



A Roman Catholic Community

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Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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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.

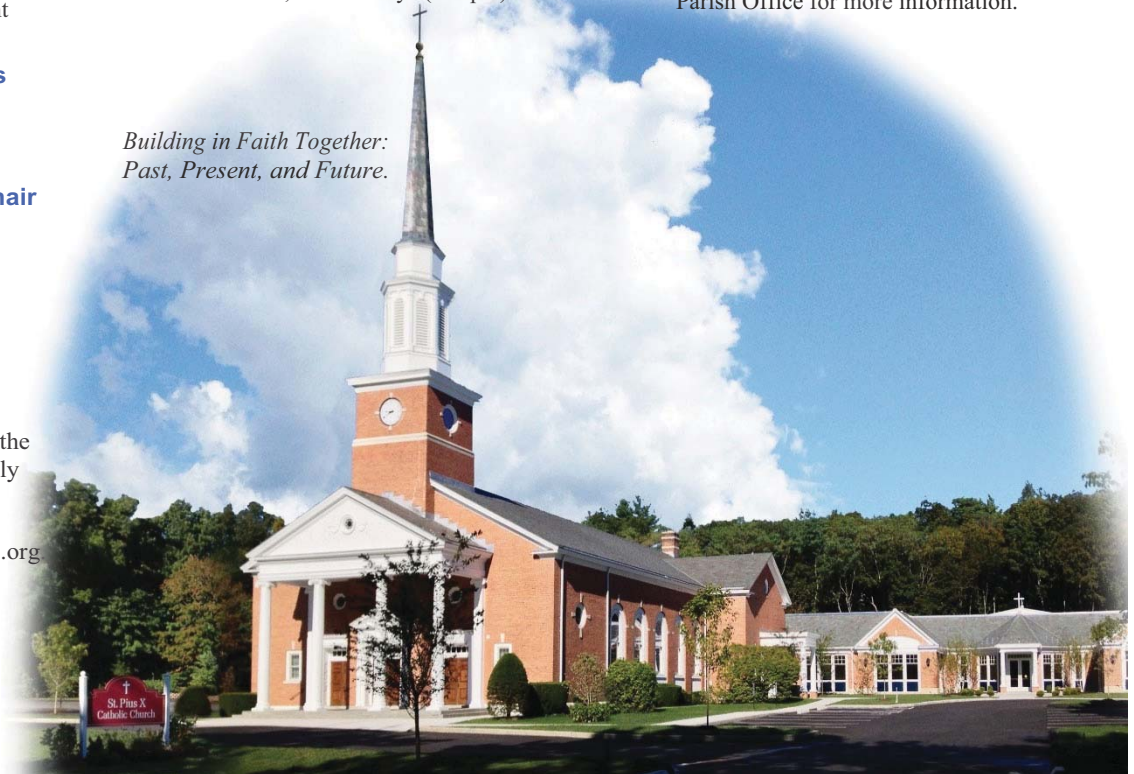
Anointing of the Sick

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 4

8:30AM +Ronald Lind M. Freiler
5:15PM +Ruth Gilbane K. & M. Lemann

Sunday, August 5

7:30AM +Regina Nikel M. Lantowski
9AM +Henry Pacheco Blair Family
10:30AM +Carol Duggan
12Noon +Nicholas & Anne Fabian

Monday, August 6

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Tuesday, August 7

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

Wednesday, August 8

8:30AM +Nancy Joyce Osborne Grattan D. Stappleton

Thursday, August 9

8:30AM +Alex Skultety J. Skultety

Friday, August 10

8:30AM +Christopher Owens F. & P. DeFrancisco & Family

Saturday, August 11

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
5:15PM +Andrew Sterne B. Sterne

Sunday, August 12

7:30AM +Bud Confoy Carter Family
9AM +Albert & Margaret Johnson P. Johnson
10:30AM +Shirley Okerblom Sacci Family
12Noon +John E. Kennard, Sr. Rhatigan Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Matthew Lantowski**



**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,

Last week marked the 50th anniversary of the encyclical by soon-to-be-saint Paul VI, *Humane Vitae*. This brief document addressed the Church's constant teaching regarding human life and the teaching that contraception is not a morally acceptable method of family planning. The entire document is worth reading (<https://bit.ly/1KSrQG2>), but I call special attention to paragraph 17 here:

"Responsible men can become more deeply convinced of the truth of the doctrine laid down by the Church on this issue if they reflect on the consequences of methods and plans for artificial birth control. Let them first consider how easily this course of action could open wide the way for marital infidelity and a general lowering of moral standards. Not much experience is needed to be fully aware of human weakness and to understand that human beings—and especially the young, who are so exposed to temptation—need incentives to keep the moral law, and it is an evil thing to make it easy for them to break that law. Another effect that gives cause for alarm is that a man who grows accustomed to the use of contraceptive methods may forget the reverence due to a woman, and, disregarding her physical and emotional equilibrium, reduce her to being a mere instrument for the satisfaction of his own desires, no longer considering her as his partner whom he should surround with care and affection. Finally, careful consideration should be given to the danger of this power passing into the hands of those public authorities who care little for the precepts of the moral law. Who will blame a government which in its attempt to resolve the problems affecting an entire country resorts to the same measures as are regarded as lawful by married people in the solution of a particular family difficulty? Who will prevent public authorities from favoring those contraceptive methods which they consider more effective? Should they regard this as necessary, they may even impose their use on everyone. It could well happen, therefore, that when people, either individually or in family or social life, experience the inherent difficulties of the divine law and are determined to avoid them, they may give into the hands of public authorities the power to intervene in the most personal and intimate responsibility of husband and wife. Consequently, unless we are willing that the responsibility of procreating life should be left to the arbitrary decision of men, we must accept that there are certain limits, beyond which it is wrong to go, to the power of man over his own body and its natural functions—limits, let it be said, which no one, whether as a private individual or as a public authority, can lawfully exceed. These limits are expressly imposed because of the reverence due to the whole human organism and its natural functions, in the light of the principles We stated earlier, and in accordance with a correct understanding of the "principle of totality" enunciated by Our predecessor Pope Pius XII."

In the era of #MeToo and countless examples of criminal misconduct, of political parties making contraception the centerpiece of their platforms, and a general lack of respect and awe for the gift of human sexuality, we should be able to see the prophetic nature of Paul VI's words. But it is too easy in our society to write off what the Church teaches because we so often begin with phrases such as "The Church is against..." or "The Church prohibits..." The dumbed-down bottom line cannot capture the full depth and beauty of the Church's teaching on any number of important topics! The Catholic Church is very much **for** marriage, **for** human life, **for** respect for the body, **for** the dignity of every person regardless of gender, race, class, or any other category! Sometimes the moral teachings we hear from the Church challenge us – and if we accept a simplified bottom line, we are likely to reject those teachings.

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QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The crowd in today's Gospel demanded a sign of Jesus and wanted to know what "work" He did to inspire their faith. May our faithful stewardship be a sign to others that we, like the Ephesians in the second reading, have laid aside our former way of life and acquired a "fresh, spiritual way of thinking" in Christ.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- July 29, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,337
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,336
- Maintenance Offering: \$342
- Monthly Offering: \$800

**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

- I Alexandra Vertriz and Mitchell Intrieri
- II Kristen Wall and Brendan Lloyd



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **James Patrick Ronan.**

*"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith,
you will receive."
—Matthew 21:22*



ST. PIUS X PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS

Save the Date for Sunday, September 9!

- **12Noon-5PM, Sunday, September 9 with the Outdoor Mass at 10:30AM**
- Back by popular demand! The **St. Pius X GRILL** with Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Grilled Chicken, Corn on the Cob, AND Sausage and Peppers and Roast Beef from **A&S Italian Fine Foods!**
- Beer, Wine, Soda, Juice Boxes, and Water
- Live Music featuring **The Highland Rovers!**
- The Tag Sale
- Parish Raffle—Your chance to win 4 American Express Gift Cards
- Bake Sale with **Micalizzi's** Italian Ices
- Inflatables and Games—\$20 All Day Wristband
- 1st Responders Touch A Truck with Fairfield's Finest: Police, Fire, and AMR

We need your help! Online Volunteer Registration coming soon, watch your email and the Bulletin.

Want to help support the Festival with a Sponsorship? See page 7 for details.



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

Join us August 6 for lunch and to listen to guest speaker Paul Murnane, parishioner and news reporter from WCBS News radio 880.

All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, August 6, in the Community Room.** Parishioner Paul Murnane from WCBS News radio 880 will join us to share his reflections as a news reporter. Light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. RSVP needed! Contact Peter Carey via phone or text at 203-673-2081 or email him at aandp1964@aol.com.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I will rain down bread from heaven for you (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15).

Psalm: The Lord gave them bread from heaven (Psalm 78).

Second Reading: Put on the new self that has been created in God's way (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24).

Gospel: Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst (John 6:24-35)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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But if we recognize that they are intended to help us flourish and live as God truly intends, in the freedom and peace of God's sons and daughters, then our hearts should be filled with a desire to understand those challenging teachings more profoundly.

I want to encourage this parish community then, not to settle for a reductionist version of the teachings of the Church. If some element of the moral law is a puzzler, we ought to examine it more carefully and ask the questions burning in our hearts. We will find the teachings of the Church to be a source a great freedom if we genuinely engage them with open hearts and minds. I encourage you to take advantage of the many resources available. Our parish has a subscription to formed.org, a fantastic online library of talks, videos, and books that can help you engage those vital faith questions. You can set up your own account by visiting <https://st-pius.formed.org>. I also encourage you to join our monthly Lifelong Faith Formation gatherings which will begin in September. These gatherings will provide us with the opportunity to come together as a parish family after Mass to continue breaking open God's word and the beauty of our Catholic faith. You can sign up for these sessions at <https://www.st-pius.org/lff-monthly/>. Our faith is a treasure; its true value can only be understood by constant prayerful reflection, study, and action. So let us not be quick to reject teachings we find hard, but rather enter into an honest study of them and so rise to the challenge, not just of a teaching, but the challenge Christ Himself offers when he invites us to follow as His disciples.

Peace,



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.shrinect.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.



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

All are welcome August 14...

“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, guest speaker and lunch (\$5 donation) **12Noon, Tuesday, August 14, in the Community Room**. RSVP to Esther Lawless at 203-368-4222. New participants are always welcome!



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.

“And he said, ‘What is impossible for human beings is possible for God.’”
—Luke 18:27



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

WEEKLY SUMMER SCHEDULE

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

- **Youth Group**

7PM-9PM, Sundays (Note: this time 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 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.



POPE FRANCIS "REJOICE AND BE GLAD" APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION: MISSION

"A Christian cannot think of his or her mission on earth without seeing it as a path of holiness, for *this is the will of God, your sanctification* (1Thessalonians 4:3) Each saint is a mission, planned by the Father to reflect and embody, at a specific moment in history, a certain aspect of the Gospel." (no. 19.)



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEWS

Members were recently invited to attend the annual Prayer Shawl Blessing Ceremony at St. Vincent's Hospital. In addition to Prayer Shawls for the infirm and elderly, this ministry group helps to supply hats, scarves, mittens and gloves to the annual Medical Mission event sponsored by St. Vincent's at Cesar Batalla School in Bridgeport. **Monthly knitting meetings take place 11AM-1PM in the Portable Classroom of the Religious Education Center the second Saturday of the month, September -May.** For more information, contact Ann Devine at anndevine@optonline.net.



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.



That Man is You! is an interactive men's program combining the best research from science with the teachings of the Catholic faith and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of a man fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, That Man is You! seeks to form men who will be capable of transforming homes and society.

WWW.THATMANISYOU.ORG



B E C O M I N G A M A N A F T E R G O D ' S O W N H E A R T

DISCOVER

- The scriptural vision of man and the overwhelming scientific evidence that supports this vision.
- The four leadership roles that have been entrusted to men and the five personal traits necessary for fulfilling these leadership roles
- How and why Satan always attacks the union of man and woman.
- The three main obstacles to living as authentic men and the means for overcoming them.
- The wonderful renewal God is offering to men and their families through the Church.

PROGRAM DEVELOPER

Steve Bollman

Developer That Man is You!

Founder & President Paradisus Dei

During the Great Jubilee, Steve Bollman experienced a personal call to found a ministry dedicated to the renewal of marriage and family life. In 2002, he set aside his professional interests as an energy derivatives trader in Houston, Texas to found Paradisus Dei. In 2004, Steve developed the That Man is You! men's program, which quickly moved across the country transforming men, marriages and families. Independent research by a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll identified it as one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

The St. Pius X Men's Fellowship invites all men 18 and over to participate in That Man Is You. Come grow in your faith!

Register online for this free program at www.thatmanisyou.org and click "Find a Group"
Call 203-255-6134 for additional information

Beginning Sept. 15, 2018
Saturdays 6:30 AM
St. Pius X Church
Community Room



Become a Sponsor of the Parish Festival!

Help support the Festival by sponsoring the event—all donations are welcome. If you are a business, this is a great way to gain exposure within the parish and the community. A variety of sponsorship levels are available. See below for details and simply return the form with payment to the Parish Office.

Thank you for your generous support!

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(Outdoor Mass at 10:30AM)**

Don't miss all your favorites and BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND—the return of the St. Pius X Grill!

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- 1st Responders Touch-A-Truck with Fairfield's Finest: Police, Fire, and AMR
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St. Pius X Parish Festival 2018 Sponsorship Reply Form

- YES!** I would like to help support the St. Pius X Parish Festival. Please reserve the following sponsorship for me:
- Platinum \$350** (Listed on St. Pius X Website (with link to your Website,) Bulletin, and on-site Sponsor Board)
 - Gold \$250** (Listed in St. Pius X Bulletin and on-site Sponsor Board)
 - Silver \$125** (Listed on St. Pius X on-site Sponsor Board)
 - Other** _____ (Listed on St. Pius X on-site Sponsor Board)

Your Name/Company Name _____
(Please write your company name as you would like it to appear in promotions.)

Company Website if you are reserving a Platinum Sponsorship __www. _____

Contact Name _____

Contact Phone _____ **Contact Email** _____

Method of Payment

- Check made payable to St. Pius X Parish
- Credit Card (please check which one):
 - Mastercard
 - Visa
 - American ExpressAccount # _____ Exp Date _____ CVC # _____
Name as it Appears on the Card _____
Authorized Signature _____

Return this form with your payment to the Parish Office.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!