



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.

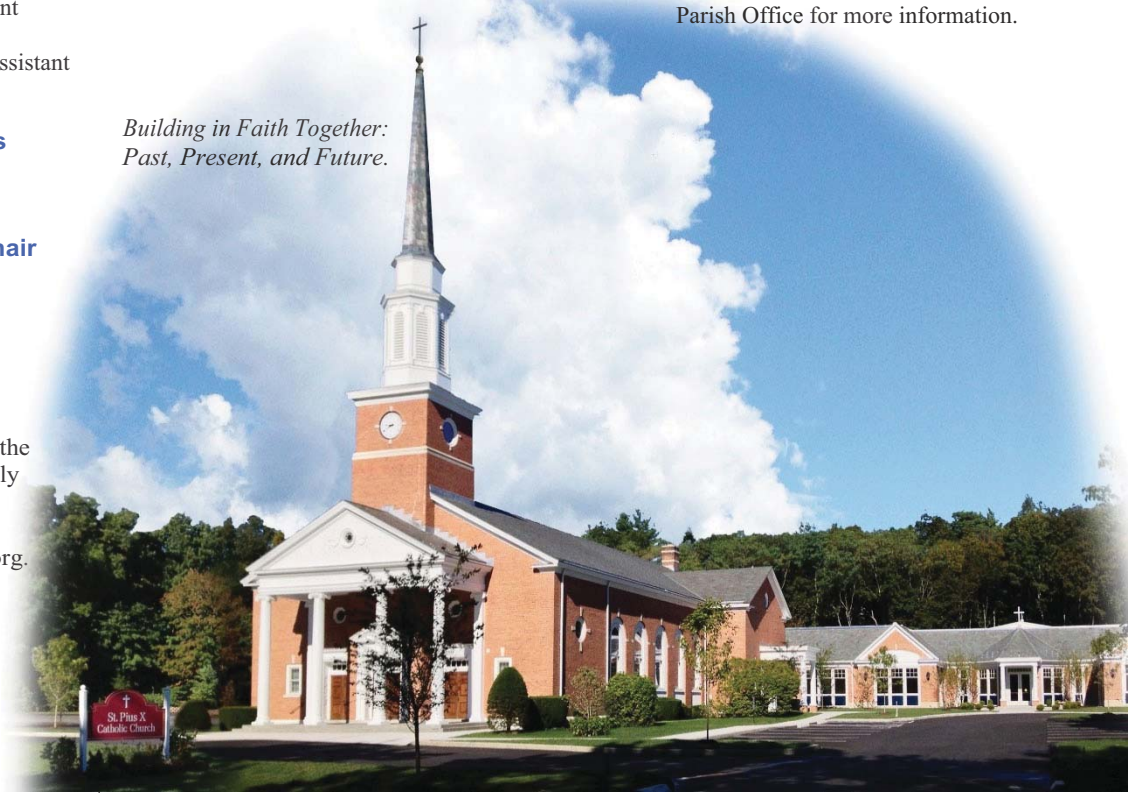
Anointing of the Sick

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, 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

Monday, January 28

8:30AM +Daniel Caruso J. & J. Myers

Tuesday, January 29

8:30AM +Jack Horan B. Horan

Wednesday, January 30

8:30AM +Phil Fracassini J. & K. Donnelly

Thursday, January 31

8:30AM +Gertrude & Louis Carbone D. Tomasko

Friday, February 1

8:30AM +Salvatore & Florence Verrastro A. Armstrong

Saturday, February 2

8:30AM +Jean (Dolly) Daniels B. & D. DiStasio

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week for the
special intentions of
The St. Pius X Ushers**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week for the
special intentions of
Ann Foley**



**Flowers in the Chapel this week
in memory of
Phil Fracassini**



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,

On behalf of Fr. Tim, our parish staff, and Msgr. Esposito's family, I would like to thank you all for your kind expressions of sympathy, for your prayerful presence, and for your kind gestures of support after the passing of Msgr. Ernest T. Esposito. There are so many things we can say in his memory, and for many of you, the memories of this beloved priest go back decades and are very personally entwined in special moments in your lives. His passing allows us to glimpse the profound impact a good priest can have on the world. At his funeral Mass, Msgr. James Cuneo alluded to many of Msgr. Esposito's personality traits, but above all, he highlighted the evident love for God that Monsignor always exhibited. The priest is not here primarily to be in charge, nor is the priest meant to be *only* a sacramental minister, nor is the priest *simply* the one who leads prayer. Rather, the priest is to be a bridge who brings people into communion with God. The priest is an *alter Christus*, another Christ, who, like Jesus, reveals the face of God. In order to do this, the priest must first of all, live daily in this profound communion with God. Leadership, sacramental ministry, public roles...all these follow after the priest's constant desire to live in union with God.

Msgr. Esposito made every effort to live this way. No conversation with Monsignor was complete without some reference to God's love for us, without some discussion of how powerfully the saints lived in union with God, without some introduction of the need to pray intensely. Fr. Tim and I were privileged to witness his deep love for God in the rectory. While his hours of operation sometimes confounded us (our retired resident was very much a night-owl), we knew that much of his time was absorbed in prayer. If he was out of the house for any period of time, it was usually time spent before or after Mass at a church making a holy hour or two. He taught us by example that no ministry or role can be undertaken without prayer—prayer before, prayer throughout, and prayer after. We were truly blessed to have this kind priestly presence as part of our home.

And so I am grateful to all of you. In a special way, I thank our staff who took care of so many things while Fr. Tim and I were with Monsignor at the hospital. I thank our choir and ushers who assisted with the funeral liturgies and helped us, in the midst of sadness and long memories, to worship the God Msgr. Esposito pointed us toward. I thank all of you who came to support his family and who honored him by your presence or by sharing your memories of his life and ministry. Thank you also to the staff of the MICU at Bridgeport Hospital who treated Monsignor with such compassion and dignity.

In my experience, when a brother priest dies, while there is a certain amount of grief, it is a grief that quickly gives way to hope in the Resurrection. More immediately, it gives way to an examination of the virtues and gifts in the life of the priest. Reflecting on those priestly qualities that made the deceased priest who they are, I consistently find myself desiring to imitate those virtues. As we pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Msgr. Ernie Esposito, please pray for me and Fr. Tim, that the virtues our brother Ernie lived, most especially his love for God, would be the inspiration for our own growth in those virtues, and that his priestly example would inspire our own priestly ministry to you and to all we encounter.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he Rest In Peace. Amen.

Peace,

Fr. Jim



QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The U.S. bishops' pastoral on stewardship reinforces today's reading from 1 Corinthians: "Because its individual members do collectively make up the Body of Christ, that body's health and well-being are the responsibility of the members—the personal responsibility of each one of us. We all are stewards of the Church."



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- January 20, 2019 Weekend Offering: \$10,551
- 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,876
- Mission Offering: \$285
- Monthly Offering: \$222
- Votives (Church) Offering: \$529

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.



"If you learn everything except Christ,
you learn nothing.
If you learn nothing except Christ,
you learn everything."
— St. Bonaventure



In Prayerful Remembrance of
our dear friend

The Reverend Monsignor Ernest Esposito

January 23, 1935-January 15, 2019
Ordained May 20, 1967

*"We can spend hours thinking about sports,
so why can't we spend hours thinking about God?"*
—Msgr. Ernie

Merciful Jesus, grant him eternal rest.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.

Share Your Faith



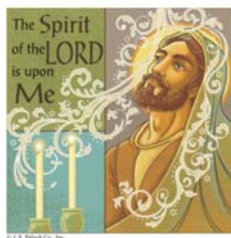
Help the Church in
Latin America

Diocese of St. Pius X, 2019

THE COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

January 27

Catholics in the United States assist our brothers and sisters in Central America, South America and the Caribbean through today's annual collection that is held in parishes throughout the country. 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: Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength (Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).

Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).

Second Reading: In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).

Gospel: The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

February 1 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.

“Could you not keep watch
for one hour?”
—Mark 14: 37



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.

“Love is patient, love is kind.
It bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.”
—Corinthians 13: 4, 7



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 the Lord is faithful;
he will strengthen you and
guard you from the evil one."
—2 Thessalonians 3:3



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.

Let's Pray!

HOW CAN I PRAY?

A great way to pray is to look for God's presence in your life. More than 400 years ago St. Ignatius Loyola encouraged prayer-filled mindfulness by proposing what has been called the Daily Examen. The Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and to discern his direction for us. Try this version of St. Ignatius's prayer.

1. Become aware of God's presence. Look back on the events of the day in the company of the Holy Spirit. The day may seem confusing to you—a blur, a jumble, a muddle. Ask God to bring clarity and understanding.

2. Review the day with gratitude. Gratitude is the foundation of our relationship with God. Walk through your day in the presence of God and note its joys and delights. Focus on the day's gifts. Pay attention to small things—the food you ate, the sights you saw, and other seemingly small pleasures. God is in the details.

3. Pay attention to your emotions. One of St. Ignatius's great insights was that we detect the presence of the Spirit of God in the movements of our emotions. Reflect on the feelings you experienced during the day. Boredom? Elation? Resentment? Compassion? Anger? Confidence? What is God saying through these feelings?

4. Choose one feature of the day and pray from it. Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to something during the day that God thinks is particularly important. It may involve a feeling—positive or negative. It may be a significant encounter with another person or a vivid moment of pleasure or peace. Or it may be something that seems rather insignificant. Look at it. Pray about it. Allow the prayer to arise spontaneously from your heart—whether intercession, praise, repentance, or gratitude.

5. Look toward tomorrow. Ask God to give you light for tomorrow's challenges. Pay attention to the feelings that surface as you survey what's coming up. Allow these feelings to turn into prayer. Seek God's guidance. Ask him for help and understanding. Pray for hope. St. Ignatius encouraged people to talk to Jesus like a friend. End the Daily Examen with a conversation with Jesus. Ask forgiveness for your sins. Ask for his protection and help. Ask for his wisdom about the questions you have and the problems you face. Do all this in the spirit of gratitude. Your life is a gift, and it is adorned with gifts from God. End the Daily Examen with the Our Father.

“Pray without ceasing.”
—1 Thessalonians 5:17



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

Fairfield College Preparatory School is proud to again present its \$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!