



A Roman Catholic Community

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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 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

Monday, May 21

8:30AM +Brian Piorek Mr. & Mrs. Rush

Tuesday, May 22

8:30AM +Steven Adel Robertson Family

Wednesday, May 23

8:30AM Thanksgiving to St. Anthony D’Cunha Family

Thursday, May 24

8:30AM +Brian Piorek J. & K. Donnelly

Friday, May 25

8:30AM +Mary & Michael Carrano Valus Family

Saturday, May 26

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners
 5:15PM +Joseph Cahill M. & T. Buckley

Sunday, May 27

7:30AM +Thomas L. Ettorre, Sr. M. Lantowski
 9AM +Robert & Barbara Northcott C. Wolf
 10:30AM +Jack Devaney J. & N. Kenny
 12Noon +Loretto Byrne B. Duggan



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
 will burn this week in memory of
 John Wheeler**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
 will burn this week in memory of
 William S. Rainsberger**



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,

Come, Holy Spirit! Today the Church throughout the world calls out to the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity as we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles gathered in the upper room with the Blessed Virgin Mary, inspiring them to speak the truth of the Gospel in many tongues. On this day, the Church is born into her missionary role. And so this feast is a day for us to once again cry out for the Holy Spirit to fall upon us and make us faithful missionaries in the world.

In the Jewish calendar, the feast of Pentecost celebrated the end of the wheat harvest. Fifty days after the sheaf of barley was offered during Passover, the wheat—the last of the cereal crops to mature—was harvested. Marking Pentecost was a joyful occasion. Some Jewish scholarly authorities referred to the time between Passover and Pentecost as the “courting days of the bridegroom of Israel with the bride Torah.” We are now concluding our own observance of the time between Passover and Pentecost—the time between the Passion of Jesus, the bridegroom of the Church, offered in sacrifice just as the Passover lamb was offered in sacrifice, his Resurrection and appearances to the Apostles. This has been a season of the bridegroom courting the bride. Jesus has again and again come to the Apostles, reassuring them, teaching them, demonstrating his love. Now with the feast of Pentecost, Jesus sends them out to proclaim the Gospel, just as the “bride Torah” proclaimed God’s holy word to the Israelites.

We have heard Jesus say that the harvest is ripe and to pray for laborers for the harvest. Pentecost, the feast of the ripened wheat, reminds us that the harvest is ready. The Holy Spirit sends the Apostles out to labor for the harvest. On that first day, they baptize three thousand! Truly the harvest is ripe and ready! This joyful occasion, though, is not some isolated moment in history. Rather, the Holy Spirit sends us out as well to labor for the joy of the harvest. You and I are sent to proclaim the Gospel as the Apostles did; you and I are sent to continue the courtship of Christ the Bridegroom with his bride the Church.

Today then, I ask you: how is the Holy Spirit calling you? How does the Lord want to work in and through you to bring the Gospel to the world? The Church is born at that first Catholic Pentecost, but today is no mere birthday party. Today is a renewal of vows, a reminder of the promise made by the Bridegroom to us, his bride the Church. The response of the bride is one of love. We are called to join with Jesus in proclaiming the Good News. How is the Holy Spirit calling you to carry out your missionary role in the world? Come, Holy Spirit!

Peace,



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

St. Paul reminds us today that all of our gifts have their source in the Holy Spirit and that those gifts are given “for the common good.” What gifts are mine to share?



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- May 13, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$14,093
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$11,597
- Mother’s Day Offering: \$2,674
- Ascension Offering: \$1,743
- Votive Candles Offering: \$808

**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.**



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Emily Diurno and Alex Peck

thank you

THANK YOU TO OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY!

This vibrant ministry has come to the end of another ‘year’ of serving needs beyond our parish. Ann Devine, coordinator, lists the following Summary of Donations for September 2017-May 2018: 53 Prayer Shawls donated to Bridgeport Hospital, Norwalk Hospital Cancer Care, St. Vincent Hospital, Malta House, Sr. Theresa Tremblay, Fallen Soldiers at Dover Air Force Base, 120 Scarf and hats to Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Sr. Eileen Boffa RSM, at Merton House, Sr. Theresa Tremblay, 7 preemie hats to St. Vincent’s NICU, and donation of unusable yarn remnants to End of Skein Organization. Several prayer shawls were also given to ill parishioners.



PENTECOST: BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH

“Holy Spirit, Paraclete, perfect in me the work begun by Jesus.” (Pope John XXIII)

Pentecost culminates our 50-day celebration of the Easter mystery. The first Sundays of the Easter season focused on the Risen Jesus as the embodiment of the Paschal Mystery. The first reading from Acts narrates the Pentecost account in powerful terms: “strong, driving wind,” “tongues of fire,” “speak in different tongues.” These are God’s actions undertaken on our behalf. John’s Gospel, on the other hand, promises the coming of the Spirit in gentler, relational terms: as teacher and One who comes to remind us of what Jesus has taught. The emphasis is on God’s power and on our receptivity to God’s indwelling presence, word, and commandment which enable us to be faithful disciples. God’s power in the Spirit gives birth to a new relationship of love and divine indwelling. In fact, we are able to love and keep the commandments *because* we have been given the Spirit. The Spirit’s dwelling within us *is* the Father’s and Jesus’ love and the precondition for why we continue Jesus’ mission. The Spirit is our “soul’s most welcome guest,” and our “strength.” The Spirit is the source of the disciple’s life and mission. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples are able to love as Jesus loves and to keep his commandments and word as he desires. The Spirit is the power planted within us to remember, to understand, to ultimately fulfill the mission Jesus entrusted to us.



PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

As we welcome sunny days and warmer weather, please note the Parish Office will close at 12Noon on Fridays beginning Friday, June 1, the week of Memorial Day.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13) or *Galatians 5:16-25*.

Gospel: As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23) or *John 15:26-27; 16:12-15*.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Ps 33:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20



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!

“Above all, let your love for one another be intense, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining.”
—1 Peter 4:8-9



ST. PIUS X KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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.



FAIRFIELD FLAG DAY CELEBRATION

*Sponsored by the
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assembly 118*



6PM-8PM, Thursday, June 14, 2018
Fairfield Town Gazebo, Post Road

Music performed by The Clam Diggers

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.



MEDITATION

Jesus taught in parables, encouraging us to think matters through our own standpoint, letting his words leaven our thoughts so that they may rise to a higher plane. Allowing his Spirit to lead us to a new embodiment of *truth* that is capable of evangelizing both us and the little world in which we live. (Michael Casey, O.S.C.O.)

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 27:** Happy Memorial Day Weekend! No LifeTeen.
- **May 31:** Solemn High Mass at 7PM in the Church



PENTECOST COMPLINE

*Don't miss this special night prayer...
Sunday, May 20, Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Fairfield*

Compline, or night prayer, will be sung by the Saint Cecilia Consort to commemorate the Feast of Pentecost and the day's end. In keeping with the earliest practices of the monastic communities, Compline will be sung at **Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, 545 Stratfield Rd, Fairfield**. Silence and time for interior reflection are often identified as the most powerful and moving characteristics of the Compline service. In this light, your participation as a congregation is not outward, but inward. The church will be illumined only by candlelight and there will be incense to heighten and lift our prayers. The service will take place this **Sunday, May 20, beginning at 6PM with the opening rites of Adoration followed by Compline and Benediction at 6:30PM**. Please plan on joining us for this wonderful experience and take a little time to be with the Lord in the beauty of holiness as we celebrate this great Feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Michael Lantowski will conduct and several of our professional choral singers will be participating.



FESTIVAL 2018 NEEDS CHAIRPEOPLE!

This year's Festival is in need of new volunteers to take on leaderships roles as chairpeople in the following areas: Site Map, Live Music, Volunteers/Hospitality, Set Up/Tear Down, Inflatables and Carnival Games, Prize Booth, Face Painter and Glitter Tattoos, Vendor Tent, First Responders Touch-A-Truck, and Ads/Signs. To learn more about any of these open chair positions, email Kimberlie Leon at kleon@st-pius.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 helps us save money on mailing the printed offertory envelopes.

- 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.

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



CONFESSION

*St. Pius X is a Center of Mercy and Confessions are heard
7PM-8PM Wednesdays and 4-4:45PM Saturdays.*

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 and 4PM-4:45PM Saturdays in the Chapel.**



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 is \$80.



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.



MAKING ROOM FOR GOD'S LOVE

*Make plans to attend this symposium marking the
50th anniversary of Humanae Vitae...*

Don't miss this special symposium **9AM-4PM, Saturday, June 23 at the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford.** This special event will mark the 50th anniversary of Blessed Pope Paul VI's landmark encyclical letter. Attendees will enjoy talks by George Weigel, Mary Eberstadt, Mary Hallan FioRito, and a panel of medical experts. In addition, a Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Caggiano. For more information or to register, go to www.stjohnsstamford.com.

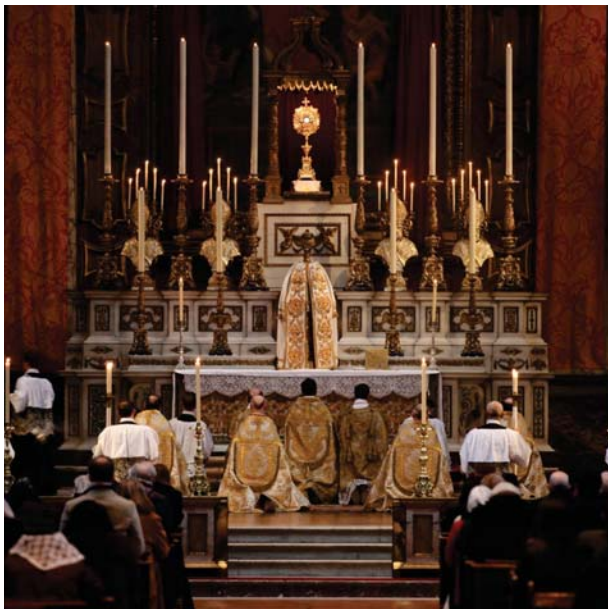
“Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist.
A three-ply cord is not easily broken.”
—Ecclesiastes 4:12



SOLEMN HIGH MASS

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

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Pope Benedict XVI