



A Roman Catholic Community

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Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Director of Music & Organist

Michael Lantowski

Pastoral Assistant

Kathleen Donnelly

Faith Formation *(formerly Rel. Ed.)*

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Shari Garcia (Edge Middle School)

Paola Pena (Life Teen High School)

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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-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.

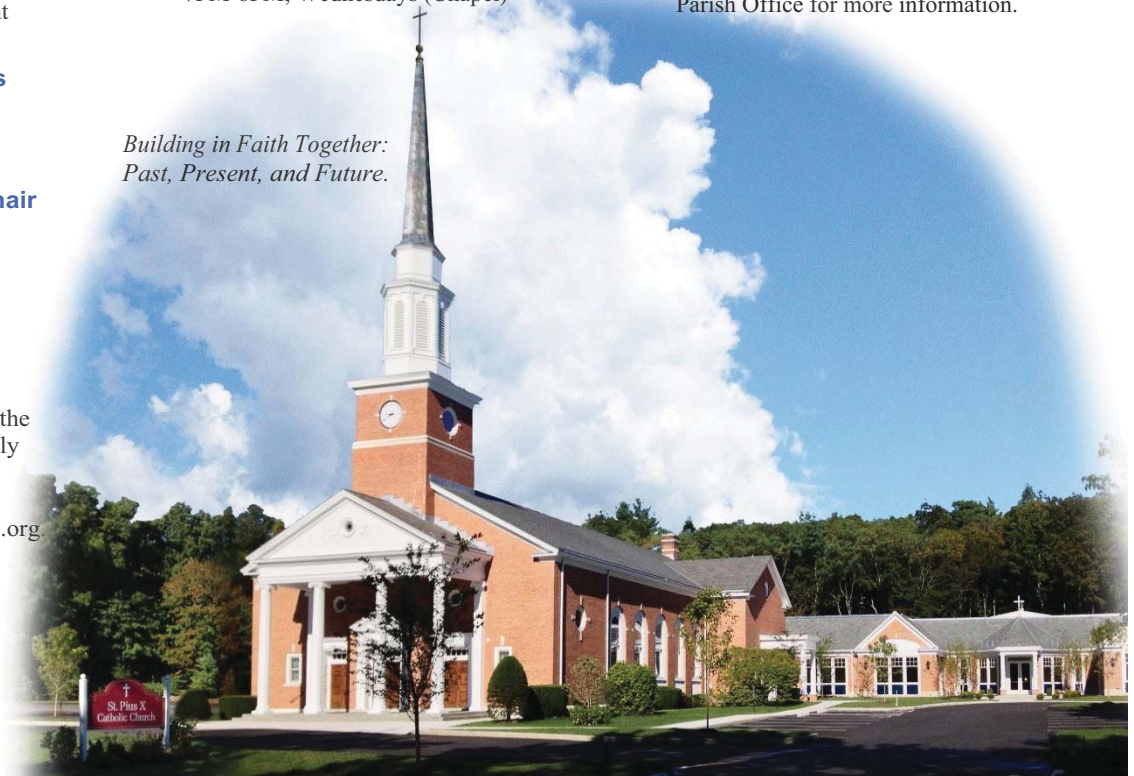
Anointing of the Sick

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, October 6

8:30AM +Laura Burdo D. Greenstein
5:15PM +Tom Haggar 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

Monday, October 8

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Tuesday, October 9

8:30AM +Kevin J. B. Langdon T. Langdon & R. Boone

Wednesday, October 10

8:30AM +Bill Shaughnessy M. & B. Valus

Thursday, October 11

8:30AM +Jack Sherman McMahan M. & K. Ryan

Friday, October 12

8:30AM +Mrs. Loretta Byrne S. Sargent

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Dr. Robert Russo, Sr.**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn 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 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,

Last weekend, I had the privilege of conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation for two groups of our 8th grade parishioners. Bishop Caggiano was unable to join us and so he granted me extra-ordinary delegation to celebrate the sacrament. The experience of receiving that special delegation and in turn having the honor of celebrating an important spiritual moment in the lives of young people reminded me of the awe with which I ought to celebrate every sacramental celebration. The value and meaning of the sacraments cannot be overstated.

Every sacrament has an ordinary minister, that is, one whose role it is to celebrate that sacrament. Some sacraments, like Holy Orders and Confirmation, are reserved to a bishop. In the case of Confirmation, a bishop may delegate a priest to celebrate the sacrament in certain circumstances. The ordinary minister of the Eucharist, Reconciliation/Confession, or Anointing of the Sick is a bishop or priest. The ordinary minister of Baptism is a bishop, priest, or deacon. The ministers of Matrimony are the man and woman who marry, while a bishop, priest, or deacon stands as the Church's witness and offers the Church's blessing. Through the ministers of these sacraments, grace is poured out in abundance for the one receiving the sacrament. Grace is poured out in abundance. This fact about the sacraments bears greater reflection. The Baltimore Catechism definition of a sacrament is "an outward sign, instituted by Christ, that confers grace." By means of the sacraments, God moves toward us, His people. The blessings and graces we need are available to us in a sure way via the sacramental life of the Church. Not only are these graces available, the desire of God is for us to receive them, and receive them well. The sacraments are all about God's action for us, on our behalf. We receive them without any merit, without deserving them. We receive them as gifts freely given.

In order to receive these freely given gifts openly and fruitfully, a certain amount of preparation is necessary. And so parents are asked to spend time preparing for their child's Baptism (as the responsibility for the graces received in Baptism is entrusted to the care of parents), children prepare to receive their first Holy Communion and Confirmation, we examine our consciences before going to Confession, couples go through a process of preparation in anticipation of their wedding day. Even the Anointing of the Sick has a certain preparation by means of a penitential rite, albeit as part of the ritual celebrating the sacrament. Of course, most of the preparation indicated above pertains to those sacraments received once. The sacraments we ought to receive most frequently, Confession and the Eucharist, suggest a related spiritual preparation. Am I ready to receive Jesus in the Eucharist? I ought to examine my conscience in order to be aware of my sins. Am I aware of any grave sins or serious faults that I have committed? If so, I ought to bring them to the sacrament of Confession. Having opened my heart to the merciful love of God, I can then receive the Eucharist in such a spiritual state as to fully cooperate with the gifts Jesus wishes to bestow on me. If I am not aware of any serious sins, I can still prepare for reception of the Eucharist by my prayer, by being on time for Mass, by focusing my mind and heart on offering worthy worship to God.

This week, let us reflect on the gift of the sacraments and how, through them, God wishes to take action in our lives. Let us prepare ourselves well to receive the sacraments and recognize our need for God's grace and blessing in all things. Aware of our need, let us courageously approach His mercy and love so that our celebration of the sacraments may be worthy and fruitful, and we may cooperate with the powerful action of our Creator in us and for our salvation.

Peace,

J. J. Ann



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The phrase in today's Psalm, "May you see your children's children," is really a prayer for a long life. The good steward knows that every day is a gift from God, to be lived with joy and thanksgiving. "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!"



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- September 30, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,395
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$13,909
- Mission Offering: \$434
- Monthly Offering: \$790

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Amy Frassetto and Christopher Serrano



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **Olivia Bridget Cappello** and **Emmie Kathleen Brunetto**.

"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



The Parish Office will be closed in honor of Columbus Day on:

Monday, October 8, 2018



JOURNEY TO LIGHT: BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY

Join us October 13... all are welcome.

Our Bereavement Ministry, Part I and Part II begins this year's nine-month program **11AM-1PM, Saturday, October 13, in the Community Room.** We 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 previous ones—using the tools of dialogue, discussion and journaling.
- **Part II, "Coping,"** is a discussion-based support program for those who've completed Part I. "Coping" Program meets 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.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Saturday, October 13

All are welcome to knit or crochet and enjoy wonderful companionship as we create prayer shawls for those in need. Join us **11AM-1PM, Saturday, October 13, Portable Classroom, Religious Education Center.** For more information, contact Ann Devine at 203-366-4369 or anndevine@optonline.net.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The man said, “This one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called ‘woman’” (Genesis 2:18-24).

Psalm: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives (Psalm 128).

Second Reading: He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin (Hebrews 2:9-11).

Gospel: Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it (Mark 10:2-16 [2-12]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]



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!



MEDITATION

Our Lord does not so much look at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them. (St. Therese of Lisieux, a.k.a. ‘The Little Flower’)



All are welcome to join!

Join us **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 LIFE TEEN

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

- **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.



GOD IN ALL

“In everything, be it a thing sensed, or a thing known, God is hidden within.”

—St. Bonaventure



THANK YOU!

ChristLife of Fairfield includes all seven churches and their parishioners from Fairfield and beyond in a three-part program designed to open the hearts of its guests to a long-lasting relationship with our Lord. We want to THANK all our benefactors who have generously support us! List below as of September 25.

Archangels (\$1,500+)

Fr. Norman Guilbert, Holy Family
Fr. Sam Kachuba, St. Pius X

Dominions (\$1,000 - \$1,499)

Bob & Sharon Fischer, Holy Family

Thrones (\$500 - \$999)

Monique Cassidy, Holy Family
Fr. Peter Cipriani, Our Lady of Assumption
Fr. Milan Dimic, St. Emery
Fr. Victor Martin, St. Thomas Aquinas

Cherubims (\$250 - \$499)

Anonymous
Ray & Kat Mata, Holy Family
Dakota Roman, Holy Family

Seraphims (\$10 - \$249)

Glenn & Debra Sauer, St. Pius X
Gloria Yergeau, Holy Family
Knights of Columbus, Holy Family



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 at
203-209-2895 or Tkelty@gmail.com

or

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



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.thefacofprayer.com to view more than 140 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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Bridgeport

ANNUAL RED MASS

Sunday, October 14

Legal professionals and the public are invited to attend the annual Red Mass **9AM, Sunday, October 14 in the Egan Chapel at Fairfield University**. Monsignor Thomas W. Powers will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The breakfast speaker will be Judge Thomas Hardiman of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit. Cost of the breakfast is \$50/person. You may RSVP for the breakfast by October 8 online at www.bridgeportdiocese.com/rsvp or contact Deb Tietjen at dtietjen@diobpt.org.



St. Pius X Knights of Columbus
OKTOBERFEST

JOIN US FOR PRETZELS,
BRATS, BRISKET & BEER!

ADULTS \$20
BEER \$3

Saturday
at 6:00pm

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Following the
5:15pm mass.

LOCATION: SCHOOL APR

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

Join Us and Enjoy a Delicious
Oktoberfest Dinner!

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

Reserve your spot today!



ST. PIUS X

WE STAND WITH CHRIST

Help Us Reach 42% Participation!

Thank you to each and every parish family who has already made a gift to *We Stand With Christ*, and to those who are still considering their contribution. As of today, **79 families** have pledged a gift. This campaign is a historic undertaking that will directly benefit the ministries at St. Pius X, and it will help reinvigorate the Church of Fairfield County. We are aspiring to **engage 1,000 families** in this vital endeavor, and with your help, we can reach this goal! Each family's financial situation varies, so it is important to emphasize that this campaign is about equal sacrifice and not equal gifts. We understand that not everyone who has been asked to consider a specific request will be able to give at that level. Any request is a prayerful consideration and not a demand. Any pledge that you are willing and able to give will be graciously and warmly received and will greatly benefit our parish.

The Importance of Pledge Payments

You may complete your pledge over a 5-year (60 month) time period. A pledge allows you to consider a substantial gift that will not only enable our Parish to fulfill its WSWC goal of \$1,886,000 but surpass this financial target and reach the parish Challenge Goal of \$2,600,000. Achieving this goal would allow St. Pius to more quickly complete the projects in the interior of the Church. Parishioners may pay by check, ETF or stock. Credit card payments will be available online at www.givecentral.org/wswc/

We are aware that people's circumstances can change over a five-year period. Please remember that all pledges are non-legally binding and can be altered at any time. A pledge will not be passed onto one's family in the event of death, illness, or another occurrence. Thank you for your support and generosity!

St. Pius X's Needs

