



A Roman Catholic Community

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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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

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

Monday-Saturday: 8:30AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:15PM

Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, 12Noon

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil: 5:30PM

Holy Day: 8:30AM, 5:30PM, 7:30PM (Latin)

Confession

Saturdays: 4PM-4:45PM (Church)

Wednesdays: 7PM-8PM (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.

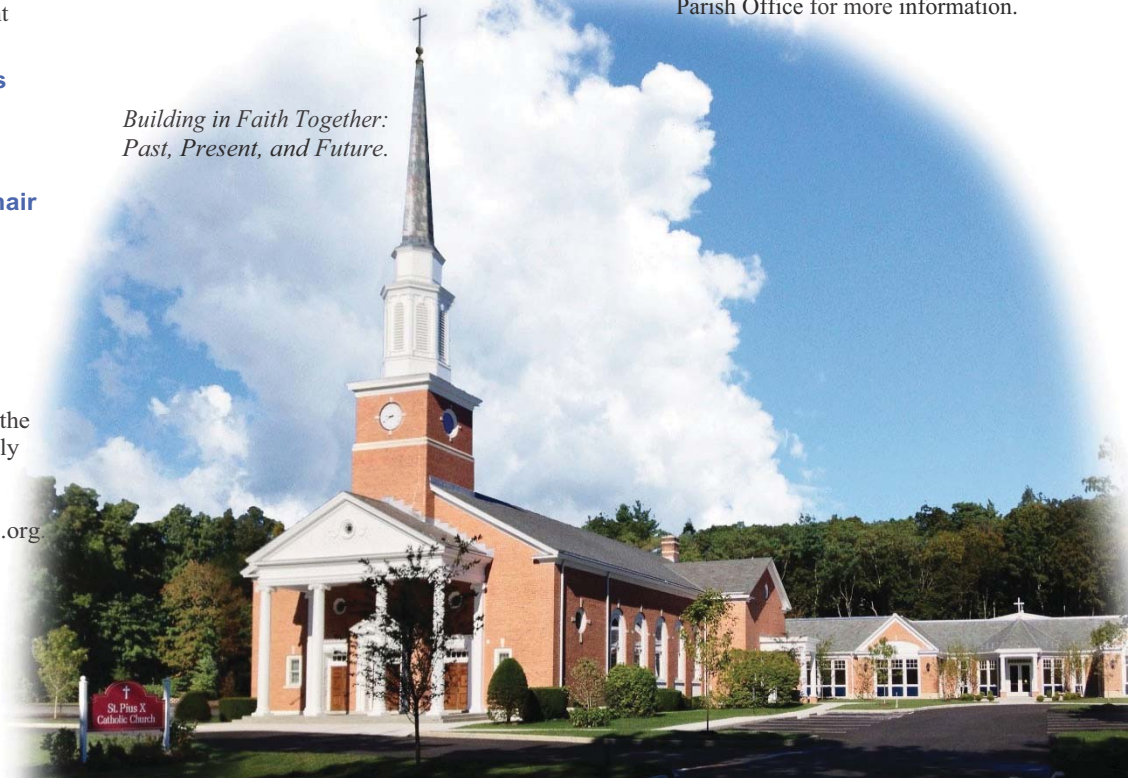
Anointing of the Sick

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 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

Monday, October 22

8:30AM +Christopher D'Souza D'Cunha Family

Tuesday, October 23

8:30AM +Deryl Haskard J & M. Goodman

Wednesday, October 24

8:30AM +Michael Murphy Traynor Family

Thursday, October 25

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

Friday, October 26

8:30AM +Deryl Haskard Mr. & Mrs. Rush

Saturday, October 27

8:30AM +Martha & John Jacob E. & S. Pierson

5:15PM +Liuby Annuncio T. Annuncio

Sunday, October 28

7:30AM +Patrick Ryan M. Ryan

9AM +William Cray J. & J. Myers

10:30AM ♥Nicholas Huydic M. & E. Huydic

12Noon +Joyce Osborn Grattan G. Kiremidjian



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Mae & Guy Giuffre**



**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,

James and John exhibit their typical boldness in the Gospel this weekend. At first glance, their request to sit at the right and left of Jesus in His kingdom may seem to be motivated by a desire for position or prestige. But if we read carefully, we see that they make this request out of love for Jesus. Remember, these same disciples were outraged that Jesus was rejected by the Samaritan town and wanted to call down fire from heaven to consume the place (cf. Luke 9:54). Seeing Jesus rejected causes them great offense and pain. James and John love Jesus and have a profound faith in His promise of eternal life. In their great zeal, they do not understand what they are asking, and so our Lord explains that their salvation and place in the Kingdom will come through suffering like His, through the conformity of their lives to His. Hearing this, the other Apostles are upset because they interpret the request as one for prestige, privilege, and power, instead of as it is genuinely intended (though with a lack of understanding). And so Jesus teaches the true meaning of power. Power, greatness, authority, are not to be wielded for their own sake, nor are they to be lorded over others. Rather, power and authority exist for service. "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mk. 10:45).

Power and authority present a great challenge and temptation if we lack a proper Christian understanding of how they are to be used. Jesus tells us that authority or power is not to be lorded over others, but rather placed at their service. His intention and desire is that in the Church, "power" be used, not in a worldly way, but for the good of the whole community. The true power of the Church is sacramental, that is, it brings God's *true* power to bear on the world, the power that sanctifies, blesses, inspires, heals, and saves. Sometimes authority or power must be exercised to correct behavior or clarify teaching. This is not authority for the sake of authority, but for the sake of truth. For example, a math teacher who allows students to believe that $2+2=5$ fails to exercise legitimate power and authority that should lead to truth. A parent who allows their child to throw rocks at the neighbor's child fails to exercise legitimate power and authority that should lead to right behavior (and safety!). A priest or pastor who remains silent, refusing to speak about important issues or questions fails to exercise the legitimate power and authority that should lead to the salvation of his community. Jesus undoubtedly gives power and authority to the Apostles. But this power and authority is not for their sake, but for the salvation of the whole Church, for those who are powerless and in need.

The existentialist philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche believed that the "will to power" was the driving force operative in all people and institutions. For him, the will to power inspired in people the desire for prestige and high position. This philosophical outlook colors the way in which we, today, interpret power and authority. We tend to view it in secular terms, which leads many to worship the false idol of political power. In an ecclesial context, this understanding can lead people to view leadership roles (such as bishop and priest) as the highest goal of the Catholic, or as the only way to have influence. This attitude did not originate with Nietzsche, of course, as we can see it present throughout history in various ways both secular and religious. Jesus teaches an understanding of power and authority that is *directly opposed* to the will to power. Especially within the Church, all power, all authority must be exercised only for the sanctification, guidance, and service of the whole community. The priesthood, episcopacy, and even papacy are not offices to be served, but are rather offices that exist to proclaim the love and mercy of God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ who came, not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life for the salvation of the world.

Peace,

Jr. Jam



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- October 14, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$10,317
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,454
- Mission Offering: \$179
- Monthly Offering: \$3,070
- Votives (Chapel & Church) Offering: \$872

Thank you for being good and faithful stewards!



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Jamie Wallace and Paul Krivosta



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Avery Rose Hauser** and **Flynn Holly Sutter**.

“There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
A time to give birth, and a time to die; a time
to plant, and a time to uproot the plant.

A time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to tear down, and a time to build.”

—Ecclesiastes 3:1-3



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, may be placed in the collection bins in the Usher room in the vestibule. Thank you for your help and your generosity!



OCTOBER: RESPECT FOR LIFE MONTH: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR, LORD?

In these days of war and violence against the unborn, the poor, the oppressed, the young, the elderly, the different, the foreigner, the outcast, and even whole communities of people, it is vital to our spiritual well-being as the People of God (and preservation as an international family) that we respond wholeheartedly to Christ's mandate to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) Take time during this month to pray about and become educated in the ways (especially legislatively) that we can take a stand against violence – from the moment of conception to natural death - in all its insidious and subtle manifestations. We **MUST** make a difference!



MEDITATION

Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do. —*Pope John Xxiii (Canonized April 27, 2014)*



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading: Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel: Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



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!

“A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance. A time to scatter stones, and a time to gather them; a time to embrace, and a time to be far from embraces. A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away.”

—Ecclesiastes 3:4-6



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.



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.



ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

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

- **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, ppeña@st-pius.org.



GIVE ONLINE—GO GREEN!

Make your weekly gift online with Online Giving. It's easy and totally secure and helps us go green and save money on mailing the printed offertory envelopes.

- No more writing checks or handling cash.
- Set up automatic contributions for each week of the year—you control the amount and timing.
- Change the amount, or the timing, of your gift at any time—you have total control.

Get started now: Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive.

If you have questions or need help getting started, call Terri Dawes in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

“A time to rend, and a time to sew;
a time to be silent, and a time to speak.
A time to love, and a time to hate;
a time of war,
and a time of peace.”
—Ecclesiastes 3:7-8



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.



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.



ACTIONS

Actions speak louder than words;
let your words teach and
your actions speak.
—St. Anthony of Padua



Thanksgiving Food Drive

November 4-5, 2018

“Whatsoever you do for the least of my people that you do unto me.”



Please bring non-perishable food items or gift cards to the **Community Room in the Faith Center** before or after all Masses **November 4-5**. Parish volunteers will be available to assist in carrying items into the Community Room. **Drivers needed to transport food at 9AM, Monday, November 5**. Contact Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 or kdonnelly@st-pius.org to drive.



The Following will Share in the Gift You Bring:

- St. Charles and Blessed Sacrament Food Pantries and Mercy Learning Center
- Operation Hope, Merton House, Prospect House, and Families in Need (Sr. Eileen Boffa and Sr. Theresa Tremblay)

Non-Perishable Food Items Needed:

- Stove Top Stuffing mix
- Dried pasta/dried beans
- Canned meat
- Coffee/Instant coffee, tea bags
- Cereal (*hot and cold*)
- Canned meat/fish
- Tomato sauce
- Juice in plastic bottles
- Canned fruit
- Tuna fish (*canned*)
- Rice (*small bags*)
- Canned vegetables (*especially beans*)
- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti/ravioli in cans
- Soup (*dried/canned*)
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Mayonnaise (*small jars*)

Also Accepting Shop Rite or Stop & Shop Gift Certificates!

(A collection box will be available for Gift Certificates.)

THANK YOU for generously sharing your blessings and gifts with those in need!



St. Pius X

Capital Campaign

In-Pew This Weekend



This weekend, **October 20th and 21st** 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.

Pledge Amount	Annually <i>(5 installments)</i>	Semi-Annually <i>(10 installments)</i>	Quarterly <i>(20 installments)</i>	Monthly <i>(60 installments)</i>	Monthly Sacrifice Equals
\$24,000	\$4,800	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$400	<i>Family excursion to a theme park</i>
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	<i>Day out at a ballgame</i>
\$12,000	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$600	\$200	<i>Theater tickets for two</i>
\$6,000	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	<i>Cell phone plan for two</i>
\$4,800	\$960	\$480	\$240	\$80	<i>Subscription to a national newspaper</i>
\$3,600	\$720	\$360	\$180	\$60	<i>Night out at the movies</i>
\$2,400	\$480	\$240	\$120	\$40	<i>Daily morning coffee</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 the church.**



Catholic Education



Catholic Charities



Pastoral Ministries



Church Interior circa 1968

Thanks to your previous generosity, our campaign has **raised \$1,933,977!** We have achieved **74% of our \$2,600,000 Challenge Goal.** We need just over \$600,000 more to reach this personal target! Since we have surpassed our WSWC parish goal, we now receive 75% of the monies raised. We are striving to have 1,000 families participate, so, please considering contributing if you have not done so already!

This weekend's in-pew request for support will undoubtedly have a significant impact on our efforts to successfully wrap up our campaign. Not knowing in advance who and how much was committed this weekend, we still wanted to say **THANK YOU!**

To those parishioners who made their pledge before this weekend –
THANK YOU, your commitments have brought us to where we are.

To those parishioners who make a sacrificial commitment this weekend – **THANK YOU,** your commitments have helped us get closer to our goal.

To those parishioners who are praying about their potential commitment - **THANK YOU,** your generous sacrificial commitment will help us reach our goal.