



## 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.

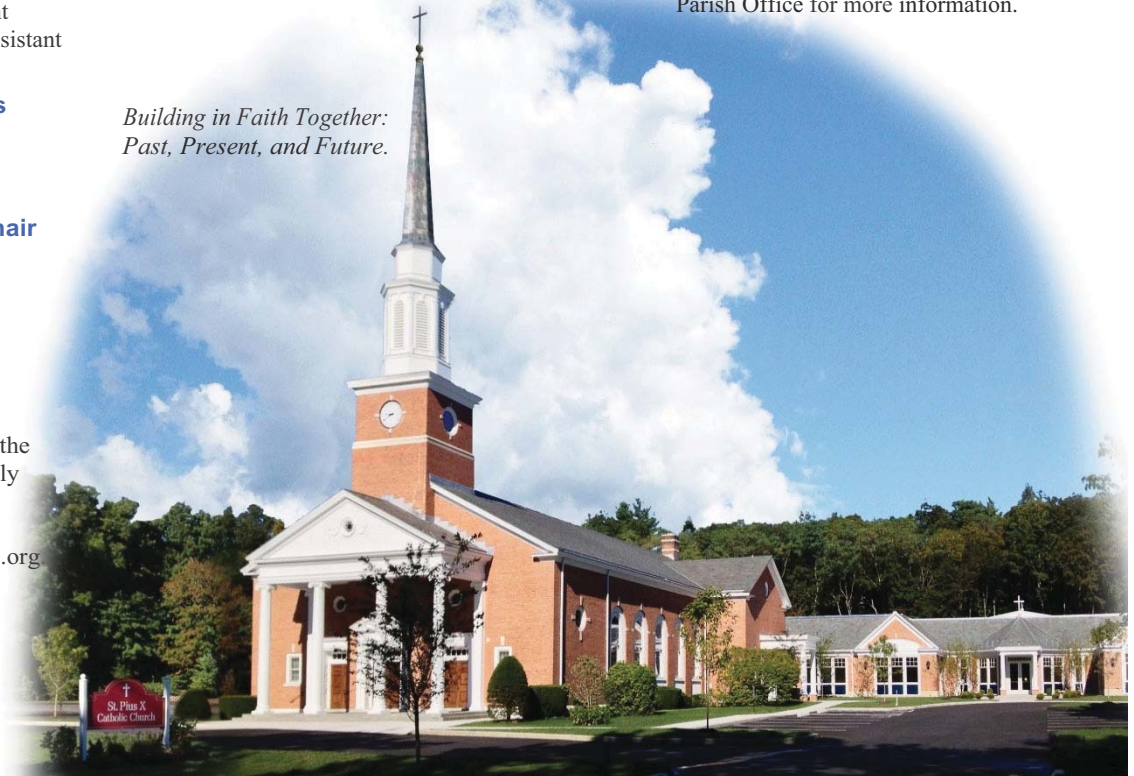
### Anointing of the Sick

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 29

8:30AM +MaryAnn Petrone Gagliano Family  
5:15PM +Naida & Nick Cognetta Pesci Family

#### Sunday, December 30

7:30AM +Julie Giammanco L. Sullivan  
9AM +Billy Therriault Carter Family  
10:30AM +Joyce O. Grattan B. & S. Donahue  
12Noon +Maria Letizia Rigione Family

#### Monday, December 31

8:30AM +Stanley Haduca  
5:30PM +Edith Bouab J. & K. Donnelly

#### Tuesday, January 1

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
7:30PM Intentions of All Parishioners

#### Wednesday, January 2

8:30AM +Lynette Wagner Fr. Sam Kachuba

#### Thursday, January 3

8:30AM +Rose, Carmella, & Joseph Pillo D. Tomasko

#### Friday, January 4

8:30AM +Audrey Collins J. Bohnsack

#### Saturday, January 5

8:30AM +Connie & Anthony Mallozzi Gleason Family  
5:15PM +Sandy Palma J. & K. Donnelly

#### Sunday, January 6

7:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners  
9AM +Lois Driscoll J. DeBona  
10:30AM +Sandy Palma P. & J. Walsh  
12Noon +John Winchell G. Rodriguez



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church  
will burn this week in memory of  
Martha & John Jacob**



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

**Anthony DeFrancesco  
and  
Fred Leibowitz**



### 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,

As the calendar year draws to a close, we celebrate the Holy Family. In Nazareth, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph make their home and give us a model of family life and love. In this context, I would like to reflect for a moment on the many blessings we have received as a family of faith in this last year and offer a few words of thanks to those who have made it all possible.

We have been privileged as a family of faith to witness the first year of Fr. Tim's priesthood. Now rapidly approaching his second anniversary, Fr. Tim has been a great asset to our parish, with his solid preaching, love for the liturgy, generosity with his time and his priestly heart. We have been blessed also with the freedom given to us by the Diocese of Bridgeport to reimagine Faith Formation. I am so grateful to all of our catechists who teach in our Sacramental Preparation Program, helping our children prepare to experience God's grace through Confession, the Eucharist, and Confirmation. I am grateful, too, for the families and individuals who have participated in our Lifelong Faith Formation program and who have been so kind and patient as we learn together how best to offer opportunities for faith formation to all our parishioners. We are always blessed by an outstanding music program here at St. Pius X, and I thank our choir members, cantors and musicians for their generosity in time and talent. In a particular way, we have much to be grateful for in our organist and choir master, Mike Lantowski, who is back with us after major surgery! Our many ministries, led by dedicated volunteers, continue to provide opportunities for community and for service to so many. Thank you all for your commitment to our faith and this family!

This year was one of the most challenging in my life, as the *We Stand With Christ* capital campaign began. I can never adequately thank you for your generosity to this extraordinary endeavor. We not only raised more than our Diocesan goal (\$1.8 million), but we raised more than our challenge goal! In total, we raised \$2.7 million. Through this generous response, our parish is contributing to important charitable, pastoral, and educational work all over Fairfield County, as well as making it possible for us to take on restorative work in our church building itself. In the new year, I am excited to share design concepts with you and seek your feedback. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Finally, I must thank everyone who is part of the St. Pius X Parish staff. Without them, none of the good work done at St. Pius would be possible. Few people will ever know the long hours, the hard work, and the hidden sacrifices they make for the good of this community. We are blessed in this parish to be served by hard working individuals who love Jesus, love the Catholic faith, and love this family of faith. To Sandro Camargo, Kara Clegg, Terri Dawes, Kathy Donnelly, Valeria Figueroa, Shari Garcia, Lorna Green, Barb Kwiatkowski, Mike Lantowski, Kim Leon, Amy O'Donnell, and Paola Peña, thank you for all you do to make this parish what it is. I am blessed to work alongside you!

With gratitude to God for the blessings of 2018, and prayers for a happy and healthy 2019, I wish you all a happy new year!

Peace,

*Fr. Tim*



### QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The first reading today provides a challenging guideline for the good stewardship of our family relationships.  
How do I measure up?



### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- December 16, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,418
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$14,193
- Mission Offering: \$244
- Monthly Offering: \$3,192
- Christmas Flowers Offering: \$175

Due to early print deadlines for the Bulletin, Offertory Totals for the weekend of Sunday, December 23 will be reported in an upcoming Bulletin.

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



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Katherine Sweeney and John Mazzucco



### NEW YEAR'S DAY MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

“The year will be good in the measure that each one of us, with the help of God, seeks to do good... day after day.”



The Parish Office will be closed in honor of New Year's on the following days:

**12Noon, Monday, December 31, 2018**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

Wishing you blessings and joy as we leap into 2019!

“See, I am doing something new!  
Now it springs forth,  
do you not perceive it?”  
—Isaiah 43:19

## HOLY·DAY·OF OBLIGATION



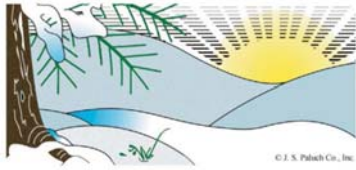
*Solemnity of Mary—January 1, 2019*

### **Vigil Mass**

5:30PM, Monday, December 31, 2018 (Church)

### **Holy Day Mass**

8:30AM, Tuesday, January 1, 2019 (Chapel)



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

**Psalm:** Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

**Second Reading:** See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

**Gospel:** The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

**Tuesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

**Friday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time they gave honor to his family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can only ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time. (from the *Congregation for the Clergy*.)



### BLESSING OF THE HOME ON THE EPIPHANY

*Epiphany 2019: January 6*

“Loving God, bless our home and all who live here. May you reside with us as our unseen Guest. We invite you to join us each time we gather for mealtime, prayer-time, celebration time and playtime. May your peace rest upon us during this year and may we draw closer to one another by drawing closer to you through your word and sacrament. Amen.”

At this time, doorframes may be blessed by marking them with chalk: **20+C+M+B+19**. The initials consecrate the new year with the Latin blessing, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, “May Christ bless this house.” Traditionally, the initials also remind us of the legendary Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.



### MEDITATION

*Feast of the Holy Family Meditation*

Within our families, may we always pray to have eyes to see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a mind that forgets the bad or sad, and a soul that never loses faith.

“Beloved, we are God’s children now;  
what we shall be has  
not yet been revealed.”  
—1 John 3:2a



### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

*January 4 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.



### JOURNEY TO LIGHT: BEREAVEMENT AND COPING MINISTRY

*Join us January 5... all are welcome.*

Our monthly Bereavement Ministry, Part I and Part II continues **11AM-1PM, Saturday, January 5, in the Community Room.** We meet on 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. Part II “Coping” meets for one hour 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.



### ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM

On **January 13** we will mark with prayer and blessing the anniversary of all children baptized during 2018. Thus, during the **9AM Mass** all children baptized in 2018 will receive a special blessing. RSVP to Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134, ext 13. We also take this opportunity to thank the women who comprise our *Welcoming the Children Ministry* for their commitment to praying for our newly baptized and for their generous gift of time in making our parish Baptismal garments. Those interested in joining this important *Welcoming the Children Ministry*, contact Kathleen Donnelly.



### 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).



### 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!



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

January 10

In this world of noise and busyness, it is hard for women to find the time to give ourselves a little attention. 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 (WWP) is about! WWP is a women's Catholic Bible study that 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](mailto:dawnmariec@sbcglobal.net) or Allyson Marcus at [allysonmarcus@optonline.net](mailto:allysonmarcus@optonline.net).



### VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

*Are you being called?*

Are you considering a vocation to the Priesthood? For more information, contact Fr. John Connaughton at 203-322-5331 or [vocations@diobpt.org](mailto:vocations@diobpt.org).

“Affliction produces endurance,  
and endurance, proven character,  
and proven character, hope,  
and hope does not disappoint,  
because the love of God has been poured out  
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that  
has been given to us.”  
—Romans 5:3-5



### 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).



### 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 [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org).

### ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

*Hey Teens, join us!*

*Newcomers always welcome* 😊

• **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 information:  
email Paola Pena, [ppena@st-pius.org](mailto:ppena@st-pius.org).



### 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. Thank you to those parishioners who've 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.



*Help us save money on printing and mailing!*

Did you know you can make your weekly gift online and plan for the entire year? Online Giving is easy and totally secure and helps us save money on mailing the printed offertory envelopes!

- No more writing checks or handling cash.
- Set up automatic contributions for each week of the year—you control the amount and timing.

**Get started:** Go to [www.st-pius.org/onlinegive](http://www.st-pius.org/onlinegive).

“Your word is a lamp for my feet,  
a light for my path.”  
—Psalm 119:105



### ARE YOU MISSING ANY ITEMS?

*Check the Lost and Found Basket in the Ushers' Room in the Church vestibule.*

If you think you left something here during Mass, check the lost and found basket in the ushers' room in the front foyer of the Church. The basket is cleaned out monthly and items will be disposed of or given to those in need. Thank you!



### 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.



### MARCH FOR LIFE

*January 18, 2019*

Join fellow parishioners from throughout the Diocese of Bridgeport on a bus pilgrimage to the March for Life on **Friday, January 18, 2019**. Buses depart from three locations: Bridgeport, Norwalk, and Stamford. Cost is \$75 per person round trip. **Register before January 11 at [www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/faith-formation).**