



A Roman Catholic Community

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Pastor

Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

Weekend Assistants

Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Rev. Msgr. Ernest Esposito

Director of Music & Organist

Michael Lantowski

Pastoral Assistant

Kathleen Donnelly

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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

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.

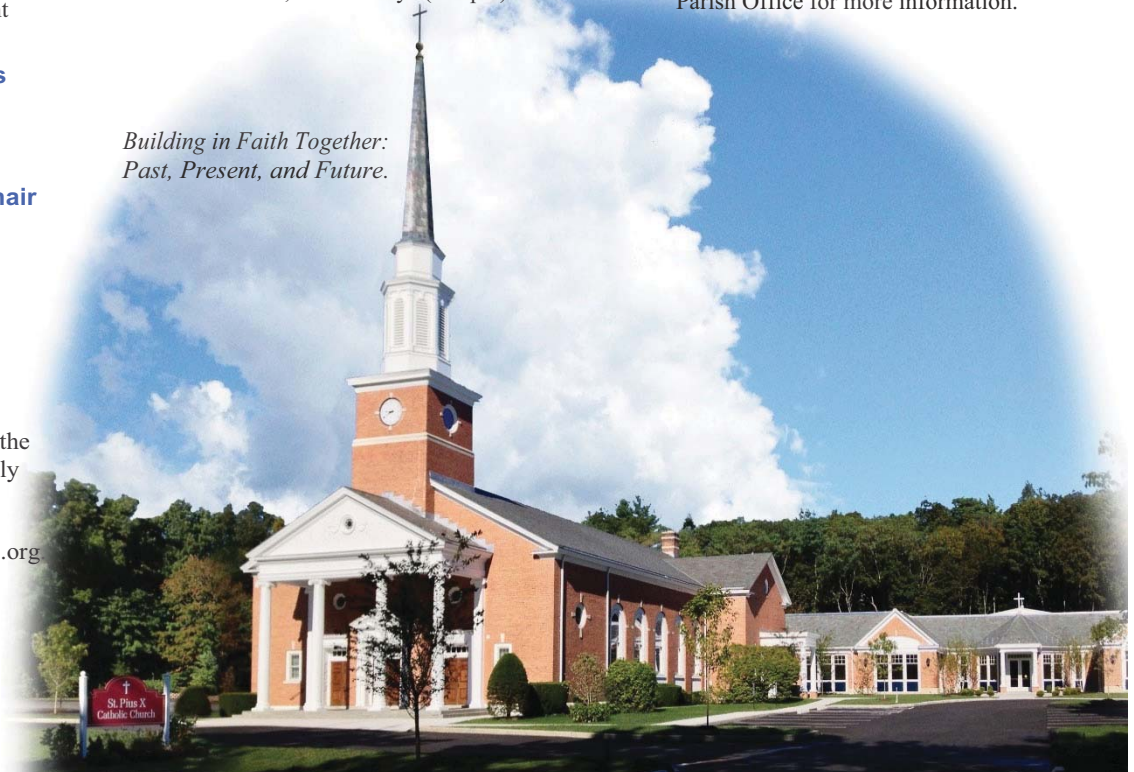
Anointing of the Sick

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 15

8:30AM +Nicholas Fabian

5:15PM +Marissa Ann Guido

A. Guido

Sunday, September 16

7:30AM +Ralph Gioiosa

Dillabough Family

9AM +Kathryn Ventricelli

M. Ventricelli

10:30AM +Mae & John McGovern V. & J. Giuffre

12Noon +Anthony Cialone

L. Violone

Monday, September 17

8:30AM +Michelle Girard

F. Girard

Tuesday, September 18

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Wednesday, September 19

8:30AM +Janet Cutney

F. Cutney

Thursday, September 20

8:30AM +Jennie & Robert E. Bird Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Friday, September 21

8:30AM +John Gleason

M. Gleason

Saturday, September 22

8:30AM ♥Joseph Cremona

Toner Family

5:15PM +Muriel Avitabile

Avitabile Family

Sunday, September 23

7:30AM +Tom Coffey

Bae Family

9AM +Thomas Devine

Porrazzo Family

10:30AM +Margaret & Joseph Salter McAuliffe Family

12Noon +Alex Skultety

J. Skultety



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



**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 in Christ,

The confession of St. Peter in the Gospel—"You are the Christ"—followed by his failure to understand Christ's mission is a powerful juxtaposition that should resonate in our own hearts. In the space of a few verses, Peter manages to correctly identify our Lord and make a radical act of faith in Him (the Gospel of Matthew speaks of the new identity bestowed on Peter as a result of his confession: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church"), and then attempt to persuade Jesus to change His mission. In Peter's moment of contradiction and struggle, we see a snapshot of our own lives. How quickly we move from confessing our faith and living our faith with integrity to falling into worldly thinking or sinful action.

After this scene, Jesus once again teaches. If we wish to follow Him, our confession of faith is necessary, as is conversion in our thoughts. Of greatest importance, though, is our taking up our cross. The daily cross we carry may be one of real suffering because of illness, emotional distress, or difficult situations. The cross we carry could also be as simple as the daily struggle to live our faith with integrity. The fact is that being faithful to Christ in every moment is not easy. Notice though, that while Jesus is strict with Peter, He does not turn him away or reject him as a disciple. He corrects and teaches. So it is for us – today we confess our faith in Jesus, and we will no doubt struggle at times to live that confession with integrity. We must remember that Jesus continues to correct and challenge us, to call us to His cross, to integrity of life, to the full embrace of His Gospel. Let us today remember that our Lord never rejects us as disciples, *and* He never ceases to call us higher, to the Cross, and to live with Him in glory.

Our annual Parish Festival last week was a great success. I would like to say a special thank you to our Festival Committee who worked so hard to organize the day. To our sponsors, donors, set-up crew, volunteers, clean-up crew, and everyone who participated in the Festival, thank you! You make our parish events a success. Thank you for everything you do to make our parish a vibrant community!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who donated their time, talent, and treasure to help make the 2018 Parish Festival a wonderful day of fellowship and fun!



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In the second reading today, St. James has tough words for those who do not put their faith into action. May we be such good stewards of God's gifts to us that we can never be accused of having "faith that does nothing in practice."



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- September 9, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,032
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,984
- Mission Offering: \$328
- Monthly Offering: \$575
- Catholic Universities Offering: \$275

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.



BANS OF MARRIAGE

- I Courtney D'Elia and Marc Copeland
- II Kaitlyn Murphy and Christian Carrieria
- III Kathleen Keenoy and Michael Yurkerwich



MEDITATION

Christian life invites us to see our surroundings, our neighbors, deeply and clearly. We are asked to see life as God sees it. (Fr. James Stephen Behrens, O.C.S.O.)

"O Most High, when I am afraid,
in you I place my trust."
—Psalm 56:4



The Diocese of
Bridgeport

BISHOP CAGGIANO AND THE DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS

Bishop Caggiano recognizes the need for action in the face of the ongoing crisis of sexual abuse in the Church. Building on the extensive work already in process since 2002, the Bishop's plan is to attack this evil in a variety of ways, starting with a series of spiritual initiatives and administrative actions:

Spiritual Initiatives

- A Clergy Mass of Reparation 10:30AM, Saturday, September 15, St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport. All are welcome.
- The Bishop is asking all pastors to celebrate a local Mass of Reparation in their parish no later than October 31, 2018.
- The Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel will be recited at the end of every Mass celebrated in the Diocese, beginning September 15.
- Additional spiritual initiatives will be announced in the coming weeks.

Administrative Action

• **Accountability of the Bishop.** When the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* of 2002 was adopted, a separate *Statement of Episcopal Commitment* was approved. The provisions in that *Statement* need to be strengthened.

-While this is being addressed at the national level, Bishop Caggiano is submitting himself to the provisions of the *Charter*.

-Effective immediately, if an accusation of sexual abuse against a minor or a failure to respond appropriately to any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor is made involving the bishop, an independent Review Board from outside our diocese will investigate and report its findings to the Holy See.

• **Diocesan Accountability Report.** The Bishop has authorized a comprehensive accountability review to address two areas:

-Transparency regarding past incidents of sexual abuse of a minor. The Bishop will ask a qualified, independent firm to perform a comprehensive review of the sexual abuse of minors by Diocesan clergy in order to inform the people of the Diocese. Further details about this review will be communicated soon.

-Financial Report regarding the past sexual abuse of minors. The Diocese will issue a complete financial report on settlement amounts for past claims of clergy sexual abuse of minors from the establishment of the Diocese to date, including the sources from which the money was obtained to settle those claims. We will also publish, no later than October 30, 2018, a verified account of the financial support currently provided by the Diocese to any priest who has been accused of sexual abuse of a minor and who is currently on administrative leave or has been laicized.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading: Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel: Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37



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!

6PM-8PM, Sundays

Want more information?
Email Paola Pena at ppena@st-pius.org.



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

All are invited September 19....

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.

ST. PIUS X Bible & Brew STUDY



All are welcome to join! Begins September 20...

Join us beginning **September 20 at 7PM-8:15PM every other Thursday in the Faith Center Munro Room** for discovery, dialogue, and fellowship. BYOB (Bible and Choice of Beverage.*) Discussion topics as per below:

- **Fall 2018:** The Story of Salvation History—Finding Your Place in God's Plan
- **Spring 2019:** Living Gospel—Building Basic Habits for the Catholic Life

Contact Paola Peña at ppena@st-pius.org to sign up.

**If you bring an alcoholic beverage, you must be 21yrs or older.*

"Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"
—Luke 6:31-32



DISCOVERING CHRIST 7 WEEK SERIES

Beginning September 24...

Curious about the meaning of life and your life? Do you want to revive your faith? All are welcome to join us in the **Community Room here at St. Pius X** for Discovering Christ, a seven week series presented by ChristLife of Fairfield. Each evening includes a free dinner, engaging Bible-based teachings, and thought provoking discussions. The series begins **6:30PM, Monday, September 24** and runs **6:30PM Mondays on October 1, 8, 15, 29** and **November 5** with a retreat on **Saturday, October 20**. Register at www.holyfamilyrc.com/christlife.



WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY STARTS THIS FALL

All women are invited to an Open House September 27...

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose (WWP) at St. Pius X. Weekly group sessions are starting on Thursday, October 4. This Fall, we will offer two courses:

- **Opening Your Heart:** a foundational course for women who are new to WWP, explores the core questions that we must wrestle with if we want to experience all that God has for us.
- **Touching the Divine:** focuses on the qualities of Jesus revealed through the gospel of John and draws us into a deeper relationship with Christ as we reflect upon His personality and unconditional love for us.

WWP transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Christ through Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Join us 9:30AM-11:30AM, Thursday, September 27 in the Community Room for an Open House to find out what WWP is all about. Bring a friend! Questions or to RSVP, email Dawn Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or visit <https://www.st-pius.org/walking-with-purpose-2> or www.walkingwithpurpose.com. We hope to see you!

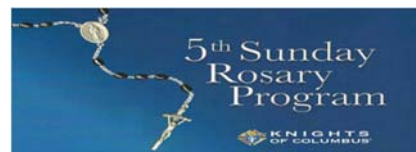


ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT AT HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

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.



PRAY THE ROSARY

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus Council 16347 is pleased to introduce ...

The 5th Sunday Rosary Program

Knights, their families and ALL parishioners are invited.

Sunday, September 30 after the 9AM Mass
in the Chapel

Stay and Pray the Rosary as a Faith Family

Everyone is Welcome!

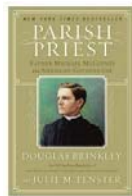




**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING OR
FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**

For More Information

Contact Tom Kelty
Phone: 203-209-2895 or Email: Tkelty@gmail.com
or
Visit: <http://www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html>



“PARISH PRIEST”

*Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism
“Father McGivney’s Vision Remains as Relevant as Ever in
The Changed Circumstances of Today’s Church and
Society.”— Pope John Paul II*

In Father Michael McGivney (1852-1890), born and raised in a Connecticut factory town, the modern era’s ideal of the priesthood hit its zenith. In this incredible work of academic research, Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster re-create the life of Father McGivney, a fiercely dynamic yet tenderhearted man. Though he was only thirty-eight when he died, Father McGivney has never been forgotten. He remains a true “people’s priest,” a genuinely holy man—and perhaps the most beloved parish priest in U.S. history. Moving and inspirational, *Parish Priest* chronicles the process of canonization that may well make Father McGivney the first American-born parish priest declared a saint by the Vatican. Order *Parish Priest* online at Amazon or Barnes & Noble.



“The Lord God said: It is not good for
the man to be alone.
I will make a helper suited to him.”
—Genesis 2:18



**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 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.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is a fully accredited elementary/middle school with students in Pre-K through Grade 8. The St. Thomas Aquinas School community strives for *academic excellence* in a faith-filled *Catholic* environment that encourages children to reach their full potential and to become lifelong learners. By word and example, we teach our students to model *Christ’s message of love*. St. Thomas Aquinas has an open admission policy. For further information, you may call the school office 8AM-2PM at 203-255-0556, x 225.

St. Pius X Church We Stand With Christ

Campaign Update

Statistics are as of September 10, 2018

Personal Challenge Goal: \$2,600,000

WSWC Parish Goal: \$1,886,000

Amount Raised to Date: \$1,680,827

Percentage of Challenge Goal Raised: 65%

Number of Pledges: 56

Average Gift: \$30,000

\$ Away from Challenge Goal: \$919,173

For questions, or to schedule an appointment with Fr. Sam, please call the parish office:

Phone: (203) 255-6134

Email: frkachuba@diobpt.org

A Community Effort

St. Pius X has an exciting opportunity to pursue a vision for our campaign beyond bricks and mortar. Raising \$2,600,000 will allow us to refresh our beautiful church interior and to build upon our cash reserves for future upkeep and maintenance.

Help Us Reach 42% Participation!

Thank you to each and every parish family who has already made a gift to *We Stand With Christ*, and to those who are still considering their contribution. As of today, 56 of our 2,400 parish families have contributed to our campaign, and our goal is to have 1,000 families participate. It's so important that ALL parishioners participate in this important initiative. Remember, this campaign is about equal sacrifice, not equal gifts!

A Note About Pledge Payments

You may complete your pledge over a 5 year (60 month) time period. A pledge allows you to consider a substantial gift that will enable our Parish to fulfill its target. Through thoughtful discernment and prayerful consideration, you can determine the sacrificial gift best suited for your situation. Every contribution will continue to strengthen our Church and community of Faith. Parishioners who intend to pay by check will receive reminders according to their preferred schedule. Credit card payments will be available, too.

Making a pledge is important because it permits the donor to consider a wonderful gift of substance that will allow our Parish to reach our personal challenge goal. It allows for a thorough review of the donor's finances and to determine a significant gift within the economical means of the parishioner.

We are aware that people's circumstances can change over a five-year period. Please remember that all pledges are non-legally binding and can be altered at any time. A pledge will not be passed onto one's family in event of death, illness or another occurrence.

