



A Roman Catholic Community

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Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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Director of Music & Organist

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Pastoral Assistant

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Kara Clegg (Grades 1-5)

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Paola Pena (Life Teen High School)

Barbara Kwiatkowski (Assistant)

Parish Office

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Kimberlie I. Leon, Business Manager

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, May 12

8:30AM +Nancy F. Marino G. Marino
5:15PM +John McGovern V. & J. Giuffre

Sunday, May 13

7:30AM +Kathleen Ann Hampton J. & B. Keating
9AM +Maria Artieri E. Porco
10:30AM +Francis H. Ludington, Jr. J. & K. Donnelly
12Noon +Anne Randisi J. & R. Avitabile

Monday, May 14

8:30AM +Frank & Anne Lanzo A., M., & L. Costello

Tuesday, May 15

8:30AM +Lillian & Gregory Patti G. Patti

Wednesday, May 16

8:30AM +Gerry & Mike Masterpool J. Mahoney

Thursday, May 17

8:30AM +Jack Devaney S. & T. Fisher Family

Friday, May 18

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Saturday, May 19

8:30AM +Shirley OKerblom T. & L. Zadrovicz
5:15PM +Marialesa Orione Vessallo Family

Sunday, May 20

7:30AM +Angela Carey P. Carey
9AM +Loretto Byrne K. McClane
10:30AM +Tom Devine D. & C. VanTornhout
12Noon +Rebecca Martin Mr. & Mrs. S. Douglas



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Ann Randisi**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Mary Flood**



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 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 these days between the liturgical celebrations of the Ascension and Pentecost, the Church invites us to join the Apostles in the very first novena—nine days of prayer asking for the Holy Spirit to come upon us and guide us in all that we do. The Gospel we read this weekend gives us an insight into the profound prayer of Jesus. His prayer is that we would be consecrated in truth. To be consecrated means to be set apart, made holy. To be consecrated in truth means to be made holy by the word of God—the Scriptures we read and follow—and made holy by the Word of God (made flesh)—Jesus Christ Himself.

A friend of mine recently shared these words: “Not every Christian doctrine is palatable to everyone. But palatability or taste is not what Jesus was going for. He is the way, the truth, and the life whether you like it or not.” It’s a somewhat cheeky way of reminding us that the truth of the Gospel does not change based on my opinion. Rather, Jesus is who he is and the Gospel is what it is, and sometimes that will challenge us to think, speak, or act differently. The beauty of the truth of the Gospel, the truth of Jesus, ought to transform our outlook on life. Not only that, but when we are struck by the thought that the Gospel is not palatable, we might want to consider expanding our palate, rather than changing the flavor being offered.

Jesus prays that we would be consecrated in truth. It is not uncommon for people to think that some aspect of the truth of the Gospel is not palatable and so they reject it outright. This can lead to the oft-decried “cafeteria Catholicism” wherein people pick and choose the things they think they want. More serious, though, is the reality that this approach to the Catholic faith leaves many things untried, untasted, and unused – thus, the rejection of what is not at first palatable actually becomes a deprivation of the full experience of God’s grace, love, and truth. G.K. Chesterton said it best: “The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.”

Our Lord has prayed for us, that we would be consecrated in truth. He has prayed that we would live the Gospel in its fullness. And not only has he prayed, he sends us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth, to keep us in truth, to protect us, to teach us, to help us through even those moments of confusion, crisis, or challenge. In these novena days, let us ask the Holy Spirit to expand our hearts and minds, to help us embrace the truth of the Gospel, that we might faithfully serve and follow the one who has the words of everlasting life, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.

Peace,

J. J. Jam



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Jesus is the perfect steward—watching carefully over all who had been entrusted to Him by the Father and then sending them all out into the world in service. May I similarly protect and wisely use the gifts entrusted to me!



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- May 6, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,849
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$12,603
- Monthly Offering: \$3,217
- Mission Offering: \$525

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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We welcome these newly baptized children into our Family of Faith: Sienna Susan Futia and Cooper Matthew Everett.



**HEARTS RENEWED
SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED & DIVORCED**

Please note we **will not meet during the month of May.** For more information, please contact Bette Huckabee, 203-338-0503.

*“Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.”*
— 1 John 3:18



**THANKING GOD FOR THE
GIFT OF ALL MOTHERS**

Sunday, May 13 is Mother’s Day...

We pause this weekend to celebrate motherhood and to thank God for the gift of our mothers.

Scripture tells us that our God loves us with the love of the best mother (and father) imaginable.

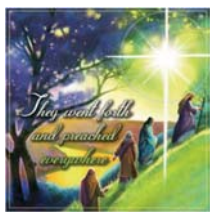
*“As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you.”*
— Isaiah 66:13.



MAY IS MARY’S MONTH

May Crowning is May 20

The fifteen Marian feasts of the revised Roman calendar honor Mary’s role in the birth and life of Jesus, celebrate grace in her own life, and hail her as the model of Christian living and as an instrument of grace. The crowning of a statue of Mary during the month of May is a traditional Catholic devotion that underscores these special feasts. Marian apparitions in Fatima, Portugal began during the month of May in 1917 and continued monthly until October when Mary identified herself to the three children of Fatima as “Our Lady of the Rosary.” May 13 marks the 101st anniversary of the first Fatima apparition. On **Sunday, May 20**, our parish children who have received their First Communion this year will participate in the “May Crowning” during the **9AM Mass**.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading: God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) or *Ephesians 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]*.

Gospel: The Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven. (Mark 16:15-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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!



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.



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fundraising drive May 19-20 to solicit donations to help local families in need...

Don't miss our fundraising drive next weekend **Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20!** We will be soliciting donations after all Masses at St Pius X. Proceeds will go to Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County (Habitat CFC), to support construction of affordable housing for low-income families in Bridgeport. Habitat CFC has helped construct hundreds of homes for families in-need since 1985. Supporting this cause is a great way to give back to the local community and provide hard-working families in need of financial assistance the opportunity to live-in and own their own home. After Masses May 19-20, look for the Knights at tables outside of church. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and in honor of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday, those who donate \$5 or more will receive a Patriotic themed gift. Thank you!

*"You are my shelter; you guard me
from distress; with joyful shouts of
deliverance you surround me."*

— Psalm 32: 7

ST PIUS X LIFE TEEN

NEW SERIES: MORE THAN FLESH AND BONES

Hey Teens!

Join us Sundays 6PM-8PM in the Portable Classroom.

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.

- **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 Life Teen.
- **May 31:** Solemn High Mass at 7PM in the Church

THURSDAY

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MAY

Ladies Night Out

AT ST. PIUS X CHURCH FAIRFIELD

A ROSARY MAKING EVENING

Design & make your own Rosary

WHILE ENJOYING COMMUNITY, PRAYER, WINE, CHEESE, TEA & COOKIES

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sample
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\$40 per person

PARISH HALL | 7:00 PM

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Quarterly Highlights and Financial Report

St. Pius X Parish: January 2018 – March 2018 (3rd Quarter)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Winter may have lingered but that didn't stop us from getting a lot done here preparing for an Early Easter and the coming of Spring. Top projects included prepping for the launch of the Re-imagination of our Faith Formation Program, Phase 2 of our solar installation on campus, ensuring our campus is maintained, and as always offering diverse ministries to attend to the needs of our parish family. See below and other side for highlights from January to March as well as our financials which continue to perform well.

I want to sincerely thank you for your continued support of our parish. As we leap into Spring, we have a lot more to accomplish! I ask that you pray for our Parish Team and the entire parish family. And please share your feedback with me and my team, we want to hear from you so we can continue to serve you and do good work that makes a difference in your faith life.

Peace,



Rev. Samuel S. Kachuba, Pastor

Getting Down to Business on our Campus

- Launched monthly email communication to keep entire parish updated with news and events.
- Renegotiated weekly Bulletin contract for full color printing and two additional pages to accommodate growing need for more space to share news with parish.
- Streamlined Internet and cable services for Office and Rectory to reduce costs.
- Converted Internet in Religious Education Center to consolidate vendors and reduce costs.
- Converted lights in Religious Education Center APR to energy efficient LED.
- Worked with UI per their request to remove large tree near barn entrance which was a safety hazard.

Teaching our Faith—Religious Education and Edge

- Prepared for the launch of the Re-imagination of Faith Formation to allow for lifelong faith formation to the entire parish.

Engaging our Youth—Life Teen Youth Ministry

- Regular events throughout the quarter. (*All Teens are welcome! Email Paola Pena for more information about meetings and upcoming events at ppena@st-pius.org.*)

Serving our Community—Ministries

- Seniors Group held monthly meetings and has a strong showing of between 55 and 70 folks each time. Guest speakers included Fr. Charles Allen, the Little Sisters of the Lamb, and parishioner Jim Hughes. The group also took two fieldtrips to the Fairfield University Art Museum.
- Knights of Columbus, Men's Fellowship, and Walking with Purpose offered regular opportunities for fellowship, prayer, and community outreach through fundraising. Caregivers (for those caring for the sick), Bereavement, Hearts Renewed (for divorced or separated), and Prayer Shawl (helping those battling illness) continue to allow us to minister to people as they cope with different life challenges.

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Igniting our Faith—Worship and Community Building

- Annual St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner had 180 in attendance for good food, fun, and lively music.
- Annual Parish Mission hosted the Little Sisters of the Lamb and was held in conjunction with Assumption Parish which allowed us to experience prayer, song, and scripture in a unique way.
- Coffee Hours continue to offer fellowship over coffee and donuts after Mass. (*We need more help! If you are interested, contact Kathy Donnelly in the Parish Office.*)
- Adult and Children's Choir added to the Mass throughout Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. (*We are always looking for more singers--consider coming up to the Loft to sing--no experience needed!*)
- Biweekly Scripture Study and Parish Book Group draw people closer to understanding the Word of God.

The Diocese of Bridgeport

St. Pius X Parish, Fairfield

COMPARATIVE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For 1/1/2018 through 3/31/18 vs. 7/1/2016 through 12/31/17

	3RD QTR 3/31/2018	3RD QTR 3/31/2017	YTD 3/31/2018	YTD 3/31/2017
Total Revenue	\$347,779	\$431,425	\$1,156,182	\$1,192,213
Expenses				
Administrative & General	\$161,706	\$152,349	\$493,097	\$461,423
Contributions & Assessments	\$43,338	\$31,096	\$122,172	\$105,419
Professional Fees & Insurance	\$15,224	\$19,524	\$47,969	\$42,842
Other Services	* \$89,391	\$67,603	\$248,179	\$188,770
Utilities	\$26,434	\$21,495	\$70,163	\$56,680
Line of Credit Interest	\$0	\$545	\$0	\$2,110
Fundraising Expense	\$0	\$0	\$18,926	\$19,401
Program Expenses	\$9,713	\$13,913	\$19,688	\$29,115
Total Expenses	\$345,806	\$306,525	\$1,020,193	\$905,759
Net Parish Operations	** \$1,973	\$124,900	\$135,989	\$286,455
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$12,358	\$40,059	\$67,462

* Increase in expenses as a result of a larger campus footprint

** Two major estate gifts received in 2017