



A Roman Catholic Community

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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.

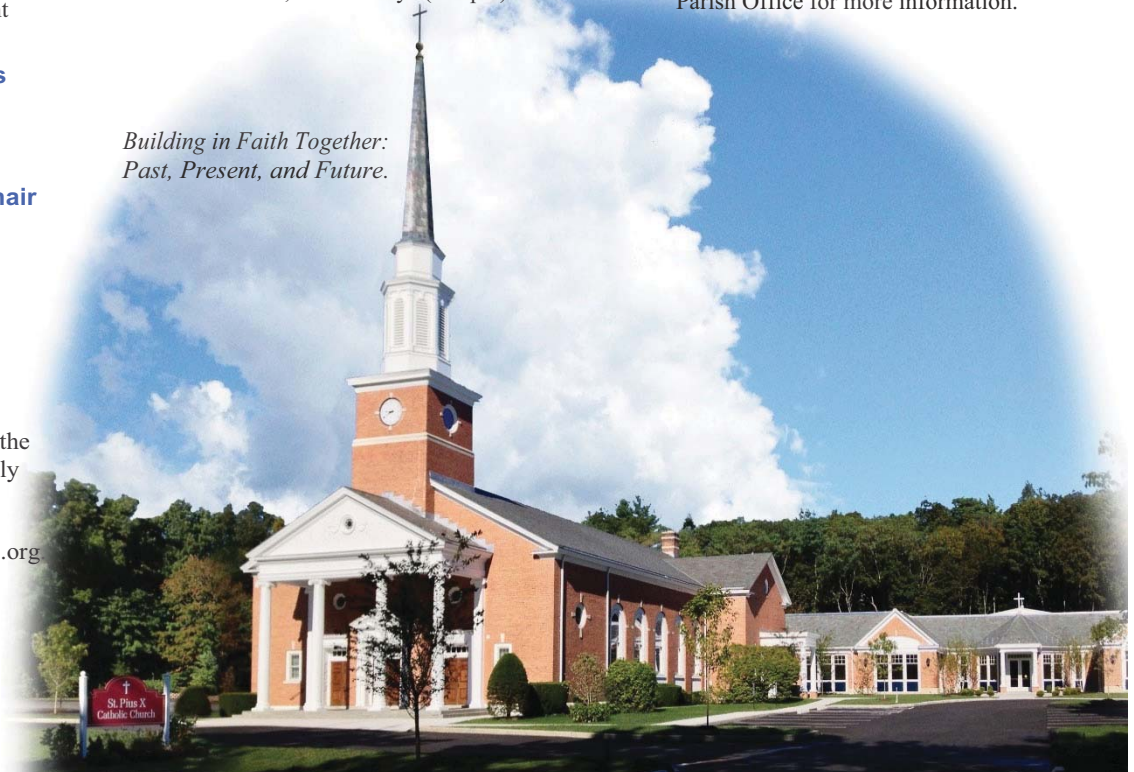
Anointing of the Sick

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 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

Monday, September 10

8:30AM +Vivian Kral Robertson Family

Tuesday, September 11

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Wednesday, September 12

8:30AM +Angela Carey P. Carey

Thursday, September 13

8:30AM +Donald Firmender Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Friday, September 14

8:30AM +Anna Ruoff W. Walsh

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Flip Oraziatti**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Billy Therriault**



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,

“Ephphatha” – *be opened!* This Greek variation of the Aramaic word spoken by Jesus is one of a few words left in the Gospel in its original form and followed by its translation. Notice that before Jesus speaks, he spits, puts his fingers in the deaf man’s ears, and touches the man’s tongue. It’s hard to say ephphatha without spitting, but that fact aside, the actions of Jesus and the fact that this word is included in its original language are significant.

First, we recognize that Jesus spoke a human language. Aramaic would have been his main language, but he was undoubtedly familiar with Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. These are real languages, and while we may not be particularly familiar with them, they illustrate the importance of the Incarnation. The second Person of the Blessed Trinity took on human flesh, spoke human language with a human voice, and so when we hear words He spoke in their original language, we are hearing an echo of the voice of Jesus Himself! I’ll always believe that there is a value to learning other languages, especially the languages of our ancestors, as they allow us to hear the voices of those who have gone before us.

Second, the act of spitting, touching the deaf man’s tongue, and putting His fingers in the man’s ears reminds us that in taking on our human flesh, Jesus has all of our physical attributes. He is close to us and able to understand us in a profound way. The healing power of the hands of Christ remind us of the healing power of doctors and nurses, those in the healing professions, and further remind us that nothing takes the place of the individual encounter. That is, we can learn much about Jesus from reading or hearing, but nothing replaces the heart to heart encounter. While we may not have Jesus spitting in our direction any time soon, we do have the opportunity to encounter Him in real, even physical ways, particularly in the sacrament of reconciliation and in the Eucharist. Our incarnate God truly remains close to us!

Finally, the meaning of “ephphatha”—be opened—is significant. Is this not the command Jesus speaks to our heart and mind each time we enter the church? Is this not the whole goal of the spiritual life? To be open to the power, mercy, love and working of Jesus in our lives is the greatest goal we can desire. To help this “opening” become more apparent, countless resources and opportunities exist. To name a few: FORMED.org, an online resource with videos, talks, books, and more. You can set up your own account at www.st-pius.formed.org. Our parish monthly gatherings for lifelong faith formation, beginning next weekend. Sign up is easy on our parish website. Christ Life, a seven-week program of formation for adults, which will be hosted here at St. Pius in collaboration with a dedicated team of parishioners from Holy Family Parish (<http://www.holyfamilyrc.com/christlife>). I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities, so that we can all hear Jesus speak that powerful word to our hearts:

Ephphatha!

Peace,

Fr. Sam



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The good steward must now show favoritism. The rich may have many material gifts to share, but St. James reminds us in the second reading that God has chosen the world’s poor to be rich in faith and inheritors of God’s kingdom.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- September 2, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$12,987
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$13,336
- Mission Offering: \$805
- Monthly Offering: \$945
- Catholic Universities Offering: \$805

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



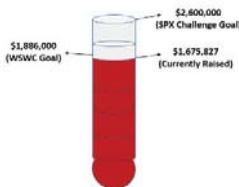
BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I Kaitlyn Murphy and Christian Carriera
- II Kathleen Keenoy and Michael Yurkerwich



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Henry Parker Snyder.**



ST. PIUS X WE STAND WITH CHRIST UPDATE

We Stand with Christ is a historic undertaking that will directly benefit the Diocesan ministries and St. Pius X and the needs within the Church in Fairfield County. We’ve reached **89%** of our **\$1,886,000** parish goal and **65%** of our **\$2,600,000 challenge Goal!** All donations, no matter the amount, will make a difference—we invite everyone to be a part of this and to help us reach **FULL** participation within our parish. Call the Parish Office for donation information.



The Parish Office will be closed the Monday after the Parish Festival on:

Monday, September 10, 2018

Thank You

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH FESTIVAL PLATINUM AND GOLD SPONSORS!

Sponsor List as of September 2, 2018

PLATINUM SPONSORS

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

GOLD SPONSORS

- AB Custom Woodwork, LLC
- 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)



PATRIOT DAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE

September 11, 2018

We remember, honor, and pray for those injured or killed during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

God Bless them, their families and friends, and the United State of America.

The **flag** of the **United States of America** should be displayed and flown at **half-staff** as a mark of respect for those who died that day. A **moment of silence** may be observed at **8:46AM EDT** to mark the time the first plane flew into the World Trade Center.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God (Isaiah 35:4-7a).

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).

Second Reading: Show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1-5).

Gospel: Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak (Mark 7:31-37).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

All are welcome September 11...

“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 and lunch **12Noon, Tuesday, September 11, in the Community Room**. Luncheon RSVP to Esther Lawless at 203-368-4222. New participants are always welcome!



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.)

Thank You

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISH FESTIVAL CHAIRS!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's Parish Festival happen! A special THANK YOU to Chairperson **Tanya Annuncio** who graciously accepted the position to ensure this special tradition would continue.

- **Festival Chairperson:** Tanya Annuncio
- **Live Music:** Tanya Annuncio and Kim Leon
- **Ice cream and Coffee Trucks:** Tanya Annuncio
- **The Grill:** Don Kleber and Barry Burns
- **Beer, Wine, and Beverages—**Rich Kornutik
- **Bake Sale and Italian Ice—**John Palma
- **Volunteers and Hospitality:** Andy Toner
- **Set Up/Tear Down/Site Map:** Tim DeBartolomeo
- **Amusements/Inflatables/Carnival Games:** Tanya Annuncio
- **Dunk Tank:** Paola Pena
- **Face Painter and Glitter Tattoos:** Christine Dooley
- **First Responders Touch-A-Truck:** Kim Leon
- **Tag Sale:** Lori Susic
- **50-50 Raffle:** Renee and Mark Drexel
- **Tents/Trash & Recycle Bins/Banners/Police Officer:** Amy O'Donnell
- **On-Site Clean Up:** Jim Maloney
- **First Aid:** Kathy Donnelly
- **Sponsors:** Terri Dawes, Amy O'Donnell, and Kim Leon
- **Outdoor Mass:** Kathy Donnelly
- **Raffle:** Lynne and Jamie Chesbro



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.shrinct.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.



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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. PIUS X COUNCIL # 16347 TOOTSIE ROLL/CANDY FUNDRAISER FOR



Saturday, September 15-Sunday, September 16 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 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!



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 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.

"Lord, be gracious to us; for you we wait. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of trouble!"

—Isaiah 33:2



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!

- **September 16:** Life Teen Kick-Off 6PM-8PM

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

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.*



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.



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

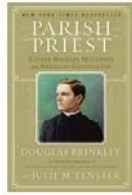
Visit: <http://www.kofc.org/en/join/index.html>



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*The 5th Sunday Rosary Program
September 30*

Join us after **9AM Mass, Sunday, September 30 in the Chapel** for the 5th Sunday Rosary Program where we will pray the rosary together. All are welcome! Stay and pray the Rosary as a Faith Family.



“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.



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CHRIST

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.



ATTENTION ALL ST. PIUS X SENIORS!

Do you need help with yardwork?
Introducing... “Days of Helping”

The St. Pius X High School Youth Group will be going around to different houses in our community to help with yard work. We are excited to make this an annual event so if you need help in your yard this Fall or Spring, keep your eyes open in September for more information about how to sign up. Clean up dates are as follows:

- **Fall: November 11, 2018**
- **Spring: April 14, 2019**

Contact Clare McCurley, Teen Project Leader for more details at clare.mccurley@yahoo.com.



A PRAYER

Whatever did not fit in with my plan
 did lie within the plan of God.

I have an ever deeper and firmer belief that nothing is merely an accident when seen in the light of God, that my whole life down to the smallest details has been marked out for me in the plan of Divine Providence and has a completely coherent meaning in God’s all-seeing eyes. And so I am beginning to rejoice in the light of glory wherein this meaning will be unveiled to me.

Amen.

—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.”

—Matthew 12:29