts in Latin creates a symbolic worldwide unity in prayer with our fellow Catholics. In Masses ranging from the most solemn Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, to humble village churches in Europe, to mission parishes in Africa, to our own parish church, Catholics sing the various parts of the Mass in Latin, an audible sign of the unity we share in professing the Catholic faith. Aside from our liturgies being in the native tongue, Latin and the Kyrie (Greek), promote that unity of which we can all pray as one using the same language and one of the ancient languages of Jesus' time. Most of you are aware that I am a synagogue musician and Hebrew (another one of Jesus' native languages and the native tongue of Israel) is a major part of the Jewish liturgy. So, any regularly practicing Jew, can go into any synagogue in the world and participate in some of the most important prayers of the service, therefore participating in that bond of unity. As Catholics, we have this same opportunity with Latin, even if we only do a few of those prayers, we unite with our fellow brothers and sisters.

Second, using Latin chants during Advent and Lent, we recognize that these seasons are more solemn and penitent times requiring music that fosters those attitudes. Gregorian chant is well suited to a spirit of solemnity and reflection. We will be singing some of the Mass parts in Latin once a month to keep them fresh in our minds for when the solemn seasons of the church year come around again and we'll also occasionally use them for some of our Holy Days. We're very fortunate here at Saint Pius X to continue our diverse music program and for the willingness of our clergy to explore and use some of the great musical and liturgical resources of our rich Catholic faith. Soli Deo Gloria! "For the Glory of God Alone"! ~Michael Lantowski



### ATTENTION ALL ST. PIUS X SENIORS!

*Do you need help with yardwork?  
Introducing... "Days of Helping"*

The St. Pius X High School Youth Group will be going around to different houses in our community to help with yard work. We are excited to make this an annual event so if you need help in your yard this Fall or Spring, keep your eyes open in September for more information about how to sign up. Clean up dates are as follows:

- Fall: November 11, 2018
- Spring: April 14, 2019

Contact Clare McCurley, Teen Project Leader for more details at [clare.mccurley@yahoo.com](mailto:clare.mccurley@yahoo.com).



### ANNUAL ST. PIUS X WOMEN'S RETREAT

*September 28-30  
"No Ordinary Path: Holiness in Everyday Life"*

All women are invited to join the Holy Family retreat team for a weekend of peace and reflection **September 28-30 at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat House in West Hartford**. God has called all of us to lives of holiness. "No Ordinary Path" will explore way that we can be attentive, intentional and cooperative with God's grace in serving the world. Together we will take a journey, with the hope of discovering that who we are and what we do matters. We will reflect on how living an ordinary life of holiness can lead to extraordinary happiness and peace. The Retreat Center is celebrating 66 years of Retreat Ministry! Online registration is available soon. For more information, call 860-521-0440 or visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org).



### WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

*Join us Fridays, 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!

## ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

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

### END OF SUMMER SCHEDULE

- **Youth Group**

-7PM-9PM, **Sundays** (This time only for Summer, 6PM-8PM during the school year.)

-**August 26:** Life Night and Rosary

- **Open Hangouts**

**12Noon-2:30PM, Tuesdays** (Snacks, ping-pong, foosball, and games.) Last hangout: August 21.

- **Alumni Nights**

-**7:30PM-8:45PM, Wednesdays** for High School graduates and college students.

-**8:30AM, Saturday, August 18** Daily Mass and Breakfast at Chip's with Fr. Sam. RSVP required. Last Meeting: August 22.

- **Young Women's Small Group Study**

**6:30PM-7:30PM, Thursdays.** Last meeting: August 30.

### FALL SCHEDULE

**September 2:** No Life Teen due to Labor Day

**September 9:** No Life Teen due to Parish Festival. See you at the dunk tank!

**September 16:** Life Teen Kick-Off 6PM-8PM

Want more information?

Email Paola Pena at [ppepa@st-pius.org](mailto:ppepa@st-pius.org).

“Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it and it shall be yours.”

—Mark 11:24



### 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).



**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 [TKelty@gmail.com](mailto: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.



### 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.



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](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.



### MORE FESTIVAL INFORMATION



### Calling on All Bakers!

Hello, Bakers! We are looking for donations of home-made sweets for the ever-popular Bake Sale. Please consider baking the following:

- Cookies (pack 2 or 3 in individual baggies)
- Cakes
- Brownies (pack individually in baggies)
- Pies
- Breads
- Cupcakes

**Note:** Please don't bring anything that requires refrigeration as we cannot accommodate.

Plan to drop off your home baked delights around **9AM at the Bake Tent on the day of the Festival.**



### TAG SALE DONATIONS REMINDER

We will be accepting donations at the **BACK LEFT SIDE of the Religious Education Center** on:

- 3PM-6PM, Thursday, September 6
- 9AM-2:30PM, Friday, September 7

**Please do not leave items by the door if no one is there to receive them.**

**Items NOT accepted include:** linens, clothing/shoes, VHS/cassettes, encyclopedias, outdated electronics, tube TVs/monitors, file cabinets, or large furniture.

Please be sure that your treasures are clean, unbroken, and not more than gently used 😊 Thank you!