



A Roman Catholic Community

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9AM-4PM (Monday-Friday)

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: 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

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.

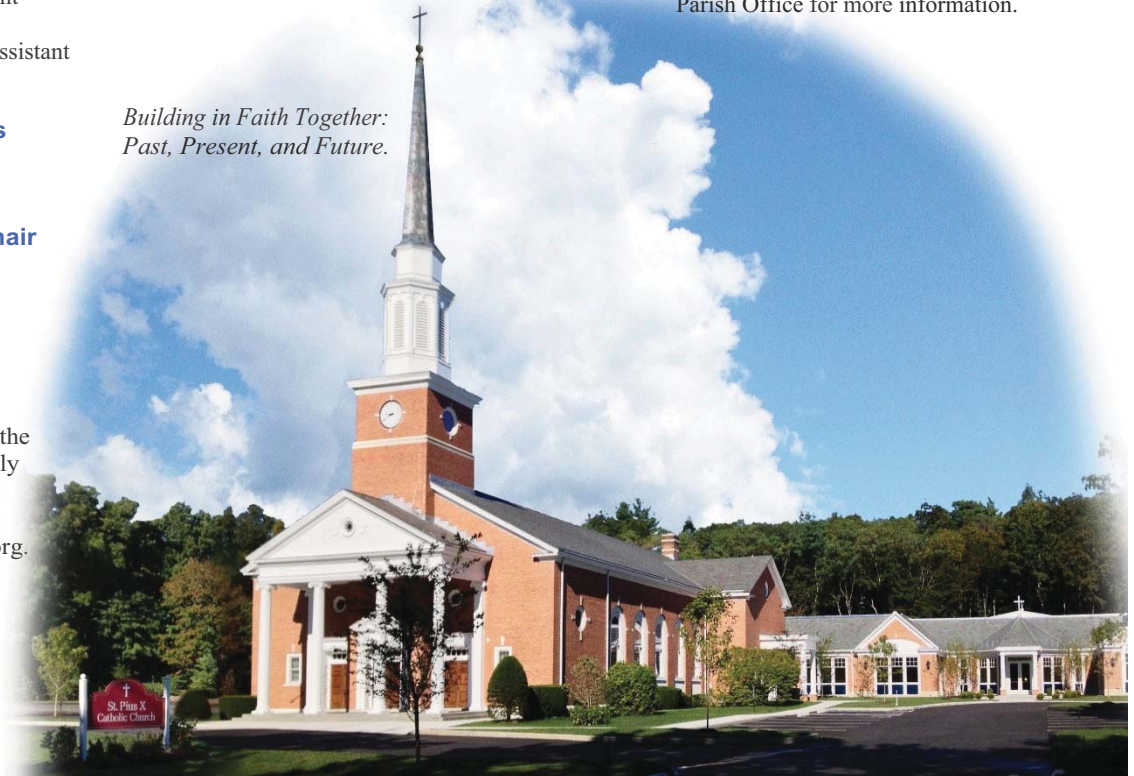
Anointing of the Sick

If you know a parishioner who is seriously ill, call 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, February 2

8:30AM +Jean (Dolly) Daniels B. & D. DiStassio
5:15PM +Tracey LeBlanc Ciminiello Family

Sunday, February 3

7:30AM +Jack Burns Toner Family
9AM +Nancy Natalie Raymond J. Wiesen
10:30AM ♥Marion M. Leon K. & A. Leon
12Noon +Alex Skultety J. Skultety

Monday, February 4

8:30AM +Raymond Tomasko D. Tomasko

Tuesday, February 5

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Wednesday February 6

8:30AM +Sally Richards Lisa Sheehan & Family

Thursday, February 7

8:30AM +Diane Daigle Devine Family

Friday, February 8

8:30AM +Lois VanTornhout B. & M. Hass

Saturday, February 9

8:30AM +Robert Eigel Marcia Eigel
5:15PM +Ron & Brian Davis J. Davis

Sunday, February 10

7:30AM +Vito Mario
9AM +Michael McAtee Blair Family
10:30AM +Mary Alice Plisco Kelty Family
12Noon +Anthony Cialone L. Violone



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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Virginia O'Rourke
and for the special intentions of
Laura Manganiello**



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,

The readings from Scripture this weekend present some powerful ideas. The prophet Jeremiah is called from the womb to be a witness to the nations and to preach without fear, even when powers stand against him. St. Paul speaks of the fundamental need for the virtue of charity in all things – we can have any number of gifts or talents, but without love, we are nothing. Jesus passes through the midst of the mob and goes away when they want to kill him for speaking truthfully about their history.

We live in an era that desperately needs courage and truth. As Jeremiah was called from the womb to be a witness to the truth and to courageously bring God's presence to his people, so the Church is called to witness the truth of the Gospel in every time and place. In a world that so often rejects the truth of the Gospel – or selects the parts of the Gospel that are most palatable and least challenging – it can be difficult to share the Gospel in a meaningful, integrated way. This is made harder when leaders in the Church struggle with courage themselves. Too often we see bishops trying to pacify everyone...and in the end saying (or doing) nothing. Too often the Church has remained silent, or insisted on silence, when what we need is the thundering voice of Jeremiah to speak the truth and bring the nation to conversion.

This is not just about the Church at the macro level. This is not an accusative finger pointed just at bishops. This is not a limited critique of a few priests. To write any of this, I must hold a mirror up to myself. How often I lack courage to say challenging things because I do not relish the negative feedback it might generate. How often I avoid certain situations because they are uncomfortable. How often I run from speaking frankly with brother priests or Diocesan offices because I am worried about my reputation or making waves. Jeremiah, known by God even before the womb, sent as a prophet to the nations, called to courageous speech no matter the opposition, must be part of the inspiration for every priest.

St. Paul's law of charity is the complement to courage. Charity, love given and poured out unconditionally, must speak to courage. For a bishop to privately (or, if necessary, publicly) correct a Catholic politician who has supported legislation contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church (as ought to happen with Gov. Cuomo and the bishops of New York) is not only an act of courage, but an act of charity. To truly love someone is to will the absolute best for them, the ultimate good. The ultimate good is eternal salvation and our words and actions in this life can impede our progress toward heaven. It is the role of bishops to courageously and charitably guide us to our ultimate good. It is a spiritual work of mercy to correct the sinner. It is a demand of justice to protect the innocent, to help victims heal. Do our bishops have the courage and charity to correct, protect, and heal? Do I? Do you?

In a world that needs courage, charity, and truth, we are all called – every baptized person – to proclaim the truth, to be fearless in the face of opposition, to do all things with the love of Christ as our measure, and to trust that God will deliver us from every evil. Let us pray this week that as a Church, locally and universally, we would have the courage of Jeremiah and the charity of Paul so that we can bring the name, grace, and salvation of Jesus Christ into our world.

Peace,



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Jeremiah declares that the Lord knew him before he was born, and dedicated and appointed him to his role as prophet even before he drew breath. We, too, are known and sent by the Lord. What deeds of love and service are mine to perform?



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- January 27, 2019 Weekend Offering: \$12,223
- 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,971
- Latin American Church Offering: \$2,517
- Mission Offering: \$240
- Monthly Offering: \$603
- Coffee Hour Offering: \$27

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: **William Augustine Frewen** and **Finnegan John Quartuccio**.



"Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails."

—Corinthians 13:7-8



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

February 9

All are welcome to knit or crochet and enjoy wonderful companionship as we create prayer shawls for those who need them. Come join us 11AM-1PM, Saturday, February 9, Portable Classroom, Religious Education Center. Call Ann Devine at 203-366-4369 or email anndevine@optonline.net for more information.



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

See you March 4! No meeting in February.

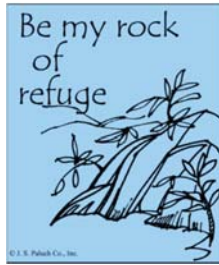
Hello, St. Pius X Seniors! Just a friendly reminder that we ARE NOT meeting during the month of February. All are invited to join us again for lunch on March 4. Mark your calendars! More details to come so keep your eyes on the Bulletin.



COURAGE INTERNATIONAL—A ROMAN CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE

*"These men and women testify to the power of grace,
the nobility and resilience of the human heart."—
Robert Cardinal Sarah*

Courage International is an apostolate which offers support for those who experience same-sex attraction and their loved ones. Courage members are men and women who experience same-sex attractions and who have made a commitment to strive for chastity. They are inspired by the Gospel call to holiness and the Catholic Church's beautiful teachings about the goodness and inherent purpose of human sexuality. Through our apostolate, people who experience same-sex attraction receive pastoral support in the form of spiritual guidance, community prayer support, and fellowship. Visit www.couragerc.org or call 203- 803-1564 for more information.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

Psalm: I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

Second Reading: If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]).

Gospel: No prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 1718a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11



"Humility, obedience, meekness,
and love are the virtues that
shine through the Cross and
the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

O my Jesus,
help me imitate you!"
—St. Anthony Mary Claret



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

The second Sunday of February is designated as World Marriage Day. The universal Catholic Church honors the lifelong covenant that spouses make to another through the promise of their marriage vows. World Marriage Day, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, salutes the beauty of daily married life: the faithfulness of couples, their sacrifices and joys. Married life is one of the ways in which we touch in to the 'heart' of God: God's faithfulness to us is mirrored in faithful married love.



BLESSING FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

February 10

All engaged couples are invited to attend the **10:30AM Mass on Sunday, February 10**. A special blessing will be given to them in the presence of family and faith community.

RSVP to Kathleen Donnelly in the Parish Office at 203-255-6134, ext. 13.

"So faith, hope, love remain,
these three; but the greatest of
these is love."
—Corinthians 13: 13



**WWP CONNECT COFFEE TALK:
MARRIAGE TRANSFORMED BY GRACE**

February 21

Join us **9:30AM-11:30AM, Thursday, February 21, in the Community Room** for Walking with Purpose (WWP) Connect Coffee Talk. Did you enter your marriage with expectations? While some things are the way we hoped, there may be areas of disappointment or sources of deep dissatisfaction and pain. So where should we turn with those unmet expectations? We turn to Christ. Nothing is hidden from his sight. Join us for a taste of WWP as we discuss how God has our best interests at heart and be ready to watch your marriage be transformed by His grace. No experience necessary, just come as you are for some coffee and a chance to see what WWP is about!

“See I am doing something new!
Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
In the wilderness I make a way,
in the wasteland, rivers.”
—Isaiah 42:19

WWP is a women’s Catholic Bible study held **9:30AM-11:30AM, Thursdays 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 LIFE TEEN

Hey Teens, join us!

Newcomers always welcome 😊

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



**MISGIVINGS:
COMEDY SHOW, RAFFLE, AND BINGO!**

March 30 at the Gaelic American Club

*Brought to you by the
Knights of Columbus Assembly 118, Fairfield, CT*

All are welcome to join Fr. Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic on **Saturday, March 30 at the Gaelic American Club, 74 Beach Road, Fairfield. Doors open at 7PM and performance begins at 8PM.**

This hilarious interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game. Cost is \$25 per person. Limited seating, so get your tickets today!

Mail your payment to reserve your seats by March 18 to St. Pius X Church, 834 Brookside Dr., Fairfield, CT 06824. Make checks payable to K of C Assembly 118. For further information, email Tom Kelty at 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!



"I do not seek to understand in order that I may believe, but rather, I believe in order that I may understand."
— St. Anselm of Canterbury



MEDITATION

The Things of The Spirit

Whatever you make of your life, let it be something that reflects the love of Christ. The whole people of God will be all the richer because of the diversity of your commitments. In whatever you do, remember that Christ is calling you, in one way or another, to the service of love: the love of God and of your neighbor. Real love is demanding. Love demands effort and personal commitment to the will of God. It means discipline and sacrifice, but it also means joy and human fulfillment. (Pope John Paul II, *The Things of the Spirit*.)



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.



GIVE ONLINE—EASY AND SECURE!

*Simplify and streamline your giving
and help St. Pius save money on printing and mailing!*

So many parishioners have already discovered how easy it is to set up online giving. Online Giving is totally secure and also helps St. Pius to save money on mailing the printed offertory envelopes! You can control the amount you give each week for the entire year—and you can change the amount of giving any time along the way.

- 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 today: Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive.



FREE 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. Questions? Email Shari Garcia at sgarcia@st-pius.org.



FREE 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.



DISCOVERING CHRIST SERIES

Begins February 25

Another “Discovering Christ” Series of ChristLife starts at **6:30PM, February 25, in the Community Room**. The series will run for seven evenings: February 25, March 3, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, 8. All are Monday evenings except March 3 which is a Sunday evening. There is an all-day retreat on Saturday March 30. This is a repeat of the discovering Christ sessions that were offered last Fall, so if you or your friend missed it the first time, don't let that happen again! Join us for dinner and discussion of Christ in our lives. Register by February 21 online at www.holyfamilyrc.com/christlife or pick up an application at the back of the Church. There is no charge, but we need to know if you are coming for dinner. ChristLife is a program of Catholic adult evangelization which focuses on three aspects of evangelization: Discovering Christ, Following Christ and Sharing Christ. The initial program sessions are entitled Discovering Christ. The discussions, videos and resources used are prepared by the national ChristLife organization (www.ChristLife.org.) We hope to see you!



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!

William, Stephanie, William, Sydney, and Savannah **Shockley**; Brigit and Annabella **Pena**; Robert, Sally, Harry, Theo, and Arlo **Fulcher**; Joanna **Cloherly**; Gregory, Laura, Haley, and Reed **Martinsen**; Matthew, Tara, and Alexander **Silvaggio**; Jean, Teresa, and Michael **Azoury**; Christopher, Jennifer, and Brendan **Maietta**; Mike, Jaclyn, and Emmie **Brunetto**; David, Kaitlin, Maverock, Sawyer, and Hudson **Krulewich**; Justin, Kristen, Maya, and Edith **Plock**; Brian and Emily **Pritchard**; Donal, Nicole, Alex, Sofia, and Nathan **Luna**; Christopher, Allison, Natalie, Colin, and Austin **Reilly**; Brian, Lyn, Erin, and Dylan **Jones**; John, Shannon, Aidan, and Maura **Brunt**; Peter, Christy, and Grady **Quinn**; Brian, Jessica, William, and Sydney **Carroll**; Micahel, Stacey, Dylan, and Brandon **Zemola**.



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. Designate your gift of any amount toward exactly what is most important to you at St. Pius X. Gifts can be given in many ways too—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 then set up time for you to meet with Fr. Sam if you would like to discuss 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.



FAIRFIELD COLLEGE PREP SCHOOL \$25,000 TUITION RAFFLE FOR ANY SCHOOL

Fairfield College Preparatory School is proud to again present it's \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The prize can be used for ANY K-12 schools, colleges or universities or pay back of college loans. The prize is to be paid directly to any K-12 schools, colleges or universities or the financial institution that holds your school loans. Schools must be located and accredited in the U.S. Only 1,000 tickets will be available at \$100 per ticket. (500 tickets must be sold for the raffle to proceed. If fewer than 500 tickets are sold, the raffle will be canceled, and the ticket purchasers will receive a full refund.) Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Scholarship Fund at Fairfield Prep. The drawing will be held at the **Spring Event, 10:15PM, Saturday, May 4, in the Student Life Center, Fairfield Prep.** Winner does not need to be present to win. For more information contact the Development Office at 203-254-4237 or development@fairfieldprep.org.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES AND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK

February 10, Blessed Sacrament, Bridgeport

All, especially the sick, the frail, and the handicapped, are welcome to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick Mass at **2:30PM, Sunday, February 10, Blessed Sacrament, Union Avenue, Bridgeport.** Mass will be celebrated, and the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Refreshments will follow. Welcome begins at 2:30PM; Mass celebrated at 3PM. Join us!

“Let those who are friendly to you be many, but one in a thousand your confidant.”
—Sirach 6:6