



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

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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

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.

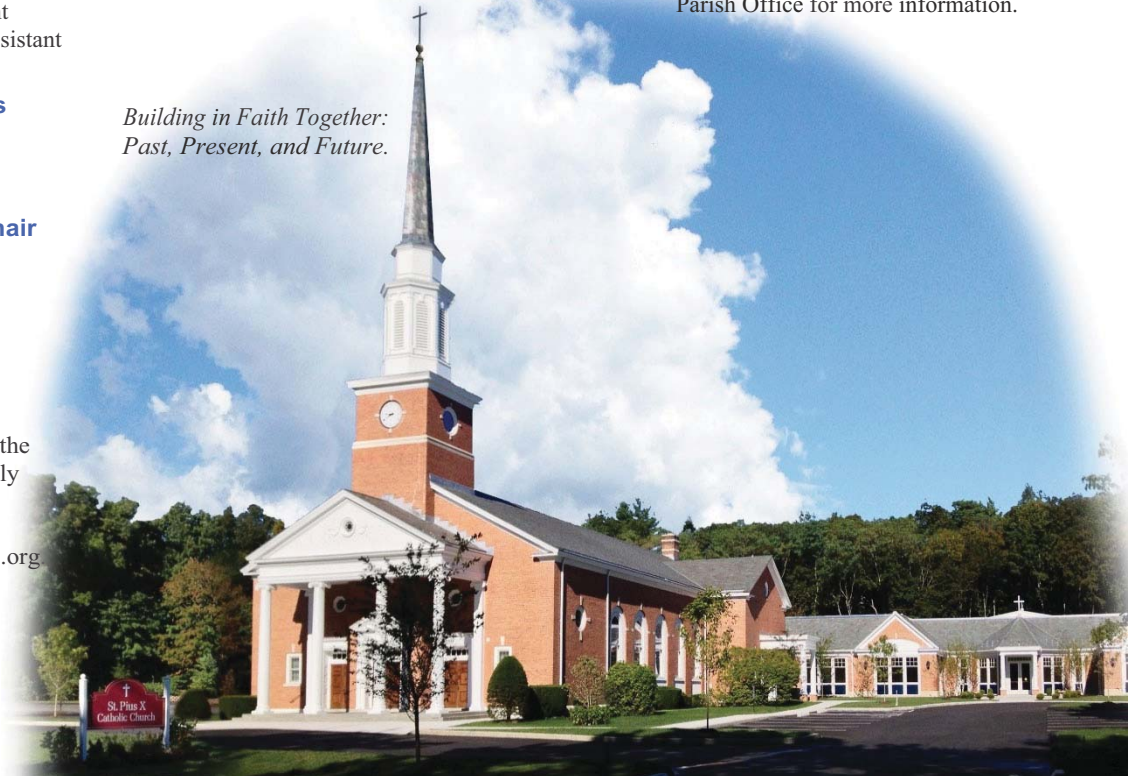
Anointing of the Sick

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 3

8:30AM +Deryl Haskard P. & T. Lelek
 5:15PM +Marissa Ann Guido A. Guido

Sunday, November 4

7:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 9AM +Michele & Marla Artieri E. Porco
 10:30AM +Carlo, Civita, Rosa Maria Limatola M. Vona
 12Noon +Michael Murphy Crowley Family

Monday, November 5

8:30AM +Billy Therriault McIntosh Family

Tuesday, November 6

8:30AM +Vivian Kral Traynor Family

Wednesday, November 7

8:30AM +Deryl Haskard Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Thursday, November 8

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

Friday, November 9

8:30AM +Rev. Charles Anderson G. Marino

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



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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 Randisi & Avitabile Families**



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,

In the wake of the attack on the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh we are confronted with the horror of violence and hatred and come face-to-face with the depravity of man. It goes without saying that anti-Semitism is to be condemned in any and all forms. In this particular context, we stand in solidarity with the members of that synagogue as well as with our Jewish neighbors here in the greater-Fairfield area. As the month of November begins, we Catholics are called in a special way to lift up prayers for the dead. We celebrate the solemnity of All Saints and the great feast of All Souls and in this way begin a month dedicated to carrying out one of the most important Christian responsibilities related to the end of life. As this month begins, let us pray for those men and women who lost their lives in Pittsburgh and commit ourselves to peace.

When death is before us, we experience a variety of emotions, some conditioned by the nature of our relationship with the deceased. Grief is always an appropriate response to death, though we sometimes fear the sadness entailed in the grief process. Grief over death is natural and healthy. At the same time, we may experience anger, frustration, or relief. The emotional response to death is as varied as the people who are confronted with death. There is, however, a proper Christian response that the Church calls us to offer in the midst of this grief. That response is hope-filled prayer, the carrying out of the *spiritual work of mercy*, to pray for the dead.

This spiritual work of mercy is vital. Regardless of the faith of the deceased, we who live are called to pray for them. There are countless prayers for the dead that we may use. Naturally, spontaneous prayers for those who have died are also an excellent way to carry out this spiritual work of mercy. When the deceased is a Catholic, the Church provides us with a particular liturgical expression of our prayer, the Order of Christian Funerals. In this powerful rite "the Church intercedes on behalf of the deceased because of its confident belief that death is not the end nor does it break the bonds forged in life. The Church also ministers to the sorrowing and consoles them in the funeral rites with the comforting word of God and the sacrament of the Eucharist" (*Order of Christian Funerals 4*). Thus we see the purpose of the funeral—we who are Catholic are charged with the responsibility of interceding for the salvation of the deceased. In our grief, the Church accompanies us in prayer and sacrament.

Additionally, the celebration of a funeral Mass is an act of thanksgiving for the life of the deceased. Indeed, the word "eucharist" comes from the Greek word meaning "thanksgiving." During the funeral Mass, we not only give thanks to God for the gift of life, the Church also "commends the dead to God's merciful love and pleads for the forgiveness of their sins" (*OCF 6*). The Church seeks to balance the full range of emotions and realities that come up in the face of death. For example, when I die, I sincerely hope that people will remember me in a positive light and will be grateful for my life. At the same time, I am well aware of my sinfulness, my need for God's mercy, and that my imperfections are very real. I also know that people (at least some) will be sad. Fortunately, the funeral allows for all of these realities. In the funeral it is possible to pray in thanksgiving for what is good, to pray for forgiveness for what is bad, and to pray for comfort in sorrow—to the Church, none of these prayers are mutually exclusive. "While proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and witnessing to Christian hope in the resurrection, the funeral rites also recall to all who take part in them God's mercy and judgment and meet the human need to turn always to God in times of crisis" (*OCF 7*).

Remembering our beloved deceased and all those who have died, let us raise up our prayers for their peaceful rest and entrust their souls to God's abundant mercy. We will continue our reflection on the nature and purpose of the funeral liturgy in the coming weeks.

Peace,

Jr. Nam



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward?
All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind,
and all of my strength!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- October 28, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$12,688
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$10,566
- Mission Offering: \$232
- Monthly Offering: \$865

**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.**



Baptized CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome this newly baptized child into our Family of Faith: **Vivian Autumn Nickerson.**



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: THANK YOU!

Your generous food donations will enable us to help eight Food Banks in our area. Many thanks to those who assisted with sorting donations and to those who have volunteered to transport them tomorrow morning. A special note of gratitude to our Knights of Columbus council members!



MUSIC NOTES

We are thrilled to share the good news that our Music Director Mike Lantowski had successful open-heart surgery and came through like a champ! He returned home last week and extends much gratitude for all the prayers and loving support. If you would like to send a card or note to Mike, you may drop it off in the Parish Office where we are collecting them all and will send them to him.



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

ALL are welcome to join us November 5!

All are invited to join: 12Noon, Monday, November 5, in the Community Room. We're delighted to welcome special guest Father Richard Cipolla, former Chaplain of Corpus Christi College, Oxford who entered the Catholic Church through the Pastoral Provision in the 1980s issued by St. John Paul II. Father Cipolla is a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, a teacher, a husband, the father of two and former pastor of St. Mary's in Norwalk Connecticut. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Text/call Peter Carey at 203-673-2081 or email him at aandp1964@aol.com.



VETERANS' MASS

8:30AM, November 12 in the Church

All are welcome to join us **8:30AM, Monday, November 12**, as our parish welcomes our Fairfield Town Officials, the representatives of Veterans' Organizations, and the 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 at the Town Hall green at 11AM.

Mass of 
Remembrance

The St. Pius X Parish Family Invites You to

A Mass of Remembrance

Our beloved deceased are prayed for by name; a votive candle is lit in remembrance, and a carnation is given to each family.



7PM

Wednesday, November 14

St. Pius X Church

Join us following the Mass in our Community Room for light refreshments hosted by the Bereavement Team.

RSVP by November 9

Kathleen Donnelly @ kdonnelly@st-pius.org ☎ 203-255-6134 x113



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

Second Reading: Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

Gospel: To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]



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!

Prayer

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

From Lourdes

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for ALL who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May those so afflicted find lasting health and deliverance. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



The Diocese of
Bridgeport

CATECHETICAL UPDATES FROM THE DIOCESE

See purple insert this week.

We have been including inserts in the Bulletin of catechetical materials related to the celebration of Mass in the Diocese of Bridgeport. These articles will precede the promulgation by Bishop Caggiano of the Revised Liturgical Norms on the first Sunday of Advent. To learn more about the norms, visit www.formationreimagined.org. In the meantime, please be sure to read this week's second article.

thank you

THE ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL THANKS YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. CATHERINE'S ACADEMY

On Monday October 29, St Pius X Knights of Columbus Council #16347 presented a check for \$902 to St. Catherine's Academy in Bridgeport in support of its mission to help students with special needs achieve their highest levels of independence. Thank you for supporting St. Catherine's through your donations at the Tootsie Roll/Candy Fundraiser, as they have made this donation possible.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ASSEMBLY 118 VETERANS DAY FLAG GIVE AWAY

In honor of Veterans Day, the Knights of Columbus will be handing out FREE flags on November 10-11...

Stop by the front of Church after all Masses on the weekend of **November 10-11** to get your FREE flag. You may choose from an American Flag or a POW/MIA Flag. God Bless America and Happy Veterans Day!

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Hey Teens, check out all these great upcoming events and join us!

Don't be shy, newcomers always welcome 😊

- **November 4:** Life Night
- **November 11:** Service Day (all day) Day of Helping. We need teens to help different members of our elderly community with yard work! Email Paola to sign up and volunteer as a parent driver and/teen volunteer.
- **November 11:** No evening youth group meeting.
- **November 18:** Family Potluck and Game Night. Bring a dish to share and bring the whole family! It was great having so many people join us last year. The room was filled with such a competitive spirit, that we are looking forward to having it again. Adoration and Confession

More information?
Email Paola Pena, ppepa@st-pius.org.



FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

November 9

Why celebrate a building? Read on...The Gospel proclaimed on November 9 we are pointed to the new Temple, which is the Body of Christ. Churches visibly remind us of our home in Christ. The Lateran Basilica is called “the mother and head of all the churches of the city of Rome and the world.” It is the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome and is a symbol of how our home in the Church embraces people from all over the world. The Basilica has had a battered history: stripped by the Vandals in the 5th century, restored by Leo the Great in 46; almost totally destroyed by an earthquake in 896 and then rebuilt; ravaged by fire 400 hundred years later, rebuilt; burned down in 1360 and rebuilt. The Lateran Basilica is a symbol of how the Church goes on surviving! (*Timothy Radcliffe, OP—former master general of the Order of Preachers and author.*)



LECTOR WORKBOOK – CYCLE C

Calling on all Readers to pick up your workbooks!

Workbook for Cycle C—Gospel of Luke and designated readings—will be available in the hallway on the Burr Street side of the church NEXT weekend. The new liturgical year will begin with the Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 1. All Readers are invited to pick up their workbook.



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>



St. Pius X Church

We Stand With Christ Campaign



THANK YOU!

Thank you to each and every parish family who has made a gift to *We Stand With Christ*, and to those who are still considering their contribution.

Our Commitment Weekend was tremendously successful, and we continue to receive pledges. We are so grateful for the 238 families who have participated, and we hope that others will consider engaging in this historic undertaking as we begin to conclude the campaign.

Each and every pledge will be graciously and warmly received. Pledges can be fulfilled via credit card, EFT, stock or check. To make pledges please:

1. Fill out a pledge form and mail it or drop it off at the Parish Office
2. Visit <https://www.givecentral.org/wswc/>
3. Call or stop by the Parish Office to fill out a pledge form

For questions, please contact the parish office at (203) 255-6134.



Campaign update:

Parish Challenge Goal: \$2,600,000

Amount Pledged: \$2,530,000

Number of Gifts: 238

**Amount needed to reach
Challenge Goal: \$71,000**

Statistics as of October 29, 2018

