



A Roman Catholic Community

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Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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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)

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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

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.

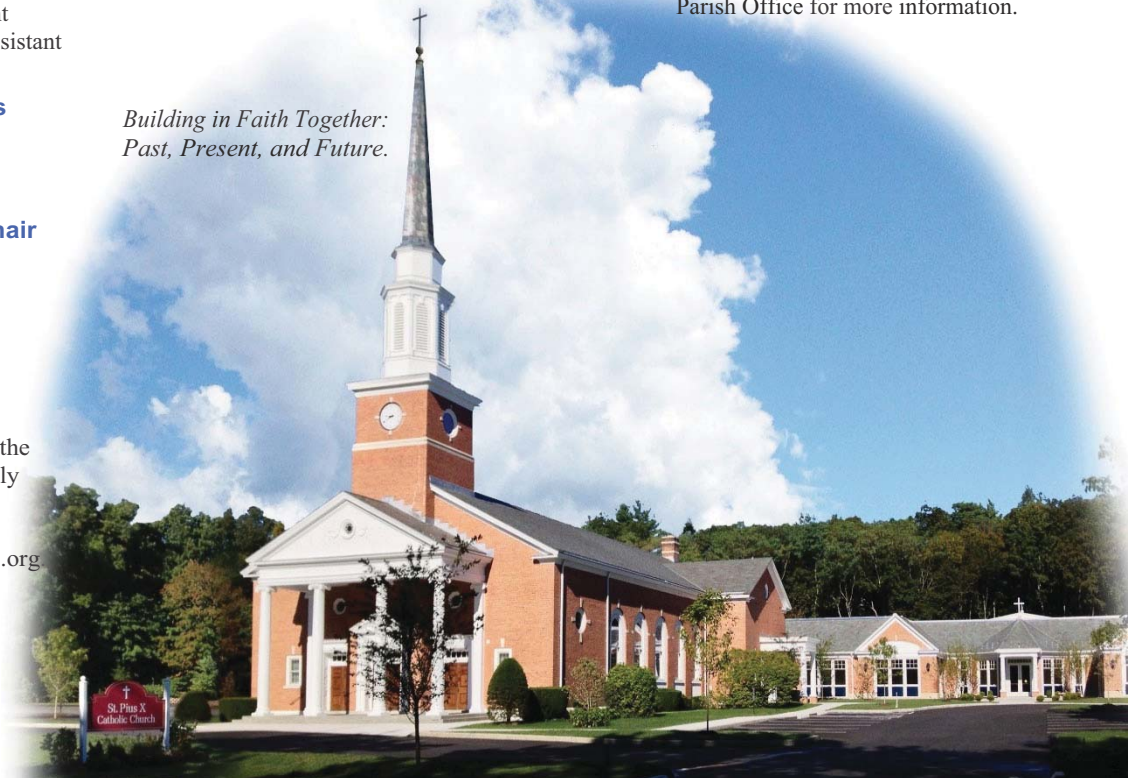
Anointing of the Sick

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, November 10

8:30AM +James Canniffe M. Thornton
5:15PM +Randisi & Avitabile Families Avitabile Family

Sunday, November 11

7:30AM +Deryl Haskard R. & C. Parker
9AM +Elizabeth Barton Delaney Family
10:30AM +Joseph Musso, Sr. D. Greenstein
12Noon +Tito Livio Rijo A. Riffice

Monday, November 12

8:30AM +Ada DeSantie S. Barrett

Tuesday, November 13

8:30AM +Kathryn Ventricelli M. Ventricelli

Wednesday, November 14

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

Thursday, November 15

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Friday, November 16

8:30AM +Joseph Jenkins G. Rodriguez

Saturday, November 17

8:30AM +Geraldine Gilmore L. & M. Foley
5:15PM +King Dykeman J. Wiesen

Sunday, November 18

7:30AM +Veronica Stofberg M. Fuligna
9AM +Michael Murphy P. & B. Carolan
10:30AM +Phil Steinborn J. Steinborn
12Noon +Alex Skultety J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Robert J. Kehoe**



**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/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,

As you know, the Church prays for all the deceased in a special way during the month of November. We will continue our reflection on the funeral rites of the Church throughout this month. Last week, we were reminded that the funeral serves a twofold purpose: to pray for the salvation of the deceased person and to help those who mourn offer thanksgiving, find hope, and recall the promise of the resurrection. With that in mind, it is worth reflecting on how the Catholic Church's funeral rites are structured. The Rite of Christian Burial is a three-part liturgy.

- The liturgy begins with the **Vigil for the Deceased**, commonly called the **wake**. While a wake usually lasts several hours, the liturgical prayer offered during that time is very brief, and serves to set the tone for the evening. "We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection which knit us as one throughout our lives do not unravel with death." (*Vigil for the Deceased—Rite of Christian Burial* 71). Reminded of this truth, during the wake we have an opportunity for friends and family to come together to pray, remember the life of the deceased, and prepare for the funeral Mass the next day. The wake is a moment to pay respects, to share memories and stories, and to comfort one another.

- The **Mass of Christian Burial** ordinarily takes place the day after the wake. In this Mass, the Church reminds us of our hope that those who have faith will share in the Resurrection of Jesus. Rooted in the symbolism of baptism, the casket is sprinkled with holy water, covered with a white cloth, and placed before the Easter candle. The Scripture readings point us to God's mercy and remind us that Jesus has triumphed over sin and death. A homily serves to focus our attention on the fact that, for the Christian, death is not the end, but a new beginning of life, and thus we, as a community of faith, have a responsibility to pray for the eternal salvation of the deceased. The proper title for a funeral Mass is "Mass of Christian Burial"—other names (e.g. celebration of life, mass of resurrection) should not be used.

- The **Rite of Committal** follows the Mass and takes place at the cemetery. Burial reflects our Catholic belief in the dignity of the body, and our anticipation of the resurrection of the dead. Short prayers are said at the graveside and mourners are able to say a final goodbye to their loved one. The burial of the body provides a visible moment of closure and an end to the funeral rites of the Church.

These three liturgical moments are vital in the Church's ministry and pastoral practice. They provide structure and guidance for our prayer when faced with death, allow us to properly entrust the soul of our beloved deceased to the mercy of God, and give us comfort in the familiarity of ritual. Next week's reflection will use this foundational explanation of the structure of the Rite of Christian Burial to explain other elements of how the Church prays for the dead and ministers to the grieving.

Peace,

Fr. Sam



GOOD STEWARDSHIP
QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- November 4, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,701
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$10,566
- Mission Offering: \$638
- Monthly Offering: \$370
- All Saints Offering: \$2,030
- All Souls Offering: \$648
- Coffee Hour Offering: \$43



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 is also 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 to sign up to host a Mass (or two!) from October – June.



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

All are welcome November 13...

“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 (\$5 donation) **12Noon, Tuesday, November 13, in the Community Room**. RSVP: Esther Lawless at 203-368-4222. New participants welcome!



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

Monday, November 12, 2018

We remember and thank all veterans past and present who served/serve to protect us and our freedom.
God Bless America!



VETERANS' MASS

*8:30AM, November 12 in the Church—
all are welcome!*

Join us **8:30AM, Monday, November 12, in the Church** as we welcome Fairfield Town Officials, representatives of Veterans' Organizations, and family and friends of all veterans, living and deceased. Parishioners are invited to attend this special Mass in honor of our veterans. Fairfield's annual Memorial Service will take place 11AM at the Town Hall green.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

November 14

All are invited to attend our annual Mass of Remembrance at **7PM, Wednesday, November 14**. The roll call of our beloved deceased will be read by Fr. Sam. This includes the names of all people buried from St. Pius during 2018 and the names of any deceased (2018) called in to the parish office. Families present will receive a small candle and carnation in remembrance. Contact Kathleen Donnelly, 203-255-6134, x113 or kdonnelly@st-pius.org.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).

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

Second Reading: Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).

Gospel: This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

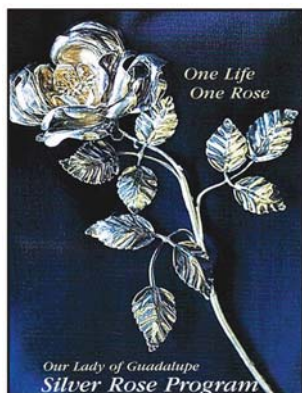
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



SILVER ROSE PROGRAM

Knights of Columbus Council 16347

All Masses

Sunday, November 18, 2018

St. Pius X Church

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Hey Teens, join us! Newcomers always welcome 😊

● **November 18:** Family Potluck and Game Night. Bring a dish to share and bring the whole family! Adoration and Confession. For more info., email Paola at ppena@st-pius.org.



The Diocese of
Bridgeport

DIocese OF BRIDGEPORT FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Diocese created a new Website that outlines how the Diocese of Bridgeport is transparent and fully accountable in its policies, programs, and response to the sexual abuse of minors. You may visit it here: <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/pledge/welcome/> It may also be found on the Diocese Website homepage under the tab: "Protecting Our Children."

The Diocese also published its **Diocesan Financial Accountability Report** that outlines a full financial report of settlement amounts for past claims of clergy sexual abuse of minors from the establishment of the Diocese to date. The report includes the sources from where the money was obtained to settle those claims. The report can be found on the Diocesan Website or the "Pledge to Protect" Webpage.



Mater Salvatoris School Open House

November 17: We educate the mind, we educate the heart, we educate the spirit.

Mater Salvatoris is an Independent Catholic College-Preparatory School for girls, Coed in PreK and K, under the direction of the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. We provide a faithful Catholic Education, committed to educating the whole person. Currently enrolling PK3-2nd Grade for 2019-2020 school year and will expand by one grade level each year up to Grade 12. Join us for our Open House, **10AM-1PM, Saturday, November 17, 403 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford.** For more information, call 203-489-0977.



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!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In recent months, we have invited all our parish families to invest in the future of St. Pius X Church and the Diocese of Bridgeport in an unprecedented way through the *We Stand With Christ* capital campaign.

We have been remarkably successful having raised a total of \$2,576,850! We reached our *We Stand With Christ* parish goal of \$1,886,000, and are nearly to our Challenge Goal of \$2,600,000! We only need \$23,000 to reach the Challenge Goal, and with a few more weeks left in the campaign, I'm hopeful that we can achieve this benchmark. Your extraordinary generosity will enable us to fully fund our church renovation from the campaign monies. I'm so grateful for the generosity and stewardship that has been demonstrated here at St. Pius. We could not have been so successful without the 260 families who have participated.

We continue, with tremendous gratitude, to receive commitments every week. If you would like to join the 260 families that are supporting our campaign, feel free to take an envelope in the back of the church to fill out a pledge form and drop it off in the Parish Office. You can also visit <https://www.givecentral.org/wswc/> in order to make a gift online. Even if you are unable to commit to a multi-year pledge, I encourage you to participate in this effort with a one-time gift, as the work we do today will bear fruit for many generations to come.

Thank you for your vision and your commitment to our parish. You make it possible for St. Pius X Parish to be a beacon of faith for our community. I am so thankful for the support and devotion that our family of faith has shown during this campaign and I look forward to sharing continued updates and proposed renderings of the church interior in the coming weeks.

God Bless,

Father Sam

Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

St. Pius X Parish: July 2018 – September 2018 (1st Quarter)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We wrapped up a busy 1st Quarter to round out a busy Summer. As you know we have been knee-deep in the We Stand with Christ Diocesan Campaign and were blessed to have met our goal. I have high hopes that we will also meet our Challenge Goal! On top of this, we continued to have lots to do to ensure our 13-acre campus, with its more than 23,000 square feet of active space, was maintained. And we kicked off the first few months of our re-imagined Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep with good feedback. See below and next page for July-September highlights as well as our financials.

As always, you have my thanks and gratitude for all that you do for our parish. Your generosity of time, talent, and treasure are humbling. I continue to pray for all of you and ask that you also pray for me and my team. There is much to do, and we are dedicated to serving you and being good stewards of this special parish. Our doors are always open—stop in anytime to say hello or share your feedback. Happy Autumn!

Peace,



Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba, Pastor

Getting Down to Business on our Campus

- Conducted first ever Parish Reserve Study to receive an analysis of the lifespan of our campus infrastructure to enhance our strategic planning and budgeting for repairs and maintenance.
- Renewed lease with Hunt Ridge Montessori School.
- Last phase of the solar project was put on hold by the Diocese. Revised completion date: Spring 2019.
- Re-negotiated dumpster contract to better meet our trash needs and reduce costs by 50%.
- Streamlined/consolidated Internet connectivity between the Rectory and Faith Center, reducing costs and increasing Internet speed.
- Cleaned carpets in the Church and Religious Education Center.
- Installed land line in the second floor of the Religious Education Center for efficiency and safety.
- Completed annual fire/security inspection and annual inspection of fire extinguishers/emergency lights.
- Re-leveled uneven and settled brick pavers in front of the Chapel—thank you Gino Vona!

Teaching our Faith—Religious Education and Edge

- First of five Sacramental Preparation Parent Sessions met in September and were highlighted by Father Sam's Catholic Jeopardy!
- First Lifelong Faith Formation session debuted in September with more than 80 people registered to listen to Fr. Sam speak about the faith.
- More than 300 students registered for our re-invented Sacramental Preparation program.
- In September 100 students were Confirmed by Fr. Sam who stood in for Bishop Caggiano that day.

Engaging our Youth—Life Teen Youth Ministry

- High School teens helped put together 2,000 ornament tags for the St. Pius X Giving Tree.
- Eight Life Teen Alumni registered for SEEK this January, in Indianapolis, with Paola and Fr. Sam! SEEK is a 5-day conference hosted by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and is about discovery, a new perspective, and becoming who you were always meant to be and be made NEW in Christ.

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Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

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Igniting our Faith—Worship and Community Building

- Coffee Hours are back! Thank you, Tom Dolan for being so steadfast in organizing these.
- Adult Choir returned to the Loft to lend song to all our worship. *Anyone interested in joining, stop up to the Loft. We need YOU!*
- Biweekly Scripture Study and Parish Book Group drew people closer to understanding the Word of God.

Serving our Community—Ministries

- Senior Group was busy as usual with their luncheons where they gathered for fellowship and to listen to guest speakers.
- Knight of Columbus inducted officers for the 2018 - 2019 fraternal year. They raised \$902 for St. Catherine's Academy at their annual Tootsie Roll/Candy Fundraiser and hosted their 5th Sunday Rosary Program. The Council also received the 2017-2018 Vocation Sponsor Award—CONGRATULATIONS!
- Men's Fellowship met regularly offering opportunities for fellowship and prayer. Caregivers (for those caring for the sick), and Prayer Shawl (helping those battling illness) continue to allow us to minister to people in different stages of life.

The Diocese of Bridgeport: St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield CT Comparative Statement of Activities for 1st Quarter: July 2018-September 2018.

	1ST QTR 9/30/2018	1ST QTR 9/30/2017
Total Revenue	\$263,456	\$353,256*
Expenses		
Administrative & General	\$160,733	\$162,592
Contributions & Assessments	\$37,950	\$39,561
Professional Fees & Insurance	\$18,315	\$16,038
Other Services	\$77,320	\$72,715
Utilities	\$23,291	\$22,775
Line of Credit Interest	\$0	\$0
Fundraising Expense	\$9,249	\$17,801
Program Expenses	\$2,664	\$2,748
Total Expenses	\$329,522	\$334,230
Net Parish Operations	(\$66,066)	\$19,026
Capital Expenditures **	\$8,994	\$0

* Included bequest of \$90K

** Landscaping (Shrubs) and computer equipment

Notes: Annual Offertory campaign suspended due to We Stand with Christ Diocesan campaign. Due to the re-imagined Religious Ed program, our fees reflect a decrease as expected and approved by the Finance Council.