



A Roman Catholic Community

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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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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Paola Pena (Life Teen High School)

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Parish Office

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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.

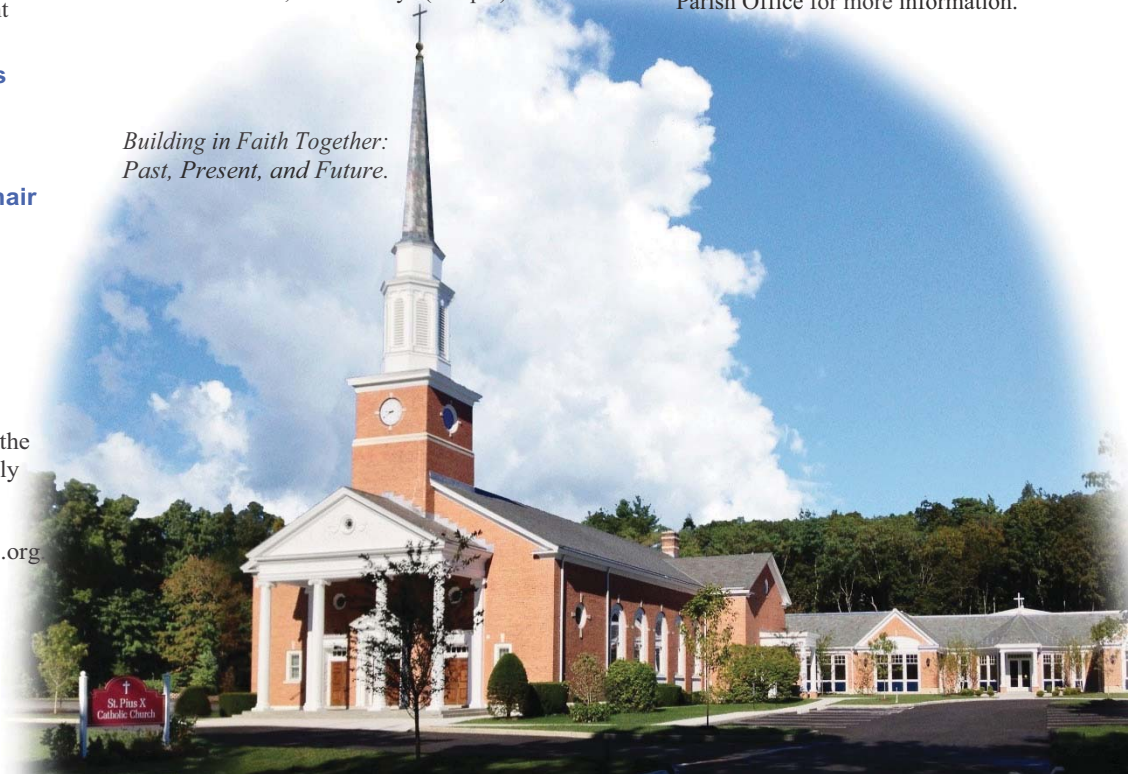
Anointing of the Sick

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, 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

Monday, September 24

8:30AM +Margaret & Joseph Salter McAuliffe Family

Tuesday, September 25

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Wednesday, September 26

8:30AM +Alex Skultety S. Barrett

Thursday, September 27

8:30AM +Edward & Theresa Manners Mr. & Mrs. Sodaro

Friday, September 28

8:30AM +Joseph G. Pearson

Saturday, September 29

8:30AM +Vivian Kral D. & P. Taormina
5:15PM +Donald DePasquale J. Huff

Sunday, September 30

7:30AM +Eileen F. Brown Steed Family
9AM +Eileen Brown Lynch Family
10:30AM +Dorothy Breen Traynor Family
12Noon +Michael Murphy J. & T. Kelly



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week for the
special intentions of
Carmine Battimelli and Family**

**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for the
special intentions of
Fr. Sam, Fr. Tim, and Msgr. Ernie**



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,

In the Gospel this weekend, the Apostles are found arguing amongst themselves about who is the greatest. Meanwhile, Jesus has been teaching them, trying to prepare them for His Passion and Cross. The journey during which this all takes place is private. Our Lord knows He needs time with the Apostles away from the great crowds that follow Him. This time away should be understood in its proper place—Jesus is not avoiding the people who need Him, but rather is dedicating His time to the necessary preparations that will make His future ministry and the future ministry of the Apostles possible. So it is that Mark tells us the journey is in secret and during the journey our Lord teaches the Twelve that He will suffer death and rise again.

The Apostles find themselves confused. They don't understand what this all means, but they are afraid to ask questions. So instead they turn to a subject they better understand: themselves. They compete and argue. When I was in high school, we would play a debate game that usually began with "Who would win in a fight?" followed by a matchup of classmates, teachers, professional athletes, celebrities, etc. The goal was to make a strong case for one person or another, and the more outlandish the reason they would win in a fight, the better. I imagine the Apostles having a similar discussion about who is the greatest among them. The conversation was probably a bit silly. More importantly, the conversation was a convenient distraction from the unwelcome teaching of Jesus.

Do we sometimes distract ourselves with things we know best, rather than face the challenges life puts in front of us? In our spiritual lives, do we sometimes opt for the comfortable, known routine of prayer because it helps us avoid the challenge to spiritual greatness that God places before us? A personal confession: for the last few months, I have been struggling to accept the challenge in ministry that lies before me, often pining for those aspects of priestly ministry that I most enjoy and love. As a priest, I love celebrating the sacraments, visiting the sick, working with young people, helping people grow in their relationship with the Lord. I don't love administration, and I especially do not love fundraising. Yet, for the last few months, the We Stand With Christ capital campaign has been put on my desk. I would rather be a priest than a fundraiser. And so I've struggled and, like the Apostles, tried to distract myself with things I know better. But the Lord is asking something of me in this moment. Will I avoid it, or embrace it?

Jesus ends the journey by placing a child in the midst of the Apostles and telling them that they must be the last of all, the servant of all, and must welcome the child as they would welcome Christ Himself. Children have the ability to recognize reality bluntly. They are also able to accept reality without getting into the adult mental gymnastics of "what if" and "if only." Do I welcome the challenge with the child-like acceptance of reality? Or, like the Apostles, do I try to find something else to occupy my time? While in my own spiritual life I have not resolved the challenge before me, I can testify that when I accept the challenge as it is, bringing it to prayer each day and persevering in the work as an offering to God, I find great peace. When I fail to embrace the Cross, the struggle multiplies. In your life, you may face challenges, sufferings, difficulty. I do not pretend to answer every aspect of those challenges here, but if we want to persevere through them, we must follow our Lord's instruction: become the servant of all, accept and welcome the challenge as we would a child and with that child-like attitude that allows us to see the reality in front of us, for it is in that reality that God walks with us and invites us to follow Him in faith.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Today’s second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the Psalmist, “Freely will I offer your sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- September 16, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,341
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$15,054
- Mission Offering: \$133
- Monthly Offering: \$2,978

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 Amy Frassetto and Christopher Serrano
- II Courtney D’Elia and Marc Copeland
- III Kaitlyn Murphy and Christian Carriera



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Angela Nancy Galante, Camden James Hibbert, Alexander Vincent Silvaggio, Joseph Michael Vereline, and Olivia Mae Vereline.**



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

Join us October 1 for a Medicare Seminar given by Rich Felitto, Medicare plan expert. All are welcome!

All are invited to join us 12Noon, Monday, **October 1**, in the Community Room. We are delighted to welcome **BACK** Rich Felitto, expert in Medicare plans. Rich will make a brief presentation, followed by Q and A. Light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Call or text Peter Carey at 203-673-2081 or drop him an email at aandp1964@aol.com.



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN DATE
October 1 Medicare Seminar presented by Rich Felitto, Medicare plan expert.

Our October gathering will be **12Noon, Monday, October 1 (not October 8,) in the Community Room.** All are invited to attend a special luncheon hosted by the St. Pius X Seniors with a presentation on Medicare Plans in the Community Room. Rich Felitto, expert in Medicare plans will make a brief presentation, followed by Q and A. Light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Call or text Peter Carey at 203-673-2081 or drop him an email at aandp1964@aol.com.



MEDITATION

Our lives have to be continuously fed on the Eucharist. If we were not able to see Christ under the appearance of bread, neither would it be possible for us to discover him under the humble appearances of the bruised bodies of the poor. (-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm: The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading: The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel: Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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.

“Have faith in God. Amen, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it shall be done for him.”
—Matthew 11:23



MASS OF REPARATION AND HOLY HOUR

All are welcome to attend this special Mass on Monday, October 1

All are invited to attend on **6:30 PM, Monday, October 1** with Fr. Sam and Fr. Tim offering a special Mass of Reparation for the sin of clerical sexual abuse. The Mass will be followed by an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



The Diocese of
Bridgeport

THE FACE OF PRAYER

The Face of Prayer recently launched phase two of its campaign to create an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people. Visit www.thefaceofprayer.com to view over one hundred and forty questions answered by Bishop Frank J. Caggiano and other bishops, priests, religious, and lay leaders across the country. Be sure to also join the movement by texting PRAY to 55778 to receive daily prayer alerts on your phone.

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WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

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? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose (WWP) at St. Pius X. Weekly group sessions begin **Thursday, October 4**. This Fall, we will offer two courses:

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

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!

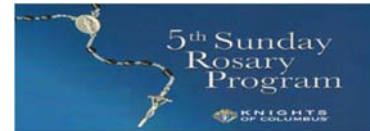


ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT AT HOLY FAMILY RETREAT CENTER

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>

*"Cast all your worries upon him
because he cares for you."
—1Peter 5:7*



ask.
seek.
knock.

discovering
CHRIST

DISCOVERING CHRIST 7 WEEK SERIES

Beginning September 24 in the Community Room...

Curious about the meaning of life and your life? Do you want to revive your faith? All are welcome to join us here in the **Community Room** 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.



RCIA
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.



WONDER

“People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without wondering.”

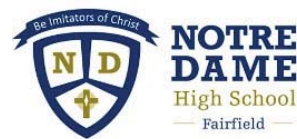
—St. Augustine



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.



NOTRE DAME MUM SALE FUNDRAISER

Support your local Catholic high school and buy your fall mums at the Notre Dame mum sale!

The Notre Dame High School Fairfield Parent Association will be holding a fall flower sale **2PM-3:30PM, September 27-28** and **12Noon-4PM, September 29** at **Notre Dame High School, 220 Jefferson St., Fairfield**. Mum colors: red, orange or yellow. Mum Prices: \$8/each for 8" mums or two for \$15. \$18/each for 14" pots or two for \$32. Questions or to preorder, email patrusso@earthlink.net.



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!

We Stand With Christ

CAMPAIGN FOR ST. PIUS X CHURCH

What is *We Stand With Christ*?

We Stand With Christ (WSWC) is a **\$75 million diocesan-wide capital campaign**. St. Pius X Church is one of ten pilot parishes currently conducting the campaign. The remaining parishes within the Diocese will begin in the Fall and Winter of 2018.

How is the campaign structured and how can we be assured transparency?

St. Pius' WSWC parish goal is \$1,886,000. The first \$275,000 will cover our 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal responsibility. Fifty percent (50%) of campaign funds will go towards St. Pius' needs and the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the monies will support the Diocesan Mission of Catholic Education, Catholic Charities, and Pastoral Ministries throughout Fairfield County.

Monies raised will be placed in a separate 501(c)(3) account, separate from the Diocese. The three endowments will provide a sustainable course of income for the Diocesan Mission. For every dollar raised above the parish goal, seventy-five percent (75%) will go towards the parish and twenty-five (25%) will go towards the three endowments. Given this immense opportunity, we are striving to reach a **parish challenge goal of \$2,600,000**. Achieving this target would allow us to more quickly complete the work without drawing from any cash on hand.

How will St. Pius X use their portion of the funds?

This historic undertaking will allow our community to renovate and refresh the interior of our beautiful church. The projects will include replacing the flooring and the pews, restructuring the Sanctuary, replacing the lighting, repainting the walls, and restoring the sound system. Final designs have not been confirmed.

What is St. Pius' success-to-date?

Our parish is doing tremendously well. Thanks to 64 generous families, St. Pius X Church has nearly reached the 1,886,000-campaign goal!! We have raised \$1,724,027 or 66% of our challenge goal! We still want **ALL** parishioners to participate, so help us by making your pledge today!

