



## 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.

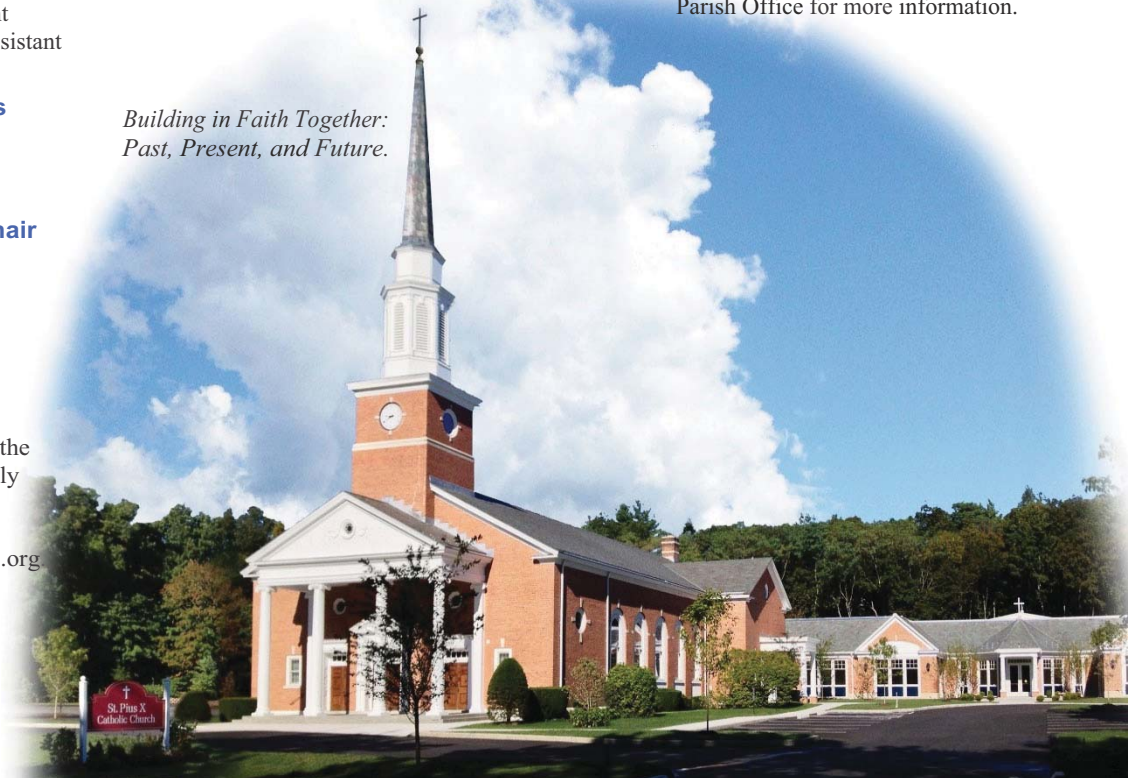
### Anointing of the Sick

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, November 24**

8:30AM +Jose Sanchez Mayol G. Rodriguez  
5:15PM +Richard L. McGrath Steed Family

**Sunday, November 25**

7:30AM +Mrs. Ellen Mario  
9AM +Edward & Genevieve Morris Malane Family  
10:30AM +Robert Mentrasti K. Leon  
12Noon +Lyn, Bill, & Billy Klein Klein Family

**Monday, November 26**

8:30AM +William McDermott Grosso Family

**Tuesday, November 27**

8:30AM +Thomas Murphy L. & M. Foley

**Wednesday, November 28**

8:30AM +Anne Fabian

**Thursday, November 29**

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

**Friday, November 30**

8:30AM +Ann & John Gleason M. Gleason

**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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
George Annuncio**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel  
will burn this week in memory of  
John Wheeler**



**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 [stpiousprayerln@aol.com](mailto:stpiousprayerln@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 last two weeks of November coincide happily with some beautiful reflections the Church offers us as the liturgical year winds to a close. The readings last weekend called our attention to the end of all things, the consummation of the world. We were reminded to be prepared for the end, for the coming in glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nationally, we celebrated the great feast of Thanksgiving, a day on which we are invited to join in giving thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of the year. This act of giving thanks transcends race, gender, and creed – all who live in these United States are reminded to give thanks. Today, we come to the solemnity of Christ the King, a feast that reminds us once again of our final destiny and judgment, and that Jesus Christ, by means of the Paschal Mystery, has brought salvation to the world. We are asked: are we ready to meet our King when He comes?

With the close of this month, the traditional season of praying for the dead also draws to a close. As we look to Christ the King, let us reflect one final time on the funeral Mass and see how the Church, in the midst of grief, invites mourners to encounter Christ and place our hope in Him. As the body of the deceased is brought into the church, the priest greets the body and the mourners at the door. There, he sprinkles the casket with holy water, a reminder of baptism. In baptism we receive a new identity, become a new creation, and are brought into the life of the Church Universal. The holy water is a visible symbol of our faith. The casket is then draped in the funeral pall, typically a white cloth. This garment represents the white garment we were given on the day of our baptism, the day we became a new creation in Christ. The procession then moves forward and the casket is placed before the altar with the Paschal Candle burning. This candle, first blessed and lit at the Easter Vigil, stands not only as a reminder, again, of baptism, but also of the light of Christ that shines in the midst of darkness. *"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it"* (Jn. 1:5). In some cases, another Christian symbol might be placed on the casket.

The Scripture readings focus our attention on the promise of the Resurrection and new life. They exhort us who mourn to put our faith, hope, and trust in God and His mercy. All of the prayers are directed to asking for God's merciful forgiveness to be given to the deceased, and for the grace of comfort to be poured out upon those who mourn. The altar is incensed at the offertory as we present to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving that Christ commands us to offer. *"Let my prayer rise up before you like incense, the raising of my hands like an evening oblation"* (Ps. 141:2). The preface and Eucharistic Prayer remind us that for those who believe, death is not the end, but a new beginning. Indeed, the various symbols of baptism remind us that our faith teaches us of the promise of new life extended to us by Jesus Christ. Throughout the funeral Mass, then, we are invited to renew our faith, to pray that the faith of the deceased would come to its fulfillment. After Communion, the priest incenses the body of the deceased while the *In Paradisum* is chanted. "May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem." The incense used at this moment calls to mind the command of God to the Israelites to offer incense in the Meeting Tent before the Ark of the Covenant, *"that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat..."* (Lev. 16:12). Once more we ask God to be merciful to the deceased and to open the gates of Paradise to them.

The liturgical year guides us through the full range of spiritual experiences. We learn how we are to live the Christian life and are pointed toward our true hope and destiny, eternal union with Christ. The solemnity of Christ the King calls us to prepare to meet Him. The funeral Mass reminds us of all the lessons we learn throughout the year and calls us to place our faith and trust in the God of mercy, that those who have died may have the fulfillment of their hope, eternal life with Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

Peace,  
*Fr. Jim*



### QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's second reading reminds us that the sacrifice of Christ frees us from sin and makes us a royal nation of priests *in the service* of God.  
How am I using my gifts to serve God and others?



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to an early print deadline for the Bulletin, Offertory Totals for the weekend of Sunday, November 18 will be reported in next weekend's Bulletin.

**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 this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: Theodore Hayes Trembicki.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Kristy McDermott and James Fiesel



### THREE ADVENT GIVING TREES!

*Take your tags today and return your gifts by December 15-16.*

All are invited to visit our Advent Giving Trees, located in the **Church Vestibule, Chapel Hallway, and Community Room Hallway**. Keeping with our parish tradition, we're collecting gifts for those in need. Please take some 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 back under the trees by the weekend of December 15-16. It's very important that the original tag be attached to your package. Each agency is represented by a different color and this is how we know where to send that gift.** Thank you!



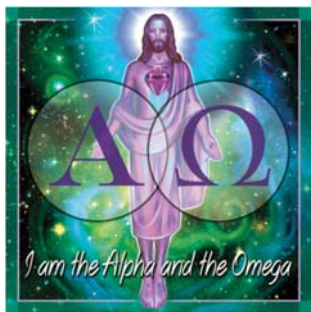
### ADVENT FAMILY WORKSHOP

*December 2—Help Needed!*

All are invited to participate in the **Advent Family Workshop, 10AM-11:30AM, 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." **Help is needed,** contact Rhiannon Kelty, rhiannonkelty@gmail.com.



A clean heart create for me, God;  
renew within me a steadfast spirit.  
—Psalm 51:12



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalm:** The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading:** Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel:** For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



### FREE ACCESS TO DIGITAL CATHOLIC CONTENT!

*Enjoy a free subscription to Formed,  
Catholic Faith On Demand.*

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 your free account now by going to [www.st-pius.org](http://www.st-pius.org). Questions? Email Shari Garcia at [sgarcia@st-pius.org](mailto:sgarcia@st-pius.org).



### FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sunday's gospel celebrates Jesus' reason for coming into the world—to testify to the truth. Those who believe in God hear Jesus' testimony as from God. If we hear Jesus' voice, we must wrestle honestly with his message for our time and one helpful, contemporary resource in our search for truth today is the rich tradition of Catholic social justice teaching. Catholic social teaching insists on our responsibilities to one another, protects the dignity and rights of workers, puts the needs of the poor first, urge global peace and development as well as care for creation. (Joan Mitchell, CSJ, [www.goodgroundpress.com](http://www.goodgroundpress.com))



### 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](mailto:tmdolanjr@aol.com) to sign up to host a Mass (or two!) October – June.



### 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!



**ST PIUS X LESSONS AND CAROLS PROGRAM**

*December 16*

Join us for this year's Lessons and Carols Program



**3PM, Sunday, December 16**



This year's program will be directed by Cidalia Kettles with the assistance of Dr. Martha Alward.

We would like to invite interested children, ages kindergarten and older to participate in our Lessons and Carols Program.

Rehearsals begin this week 4PM-5PM, Wednesdays in the Choir Loft.

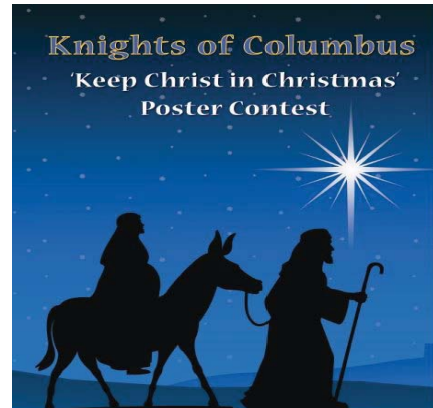
If your child is interested in participating, email Cidalia Kettles at cidmezzo@gmail.com.

**ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN**

*Hey Teens, join us!*

*Newcomers always welcome* 😊

For more information, email Paola Pena, ppena@st-pius.org.



**ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS  
POSTER CONTEST**

*December 9*

Children are invited to participate in this year's St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest to be held **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.

**Rules and Regulations:** Each poster must be done on 11x17 inch paper. If pastels, chalk or charcoal are used, the poster must be laminated or covered in clear plastic. Each poster must reflect the theme of Keep Christ in Christmas. Each contestant may submit only one entry. Each poster must be accompanied by a *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Entry Form* signed by the parent/guardian. The name and age of the contestant must be printed on the back of the poster. Each poster should be original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single child. All entries become property of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and will not be returned. Categories: Ages 5-7, Ages 8-10, and Ages 11-14.

**Prizes and Judging:** First Prize is \$25, Second Prize is \$15, and Third Prize is \$10 for winners in each age category. Judging is based on a 100 Point System: 30 Points Slogan (How Clearly is the theme presented?), 30 Points Visuals (How well do the visuals convey the message?), 40 Points Overall Impact (How effective is the Poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic?).

For more information or to request an entry form, contact Jim Maloney at jpmaloney19@gmail.com or Mike Finneran at Michael.Finneran@morganstanley.com.



**FREE CHRISTMAS TREES  
FOR VETERAN AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY**

*Sponsored by:*

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

**9AM-6PM, Saturday, December 1  
and  
12Noon-7PM, Sunday, December 2**

**St. Pius X Church Back of Main Parking Lot**

Open to all veterans and their families and active duty and  
their families. Just show military or VA ID.  
One tree per person/family

Follow Freedom Isn't Free Ride on  
Facebook for more details.



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

*Sponsored by:*

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St. Pius X Active and Separated Military (SPASM)*

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

R.S.V.P. no later than Monday, December 10 to Russell  
Edgett by phone 475-225-9694 or email  
RussellJ.Edgett@gmail.com.

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



walking with purpose

THE MODERN WOMAN'S GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

**WWP CONNECT COFFEE TALK:  
YOUR HEART—YOU ARE CAPTIVATING**

*"Above all, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of  
life." (Proverbs 4:23)*

In this world of noise and busyness, it is hard for  
women to find the time to give ourselves a little  
attention. Please join us **9:30AM-11:30AM,  
Thursday, January 10 in the Community Room** for  
a talk and discussion to remind us of how precious we  
are to God and that His love is unconditional. He is  
captivated by each one of us—not because of what we  
do or what others think of us but simply because we  
are His precious daughters. No experience necessary,  
just come as you are for some coffee and a chance to  
see what Walking with Purpose is all about!

Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible  
study held on Thursdays from 9:30am to 11:30am in  
the Community Room. The program aims to bring  
women to a closer relationship with Christ. Personal  
study and small group discussions at WWP each week  
link our everyday challenges with the solutions given  
to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic  
Church. For more information, contact Dawn  
Carpanzano at dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net or Allyson  
Marcus at allysonmarcus@optonline.net.



**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.



### CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS DONATIONS

*You may offer flowers in memorial or for intentions.*

Did you know you can make an offering for flowers to enhance the celebration of the Eucharist in the name of a loved one or for your special intentions? Contact Amy O'Donnell in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134 to arrange for flowers any week during the year, except Advent and Lent.



### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES THAT FOLLOW...

Have you ever thought about leaving a legacy and including St. Pius X Parish in your estate planning? Planned giving ensures that you disperse of your assets the way you want. You can give to St. Pius X regardless of the amount—no gift is too small. Every gift is meaningful and greatly appreciated. You may designate your gift, in any amount, toward exactly what is most important to you at St. Pius X. Gifts can be given in many ways—via your will or a living trust, gifts of retirement, etc. Planned giving is a beautiful and thoughtful way for you to give. If you are considering a gift but not sure where you would like it to go or where it would do most good, email Kimberlie Leon in the Parish Office at kleon@st-pius.org. She will be happy to have a preliminary discussion with you and set up time for you to meet with Fr. Sam if you would like to discuss your thoughts further. We thank all those parishioners who have included us in their wills in the past, and to all of those who are planning to do so. Your gratitude is humbling to us all.



### CHRISTMAS IN THE MANSION

*December 2 at Lauralton Hall*

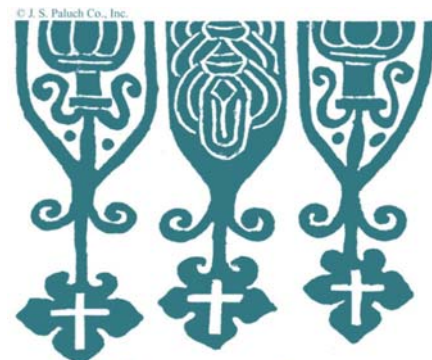
Don't Miss Christmas in the Mansion, **12Noon-5PM, December 2, at Lauralton Hall, 200 High Street, Milford.** All are invited to stroll Lauralton's decorated halls, tour historic Victorian Gothic mansion, shop for holiday gifts from 40+ vendors, visit Santa's Workshop, and more. Admission is \$10 at door, children 12 and younger free. Go to [www.lauraltonhall.org/Christmas](http://www.lauraltonhall.org/Christmas) for more information.

*Arise and Shine*  
CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2018  
7:30 P.M. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.  
C4Y  
DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT CHOIR FOR YOUTH  
The Klein Auditorium  
910 Fairfield Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06605  
GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS \$20.00  
Purchase online at  
[www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation)  
or by calling 203-416-1670 to purchase over the phone.

### DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT CHOIR 4 YOUTH ARISE & SHINE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*December 21 at the Klein Auditorium*

All are invited to join Bishop Frank Caggiano for the fourth annual C4Y Arise & Shine Christmas Concert **7:30PM, Friday, December 21 at the Klein Auditorium in Bridgeport.** Celebrate the season of Advent and prepare your hearts for Christmas by listening and joining in song with more than 100 young people from throughout the Diocese who share their gifts and talents so beautifully in both classic and new Christmas pieces. Purchase your tickets online at [www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation).



Whoever hears  
my voice  
hears the truth