



A Roman Catholic Community

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Amy O'Donnell, Office Assistant

Parish Corp. Lay Members

Kathryn Vogt

Arthur Wolf

Parish Finance Council Chair

Kevin Silk

Parish Office Hours

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 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

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 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, April 28

8:30AM +Sr. Margie Mullen Reale Family
5:15PM +Teitell Family C. Teitell

Sunday, April 29

7:30AM +Robert Kosar Fr. Sam Kachuba
9AM +Albert & Margaret Johnson P. Johnson
10:30AM +Jean Devine Devine Family
12Noon +Mia Rose McCaffrey B., S., & T. Loh

Monday, April 30

8:30AM +Conrad L. Foerster M. Gaglieno

Tuesday, May 1

8:30AM +Donald Humphrey M. Kovacic

Wednesday, May 2

8:30AM +Michele Artieri E. Porco

Thursday, May 3

8:30AM +Tory Wallace Reale Family

Friday, May 4

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Saturday, May 5

8:30AM +Chris McEttrick St. Thomas Mother's Prayer Grp.
5:15PM +Ruben Rodriguez T. Dawes

Sunday, May 6

7:30AM +John & Edith Kachuba J. & F. Padula
9AM +Louis & Marian Bret P. Johnson
10:30AM +Bridgit Dawson J. & K. Donnelly
12Noon +Catherine M. Sheehan P. O'Hara Taylor



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Charles Bartsch**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Michael Smith**



ST. PIUS X PRAYER LINE

We must never underestimate the power of prayer!

Let us pray for you! Email petitions or thanksgivings anytime to Pat Heile at stpiusprayerln@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,

As pastor, it is my role to help you grow in your knowledge of and love for Jesus Christ and his Church. I walk with you as a fellow pilgrim, while at the same time, the Lord has given me the task of leading you as a father. I hold this role sacred and am humbled to serve in this capacity. As a father, then, a spiritual issue of great importance has surfaced in recent weeks that needs to be addressed. The sin of gossip is very much a problem in our Fairfield community, and even, unfortunately, in our parish.

Gossip is a sin against the eighth commandment ("You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor"). As you know, it can take many forms, whether it means the spreading of false rumors, the sharing of unnecessary information, exaggerating the truth, speaking against a person's good name or reputation, or simply speaking negatively about others. Gossip is especially dangerous to church and faith communities because it is so gravely opposed to true charity. I cannot gossip about someone or something that I truly love and respect; thus gossip demonstrates a lack of love and a lack of respect.

Pope Francis has repeatedly urged Catholics to avoid the sin of gossip, especially within their parish communities. Early in his pontificate, he spoke these words to a crowd gathered for an audience: "It's so rotten, gossip. At the beginning, it seems to be something enjoyable and fun, like a piece of candy. But at the end, it fills the heart with bitterness and also poisons us... I tell you the truth, I am convinced that if each one of us would purposely avoid gossip, at the end, we would become a saint! It's a beautiful path!" Our Holy Father has called gossip a form of terrorism that brings division to communities. At a meeting in Rome last month, Pope Francis pointed out that "in a parish where the faithful gossip all day against everyone, against the priest, the poor priest is alone without the community's witness to Christ. I mention gossip because for me, it is one of the ugliest things in Christian communities."

Given the great problem that gossip is, both around town and in our own parish, I challenge you to take the Holy Father's words to heart. For the good of our parish family, we must stop gossiping in all its forms. For the good of our wider town community, we must be instruments that put an end to gossip each and every time it presents itself. We must, instead of being gossipers, those who harm the community and sin against the harmony of our human relations, be instruments of unity, charity, and peace. We have a responsibility to ignore gossip when we hear it and work to end its spread whenever possible. Finally, we ask God's forgiveness for our own sins of gossip and resolve to begin anew, walking in the grace and unity Christ intends for the Church.

Peace,

Fr. James



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and truth, rather than just talking about it.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- April 15, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,571
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,603
- Monthly Offering: \$265
- Mission Offering: \$97

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: Michael Anthony DeLaurentis, Luke William Larsen, Colin Daniel Scruton and Edward Carlson Warren.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Mallory Mackenzie and Ryan Young



PETITION COLLECTION FOR LOURDES

Place personal petitions in a sealed envelope and place envelope into the designated brown envelopes located at the chapel door and at the church entrances. Parishioners Mel and Leslie Orendorf will collect the petitions on **April 30** and transport them to the shrine at Lourdes, France.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Spend time in the presence of the Lord on May 4.

Visit the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God in the Faith Center for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **9AM-9PM on the First Friday of every month.** Adoration is a special way for you to spend quiet time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. You may stay for a few minutes or for as long as you wish. You may also volunteer to sit in the Chapel in one-hour increments, sign-up sheets are located outside the Chapel in the vestibule.



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

Join us May 7 for a special guest speaker!

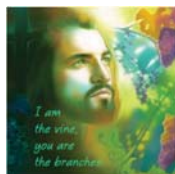
All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, May 7, in the Community Room.** We are delighted to welcome parishioner Ken Hine, author of newly-published and acclaimed book, *I Am Not Well, But I Am Not Sick.* Ken will make a brief presentation, followed by Q&A. Books will be available. A light lunch and beverages are provided. Donation for lunch \$5. **RSVP needed!** Call or text Peter Carey at 203-673-2081 or email him at aandp1964@aol.com.



MINISTRY OF SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS

All are welcome May 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, guest speaker and lunch (\$5 donation) **12Noon, Tuesday, May 8, in the Community Room.** New participants welcome! Call Kathleen Donnelly at 203-255-6134 for more info.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The church was being built up, and grew in numbers (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading: Let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel: Remain in me, as I remain in you. I am the vine, you are the branches (John 15:1-8).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 10:25-36, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

*"As each one has received a gift,
use it to serve one another as good stewards
of God's varied grace." —1 Peter 4:10*

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

NEW SERIES: MORE THAN FLESH AND BONES

Sunday's 6-8pm in the Portable

Human beings are *More Than Flesh and Bones* and have inherent value and dignity. This series explores what it means to be a body-soul composite being and how to take care of the whole person; body, mind, and soul, not to prove our value, but to respect our value.

- **April 29: FORTIFIED**-Taking Care of the Body Bonfire Night!
- **May 5:** Catholic Underground in NYC
- **May 6: EDIFIED**-Taking Care of the Mind
- **May 13:** Happy Mother's Day! No LifeTeen.
- **May 20:** 8th Grade Welcome! **SATISFIED**-Taking Care of the Soul
- **May 21-22:** CHWC Mission Trip Bake Sale
- **May 27:** Happy Memorial Day Weekend! No LifeTeen.
- **May 31:** Solemn High Mass at 7PM in the Church



HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

There are two ways to receive Holy Communion:

1. The universal norm in the Catholic Church is to receive Communion on the tongue. This is the preference of the priests at St. Pius X Parish.
2. The second option, granted by special permission in 1969 and extended to the US in 1977, is to receive on the hand.

Please do...

...respond "Amen" when the priest or Extraordinary Minister presents you with the Body of Christ. No other word should be spoken at that time.
 ...stand close enough that the priest or Extraordinary Minister does not have to reach far. If receiving on the tongue open your mouth, extending the tongue very slightly.
 ...if receiving on the hand, hold your hands high enough that they create a sort of throne. The hand you write with should be beneath the other hand. With the bottom hand, take the host and **immediately** place it in your mouth. Your hands should be flat – if your hands are at an angle, there is a significant risk of the host slipping out of your hands.

Please do not...

...receive with just one hand – it is extremely irreverent to receive with one hand and is a sign of grave disrespect.
 ...receive in the hand if you are carrying a child, or holding car keys, or your hands are otherwise occupied. We have had parents nearly drop children, children nearly knock the host out of their parents' hands, and other mishaps and accidents. There is no reason to multi-task while receiving Holy Communion. In these situations, please simply receive on the tongue.
 ...put two hands out side-by-side, as it is impossible to know in which hand you wish to receive.
 ...flip the Eucharist from one hand to another.
 ...receive on the hand if your hands are covered by gloves or sleeves or are visibly dirty.
 ...grab the Eucharist from the priest/minister.
 ...hold your hands so low that they can't be seen.

Whether you receive on the tongue or in the hand, it is necessary for all of us to follow these basic guidelines to ensure that we demonstrate the reverence and respect our Lord is due and thus witness our faith in the Eucharistic Lord to all.



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Don't miss the next event from the Knights!

• Patriotic Sale for Habitat for Humanity

May 19 – 20, 2018

Look for the Knights at tables outside the church doors.



• 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 Kelty 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.



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!



CATHOLIC UNDERGROUND IN NYC

May 5—free admission, all are welcome!

ALL parishioners are welcome to attend Catholic Underground NYC (www.catholicunderground.net) on **Saturday, May 5 at Our Lady of Good Counsel 230 East 90th Street (between 2nd and 3rd), New York, NY**. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to personally encounter our Lord in the Eucharist at a powerful, life-changing event hosted by the Franciscan Friars of the RENEWAL, C.F.R.'s. We hope to bring a group from St. Pius X to experience an incredible night that draws in a least 600 people!

- 5PM Dinner on your own
- 7:30PM Holy Hour with music
- 9PM Musical Performance

Travel by train, car, or carpool. Contact Paola Peña for more details at ppena@st-pius.org.



Concert in the Key of "M"
St. Pius X Church
Fairfield
Sat. May 5, 2018
8:00 pm

MENDELSSOHN CHOIR OF CONNECTICUT

Buy your tickets for this event here at St. Pius, May 5.

The Mendelssohn Choir of Connecticut, under the direction of founder and Artistic Director, Carole Ann Maxwell, presents *Music in the Key of "M" 8PM, Saturday, May 5 here at St. Pius in the Church*. Tickets are \$30 for general admission, \$25 for seniors, and \$10 for students. Buy at the door or at www.mendelssohnchoirofct.org.



WILL YOU TAKE A BABY BOTTLE...

and help the mothers of Good Counsel Malta House?

May 26-27, Good Counsel Malta House of CT will be visiting and asking for prayers and financial support for homeless, pregnant mothers and their babies. Consider taking a baby bottle home to fill with spare change, dollars, checks, or whatever you can, and return it by June 10-11 in the collection bin in the church vestibule. Thank you for supporting life.



SOLEMN HIGH MASS

In the Extraordinary form of the Roman Rite
Celebrating the Solemnity of Corpus Christi
Thursday, May 31 at 7 PM

**"WHAT
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TOO"**

Pope Benedict XVI



HELP SUPPORT

ST. PIUS X LIFE TEEN

WHERE 2320 Black Rock Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06825

WHEN Thurs, May 3rd

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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