



A Roman Catholic Community

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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.

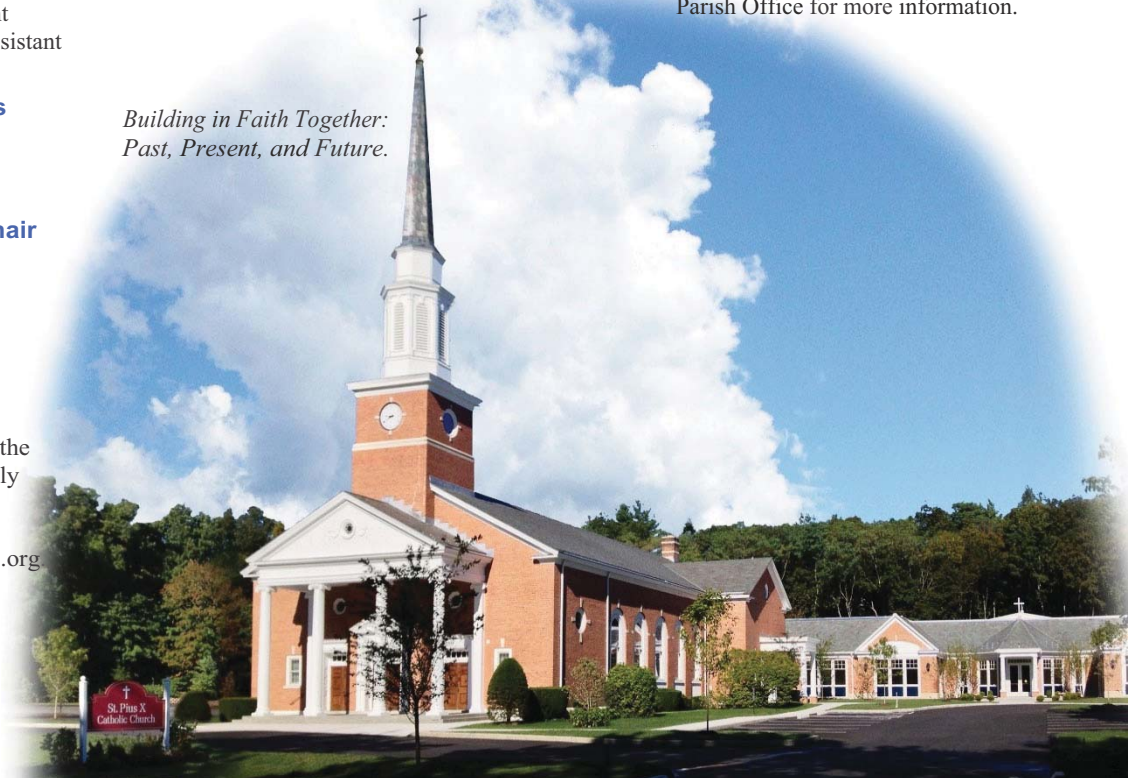
Anointing of the Sick

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, 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

Monday, January 21

8:30AM +Timothy Tybus J. & J. Myers

Tuesday, January 22

8:30AM +Arline Krebs D. & D. Sell

Wednesday, January 23

8:30AM +Celeste Cutrone D. & D. Sell

Thursday, January 24

8:30AM +Jocelyn Baryshyan A. Armstrong

Friday, January 25

8:30AM +Anthony DeFrancesco DeFrancesco Family

Saturday, January 26

8:30AM +Veronica Regan Burkert Conneely Family

5:15PM +Jennie & Guy Giuffre V. & J. Giuffre

Sunday, January 27

7:30AM +Guiseppe DiStasi Wallace Family

9AM +Bob Blakley Devine Family

10:30AM +Mark Kasmin St. Pius X Choir

12Noon Intentions of All Parishioners



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Anthony DeFrancesco**



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



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 prophet Isaiah speaks these powerful words in the first reading today: "For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch." The prophet raises his voice so that the word of the Lord will be heard, known, and understood by all people. Isaiah is proclaiming the truth of God's power and mercy, while calling the people to follow. "For Zion's sake" is almost Biblical-code for "for the sake of the truth" or "for the sake of justice."

This weekend, we are reminded of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who, for the sake of justice, proclaimed the truth that all are created equal. His fight against racial discrimination changed our nation and our culture. We are aware, too, that this battle against racism continues in many ways. Our Catholic faith calls us to acknowledge the dignity of all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, or country of origin. For Zion's sake, for Jerusalem's sake, we cannot be silent but must proclaim and live the truth that God has endowed every human life of every race with inherent, infinite worth.

This week also marks the annual March for Life, when hundreds of thousands will gather in Washington, D.C. to stand for the right to life on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. In his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote "[H]uman life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. For this reason procured abortion and euthanasia are absolutely unacceptable. Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern. The meaning of life is found in giving and receiving love, and in this light human sexuality and procreation reach their true and full significance. Love also gives meaning to suffering and death; despite the mystery which surrounds them, they can become saving events. Respect for life requires that science and technology should always be at the service of man and his integral development. Society as a whole must respect, defend and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment and in every condition of that person's life."

With that in mind, I am reminded of a conversation I had many years ago with a volunteer at Malta House of Good Counsel in Norwalk, a home and ministry to mothers in crisis. The volunteer, explaining their mission, told me that it is one thing to say that we are pro-life and wish to see human life protected and another thing entirely to do something about it. Malta House, she said, tries to provide women a real alternative to the tragic prospect of abortion. There are many other organizations and ministries that do the same, thanks be to God! Additionally, the Church has many ministries to support women who have had abortions and to help them find hope and healing. I encourage you to visit <https://www.maltahouse.org/>, <http://www.sistersoflife.org/>, and <http://hopeafterabortion.com/> to see some of the valuable work in support of families, children born and unborn, and those who are most in need.

In closing, I offer you this call from Pope St. John Paul II: "What is urgently called for is a general mobilization of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together, we must build a new culture of life: new, because it will be able to confront and solve today's unprecedented problems affecting human life; new, because it will be adopted with a deeper and more dynamic conviction by all Christians; new, because it will be capable of bringing about a serious and courageous cultural dialogue among all parties. While the urgent need for such a cultural transformation is linked to the present historical situation, it is also rooted in the Church's mission of evangelization. The purpose of the Gospel, in fact is "to transform humanity from within and to make it new." Like the yeast which leavens the whole measure of dough (cf. Mt 13:33), the Gospel is meant to permeate all cultures and give them life from within, so that they may express the full truth about the human person and about human life (*Evangelium Vitae*)."

J. J. Lam



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits—the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water to wine!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

• December 23, 2018 Weekend Offering:	\$12,232
• 2017 Weekend Offering:	\$13,643
• Mission Offering:	\$198
• Monthly Offering:	\$2,767
• Maintenance Offering:	\$200
• Coffee Hour Offering:	\$63

**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.**



"Christ made my soul beautiful with
the jewels of grace and virtue.
I belong to Him whom the
angels serve."
—St. Agnes



The Parish Office will be closed for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on:

Monday, January 21, 2019

Happy Martin Luther Day!

Share Faith



Help the Church in
Latin America

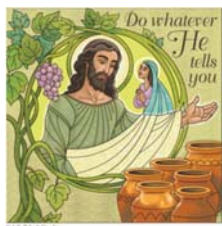
THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

January 27

The Catholic Church in Latin America, through all aspects of evangelization (witness, proclamation, catechesis, service) seeks to bring the good news of Jesus Christ as a source of liberation and hope to the people of this great region. Catholics in the United States assist their brothers and sisters in Central America, South America and the Caribbean through today's annual collection that is held in parishes throughout the country. Contributions support the training of priests, religious, and lay leaders; educating youth and other pastoral projects. In an Apostolic Exhortation promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1999, we are called to share our cultural and spiritual resources born in the experience of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. This witness will lead to the paths to conversion, communion and solidarity. As One Church in One America we pray:

*May our families always be united and may they be
living witnesses to love, justice and solidarity. May
they become schools of respect, forgiveness and
mutual help, so that the world may believe...may the
Church in America flourish and grow richer in the
fruits of holiness. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of
America, pray for us!*

Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm: Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading: All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel: Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

thank you

'THANK YOU' FOR GIVING TREE DONATIONS!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the women and children enrolled at **Mercy Learning Center**, I want to thank the entire St. Pius community for the generous in-kind donations of the gift cards from the St. Pius Giving Tree. Your support in this way assists us with our work with our students. Being able to offer basic necessities and other supplies allows them to continue to stay focused on their educational goals. Gloria, a recent MLC graduate, shares: "I received so much support from the Center. When I was worried about something, I could always ask for help. It made my home life easier as I worked hard for this diploma. Thank you!" Your belief in the importance of women's education is truly making a difference for the hundreds of women who are currently enrolled at Mercy Learning Center. From all of us, thank you for your generosity.

Gratefully,

Jane E. Ferriera, President & CEO



USCCB: JANUARY 22 DESIGNATED AS DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

"9 Days of Prayer for Life" began on Monday, January 14 and continues until Tuesday, January 22—the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade.

As Catholics, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. We mourn the many children's lives ended by abortion and remember in prayer those who suffer the aftermath. The Church comes together on this day to pray for the protection of all unborn children and to make reparation for abortion, trusting that the Lord hears our prayers. During the 9 Days, prayers are offered for the sanctity and protection of all human life. More information is available at www.usccb.org/january22.

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"Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the precious gift of life.

Help us to cherish and protect this gift,

even in the midst of fear, pain and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the vulnerable,

and help us bear witness to the truth that

every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help

when we are in need and

teach us to be merciful to all.

Through our words and actions,

may others encounter the

outstretched hands of your mercy.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen."

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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!



"Take courage,
it is I,
do not be afraid!"
—Mark 6:50



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 😊

For more information about joining
St. Pius X Life Teen,
email Paola Pena, 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.

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.



ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

*Learn more about PreK3 – Grade 8 at the Open House
on January 27*

Assumption Catholic School, located at **605 Stratfield Road in Fairfield**, will host an open house for prospective families at **10AM, Sunday, January 27.** You are invited to come take a guided tour of PK3 to Grade 8. Please note the PreK3 is a full day program. This is your opportunity to meet faculty, administrators, and current families and learn more about Assumption Catholic School. For more information, contact Karen Guastelle, Director of Enrollment, at 203-334-6271 or enroll@oloaffld.org.



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 Pryennes; 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!