



A Roman Catholic Community

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Rev. Timothy A. Iannacone

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Fairfield Jesuit Community

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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 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

Monday, May 28

8:30AM +Patrick Thomas J. & A. Coviello

Tuesday, May 29

8:30AM +Diane Strizalkowski Dr. Thimons

Wednesday, May 30

8:30AM +Shirley OKerblom R. Lasky

Thursday, May 31

8:30AM +Gregory Miller J. & L. Feeney

Friday, June 1

8:30AM Intentions of All Parishioners

Saturday, June 2

8:30AM +Kathleen Curristan J. & L. Feeney

5:15PM +Andrea Pringle D. O'Brien

Sunday, June 3

7:30AM +Angus Lamond L. Foley

9AM +Alicia Jeffries Horton Family

10:30AM ♥Dominick Verrastro A. Armstrong

12Noon +Ann Cronan J. & F. Padula



**Sanctuary Lights in the Church
will burn this week in memory of
Mae & Guy Giuffre**



**Sanctuary Lights in the Chapel
will burn this week in memory of
Billy Therriault**



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,

As we re-enter the season of Ordinary Time, the Church gives us three great solemnities that are instructive for our prayer and devotional lives. First, we celebrate today the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Second, next Sunday we will celebrate the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ. This feast, traditionally celebrated on a Thursday, will also be marked here at St. Pius by a solemn high Mass in the Extraordinary Form on Thursday, May 31. Third, the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the Friday after Corpus Christi (June 8). These great liturgical celebrations help us reflect on the true nature of Ordinary Time.

In the Community of Jerusalem, a French monastic community, the season of Ordinary Time is referred to as "the time of the Church." In the weeks following Pentecost, the monks and nuns of this community understand that the mission carried out by the Apostles on that first Pentecost is also entrusted to the Church all through history. Today is the season of the Church and we are to make known the powerful love of the God who is one God in three Divine Persons, the God who feeds His people with His very Body and Blood, the Trinity at whose center beats a human heart.

In our reflection on the Blessed Trinity, we are reminded that the eternal love of God is pure act, that is, it is never confined to one space, time, or individual, but is rather eternally poured out. This eternal self-gift is poured out, not only within the relations of the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, but also on all of creation. This eternal self-gift is poured out in a special way on those who have been baptized by the pouring of water and the invocation of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By extension, those who have been brought into this eternal love are also sent, in order that this Divine power may be continue to be shared in time.

Thus, we are in the time of the Church. We who are members of the Church, recipients of the eternal outpouring of Divine love, are sent, as the Gospel reminds us, to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that [Jesus] commanded..." Therefore, as I have said many times, there is nothing "ordinary" about this time. Rather, all who have been baptized are swept up into this divine action. We are part of the mission. Today we return to the source – our eyes, hearts, and minds are fixed on the Blessed Trinity, the very source of the love that saves the world. It is the power of the Blessed Trinity at work not only in God Himself, but also in each of us, that vivifies and sanctifies the world. This is the time in which the Church, fully alive, is charged with that great commission to make disciples in the name of the Blessed Trinity.

Peace,



SCRIPTURAL QUOTE ON STEWARDSHIP

Today's second reading reminds us that we are the adopted sons and daughters—the heirs—of God. We are good stewards of our inheritance when we share our faith and fulfill Our Lord's command to "go...and make disciples of all the nations."



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- May 20, 2018 Weekend Offering: \$13,896
- 2017 Weekend Offering: \$14,847
- Catholic Comm. Offering: \$1,926
- Mission Offering: \$230
- Monthly Offering: \$167
- Youth Min. Flower/Bake Sale Fundraiser: \$1,029

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: Isabella Rose Silva, Michael Daniel Silva and Ford Jason Wilson.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Emily Diurno and Alex Peck

**"Who can find a woman of worth? Far beyond jewels is her value."
—Proverbs 31:10**



The Parish Office will be closed for Memorial Day on:

Monday, May 28, 2018

Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend!



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

June 1 in the Chapel...

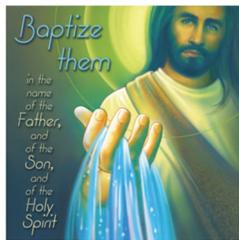
Visit the Chapel of Mary, Mother of God in the Faith Center for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the **First Friday of every month (9AM-9PM.)** Spend time praying and reflecting in the presence of the Lord. You may also volunteer in one-hour increments, sign-up sheets are located outside the Chapel or you may contact the Parish Office at 203-255-6134.

**"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"
—Mark 14:37**



WE'RE HONORING GRADUATING SENIORS!

During the **10:30AM Mass** on **June 17** we are honoring graduating high school parishioners! We want to acknowledge your accomplishments, offer our thanks for sharing your faith by worshipping with this community, and extend our prayer and blessings. If you would like to be included, RSVP to Kathleen Donnelly at kdonnelly@st-pius.org no later than Wednesday, June 13.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Ask now of the days of old: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? (Deut. 4:32-34, 39-40).

Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading: You received a Spirit of adoption through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" (Romans 8:14-17).

Gospel: I am with you always, until the end of the age (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9-10c; Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: 1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10-13; Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2-6; Mk 11:27-33

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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!

**"Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it."
—Proverbs 22:6**



ST. PIUS X SENIORS

Join us June 4 at 12Noon for lunch with Fr. Sam!

All are invited to join us **12Noon, Monday, June 4, in the Community Room**. We are delighted to welcome Fr. Sam as our special guest speaker. Fr. Sam will share the details of "Lifelong Faith Formation," our new faith program for parishioners of all ages! 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 aandp1964@aol.com.



FESTIVAL 2018 NEEDS CHAIRPEOPLE!

This year's Festival needs new volunteers to take on leadership roles as chair people 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.



MEDITATION

Jesus spoke in parables out of respect for his listeners. He left it to the Pharisees to lay down the law. He preferred rather to initiate a process of reflection that would allow his disciples to arrive at the fullness of truth not by marching along a highway but by following a meandering path that was more expressive of the complexity of individual lives. Direct apprehension of the whole and perfectly pure prayer are for eternity. For now, prayer comes marked by the untidiness of daily life, but yet is confident of its acceptability in the Father's eyes. (Michael Casey, O.S.C.O.)



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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 tkely@gmail.com for more information.



MAY CROWNING ROSARIES

Thank you to the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus!

The St Pius X Council #16347 of the Knights of Columbus distributed a rosary to each First Communicant during the Crowning of Mary ceremony following the children’s 9AM Mass last weekend. A small prayer pamphlet on how to pray the rosary was included with each gift.



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!



“When the Lord restored the captives of Zion, we thought we were dreaming. Then our mouths were filled with laughter; our tongues sang for joy. Then it was said among the nations, ‘The Lord had done great things for them.’ The Lord has done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!”
—Psalm 126:1-3

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



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...

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 Chaepl and 4PM-4:45PM Saturdays in the Church.**



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.



A WARM WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS

Victor A. **Pianello, Jr.**; Ron, Barbara, Ron, and Katie **Kwiatkowski**; Michael and Melissa **McGowan**; Mark, Christopher, and Elizabeth **Scott**; Benjamin and Katherine **Browning**; Brendan, Allison, Declan, and Brady **Hayes**; Stephen, Electra, Henry, and Charles **Kinney**; Joseph, Nicole, Joseph, and Olivia **Vereline**; Michael, Christine, and Christian **Smith**; Jonathon, Lindsay, Everett, and Olivia **Brachle**; Kimberly **Bongo**, Robert, Mary, and Patrick **Hoyt**; Joseph and James **Ludwiczak**; Craig, Melissa, and Santino **Maniscalco**; Paul and Luann **Barchie**; and Michael, Jennifer, and Michael **Twomey**.



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.



MAKING ROOM FOR GOD'S LOVE

Symposium marks Humanae Vitae 50th anniversary...

Don't miss this special symposium **9AM-4PM, Saturday, June 23 at the Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, Stamford**. This 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. A Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Caggiano. To register, go to www.stjohnsstamford.com.



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