



A Roman Catholic Community

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Pastor

Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

Weekend Assistants

Fairfield Jesuit Community

Priest in Residence

Rev. Msgr. Ernest Esposito

Director of Music & Organist

Michael Lantowski

Pastoral Assistant

Kathleen Donnelly

Faith Formation *(formerly Rel. Ed.)*

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.

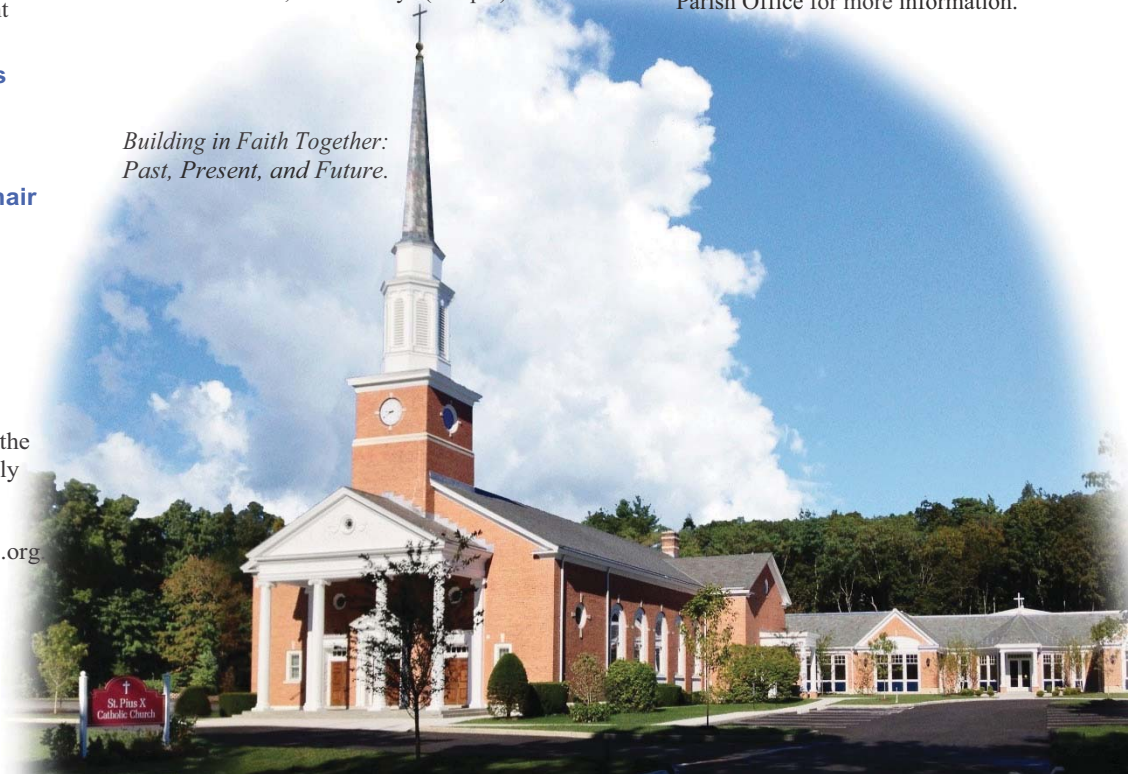
Anointing of the Sick

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 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

Monday, October 1

8:30AM +Genevieve Fox Mr. & Mrs. S. Douglas

Tuesday, October 2

8:30AM +Gail Stanton S. Walsh

Wednesday, October 3

8:30AM In thanksgiving & intentions of D'Cunha Family

Thursday, October 4

8:30AM +Vivian Kral Robertson Family

Friday, October 5

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Saturday, October 6

8:30AM +Laura Burdo D. Greenstein
5:15PM +Tom Haggart Riccio Family

Sunday, October 7

7:30AM +Michael B. Murphy Steed Family
9AM +Michael Murphy Lynch Family
10:30AM +Mae McGovern V. & J. Giuffre
12Noon +Josephine Festa Zuffelato Family



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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for a
Special Birthday Intention**



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,

September 30, when it does not fall on a Sunday, is celebrated as the Feast of St. Jerome. One of the great doctors of the Church, St. Jerome is best known for his work in translating Sacred Scripture into a definitive Latin edition. He was a brilliant scholar and theologian, and those pursuits often placed him in major cities and centers of learning and culture. At the same time, St. Jerome was an ascetic and champion of moral and spiritual rigor. This rigor sometimes lead public opinion to be against him. Even other saints of the era disliked Jerome, whose patience with those who did not rise to his level of asceticism or who did not agree with him on fine points of theology was famously thin.

Beginning around the year 382, St. Jerome set to work translating the Bible. His desire was to make more accurate translations. He lived in Jerusalem for a time to improve his grasp of the Hebrew language. Most famously, St. Jerome moved to a cave outside Bethlehem, where he worked until the year 405 taking Greek and Hebrew Scriptures and translating them into Latin (then a commonly spoken language). St. Jerome wasn't done, though. He spent the next fifteen or so years writing commentaries on Scripture, explaining the meaning of the texts and offering spiritual meditations on the Word of God. Additionally, he employed his great knowledge of the Bible in offering spiritual direction and a plan for the spiritual life to many people. He died on September 30, 420.

The feast of St. Jerome reminds us of the great value of the Bible for every person's spiritual life. For many, reading the Bible is a challenging and daunting task. Fortunately, resources are available! I encourage you (everyone!) to participate in our Lifelong Faith Formation program (register online here: <https://www.st-pius.org/lff-monthly/>), which focuses this year on the story of our salvation contained in Scripture. For a resource you can use anywhere, set up an account with FORMED.org (go to www.st-pius.formed.org and follow the instructions). FORMED.org has a number of online Scripture studies available. Walking With Purpose is an outstanding women's ministry, rooted in an in-depth study of the Bible. Our twice-a-month Bible and Brew provides another chance to break open the Word. Through our parish subscription to Flocknote, we have special access to resources from Bishop Robert Barron and his Word on Fire apostolate. To opt-in to our Flocknote communications, text "SPXFFLD" to **84576** to get text and email updates, not only from Word on Fire, but also about events and opportunities here at St. Pius X.

Let us ask the intercession of St. Jerome, that we may all be true students of the Word of God, and that our efforts to understand this divinely-inspired message may bear great fruit in our lives, families, and homes.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

St. James warns in today's second reading that those who hoard their wealth and live only for themselves will be condemned. But in the Gospel, Jesus assures us that all who give of themselves for His sake will be rewarded.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- September 23, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$10,757
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$13,378
- Mission Offering: \$1,005
- Monthly Offering: \$775

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- II Amy Frassetto and Christopher Serrano
 III Courtney D'Elia and Marc Copeland



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Luke Everett Jarema and Kinsley Grace Morrow.**



MEDITATION

I see God in everyone, and especially in those who suffer.
 (-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



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.



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.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Moses said, "Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Numbers 11:25-29).

Psalm: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart (Psalm 19)

Second Reading: Come now, you rich. The wages you withheld from the workers who harvested your fields are crying aloud (Jason 5:1-6).

Gospel: Whoever is not against us is for us (Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

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

- **September 23:** Welcome to the Family, LIFE NIGHT
- **September 30:** Hallowed be thy Name, LIFE NIGHT
Adoration and Confession
- **October 7:** Catholic Jeopardy, SOCIAL NIGHT
- **October 12-13:** EDGE/LT Retreat Lock-In (Fri-Sat)
- **October 21:** Deliver Us from Evil. LIFE NIGHT
Adoration and Confession
- **October 28:** Lake Compounce Haunted Graveyard, 2:30PM-10pm. We need parents who can carpool. Must be VIRTUS trained. Email Paola to volunteer.
- **November 3:** NYC Catholic Pilgrimage Day
Visit Holy Sites in NYC and end with Vigil Mass and Adoration at Catholic Underground. Details to come.

More information? Email Paola Pena, ppena@st-pius.org.



ALL PETS ARE INVITED TO THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS!

We are celebrating the Feast of St. Francis on Saturday, October 6

All pets are cordially invited to join their owners for a special blessing of the animals at **9:30AM, Saturday, October 6 in front of the Church!**



JOURNEY TO LIGHT: BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY

Join us October 13... all are welcome.

Grief is a process we journey through with the help of trusted companions and each other. Our Bereavement Ministry, Part I and Part II will begin this year's nine-month program **11AM-1PM, Saturday, October 13, in the Community Room.** We will then meet the **second Saturday of every month from October to June.**

- **Part I** encompasses working through the four tasks of grief—each session builds upon the previous ones—using the tools of dialogue, discussion and journaling.

- **Part II, "Coping,"** is a discussion-based support program for those who have completed Part I. The "Coping" Program meets for one hour: 11AM-12Noon.

Both groups gather together at 11AM for prayer and again at 12Noon for refreshments.

For more information or to register, contact Denis Sullivan at denisrsullivan@msn.com or 203-997-1130.



DISCOVERING CHRIST SERIES

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 began last Monday and runs **6:30PM Mondays, October 1, 8, 15, 29** and **November 5** with a retreat on **Saturday, October 20**. Register online at www.holyfamilyrc.com/christlife.



HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

If you have changed your phone (land line or mobile), email address, or moved, please be sure to provide your updated contact information to us so we can update our Parishioner Database. Simply email your updated information to Amy O'Donnell at aodonnell@st-pius.org. Thank you for helping us keep our records current so we can stay in touch with you!



WOMEN'S CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited...

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.

Questions, 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!



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

For More Information:

Contact Tom Kelty
at 203-209-2895 or Tkelty@gmail.com
or

Visit <http://www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html>



MEDITATION

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(-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

Join us Fridays, following the 8:30AM Mass.

Pray the rosary with us following the **8:30AM Mass every Friday in the Chapel**. All are welcome!



St. Pius X Knights of Columbus
OKTOBERFEST

JOIN US FOR PRETZELS,
 BRATS, BRISKET & BEER!

ADULTS \$20
 BEER \$3

Saturday at 6:00pm **OCT 20** Following the 5:15pm mass

LOCATION: SCHOOL APR



KNOW THE ANGELS

“Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you.”

—St. Francis de Sales



OFF THE STREETS BENEFIT

Saturday, October 13 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church

All are welcome to this special musical event benefitting Off the Streets and featuring Joe Utterback, PhD, celebrated American Jazz pianist, composer, organist, educator, music director, and international performer. Joe is a Tony Awards entertainer and ASCAP award winner. Joe will perform the blues, ballads, Broadway, and traditional jazz **6:30PM, Saturday, October 13 at St. Thomas Aquinas Church Auditorium, 1719 Post Road (parking lot on Ruane St.) in Fairfield**. Tickets are \$30 and tables of eight are available. Cabaret style, BYOB and snacks. Coffee, tea, ice, water, and dessert provided. Silent Auction. To reserve at ticket, call Ellen Moore at 203-880-9814 or Elaine Foley at 203-261-8032. Off the Streets provides a security deposit and basic furniture/living needs for homeless people who have no means of providing these but can pay rent.

Cut here and return this slip with your payment.

Oktoberfest RSVP Form

Your Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Drop off or mail this slip with your payment to:
 KofC St. Pius X #16347
 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield CT 06824

Or

You can submit payment via PayPal. Simply log-into you account and send payment to KofC16347@gmail.com

You may call or email BJ Baranosky at 203-556-4196 bjbajjbender.com to RSVP and pay at the door with either check, cash, or credit card.

Location: School APR

“Consider it all joy, my brothers, when you encounter various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

—James 1:2

ST. PIUS X

WE STAND WITH CHRIST

CAMPAIGN UPDATE	
Challenge Goal:	\$2,600,000
Raised to Date:	\$1,761,969
% of Challenge Goal:	68%
Participation Goal:	1,000 families
# of families participated	68 families

Thank you to the generous individuals
who have made a pledge to
We Stand With Christ

We Stand With Christ offers a promising opportunity to continue our mission of serving God and celebrating the sacraments together. This campaign will allow us to refresh and restore our beautiful spiritual home. We will address the long-deferred projects in the interior of our church – replacing the flooring and the pews, restoring the Sanctuary, repainting the walls, replacing the inefficient lighting, and restoring the sound system.

Make your pledge today!

- *Return or mail your pledge to the Parish Office.*
- *Put your pledge in a sealed envelope and place it in the offertory basket at Mass.*
- *A fellow parishioner may reach out to you to ask you to support the campaign – please accept this call on Fr. Sam’s behalf.*

Join Us to Volunteer!

- *Invite parishioners to support our campaign and answer their questions by phone or email.*
- *Greet parishioners at the campaign table outside of Mass for a weekend in October.*
- *To volunteer, please email Fr. Sam at frkachuba@diobpt.org.*

