



A Roman Catholic Community

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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.

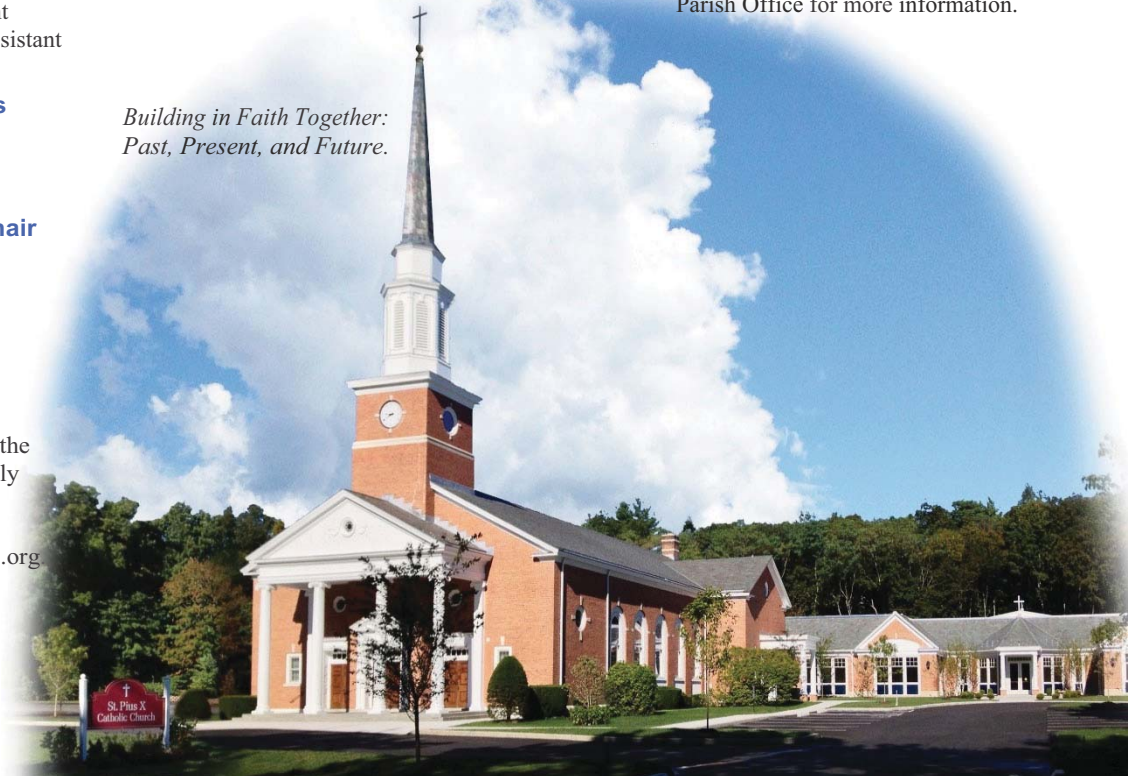
Anointing of the Sick

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 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

Monday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 8

8:30AM +Stuart Cray J. & J. Myers

Wednesday, January 9

8:30AM +Dorothy Lenz Lenz Family

Thursday, January 10

8:30AM +Gunter Blobel M. Cremona Walker

Friday, January 11

8:30AM +Stan Wolpiuk T. & J. Carron

Saturday, January 12

8:30AM +Dorothy Orlando P. Volpacchio

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

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



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Egigio DeMaio**



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



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,

I am writing this note before Christmas due to early bulletin submission deadlines. By the time you read it, I will be in Indianapolis, IN with our youth minister Paola Peña and a number of our parish's college students for the Seek 2019 Conference, sponsored by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (www.focus.org). Seek is a five day conference that is typically offered to college students from universities around the country. FOCUS is present on over 100 college campuses, including Western Connecticut State University. Paola was a FOCUS missionary at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London prior to working here at St. Pius. This year, the Seek Conference expanded its reach to invite not only college students, but priests, religious and lay people from all walks of life to participate in a few days of inspiration and renewal.

The feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrate this weekend, is instructive for this conference. As the Magi come to Jesus, His light begins to shine not only to Israel, but to all nations. Christ enlightens the minds and hearts of all people. The years students spend in college are meant to be enlightening. Education is a gift that broadens our horizons and helps us understand our place in the world. At the same time, those college years can be challenging, especially to the faith of young people. Too often, universities—including Catholic universities—tear down the faith of young people. The college environment is not always friendly to those who wish to live their Catholic faith. FOCUS provides support to Catholic students across the country so that, as they further their education, they can simultaneously grow in their faith. Of course, the challenge of living the Catholic faith is not limited to college students! And so the Seek conference is an opportunity for Catholics of all backgrounds to be renewed and enlightened by Christ.

As the new year begins, how is the light of Christ shining for you? Where do you need His light in your life? I encourage you, in this new year of grace, to take advantage of opportunities to grow in your faith and expand your spiritual horizons. Participate in parish ministries, join the choir, use some of the online resources we have access to. In short, know that God is at work in your heart and in your life and that He wants to give you even more. Our relationship with God can always grow. As the Magi went home by another way, so may we be transformed by our encounter with the light of Christ and live this year 2019 in constant growth with our Lord!

Peace,



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

Due to early print deadlines for the Bulletin, Offertory Totals for the weekends of Sunday, December 23 and Sunday, December 30 will be reported in an upcoming Bulletin.

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.



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.



REFLECTION: A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:

Becoming Eucharist

Pope Benedict XVI wrote, “Mary’s life was such that she became a place for God.” The Christian faith life is all about a similar journey of transformation. Take time this week to reflect on the meaning of the pope’s words for your life and to integrate the wisdom of this statement by Meister Eckhart (14th century)...

“We are all meant to be mothers of God. What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine son takes place unceasingly but does not take place within myself? And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace if I am not also full of grace? What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture? Then, then is the fullness of time: When the Son of God is begotten in us.”



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The Epiphany of the Lord

“Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.”
— Isaiah 60:1



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading: The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel: Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

“Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord
always. I shall say it again: rejoice!
Your kindness should be known to all.
The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all,
but in everything,
by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.
Then the peace of God that surpasses all
understanding will guard your hearts and
minds in Christ Jesus.”
—Philippians 4:4-7



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

Join us January 7 at 12Noon!

All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, January 7, in the Community Room.** Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Call or text Peter Carey (TODAY!) at 203-673-2081 or email him at aandp1964@aol.com.



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

All are welcome January 8...

“St. Pius Forget-Me-Nots” is a ministry of support for those who are taking care of family and friends who are chronically ill and/or elderly. All are invited to join us for discussion and lunch (\$5 donation) **12Noon, Tuesday, January 8, in the Community Room.** New participants welcome! RSVP to Esther Lawless at 203-368-4222.



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.



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 or Allyson Marcus at allysonmarcus@optonline.net.



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 ppeña@st-pius.org.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP



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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 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 or Contact 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!



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 😊

• **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.




**ST. THOMAS
AQUINAS**
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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.



“Shawls . . . Made for centuries, universal and embracing, symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving God. They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace, mother hug, shelter, and beautify. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles.”

Janet Bristow, founder

Prayer Shawl Ministry

WHO ARE WE?

We are a small group of devoted knitters and crocheters who, with compassionate care, create prayer shawls for those in need.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

We meet on the second Saturday of the month from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the portable classroom at St. Pius X School.

WHO RECEIVES SHAWLS?

- St. Pius X parishioners
- Patients at:
 - St. Vincent’s Medical Center
 - Bridgeport Hospital
- Sisters of Mercy (Sr. Eileen Boffa)
- Daughters of Charity (Sr. Theresa Tremblay)
- Malta House, a home for expectant/new mothers in East Norwalk

OTHER:

We participate in the December scarf and hat drives in Bridgeport for the local poor.

We donate our “ends of skein” to Kenya Educational Service Trips (KEST). The yarn is sent to the Nyumbani Village in East Africa, where women use the yarn in weaving baskets that they then sell on behalf of AIDS orphans.

We knit red newborn hats for the American Heart Association for distribution in February.

We have supported veterans thru the Fallen Soldiers at Andover Air Force base.

We help the local hospital NICU by donating premie baby hats.

All are welcome to become a part of this very special ministry. For more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Ann Devine at anndevine@optonline.net.