



A Roman Catholic Community

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Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

Weekend Assistants

Fairfield Jesuit Community

Priest in Residence

Rev. Msgr. Ernest Esposito

Director of Music & Organist

Michael Lantowski

Pastoral Assistant

Kathleen Donnelly

Parish Corp. Lay Members

Kathryn Vogt
Arthur Wolf

Parish Finance Council Chair

Kevin Silk

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. Registration forms may be acquired at the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

9AM-4PM
Monday-Friday

St. Pius X Church is wheelchair accessible. Parking for the physically challenged is located at 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

8:30AM, Monday-Saturday
5:15PM, Saturday Vigil
7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM & 12Noon on Sunday

Holy Day Mass Schedule

5:30PM Vigil
8:30AM & 7:30PM Holy Day

Confession

4PM-4:45PM, Saturdays (Church)
7PM-8PM, Wednesdays (Chapel)

Devotions

The Rosary 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 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 Parish Office for more information.

*Building in Faith Together:
Past, Present, and Future.*





WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 31

8:30AM Morning Prayer
 10AM Blessing of the Food
 7:30PM Easter Vigil: Intentions of All Parishioners

Sunday, April 1

7:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 9AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 10:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 12Noon Intentions of All Parishioners

Monday, April 2

8:30AM +Ada DeSantie S. Barrett

Tuesday, April 3

8:30AM +Greg Raymond R. & C. Raymond

Wednesday, April 4

8:30AM +Jennie Bird Dr. & Mrs. Bird

Thursday, April 5

8:30AM +Eileen M. Crawford Devine Family

Friday, April 6

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Saturday, April 7

8:30AM +Sue Donaher E. Fiore
 5:15PM +Rosemary Brosnan V. & J. Giuffre

Sunday, April 8

7:30AM +Loretta Byrne McGuire Family
 9AM +Bernie Mangiameli Welch Family
 10:30AM +Mildred Annuncio T. Annuncio
 12Noon +Civita Limatola M. Vona



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in memory of
 Robert Morris**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 James E. Byrnes**



WE'VE GOT COLOR!

St. Pius X Weekly Bulletin will now be in full color.

We're excited to announce that we have re-negotiated our contract and our Weekly Bulletin will now be printed in full color! Also, we will be able to expand to two additional pages as the volume of our content increases.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Today we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death. In the Resurrection, Jesus defeats that ancient foe and sets us free. This is the decisive mystery of our faith – the Word Incarnate has taken our sin on himself and redeemed us by his sacrifice on the Cross. The Resurrection of Jesus from the dead allows us to face death with hope rather than despair. The empty tomb allows us to look at the emptiness created by our sin and see light rather than the abyss of darkness.

What difference does the Resurrection make in our lives, then? Do we truly live as people of the Resurrection? Very often we see the challenges and problems of the world and despair. We get caught up in the political messes, tragic violence, or just those daily interpersonal conflicts. It's easy to lose hope. But the Alleluia we sing today reminds us that there is hope, there is light, there is victorious peace in the face of it all!

However, if today is the only day on which we sing Alleluia, we will quickly lose heart. Our faith in the Risen Christ is renewed each and every time we come to Mass, each and every time we receive the Eucharist. If we keep ourselves away from Mass and from regular reception of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, we will lose sight of what is most important and find ourselves not rejoicing, but indifferent. We easily become indifferent to the value of the Resurrection if we skip Sunday Mass with regularity. May this Easter joy we celebrate today endure for us so that we never feel indifferent about the Resurrection!

Fortunately, Easter is not one day, but a season that defines the entire year. We carry the Easter Alleluia throughout the entire year, with the exception of Lent, as a sign that the Resurrection defines our faith profoundly. We are invited to renew our faith in Christ risen from the dead not only every Sunday but every day of our lives. The Resurrection is our definitive hope and source of joy. Let us resolve, then, to live in the joy, hope, and renewal of Easter, and may the triumph of Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, reign in our hearts, minds, lives, and homes! Happy Easter!

Peace,



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen and is victorious over sin and death! We are good stewards of our faith if, like St. Paul, we share this good news whenever and wherever we can.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- March 18, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$11,441
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$16,773
- Monthly Offering: \$2,336
- Easter Flowers Offering: \$355
- Mission Offering: \$252

Due to an early print deadline for the Bulletin, Offertory Totals for the weekend of Sunday, March 25 will be reported in next weekend's Bulletin.

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: Don Casale, Layla Melendez and Chase Reti.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Caitlin Bartlein and Kiernan Collins

*"Iron is sharpened by iron;
one person is sharpened by another"*
—Proverbs 27:17



HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed for Easter on:

Monday, April 1

We wish you a joyful and blessed Easter!

EASTER MASSES SCHEDULE

•Easter Vigil

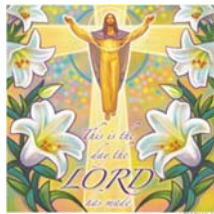
7:30PM, Saturday, March 31

•Easter Sunday Masses

7:30AM, 9AM, 10:30AM, and 12Noon, April 1

EASTER JOY!

We are joyful at Easter because we are saved by the "absoluteness of a love which did not count death too high a price...Christ suffered for us because love without restraint requires suffering" (Anthony Padovano.) The most central of all mysteries within Christianity is the paschal one, the mystery of suffering, death and transformation. In Christian spirituality, Christ is central and central to Christ, is his death and rising to new life so as to send a new Spirit. The paschal mystery is the mystery of how we, after undergoing some kind of death, receive new life and new spirit. The words of Jesus define the paschal mystery; namely, in order to come to fuller life and spirit we must constantly be letting go of present life and spirit: *Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies it yields a rich harvest. (John 12:24)* There are five distinct moments within the paschal cycle: Good Friday, Easter Sunday, the forty days leading up to the Ascension, the Ascension and Pentecost. Each of these is part of one process of transformation, of dying and letting go so as to receive new life and new spirit. This cycle is not something that we must undergo at one; it is rather something we must undergo daily, in every aspect of our lives. The paschal mystery is the secret to life. (*The Holy Longing*, Ronald Rolheiser)



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading: All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or* **(2) Second Reading:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel: Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Mark 16:1-7.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

Hey Teens, Join Us!

We meet most Sundays 6PM-8PM in the Portable Classroom in the Religious Education Center.

See **page 7** of this Bulletin to read about our latest fundraiser where we are running a Toiletry Drive to help those in need at Operation Hope!

For more information about Life Teen dates and schedules, go to www.st-pius.org and visit our Youth Ministry page.



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

Join us April 9 at 12Noon for a special guest speaker!

All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, April 9, in the Community Room.** We are delighted to welcome parishioner James Hughes, Esq. who is an Elder Care lawyer. Jim will make a brief presentation, followed by Q and A. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Call or text Peter Carey (TODAY!) at 203-673-2081 or email him at baloneyboy415@gmail.com. **Note:** This ministry usually meets on the first Monday of the month, but the Parish Office is closed Easter Monday.



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

All are welcome April 10...

“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, guest speaker and lunch (\$5 donation) **12Noon, Tuesday, April 10, in the Community Room.** New participants welcome! Call Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 for more info.



HEARTS RENEWED SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED

All are welcome to join us April 6.

Hearts Renewed is for men and women in different stages of separation and divorce. We gather to offer emotional and practical support so that you know, during this time in your life, you are not alone. Bimonthly Meeting: **First and Third Fridays, 7:30PM – 9:30PM, Portable Classroom, in the Religious Education Center.** For more information contact Bette Huckabee, facilitator, at 203-338-0503 or Kathy Donnelly at 203-255-6134.



The Diocese of Bridgeport

2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Please read important update below...

The 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) will not be conducted as usual this year in our parish. St. Pius X, along with 13 other parishes, is in the very early stages of a Diocesan-wide capital campaign which will raise funds for parish needs and other priorities identified by the Diocese.

We will not conduct the ACA concurrent with the capital campaign; however, our 2018 ACA goal will be incorporated into the capital campaign. In the weeks and months ahead, every parish family will be invited to play a part in this campaign and you will learn more about our parish's plans. In the meantime, we ask that you pray for the success of this important undertaking.



ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!

Email or call in, anytime, your petitions or thanksgivings to Ann Cole at stpiusxprayerln@aol.com or 203-362-5178, Monday-Friday. Feel free to leave a message.



WEEKLY ROSARY FOR PEACE & HEALING

Fridays, immediately following the 8:30AM Mass.

Join us for this peaceful time of prayer following the **8:30AM Mass every Friday in the Chapel**. You can participate or simply sit, listen, and reflect. All are welcome!

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

— John 1: 5



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

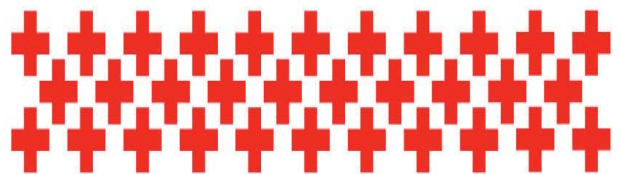
Don't miss these upcoming events from the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus...

• **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**

*9AM-2PM, Saturday, April 28
Gym in the Religious Education Center*

American Red Cross

Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive

St. Pius Parish Center

St. Pius X Religious Education Center
834 Brookside Drive
Fairfield, CT

Saturday, April 28th

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

To schedule your appointment visit
REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG
Or call 1-800 RED CROSS ~ 800-733-2767

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Events below continued from page 5...

• **5th Sunday Rosary Program**

After the 9AM Mass, Sunday, April 29 in the Chapel



Come Pray the Rosary with Us!

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, the Knights of Columbus Council 16347 is pleased to introduce...

The 5th Sunday Rosary Program

After the 9AM Mass, Sunday, April 29 in the Chapel

Knights, their families and ALL parishioners are invited to join us.

Stay and Pray the Rosary as a Faith Family—
Everyone is Welcome!



• **Support for Vocations/Seminarians**

Year Round

For more information, contact Vince Giandurco at vgct07@gmail.com.

Want to join the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus?

Contact Bob Elinskas at bobelinskas@gmail.com or Tom Kely at tkelty@gmail.com for more information.



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.



ARE YOU MISSING ANY ITEMS?

Check the Lost and Found Basket in the Ushers' Room.

If you think you left something here during Mass, check the lost and found basket in the ushers' room in the front foyer of the church. The basket is cleaned out monthly and items will be disposed of or given to those in need. Thank you!



CHAPEL ALTAR FLOWERS DONATIONS

Flowers may be offered up in memorial or for your 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. The cost of flowers for the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God is \$80.

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

OPERATION HOPE TOILETRY DRIVE

Operation Hope is in need of some toiletry items and we are here to help!

Please donate some of the following items to help those in need at Operation Hope.

- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Mouth Wash
- Chapstick
- Deodorant (Men/Women)
- Shampoo/Conditioner (Men/Women)
- Face Wash
- Body Wash
- Feminine Products
- Soap (bar)
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Hair Brush/Comb
- Razor
- Shaving Cream
- Liquid Soap

This drive will go until April 8, 2018.

Please bring these items to any of our St. Pius X Masses. There will be a box at each door where you can put the items.

Any questions, contact Meg Reed at 203-895-9550 or megreed604@gmail.com.



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.



SIMPLIFY WITH ONLINE GIVING

No more writing checks or handling cash, go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive to get started today...

Did you know you can make your weekly gift online? Online Giving is easy and totally secure and will help us to go green!

- No more writing checks or handling cash.
- Set up automatic contributions for each week of the year—you control the amount and timing.
- Change the amount, or the timing, of your gift at any time—you have total control.

Get started today, two easy steps:

1. Go to www.st-pius.org/onlinegive.
2. Create an Account and you are on your way!

If you have questions or need help getting started, call the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

*"Whatever the Lord desires he does
in heaven and on earth in
the seas and all the depths."
—Psalm 135: 6*

ST. PIUS X PARISH TEAM

- Kara Clegg, Dir. Religious Education (Grades 1–5)
- Terri Dawes, Administrative Assistant
- Kathleen Donnelly, Pastoral Assistant
- Shari Garcia, Edge Middle School Youth Ministry
- Barbara Kwiatkowski, Religious Education Assistant
- Michael Lantowski, Music Director
- Kimberlie I. Leon, Business Manager
- Amy O'Donnell, Office Assistant
- Paola Peña, Life Teen Coordinator

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