



## 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

Barbara Kwiatkowski, 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

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.

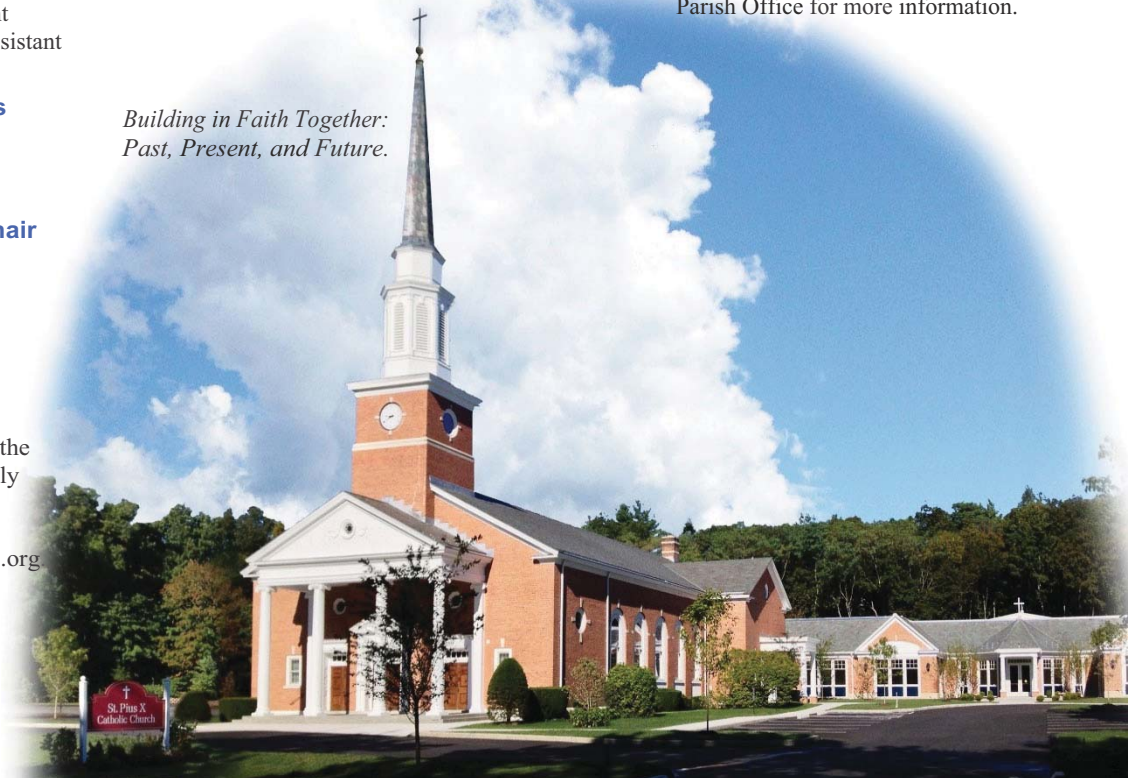
### Anointing of the Sick

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, December 1

8:30AM +Kevin Murray McIntosh Family  
5:15PM +Anthony Annuncio T. Annuncio

#### Sunday, December 2

7:30AM +Mary Cunningham Chessare Family  
9AM +Michele Testa Wallace Family  
10:30AM +Limatola, Vona, & Cappuccia Families M. Vona  
12Noon +Vivian Kral P. & B. Carolan

#### Monday, December 3

8:30AM +Thomas Carter Dr. & Mrs. Bird

#### Tuesday, December 4

8:30AM +William Shaughnessy J. Burr

#### Wednesday, December 5

8:30AM +Pedro Aquino, Jr. Masson Family

#### Thursday, December 6

8:30AM +Nicholas Huydic M. & E. Huydic

#### Friday, December 7

8:30AM +Mary Jane Kaner J. Kaner  
5:30PM Intentions of All Parishioners

#### Saturday, December 8

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
12Noon Intentions of All Parishioners  
5:15PM +Agnes Sedensky Roach Fr. S. Kachuba

#### Sunday, December 9

7:30AM +Joyce Grattan O'Connell Family  
9AM +Maria Artieri E. Porco  
10:30AM +Mary L. Powers Rhatigan Family  
12Noon +Alex Skultety J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Rosemary Brosnan**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in honor of  
Our Lady of Lourdes**



**Flowers in the Church and the  
Chapel this week in memory of  
Dan Caruso**



### ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

*We must never underestimate the power of prayer!*

Let us pray for you! Email petitions/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 year of grace 2019 begins this weekend with the celebration of the first Sunday of Advent. As you know, the Advent season is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. Additionally, it is a season in which we look forward to His second coming in glory at the end of time. Throughout these four weeks, we are invited to prepare our hearts, minds, and homes to welcome Christ our Savior.

The violet vestment is used throughout this holy season to remind us of our need to spiritually prepare. We typically associate violet in the liturgy with penance—during the sacrament of confession, the priest wears a violet stole; during Lent, a season of penance, violet is worn throughout. In the context of the Advent season, the violet vestment does indeed call us to penance, though not in the same way as it does in Lent. Advent prepares us for our Lord's arrival on the human scene. Thus, the penance we take on in this time is less of a rigorous spiritual discipline and more focused on preparing for a joyful celebration. Think, for example, of the joyful expectation of a family awaiting the birth of a child. Though pregnancy is difficult and involves the “penance” of certain discomforts, etc., parents look ahead with joy to welcoming new life. Their penance, then, is touched by joyful expectation and hope. Our penance and preparation throughout this season should be touched by similar joy.

We Catholics are among what seems to be a minority. For many, the Christmas season began when Santa Claus passed by Macy's in the parade on Thanksgiving. The Christmas season ends sometime early on December 27. To a Catholic, this is backwards. The Church recognizes our need to get ready and our need to sustain joy. These weeks are set aside to help us prepare and to recognize in Christmas something greater than an opportunity to give gifts and eat. The famous “spirit” of Christmas ought not, for a Catholic, be confined to being joyful and with others (though this is, of course, very good!). Rather, for Catholics, the spirit of Christmas is none other than the joy of the shepherds and Magi who found the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. The shepherds were taken by surprise, the Magi had time to prepare as they journeyed. We can easily be taken by surprise if we skip Advent. So let us go with the Magi, preparing our hearts for the journey at hand, and let the anticipation of the birth of our Savior build in our hearts.

To help us on this journey, we are privileged to offer **two evenings of prayer and inspiration in our Advent Parish Mission**, led by Fr. Luke Joseph Leighton, CFR. You may remember Fr. Luke, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal, who joined us a few years ago for our Lenten mission. On **Monday** and **Tuesday** of this week beginning at **7 PM**, he will offer inspiring talks and prayer, with music by Michael Corsini. **Each evening will include Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.** On **Tuesday evening, priests will be available for the sacrament of confession.** Please join Fr. Luke and use these nights to enter deeply into the beauty of the Advent season!

Peace,



### QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

“Be on guard,” Jesus warns in today’s Gospel, lest your spirits become bloated with indulgence.” Let us heed His warning and follow the advice of St. Paul, conducting ourselves in a way pleasing to God, overflowing with love for one another.



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- November 18, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$14,868
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$13,685
- Mission Offering: \$165
- Monthly Offering: \$277
- Human Development Offering: \$1,921
- Votives (Church and Chapel) Offering: \$582
- Coffee Hour Offering: \$85
- November 25, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,626
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,237
- Thanksgiving Offering: \$753
- Monthly Offering: \$340
- Mission Offering: \$280

**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: Colin Michael and Conor James Flory



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Kristy McDermott and James Fiesel

# HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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*Feast of the Immaculate Conception—December 8*

### **Vigil Mass**

5:30PM, Friday, December 7, 2018

### **Holy Day Masses**

8:30AM, 12Noon, and 7:30PM (Latin)

Saturday, December 8, 2018



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

As Catholics, we pause and honor Mary. This wonderful feast celebrates the gift of God to Mary in preserving her from original sin from the moment of her existence. Pope Pius IX’s declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception took place **December 8, 1854**. In Paris in 1830, Mary appeared to Catherine Laboure and declared herself to be the Immaculate Conception. Between February 11, 1858, and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared to a young peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous, eighteen times at the grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes, France. On March 24, Bernadette was instructed to have a chapel built in honor of the Blessed Virgin, and on the following day Mary identified herself as the Immaculate Conception. In the mid-1800s, the American bishops placed our relatively new country under the protection of Mary under her title as the Immaculate Conception.

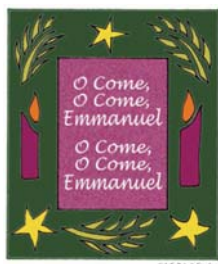


## FAMILY ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS

*First Week: Hope*

We gather around the Advent Wreath before the evening meal begins. As the first purple candle is lit, we pray, “Lord Jesus, we turn to you during this Advent Season, to awaken within us what is right and just in our world and in our families. Grant us wisdom, caring hearts and a gentle spirit, especially within our home. You are our hope. You are the light of our family.”





### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** The days are coming when the LORD will fulfill the promise made to Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 33:14-16).

**Psalm:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul (Psalm 25).

**Second Reading:** Abound in love for one another and for all (1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2).

**Gospel:** Stand erect and raise your heads; your redemption is at hand (Luke 21:25-28, 34-36).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



### ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP

*Today, December 2!*

All are invited to participate in the **Advent Family Workshop, 10AM-11:30AM, today, December 2 in the Religious Education Center.** This delightful event is for children of all ages. Advent wreath materials are available for children (\$10 per wreath) to create a “live” Advent wreath from fresh cut pine greens. Tables will also be available for children to design their poster for the Knights of Columbus poster contest: “Keep Christ In Christmas.”



### CATHOLIC FAITH/CATHOLIC LIFE: ADVENT

**Advent**, from the Latin, *adventus*, “**coming**,” is a season of **joyful expectation** with a twofold character: it prepares us for the commemoration of the Incarnation (Word made flesh—God becoming man) and it looks forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. This wonderful, holy season also helps us to spiritually prepare for the coming of Christ into our hearts at Christmas. Praying with an Advent Wreath is a wonderful way to mark this time of preparation. The evergreens and circular form point to the everlasting love of God—whose love for us has no beginning and no end. The four candles represent the time of waiting for the Messiah; specifically, the four hundred years of silence (no prophet’s voice was heard) prior to John the Baptist. Purple candles and vestments remind us to change our hearts and live for Christ; rose-colors during this time point to joy. The **first week** candle points to our **HOPE** for salvation which resides in Christ; **second week**, points to the **PEACE** of Christ; **third week**, to Christ, our **JOY** and **fourth week** to God’s **LOVE** and our response, in gratitude, to that love. The Jesse Tree is a prayerful way in which to symbolically chart our salvation history, beginning with Adam and Eve.



### ST. PIUS X ADVENT MISSION

*December 3 and 4*

Join us for our Advent Mission, to be held at **7PM, December 3 and 4 in the Church.** The Advent Mission will be led by Fr. Luke Joseph Leighton, CFR with music by Michael Corsini. Each evening will include an inspiring talk, music, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction. Confessions will also be heard on Tuesday, December 4.

## ADVENT RESOURCES

*We invite you to explore these three powerful online resources to help you deepen your Advent journey this year...*

BEST **Advent** EVER

### FREE DAILY EMAILS AND VIDEOS

Sign up for Dynamic Catholic “Best Advent Ever” program online at <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>. This free email program will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during this busy season. You'll experience Advent in a whole new way—leading to the best Christmas of your life! You will receive daily emails and videos to help you pause and reflect on the true meaning of the season.

**FORMED**  
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.  
ON DEMAND.

### FREE ACCESS TO DIGITAL CATHOLIC CONTENT

Discover media from 40+ of the best Catholic content producers with Formed On Demand. Free access for all St. Pius X parishioners to thousands of studies, films, audios, and eBooks. Set up a free account at [www.st-pius.formed.org](http://www.st-pius.formed.org). Questions? Email Shari Garcia at [sgarcia@st-pius.org](mailto:sgarcia@st-pius.org).

**WORD** on FIRE

### FREE ACCESS TO CATHOLIC VIDEOS

Word on Fire features films and videos with Bishop Robert Barron who has been hailed as “one of the Church’s greatest messengers” to help you boost your faith! Click on any video we send you via Flocknote to access the entire Word on Fire library of Catholic content, free to all St. Pius X Parishioners. Questions? Email Paola Pena at [ppeña@st-pius.org](mailto:ppeña@st-pius.org).

YOUNG *at* HEART

### ST. PIUS X SENIORS

*ALL are welcome to join December 3: “Al’s Angels!”*

Join us at **12Noon, Monday, December 3, in the Community Room**. Al Diguido, Founder and Director of “Al’s Angels” will be joining us! All are welcome to hear Al’s presentation and to support his wonderful program by bringing a new, unwrapped toy, for a boy or girl, age 3-10 years old. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. RSVP needed, call or text Peter Carey (TODAY!) at 203-673-2081 or email him at [aandp1964@aol.com](mailto:aandp1964@aol.com).



### JOURNEY TO LIGHT: BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY

*Join us December 8... all are welcome.*

Our monthly Bereavement Ministry, Part I and Part II, continues **11AM-1PM, Saturday, December 8 in Community Room, in the Faith Center**. We meet the **second Saturday** of every month, October-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 11AM-12Noon. Both groups gather together at 11AM for prayer and again at 12Noon for refreshments. All are welcome! For more information or to register, contact Denis Sullivan at [denisrsullivan@msn.com](mailto:denisrsullivan@msn.com) or 203-997-1130.



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

*Join us Saturday, December 8...*

All are welcome to knit or crochet and enjoy wonderful companionship as we create prayer shawls for those who need them. Join us **11AM-1PM, Saturday, December 8, Portable Classroom, in the Religious Education Center**. Contact Ann Devine at 203-366-4369 or [anndevine@optonline.net](mailto:anndevine@optonline.net) for more information.



**LESSONS AND CAROLS AND  
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

*December 16*

*And A Child Shall Lead Them...Isaiah 11:6*

Join us for this year's Lessons and Carols Program and our Children's Christmas Pageant: **3PM, Sunday, December 16, in the Church.** Fr. Sam will bless our parish creche. Light refreshments will be served in the Community Room. All are invited to join in this simple yet beautiful way to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ on Christmas.



**FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP**

*January 12, hosted by the St. Pius X Council # 16347*

*Come have fun and test your basketball skills!*

**When:** 7PM, Saturday, January 12, 2019 (Rain Date: Sat., Jan. 26.) 7PM Registration and Warm Up; 7:30PM Start

**Where:** APR/Gym in the Religious Education Center

**What:** Free competition open to boys and girls ages 9 to 14 years old as of January 1, 2019. Pizza and soda will be served after the competition!

**How to Compete:** It's a foul shot competition. Each Competitor gets 15 shots. Most points wins!

**Pre-Register--LIMITED SPACE:** This event is open to the first 25 children who register. ACT NOW! Copy of Birth Certificate and Signed Parental Authorization Form Required. Winners of each age group will win an Official Knights of Columbus Basketball. Pre-register by emailing Birth Certificate and Parental Authorization Form to Tom Kelty at [tkelty@gmail.com](mailto:tkelty@gmail.com) or mail to St. Pius X Church, c/o Knights of Columbus, 834 Brookside Drive, Fairfield CT 06824.

**More Information:** Visit the St Pius X Website at [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org) or Contact Tom Kelty at [tkelty@gmail.com](mailto:tkelty@gmail.com).



**ADVENT GIVING TREES**

*Two weeks until gifts are due: December 15-16!*

Visit our Advent Giving Trees in the **Church Vestibule, Chapel Hallway, and Community Room Hallway.** We're collecting gifts for those in need, take tags from the trees and purchase those items. We will be donating to 11 area agencies (including Veterans) who depend on our generosity to help keep their clients warm, fed, and hopeful. **All wrapped gifts are due under the trees by December 15-16.** You must attach the original tag to your package so we know where to send that gift. Thank you!



**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS  
POSTER CONTEST**

*December 9, hosted by the St. Pius X Council # 16347*

Children are invited to participate in the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest **after the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses, Sunday, December 9 in the Community Room.** This is a free competition open to boys and girls ages 5 to 14 years old as of November 1, 2018. For more information or to request an entry form, contact Jim Maloney at [jpmaloney19@gmail.com](mailto:jpmaloney19@gmail.com) or Mike Finneran at [Michael.Finneran@morganstanley.com](mailto:Michael.Finneran@morganstanley.com).

**ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN**

*Hey Teens, join us!*

*Newcomers always welcome* 😊

- **December 9, 3:30PM-6:30PM:** Meet at St. Peter's in Bridgeport for Movie Night! Bring snacks to share.
- **December 16, 6PM-8PM:** White Elephant Christmas Party Extravaganza!
- **December 23:** No Youth Group. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- **January 3-7, 2019:** SEEK Conference, Indianapolis, IN. Nine college students and young adults from our parish will be in attendance! Please keep them in your prayers.

More info., email Paola Pena, [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org).



### CHRISTMAS POT LUCK WITH A VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS!

*Sponsored by:*

*The Freedom Isn't Free Ride Foundation, Inc. and St. Pius X Active and Separated Military (SPASM)*

**6:30PM-9:30PM**  
**Friday, December 14**  
**St. Pius X Community Room**

RSVP no later than Monday, December 10 to Russell Edgett by phone 475-225-9694 or email [RussellJ.Edgett@gmail.com](mailto:RussellJ.Edgett@gmail.com).

When you RSVP, please include what dish you want to bring and the age and gender of any children you will be bringing.



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

*December 7 in the Chapel...*

Visit the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God in the Faith Center for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the **First Friday of every month (9AM-9PM.)** Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. You may also volunteer in one-hour increments, sign-up sheets are located outside the Chapel or you may contact the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.



### 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!



### 2018 ST. PIUS X PARISH ST. AUGUSTINE MEDAL OF SERVICE RECIPIENTS

*Congratulations Jack and Paula Finnegan!*

On November 17, Bishop Caggiano presented the St. Augustine Service Medal to outstanding volunteers from parishes across the Diocese of Bridgeport. Representing St. Pius X, **Jack and Paula Finnegan** received the award for their years of service to our parish community. Parishioners for over 40 years, they give of themselves generously for the good of our parish. They have volunteered in many parish ministries, assisted with our recent capital campaign, and are a devout, joyful presence for everyone who meets them. Congratulations, Jack and Paula, and thank you for all you do for St. Pius X Parish!

The medal displays the image of St. Augustine of Hippo, patron saint of the diocese on one side. The reverse side features the coat of arms of the Diocese of Bridgeport (see above.)



### WEEKLY PARISH COFFEE HOUR

*We need your help to host!*

Weekly Parish Coffee Hour **follows the 9AM and 10:30AM Masses.** Hosting a Coffee Hour is easy and a great way to help with parish community building while meeting people at the same time! Donating baked goods or fruit adds to the fun and delight of the children. Contact Tom Dolan at 203-895-9513 or [tmdolanjr@aol.com](mailto:tmdolanjr@aol.com) to sign up to host October – June.

Jesus said to his disciples:  
 "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

—Mark 13:33