



## 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-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](http://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.

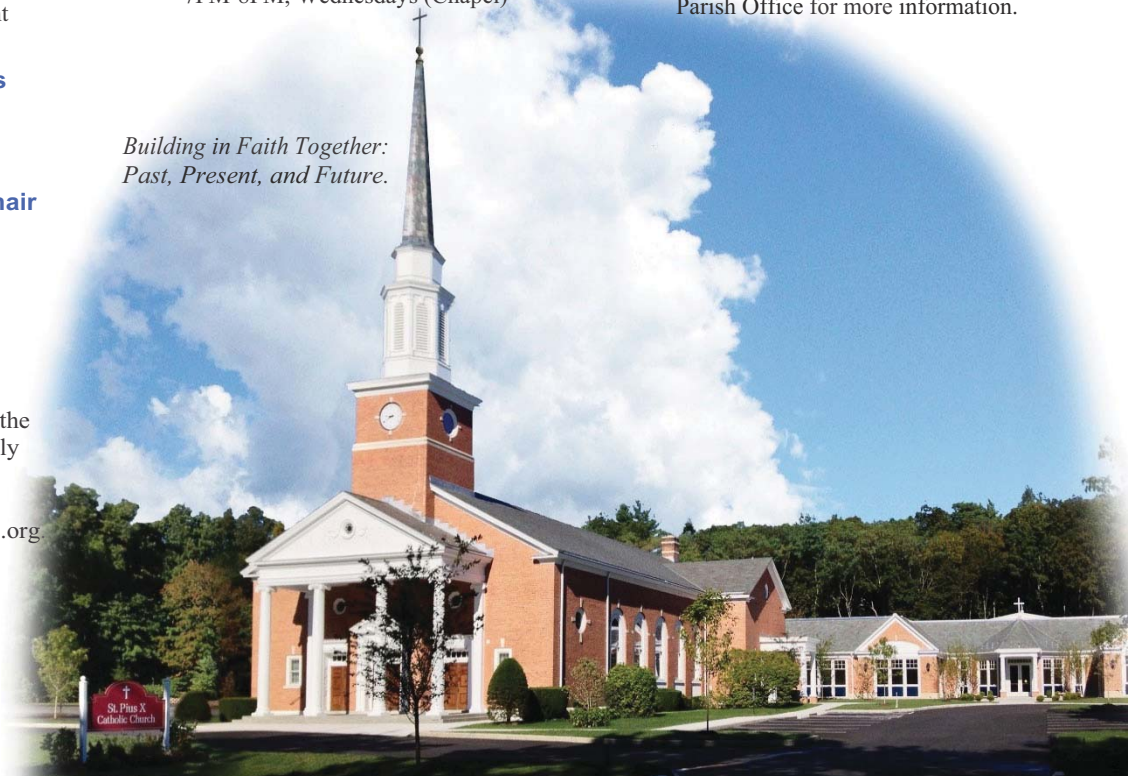
### Anointing of the Sick

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, October 13

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
5:15PM +Naida & Nick Cognetta Pesci Family

#### Sunday, October 14

7:30AM +Donald & Elizabeth Henry Henry Family  
9AM +Kevin J. B. Langdon T. & C. Boone  
10:30AM +Jennie Giuffre V. & J. Giuffre  
12Noon +Alex Skultety J. Skultety

#### Monday, October 15

8:30AM +Adaline DeMarrais

#### Tuesday, October 16

8:30AM +Billy Therriault F. & E. Cutney

#### Wednesday, October 17

8:30AM +Deryl Haskard P. Pithenik

#### Thursday, October 18

8:30AM +Nicodemus Petkus

#### Friday, October 19

8:30AM +Sunil D'Cuhna D'Cuhna Family

#### Saturday, October 20

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
5:15PM +Ida Luciani Mannello Family

#### Sunday, October 21

7:30AM +Deryl Haskard Henry & Davis Family  
9AM +Peter LaMalfa Lynch Family  
10:30AM +Adaline DeMarrais  
12Noon +Pat Ryan Rhatigan Family



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Tom Guman**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in memory of  
♥Kevin J. B. Langdon**



**Flowers in the Chapel this week  
in memory of  
♥Kevin J. B. Langdon**



### 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](mailto: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 familiar story of the rich young man which we hear in the Gospel this weekend provides us with an opportunity to reflect on our own lives. Rich or poor, how do we approach Jesus? Is there anything in our lives that stands as an obstacle to a living, vibrant relationship with our Lord?

Jesus makes it clear that it is hard for the rich to enter the Kingdom of God. This is true for several reasons. A person of wealth can easily grow accustomed to having things their way, to obtaining whatever they desire - though money can never buy happiness, it can buy material comfort. It is also possible for people who have a degree of wealth to be given preferential treatment in certain (or even most) situations. In contemporary parlance, we call this privilege, and that word is rarely uttered with a positive connotation. Put another way, it is possible for those who are rich in material things to adopt an attitude of entitlement, which can lead to a lack of humility and an increase of pride.

The rich young man, though, is sincere. He truly wants to go to heaven and have a relationship with God. When Jesus tells him to keep the commandments, the man answers truthfully that he has observed the commandments religiously his entire life. His heart is in the right place. Jesus looks at him with love because He can see the young man's genuine desire for a life of union with God. But our Lord knows that following the commandments is not the sum total of a relationship with God. Again and again, Jesus calls us not only to fulfill the commandments, but also to go with Him. The young man finds himself unable to follow Jesus, not because the commandments are too hard, but because he is too attached to his material wealth. He does not believe he is capable of living without his stuff. Perhaps more, the rich young man is used to a certain lifestyle and to the deference shown him because of his wealth. Now, he is asked to follow, to associate with the poor, to forsake privilege. This, it seems, is a bridge too far, and he goes away sad, knowing that he has been invited to something great, but is not able to accept the invitation because he is unwilling to humbly change his life.

It is no secret that Fairfield is a fairly wealthy community and that attitudes of entitlement and privilege exist, most often with negative consequences. Do we see these attitudes in ourselves? If so, do we recognize that they are obstacles to a life of discipleship? Are we willing to let go of our privileged attitudes and our tendency toward self-sufficiency in order to listen more carefully to Jesus? Let us today reflect on the obstacles to Jesus that exist in our lives, remembering that Jesus looks at us with love and never withdraws His invitation to be His disciples.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



### QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven.

But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what I own keep *me* from following Jesus?



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- October 7, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$12,667
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$14,443
- Mission Offering: \$917
- Monthly Offering: \$645

**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.**



### CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Fiona Mae Ercolano, James Patrick Garvin and Joseph James Tarnok.**

“Be on your guard,  
stand firm in the faith,  
be courageous,  
be strong.

Your every act should be done with love.”

—1 Corinthians 16:13-14



### LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

*October 21: Special guest speaker Rabbi Shlame Landa.*

Join us for our Lifelong Faith Formation program after the **9AM and 10:30AM Masses, Sunday October 21, APR, Religious Education Center** to hear from Rabbi Shlame Landa of Chabad of Fairfield. Rabbi Shlame and his wife Miriam were appointed to direct Chabad of Fairfield in 2007 and seek to enhance Jewish life in Fairfield. Our theme in Lifelong Faith Formation this year is “knowing our story.” Rabbi Shlame will teach us about the Jewish understanding of the Hebrew Scriptures, the Old Testament. To sign up for our Lifelong Faith Formation program, visit <https://www.st-pius.org/lff-monthly/> or call our Faith Formation Team at 203-259-4800. Kindly indicate which session you would like to attend.



### ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16347

*Coats for Kids Fundraiser on October 27-28...*

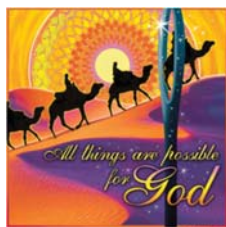


### **Give a Needy Child a Warm Winter Coat!**

The Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program enables you to give a quality winter coat for \$20 (all donations accepted.) The Coats for Kids fundraiser will take place **Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28, before and after Mass at all Church doors.** Coats will be donated in November before winter arrives to the Daughters of Charity of the Most Precious Blood, Bridgeport.







### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. (Wisdom 7:7-11).

**Psalm:** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

**Second Reading:** Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

**Gospel:** It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

**Friday:** Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday:** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]



### 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!



### HAS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGED?

Do you have a new phone (land line or mobile), email, or mailing address? If so, please let us know so we can update our Parishioner Database. Email your updated information to secretary@st-pius.org. Thank you for helping us keep our records current so we can stay in touch with you!



### ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16347

*Used Coat Fundraiser on October 27-28...*



### **Donate a New or Gently Used Coat!**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new or gently used winter coats and sports coats **Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28, before and after Mass at all Church doors.** Collected coats will be donated to Bridgeport Rescue Mission, which offers clothing to those in need in our care and in our community through Blessing Rooms for men/women.



### BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS OUR HELP!

The Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bridgeport Food Pantry is depleted. All non-perishable items are needed, especially cereal, pasta, sauce, canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, jelly, canned fish/meat. Please bring items to the Community Room **Sunday, October 28.** Food donations brought on Saturday, October 27, can be placed in the collection bins in the Usher room in the vestibule. Thank you!



### MEDITATION

*St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta:* You and I have been created for greater things. We have not been created to just pass through this life without aim. And that greater aim is to love and be loved.

## ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

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

- **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.



### 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.



### GOD'S POWER

*"We are not in our power,  
but in the power of God."*

—St. Perpetua



### MUSIC NOTES FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our 2018-2019 liturgical music season is officially underway, and we are very grateful to the members of our **Parish Choir** for their continued dedication. We are especially in need of new voices to join our ranks and become a part of this very special ministry. If you or anyone you know might be interested in singing in our Parish Choir (high school ages on up), invite them to come and see me or contact me at the Parish Office at 203-255-6134 or mlantowski@st-pius.org All our welcome! **Rehearsals** usually take place in the church **7:30PM-9:15PM, Thursdays**.

For those who may not be aware, our **Children's Choirs** will be **on hold** until after my upcoming heart surgery which is scheduled on October 19. We hope to resume the Children's Choirs in the latter part of January once I recover but stay tuned for information on the Christmas Pageant/Lessons and Carols which will be coordinated by Dr. Martha Alward and Mrs. Cidalia Kettles. In the meantime, I ask all of you for your prayers during this time of surgery and recovery. For the next four to six weeks, Dr. Alward will be our substitute organist and choir director, please assist her as well with your prayers and warm welcome. Thank you all for your continued support of the St. Pius X music ministry during this very exciting campaign time. Once I recover, I plan on rebuilding our music program with God's help as we move forward into the future.

Sincerely,  
~Michael Lantowski

*Congratulations*

### ST. PIUS X 2018 PARISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE WINNERS

*Congratulations to the 2018 raffle winners!*

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place** \$1,000 American Express Gift Card: Kathy Agonito
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** \$500 American Express Gift Card: Dennis Sadlowski
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** \$350 American Express Gift Card: Lucille Sabia
- **4<sup>th</sup> Place** \$250 American Express Gift Card: Luke Susic



## RSVP for Oktoberfest Today

Use the reply form inserted in this week's Bulletin.

Menu includes all your favorites...

- Pretzels
- Popcorn
- Grilled Bratwurst
- Beer Brisket
- Knockwurst cooked in beer with sauerkraut
- Fried Potatoes
- Salad
- Red Cabbage, apples, and bacon
- Dessert
- Keg Beer

We look forward to seeing you there!



### ST JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

*Saturday, October 14—all are invited.*

Come see what makes St Joes so special at their Fall Open House **1PM-4PM, Saturday, October 14**. For more information, visit [www.sjcadets.org/visit](http://www.sjcadets.org/visit) or call 203-378-9378, x308. All are invited to attend.



### AN HISTORIC EVENING WITH ANNE FRANK'S STEPSISTER, MRS. EVA SCHLOSS

*"Learning from the Past, Living the Present, Looking to the Future,"  
October 28 at The Klein*

Don't miss this amazing special event Learning from the Past, Living the Present, Looking to the Future with Mrs. Eva Schloss, Anne Frank's stepsister. All are welcome to attend at **5PM, Sunday, October 28, at The Klein, 910 Fairfield Ave, Bridgeport**. Call the Box Office for Tickets at 800-424-0160, ext.2. Tickets: \$36 Premium, \$18 General, \$25 General at the door, \$10 Student, or \$125 VIP with private reception.







# St. Piux X

## Capital Campaign

### In-Pew Next Weekend



Next weekend, **October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>** is our ***We Stand With Christ*** Commitment Weekend. Every parish family will have the opportunity to make or confirm their pledge at Mass.

Below is a gift table for your prayerful consideration. We are asking all families to make a **five-year pledge**. Please take **this week** to prayerfully discern your campaign pledge.

<b>Pledge Amount</b>	<b>Annually (5 installments)</b>	<b>Semi-Annually (10 installments)</b>	<b>Quarterly (20 installments)</b>	<b>Monthly (60 installments)</b>	<b>Monthly Sacrifice Equals</b>
<b>\$24,000</b>	\$4,800	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$400	<i>Family excursion to a theme park</i>
<b>\$15,000</b>	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	<i>Day out at a ballgame</i>
<b>\$12,000</b>	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	<i>Theater tickets for two</i>
<b>\$6,000</b>	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	<i>Cell phone plan for two</i>
<b>\$4,800</b>	\$960	\$480	\$240	\$80	<i>Subscription to a national newspaper</i>

Money raised through ***We Stand With Christ*** will fund 3 foundations supporting Catholic Education, Catholic Charities and Pastoral Ministries in Fairfield County, as well as the **renovation and restoration of the interior of our Church**.



Catholic Education



Catholic Charities



Pastoral Ministries



Church Interior circa 1968

### Help Us Meet Our Special Challenge

To fully fund our project, we need to raise a total of \$2,600,000. Thanks to 86 generous families, we have nearly reached our *We Stand with Christ* goal of \$1,886,000. We have raised a total of \$1,864,302 and are \$736,000 away from reaching our challenge goal. We are entitled 75 cents of each dollar raised over that goal, so, please help us by making your pledge today!

All registered parishioners were sent campaign materials in the mail. If you did not receive a mailing, please pick up a packet in the back of church. Pledges can be fulfilled via credit card, EFT or check. To make your pledge please:

1. Fill out the pledge form you received in the mail
2. Visit [www.GiveCentral.org/WSWC](http://www.GiveCentral.org/WSWC) to complete your pledge online
3. Call or stop by the Parish Office to fill out a pledge form
4. **Fill out a commitment card next weekend during mass**