



A Roman Catholic Community

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Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Michael Lantowski

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Kathleen Donnelly

Faith Formation *(formerly Rel. Ed.)*

Kara Clegg (Grades 1-5)

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Paola Pena (Life Teen High School)

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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.

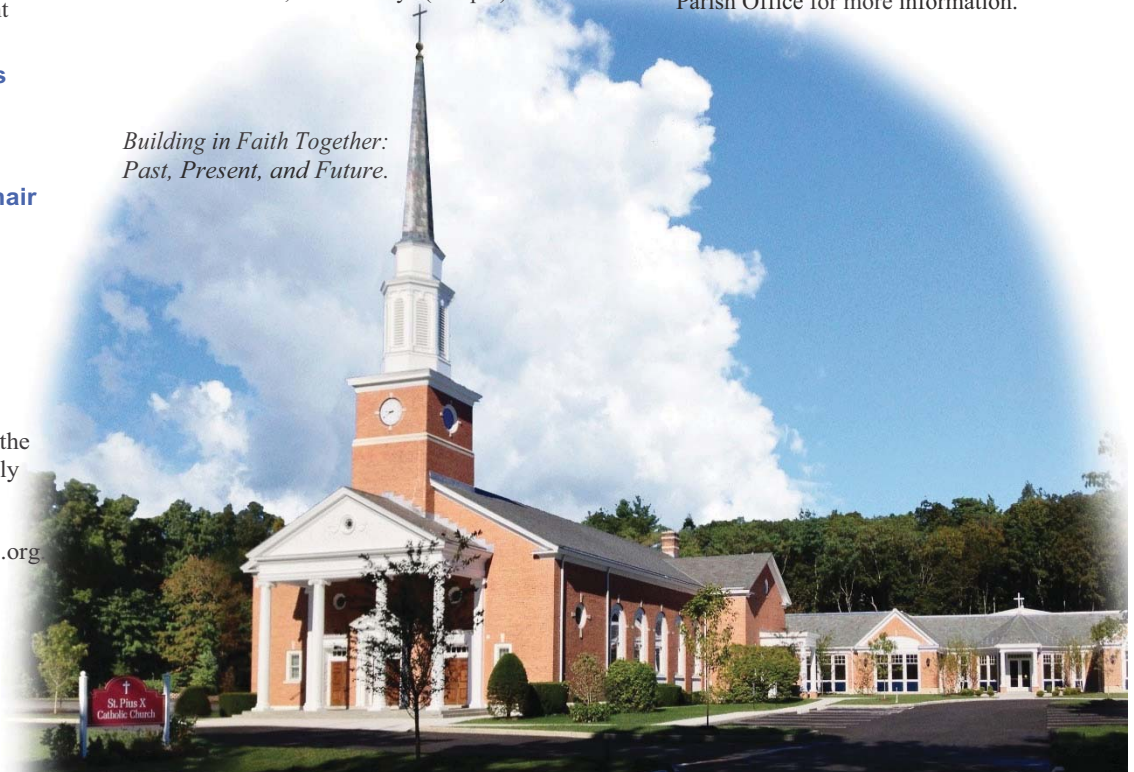
Anointing of the Sick

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, September 1

8:30AM +Margaret Haggan Riccio Family
5:15PM +Naida & Nick Cognetta 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

Monday, September 3

8:30AM +Vivian Kral A. & L. Zowine

Tuesday, September 4

8:30AM +Alex Skultety J. Skultety

Wednesday, September 5

8:30AM +Michael Murphy Robertson Family

Thursday, September 6

8:30AM +Bill Shaughnessy T. Dawes

Friday, September 7

8:30AM +Pasquale & Gina Buoni

Saturday, September 8

8:30AM +Deryl Haskard A. & S. Wolf
5:15PM +Gaetano Avitabile Avitabile Family

Sunday, September 9

7:30AM +William Silvestri McAuliffe Family
9AM +Francis Malane Malane Family
10:30AM +Rick McGrath Traynor Family
12Noon +Joyce Grattan Lynch Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Jennie & Guy Giuffre**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
♥ Joan (Roberts) Lee**



**Flowers in the Chapel this week
from Arduini Family in memory of
John Leverty**



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 stpiusprayerln@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,

Please have a look at the insert in the bulletin regarding the *We Stand With Christ* campaign. As you heard in my homily this weekend, this is a unique opportunity for our parish community to both support vital works of education, charity, and pastoral care carried out by the Catholic Church throughout Fairfield County and provide for the upkeep of our spiritual home, St Pius X Church. I am grateful to those generous parishioners who have already made commitments to WSWC and have helped us to reach 83% of our fundraising goal! I am also grateful to those parishioners who have volunteered their time and energy to help run the campaign in its quiet phases. Finally, I am grateful to each of you for your prayerful consideration of a gift, which will help us not only achieve and surpass our WSWC fundraising goal of \$1.88 million, but also move us toward our "challenge" goal of \$2.6 million.

A few points I would like to keep in mind as we move forward with this campaign:

- **No final plans for the interior of the church have been made** – I am awaiting Diocesan permission to work with a designer. Upon receiving that permission, proposals will be given which I will share with you in order to seek your feedback. I'm very sorry that I can't offer you better visual aids at this juncture!
- As a result of the WSWC campaign, you have received no solicitation from the Diocese of Bridgeport about the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Likewise, upon the recommendation of the parish Finance Council, we will forego our parish annual fundraising drive this year in order to focus our attention on this important campaign.
- Far more important than the total funds raised is our **participation** as a parish community. We hope that 1000 families (or just over 40% of our registered families) will participate in this campaign.
- I am abundantly aware that the launch of the public phase of this campaign may seem ill-timed, given the headlines we have seen in recent weeks. This campaign launched in quiet phases several months ago here and in other pilot parishes around the Diocese, and so has already been underway for some time. More importantly, this campaign is about caring for those most in need and providing for the future of this parish community. In no way does anyone here at St. Pius or in the Diocese of Bridgeport want to be insensitive or appear callous. Rather, we want this time to be one of healing and confident forward progress toward a faith-filled future for our family of faith.

As you know, no fundraising effort is ever easy. I sincerely believe that we have an opportunity to do something great as a parish community, something that will not only benefit us today, but also generations of Catholics who will come after us. I invite you to contact me directly with any questions. You may call the parish office or e-mail me at frkachuba@diobpt.org. I thank you for your prayerful support and consideration!

Peace,

Fr. Jim



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

“Every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes from above,” says St. James in the second reading. But, he reminds us, true worship of God involves using those good gifts to benefit the less fortunate. Good stewardship is not optional; it is the hallmark of our faith!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- August 25, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$12,216
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,984
- Mission Offering: \$57
- Monthly Offering: \$385

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I Kathleen Keenoy and Michael Yurkerwich
- III Natalie Wagner and John Gallucci



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Patrick Robert Shute and Liam Callahan Voss.**



PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Bishop Caggiano has requested that all parishes recite the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel at the end of each and every Mass celebrated in the Diocese, beginning on the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. The prayer may be found on the back of the Hymnals and is also included below.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, o Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**



The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Labor Day on:

Monday, September 3, 2018

Have a happy and safe Labor Day weekend!



The Diocese of Bridgeport

HOLY HOUR AND MASS OF REPARATION

Saturday, September 15, all are welcome.

Bishop Caggiano will lead a Holy Hour and offer a public Mass of reparation on **Saturday, September 15**, Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport. Holy Hour (with Rosary) at **9:30AM** followed by Mass at **10:30AM**.



PARISH FESTIVAL COMING UP!

See you Sunday, September 9!

Outdoor Mass: 10:30AM | Festival 12Noon-5PM

PLATINUM SPONSORS

- Phonetel, Inc.
- Prosperian Wealth Management-Jerry Tavella
- Russo & Rizio, LLC

GOLD SPONSORS

- Abbey Tent & Party Rentals
- Green Giant Landscaping & Lawncare
- Hunt Ridge Montessori School
- Lesko & Polke Funeral Home
- Shaughnessey Banks Funeral Home
- In Memory of Tom Kennedy (Toner Family)

Sponsor List as of August 27, 2018

Email Kimberlie Leon at kleon@st-pius.org to request a Sponsorship Form. You may sponsor in your name, your business’ name, or in memory/honor of a loved one.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us? (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8).

Psalm: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading: Religion that is pure is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction (James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27).

Gospel: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me (Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37



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!



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/.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday, September 8

All are welcome to knit/crochet and enjoy wonderful companionship as we create prayer shawls for those who need them. Join us **11AM-1PM, Saturday, September 8, Portable Classroom, Religious Education Center.** Contact Ann Devine at 203-366-4369 or anndevine@optonline.net for information.



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.



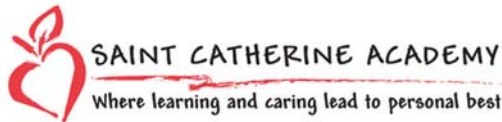
ANNUAL ST. PIUS X WOMEN'S RETREAT

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 the 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.

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!

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

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

FALL SCHEDULE

- **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 ppeña@st-pius.org.



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.

Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

St. Pius X Parish: April 2018 – June 2018 (4th Quarter)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Summer flew by and it was a busy one for us. Our 13-acre campus has more than 23,000 square feet of active space which means there's a lot to do to maintain it and keep it running properly. Top projects included Spring upkeep of the grounds, upgrading key areas of the campus with WiFi, and launching the Reimagined Faith Formation registration. See below and next page for highlights from April to June as well as our financials.

Again, you have my sincere thanks for all that you do for our parish. As I pray for all of you, I ask that you hold me and my team in your prayers as well, so we can continue to serve you and be good stewards of this wonderful parish. Please know our doors are always open and I welcome you to share your feedback with me and my team. Onward to Fall!

Peace,



Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba, Pastor

Getting Down to Business on our Campus

- Reduced print quantity of weekly Bulletin by 20% to be more green and leverage digital communication.
- Installed WiFi boosters throughout the Religious Education Center to improve access and connectivity.
- Installed land line and WiFi in Church Choir Loft to enhance communications in case of emergencies.
- Hosted a town-wide Parish Safety Preparedness Workshop led by Lieutenant Jim Perez from the Fairfield Police Department.
- Removed original propane stove and propane tank from Religious Education Kitchen, replaced with new safer electric stove.
- Replaced bad Rectory backflow to ensure proper fire sprinkler functioning.
- Re-leveled stone patio in the Rectory garden—thank you Gino Vona!

Teaching our Faith—Religious Education and Edge

- 105 children received First Communion and 115 children were confirmed.
- The re-imagined Faith Formation Program successfully launched and is off to a great start! There are 300 students enrolled for the 2018-2019 year preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation. To date, 18 families signed up for the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies to complete at home for those children not preparing for a sacrament this year. And, 14 families signed up to date for the new Lifelong Family Faith Formation series—these families represent all ages and multiple people per group.

Engaging our Youth—Life Teen Youth Ministry

- Thirty teens from St. Pius and St. Thomas led by Youth Minister Paola Pena went on the Mission trip to Groton, MA for Catholic Heart Workcamp accompanied by Fr. Sam as Mission Trip Chaplain. The team painted, did yard work/church maintenance, helped at a soup kitchen, and cleaned up a home.

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Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

St. Pius X Parish: April 2018 – June 2018 (4th Quarter)

Igniting our Faith—Worship and Community Building

- Coffee Hours took a hiatus for Summer but will return this Fall.
- Adult and Children’s Choir wrapped up for Summer but return to the Loft this Fall.
- Biweekly Scripture Study and Parish Book Group draw people closer to understanding the Word of God.

Serving our Community—Ministries

- Seniors Group was busy! April 9 luncheon, 64 people attended Jim Hughes’ (parishioner and attorney) talk on elder care. May 7 luncheon drew 60+ people to hear parishioner Ken Hine speak about his book, “I am Not Sick, but I am Not Well.” June 4 also drew a crowd of 60+ people to listen to Fr. Sam talk about the re-imagined Faith Formation Program. And on June 13, 50 folks went to Westchester Dinner Theatre to see Sister Act.
- Knights of Columbus hosted events throughout April, May, and June: Blood Drive collected 45 pints of blood. The Knights distributed 75 First Communion Rosaries. They collected and retired 300+ American flags during the Old and Tattered Flag Collection, gave away 144 American Flags during Flag Day Celebration, and held a Patriotic Fundraiser raising \$1,991 for Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County. They rounded out June by hosting a Knights of Columbus Family Picnic.
- Men’s Fellowship met regularly offering opportunities for fellowship and prayer. Caregivers (for those caring for the sick), Bereavement, Hearts Renewed (for divorced or separated), and Prayer Shawl (helping those battling illness) continue to allow us to minister to people in different stages of life.

The Diocese of Bridgeport: St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield CT Comparative Statement of Activities for 4th Quarter: April 2018-June 2018.

	4TH QTR 6/30/2018	4TH QTR 6/30/2017	YTD 6/30/2018	YTD 6/30/2017
Total Revenue	\$261,761	\$278,946	\$1,417,943*	\$1,468,807
Expenses				
Administrative & General	\$166,254	\$160,591	\$660,106	\$622,014
Contributions & Assessments	\$38,938	\$39,764	\$161,110	\$145,183
Professional Fees & Insurance	\$10,170	\$11,144	\$58,239	\$53,985
Other Services	\$76,464	\$74,688	\$324,724	\$261,105
Utilities	\$21,941	\$20,597	\$92,104	\$77,277
Line of Credit Interest	\$0	\$489	\$0	\$2,598
Fundraising Expense	\$200	\$25	\$19,126	\$19,426
Program Expenses	\$2,277	\$4,443	\$22,395	\$33,558
Total Expenses	\$316,244	\$311,741	\$1,337,804**	\$1,215,146
Net Parish Operations	(\$54,483)	(\$32,795)	\$80,139	\$253,661
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Two major estate gifts received in 2017.

**Increase in expenses due to maintaining larger campus footprint.