



A Roman Catholic Community

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Barbara Kwiatkowski, Office Assistant

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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.

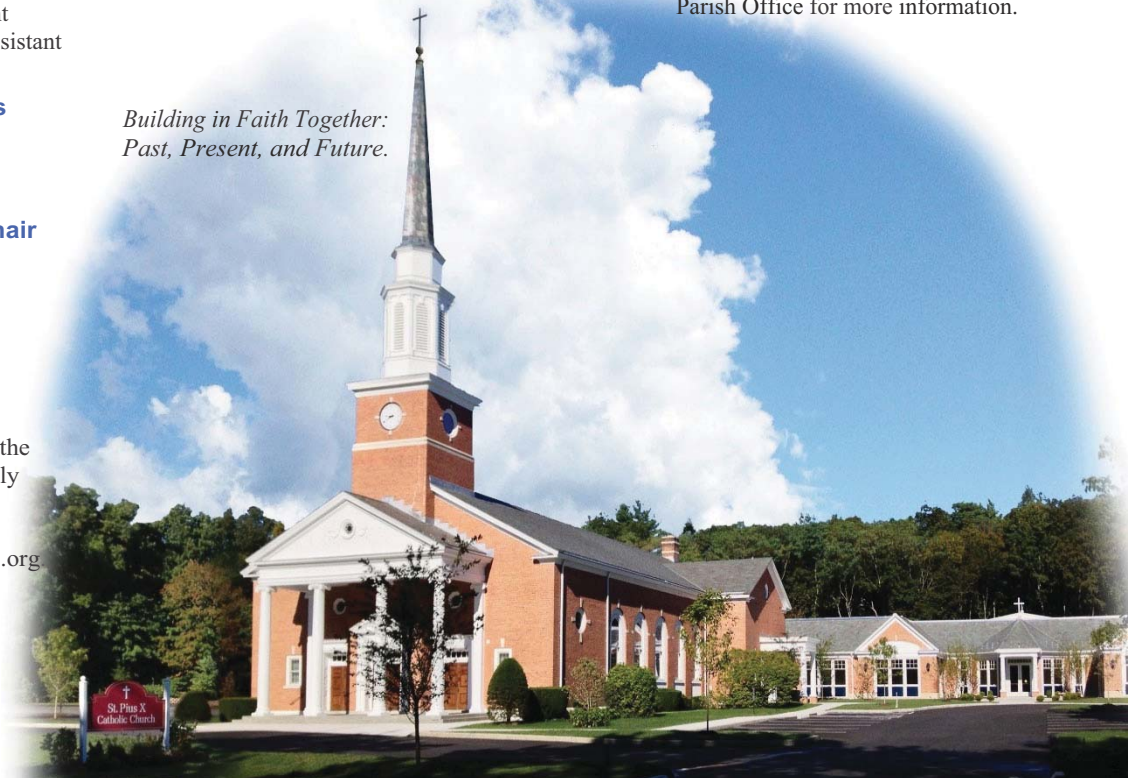
Anointing of the Sick

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, January 12

8:30AM +Dorothy Orlando P. Volpacchio

5:15PM + Henry John Connelly D. & A. Curtin

Sunday, January 13

7:30AM +Maria Luciani Lenz Family

9AM Intentions of All Parishioners

10:30AM +Rosemary Brosnan V. & J. Giuffre

12Noon +Alex Skultety J. Skultety

Monday, January 14

8:30AM +Tom Cunningham

Tuesday, January 15

8:30AM +Hilde Janik

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

8:30AM +Joe & Joan Gugliucci B. Jankunis

Friday, January 18

8:30AM +Marjorie Norton L. Feeney

Saturday, January 19

8:30AM +Dr. Richard Allen Dr. Thimons

5:15PM + Audrey Collins VanTornhout Family

Sunday, January 20

7:30AM +Lynette Wagner A. O'Keefe

9AM Intentions of All Parishioners

10:30AM +Richard C. Klement Kelty Family

12Noon +Joseph & Elizabeth Farrace J. Skultety



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Eunice Brady**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for the
special intentions of
Charles Chiusano**



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,

Though the season of Christmas comes to a liturgical close with today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this celebration is hardly the end of anything. We have spent these last few weeks reflecting on the birth of Jesus into our world. The light of the world begins to shine in the darkness, is made manifest to the nations, and now in the baptism in the river Jordan that light begins a mission of salvation.

The Incarnation happens for one simple reason: "God so loved the world, that he sent his only begotten Son, so that all who believe in Him might not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16). Humanity, fallen in sin, needs a savior. Thus, the whole mission of the incarnate Son of God is to bring salvation to the world. His mission will involve both teaching and action. Teaching – He preaches the Gospel, showing us the truth of who He is, revealing the Father's love for us, explaining how we are to live in accord with the Father's loving plan. Action – He enters the full depth of our human suffering by dying on the Cross for love of us, and He defeats death with the power of His Resurrection. The day of Jesus' baptism, then, is just the beginning of something great and beautiful.

In a similar way, the day of our baptism was the beginning. On that day, we received our mission. As baptized Christians, it is our mission to live as disciples of Christ, following Him in everything *and* to be His apostles, those sent out to bring Jesus to others. A disciple, as you know, is one who follows. So every baptized person is called to be a follower of Christ. We follow Christ by living in a relationship with Him, a relationship rooted especially in prayer and the sacraments. To be a follower means also to be a student. Thus, we must get to know Jesus in reflection and study, as well. How well do we know the story of the Gospel? How well do we understand the Catholic faith? Are we willing to ask questions and seek answers? An apostle is one who is sent out on mission. In baptism, we also became apostles of Jesus Christ, sent out into the world to bring His light and love everywhere we go. Often we think of those heroic missionary saints who went to far off lands, learned foreign languages, lived in poverty and difficulty, yet proclaimed the Gospel with courage and conviction and we wonder if we could ever do it or how we could possibly have a mission that compares. And yet the fact remains that God has entrusted each of us with a mission. The truth is that the mission is most often lived out in simple ways, through fidelity to our daily responsibilities with family, through our daily prayer, through our treatment of the people around us.

Baptism did not mark the end of our Christian journey. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, while marking the end of a liturgical season, is in fact just another beginning. May this feast once again focus our attention on our mission in Christ, to bring His light, love, and mercy into the world!

Peace,

Fr. James



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus, whom God called “my beloved Son,” is also the “servant” of who Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- December 23, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$14,193
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$13,540
- 2018 Christmas Offering: \$42,366
- Christmas Flowers Offering: \$1,672
- Mission Offering: \$384
- Monthly Offering: \$452
- Votives (Church & Chapel) Offering: \$652.30

- December 30, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,231
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$11,392
- Mission Offering: \$148
- Monthly Offering: \$810

- January 6, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,852
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,912
- Additional Christmas Offering: \$553
- Solemnity of Mary Offering: \$1,635
- Mission Offering: \$542
- Monthly Offering: \$695
- Maintenance Offering: \$709

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: Lucas Alexander Fundora and John Cochran McCarthy.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18-25

*“Justice, only justice shall you pursue”
(CF. Deuteronomy 16:20)*

The first observance of prayer for Christian unity took place at Graymoor in Garrison, NY in 1908. Today the Week of Prayer invites the entire Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one” (John 17:21). In 1966, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican Secretariat (now (Council) for Promoting Christian Unity began collaborating as a common international text for worldwide usage. Since 1968 these international texts, which are based on themes proposed by ecumenical groups around the world, have been developed, adapted and published for use in the United States by the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute.



LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE UPDATE

Important information about meeting dates/times for the monthly Lifelong Faith Formation gatherings...

After prayerful consideration, the Faith Formation team has decided to hold a single Lifelong Faith Formation session each month. **Beginning January 13**, our monthly Lifelong Faith Formation gatherings will be held **immediately following the 9AM Mass**.

“For prayer is nothing else than
being on terms of
friendship with God.”
— St. Teresa of Avila



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or *Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11*.

Psalm: The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or *Psalm 104*.

Second Reading: Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or *Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7*.

Gospel: A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

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'THANK YOU' FOR GIVING TREE DONATIONS!

Dear Friends,

I'm so deeply grateful that your parish Advent tree once again was dedicated to feeding our hungry and cold Bridgeport family. The wonderfully warm hoodies are so welcomed by my mostly homeless friends and you can easily see the relief in their eyes when they receive your gift. Your hugely generous number of gift cards for Stop and Shop and ShopRite will feed the hungry throughout the year! We know every day is Christmas when we share our love. Let us continue our Christmas spirit as we greet friends and strangers with blessings and joyful wishes. Let us live the whole year in the spirit of Christmastide! God bless you all!

Fondly,

Sister Eileen Boffa RSM



2020 MASS BOOK OPENING THIS COMING WEEK

The 2020 Mass Book will be available this coming week. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when you stop in to request a Mass here at St. Pius X.

- You may request a Mass to be offered for a particular intention. A \$10 donation (stipend) is customary.

- You may request 1 or 2 “types” of Mass intentions:
 - Announced Masses:** these intentions are given a specific date and time, and are announced at the Mass as well as printed in the parish Bulletin. We ask that families request no more than 10 of these at a time.

- Unannounced Masses:** these are Masses celebrated for the repose of the soul of the deceased loved one, but do not have a specific date or time attached. We send these intentions to the Diocese of Bridgeport Clergy Office, which in turn ensures that a priest celebrates Mass for the intention, though we do not know where or when the Mass will be offered. You may request as many of these Masses as you wish.

- The Mass book is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. No one receives preferential treatment.

- If you are requesting Mass for someone who has been deceased for a number of years, please consider requesting an “unannounced” intention. Mass will be celebrated for their soul. By asking for an unannounced intention, you make it possible for someone else to request a Mass for a more recently deceased person.

- If you have multiple Mass intentions, please consider having the name of your deceased loved one enrolled in a Perpetual Mass remembrance. We can provide you with information on various Catholic shrines and religious orders that have Perpetual Mass Remembrance enrollments.

- If we are unable to fulfill your Mass request, we are fortunate to live in a town with seven parishes and two Catholic universities. The date and time you desire may be available at another parish close by.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we do our best to manage the ever-popular Mass Book!



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. Questions? Email Shari Garcia at 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.



STREAMLINE YOUR GIVING IN THE NEW YEAR BY STARTING TO GIVE ONLINE!

Simplify and streamline your giving in the New Year and help St. Pius save money on printing and mailing!

Kick off the New Year by setting up your weekly giving online. Online Giving is easy and totally secure and also helps us 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.



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!

“But as for me, I will look to the Lord,
I will wait for God my savior;
my God will hear me!
Do not rejoice over me, my enemy!
Though I have fallen, I will arise; though
I sit in darkness, the Lord is my light.”
—Micah 7:7-8



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.



CONFESSION

Come to Confession at St. Pius X, a Center of Mercy.

The Sacrament of Confession is a unique and beautiful aspect of our faith, allowing us to obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The Sacrament "washes us clean" and renews us. Confessions are heard **7PM-8PM Wednesdays in the Chapel and 4PM-4:45PM Saturdays in the Church.**



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.



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.

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Hey Teens, join us!

Newcomers always welcome 😊

Thank you for all of your prayers as we spent an amazing few days at the SEEK Conference, January 3-7 in Indianapolis, IN.

Nine college students and young adults from our parish attended!

For more information about joining St. Pius X Life Teen, email Paola Pena, ppena@st-pius.org.



OUTLIVE YOUR LIFE

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.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

*Explore Your Options for PK3 - 8th Grade
on January 27*

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School will host an open house for prospective families **10AM-12Noon, Sunday, January 27 at 1719 Post Road, Fairfield.** Take a guided tour of PK3 – 4th Grade, Kindergarten, Elementary, and Middle schools; visit with classroom teachers and administrators; meet current families. Learn more about our academic goals, school culture, enrichment programs, sports and after-school offerings. All families of PK3 - 8th Grade students in the 2019-2020 school year in Fairfield, Westport, and the surrounding area are invited to attend. Note: we now offer a two-year Pre-K program, eligible children must turn 3 on or by August 31. St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School is fully accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and recognized as an award-winning Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. For nearly 100 years in the heart of downtown Fairfield, we have served a critical role in Fairfield County by providing a strong foundation for students in faith and knowledge at an affordable cost. For more information, contact Barbara Turner, Director of Admissions, at 203-255-0556, ext. 225.

A Prayer

Whatever did not fit in with my plan did lie within the plan of God. I have an ever deeper and firmer belief that nothing is merely an accident when seen in the light of God, that my whole life down to the smallest details has been marked out for me in the plan of Divine Providence and has a completely coherent meaning in God's all-seeing eyes. And so I am beginning to rejoice in the light of glory wherein this meaning will be unveiled to me.

Amen.

—St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



US NATIONAL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, FRANCE

June 30 to July 9, 2019

LAST CALL!

Thank you to St. Pius members who have already expressed interest! There is still time to join us...

If you or a loved one has ever wanted to visit the beautiful village where the Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette over 160 years ago, consider joining the US National Rosary Pilgrimage, June 30-July 9 on their journey to Lourdes, France.

Accompanied by like-minded people of faith, you will be able to bathe in the healing spring waters, pray in the grotto where the Blessed Mother appeared to young Bernadette 18 times, attend candle-lit nightly processions, and visit the Holy Mill where St. Bernadette was born.

This past July, Father Sam invited 10-year-old Chad Chlebowski and his mom Angela to join other handicapped children on a pilgrimage to Lourdes courtesy of the Knights of Columbus of Washingtonville, NY. Chad, Angela and Chad's grandmother Mary Ann DeMasi, who also went on the trip, said they experienced the journey of a lifetime. In fact, their story was chronicled in the September 2018 issue of Fairfield County Catholic, where Angela said that her "faith had grown two-fold."

Because of the success of Chad and his family's experience, we are inviting members of St. Pius to join the pilgrimage, which is open to everyone. Price is \$3,064 per person and includes air transportation; hotel accommodations; daily breakfast, lunch and dinner; a guided tour of Lourdes; a guided visit to Gavarnie in the Pyrennes; all tips; and liturgical services. The pilgrimage is accompanied by clergy and medical staff and departs from either JFK or Newark Airports.

For more information, email Walter Kozlowski, a St. Pius parishioner who has been to Lourdes 16 times, at kozlow.wk@gmail.com. We hope you can join us