



A Roman Catholic Community

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Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Shari Garcia (Edge Middle School)

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 (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.

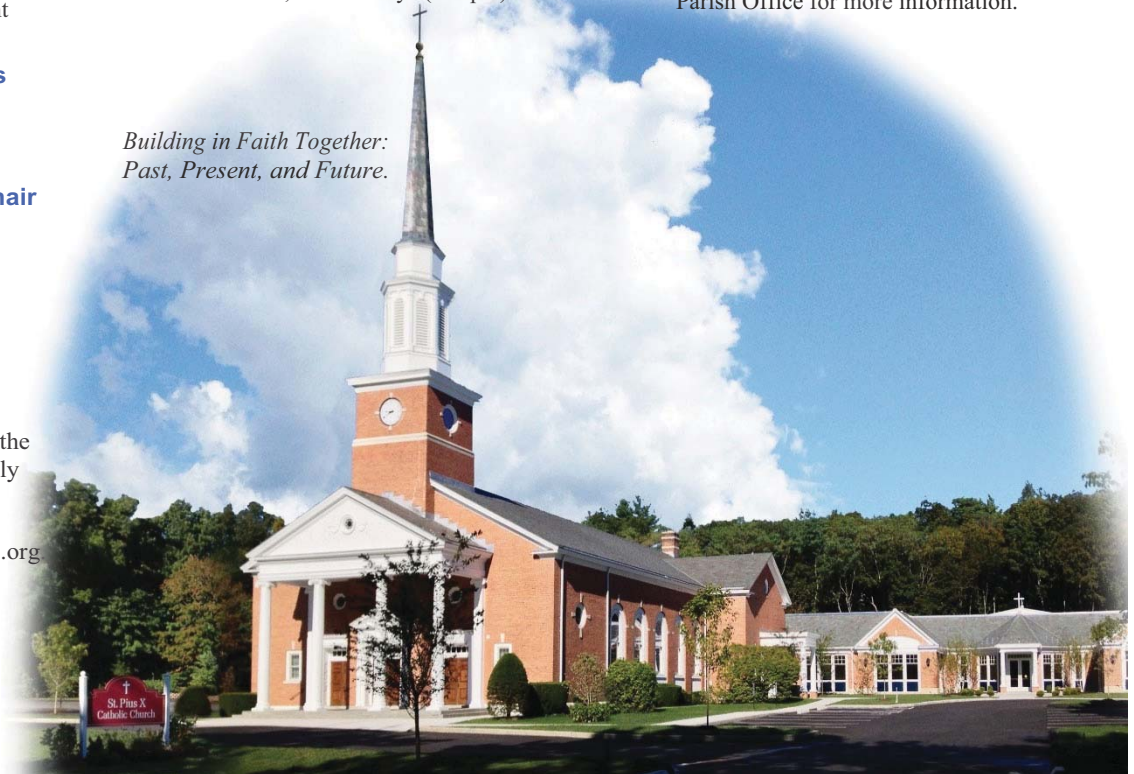
Anointing of the Sick

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, August 25

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

Monday, August 27

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Tuesday, August 28

8:30AM +Jack McMahon S. & J. Mooney

Wednesday, August 29

8:30AM +Michael Murphy J. & R. Ostaszewski

Thursday, August 30

8:30AM +Jennie B. Rizzo Lenz Family

Friday, August 31

8:30AM +Eleanor DePasquale J. Huff

Saturday, September 1

8:30AM +Margaret Haggart Riccio Family
5:15PM +Naida & Nick Cогнетта Pesci Family

Sunday, September 2

7:30AM +Intentions of All Parishioners
9AM +Storm Varian K. Mudry
10:30AM +Nancy Giannini K. Carney
12Noon +Arthur Rhatigan, Sr. Rhatigan Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Peggy Deely**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Peggy Deely**



**Flowers in the Chapel this week
in memory of
Malane Family**



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 in Christ,

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Thus, Joshua proclaims to the whole Israelite community, the whole People of God, his intention and desire to live faithful to God’s covenant. How I long for Joshua’s words to be my own! There can be no greater resolution than to be resolved to devote ourselves to the service of the Lord, rather than the powers, pressures, and pleasures of this world. So let us be resolved to serve the Lord and the Lord alone!

In the context of my words last week, this Scripture passage strike me all the more. In 2002, as the sexual abuse scandal was at its height, I was completing my first year of college seminary studies. As I mentioned in my homily, it was a painful time to study for the priesthood. By the end of the spring semester, my head was swimming with questions about my vocation and even my faith. I spent most of the summer in Mexico in a language immersion program, and upon my return, had more questions about my vocation than I had left with. But without any real time to reflect on them, I was soon on a bus headed to Toronto with pilgrims from the Diocese of Bridgeport for World Youth Day. Throughout the event, the questions gnawed at me – should I stay in the seminary? Is the priesthood worth it? I was discouraged and confused. On our last day, after spending the night camped in cold rain on an old airfield, we attended Mass with Pope (now Saint!) John Paul II. In his homily that day, he said, *“If you love Jesus, love the Church! Do not be discouraged by the sins and failings of some of her members. The harm done by some priests and religious to the young and vulnerable fills us all with a deep sense of sadness and shame. But think of the vast majority of dedicated and generous priests and religious whose only wish is to serve and do good! There are many priests, seminarians and consecrated persons here today; be close to them and support them! And if, in the depths of your hearts, you feel the same call to the priesthood or consecrated life, do not be afraid to follow Christ on the royal road of the Cross! At difficult moments in the Church’s life, the pursuit of holiness becomes even more urgent.”* The rain had stopped just before Mass began, and as he said these words, it seemed the sun began to shine a little brighter. The Lord’s voice echoed inside me and reminded me of the true desire of my heart: to serve and do good. My confusion and doubt lifted. In my subsequent time in seminary, any and all doubts about my vocation always had to pass through the memory of that experience and those words. In these last ten years of priesthood, every challenge in ministry is read in light of that powerful homily.

The deepest desire of our heart should be to serve God and do good. To do good, we know, includes but is not limited to being kind and treating others as they want to be treated. To truly do good requires our virtue and heroism, lives lived truly aware of the beauty of God’s plan for each of us. The pursuit of holiness for us has never been more urgent. Though we may not be able to undo our past, we can strive for something better in our future. As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. Let us make that striving a reality today.

A word of thanks to you all for your kindness, understanding, and support last weekend. You manifested for me a truth expressed in Vatican II’s constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*: the vocations that exist in the Church (especially priesthood, religious life, married life) are profoundly complementary and rely on one another. We ought never to see them opposed, but rather allow them to mutually enrich one another. You gave your priests great strength and courage last week. I hope and pray that we return the favor in all that we do in service to God and this parish community!

Peace,

Jr. Jam



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's first reading, Joshua challenges the people to decide whom they will serve. Recalling God's faithfulness to them and to their ancestors, the people declare, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." May we, too, be mindful of God's gifts to us and renew our commitment to serve Him with grateful hearts.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- August 12, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$12,078
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$11,847
- Assumption Offering: \$2,096
- Mission Offering: \$285
- Monthly Offering: \$307
- Votive Candles Church & Chapel Offering: \$676.65

**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

II Natalie Wagner and John Gallucci



OCCUPANCY

"The value of life does not depend upon the
place we occupy. It depends upon the way
we occupy that place."
—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



THANK YOU TO OUR PLATINUM AND GOLD SPONSORS!

Sponsor List as of August 20, 2018

PLATINUM SPONSORS

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- Hunt Ridge Montessori School
- Lesko & Polke Funeral Home
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Want to support the Parish Festival with a sponsorship?

Email Kimberlie Leon at 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.

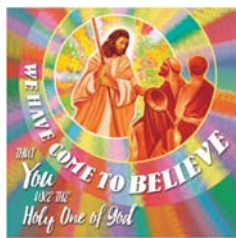


WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Festival activities. Please consider giving a couple hours of your time to help us make the day go smoothly.

Two easy ways to sign up to volunteer:

- **Online:** Go to www.st-pius.org and click the Volunteer Sign Up button which will bring you to SignUp.com. Enter your email address and choose your spots. SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy! **Note:** You don't need to register for an account. SignUp.com does not share your email with anyone.
- **Print:** Pick up a flyer by the entrances to the Church or Chapel and complete all your information and drop it back to the Parish Office.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD, our God, protected us along our entire journey (Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b).

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

Second Reading: Christ nourishes and cherishes the church because we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:21-32 [5:2a, 25-32]).

Gospel: We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God (John 6:60-69).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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.



VIRTUS TRAINING SESSION AVAILABLE AT ST. PIUS X TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

6:30PM, September 6 in the Community Room

All volunteers serving as catechists or in any role in which there is contact with children are required to complete the Virtus Training Course. For your convenience we have scheduled a course to be held here at St. Pius at **6:30PM, Thursday, September 6 in Community Room.**

Participants must be 18 years old and pre-register online at www.bridgeportdiocese.org/safe-environments/virtus/.



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 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.



R.C.I.A.
Rite of
Catholic
Initiation of
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.



ST. PIUS X MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
"THAT MAN IS YOU!"

Beginning September 15...

Men, mark your calendars. "That Man is You!" begins **6:30AM, September 15 in the Community Room.** "That Man Is You!" combines Scripture, solid research, and fun to address the pressures and temptations facing men in our modern culture. It seeks to form authentic leaders who will be capable of transforming homes and society. The St. Pius X Men's Fellowship meets every Saturday at 6:30AM for coffee and, prayer, and fellowship. We invite you to join us for "That Man Is You!" You can register at www.thatmanisyou.org and click "Find a Group" or pick up a registration card at the door of the Church!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PIUS X COUNCIL # 16347
TOOTSIE ROLL/CANDY FUNDRAISER FOR



Saturday, September 15-Sunday, September After Mass

Saint Catherine Academy is a state-approved, private special education school in Fairfield serving students of all faiths who are impacted with autism, intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Everyone who donates will receive their choice of Tootsie Rolls, Dum-Dums Lollipops or Tootsie Pops.

Just Look for the Knights in Yellow and Red Aprons!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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.

*"When you stand to pray,
 forgive anyone against whom you
 have a grievance,
 so that your heavenly Father may in turn
 forgive you your transgressions."*

—Mark 11:25



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.)
- **Alumni Nights**
-7:30PM-8:45PM, **Wednesdays** for High School graduates and college students.
- **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 ppena@st-pius.org.

“As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.”
—Joshua 24:15b



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.

ST. PIUS X

Bible & Brew

STUDY

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY 7-8:15PM • MUNRO ROOM IN THE FAITH CENTER
BYOB (BIBLE AND CHOICE OF BEVERAGE*)



THE STORY OF SALVATION HISTORY
FINDING YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S PLAN

SEPTEMBER 20TH
OCTOBER 4TH
OCTOBER 18TH
NOVEMBER 1ST
NOVEMBER 15TH
NOVEMBER 29TH
DECEMBER 6TH

LIVING GOSPEL
BUILDING BASIC HABITS FOR THE CATHOLIC LIFE

JANUARY 24TH
FEBRUARY 7TH
FEBRUARY 21ST
MARCH 7TH
MARCH 21ST
APRIL 4TH
APRIL 18TH
MAY 2ND

TO SIGN-UP OR FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT PAOLA PEÑA AT PPENA@ST-PIUS.ORG

*IF YOU BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, YOU MUST BE 21 OR OLDER.