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Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am & 12:00 Noon
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Vigil of Holy Days: 5:30 pm
Holy Days: Please see schedule inside bulletin.

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Baptisms: Twice a month at 1:30 pm for registered parishioners. Instruction for parents is required. Arrangements must be made in advance.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

Care of the Sick: Please advise us of anyone from your family who is sick or hospitalized that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and bring the sacraments.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Thursdays before First Fridays at 4:00 - 4:30 pm
Other times by appointment

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WELCOME TO ST. PIUS X

WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts with the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God bless all of you.

St. Pius Parish Mission Statement:
We, a community of faith, have come together to respond to God's invitation to become holy by living the Gospel. We strive to do this through our awareness of God's presence, our sense of responsibility to one another, and our response to needs within and beyond the parish of St. Pius X.
"Love one another, as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

Trinity Sunday

Saturday, May 29
5:00 PM Dec. Winnie & Bill Maune, Sr.

Sunday, May 30
7:30 AM Dec. Scebelo Family
9:00 AM Dec. Dennis Lampron, Sr.
10:30 AM Dec. Ann Loffredo
12:00 NN Dec. Carmela & Paul Pappalardo

Monday, May 31
9:00 AM Dec. Joseph Tobolski

Tuesday, June 1
7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Dec. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pagerino

Wednesday, June 2
7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kalinowski, Jr..
9:00 AM Dec. Emil Lavigne

Thursday, June 3
7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors
9:00 AM Dec. Peter Spoto

Friday, June 4
7:00 AM Special Intention Pasqualle Children
9:00 AM Dec. Thomas Olszewski, Jr.—22A

Saturday, June 5
9:00 AM Dec. Joseph, Angelina, Joan Milardo
5:00 PM Dec. Winnie & Bill Maune, Sr.

Sunday, June 6
7:30 AM Dec. Arthur Tierney
9:00 AM Dec. William Curtin
10:30 AM Dec. Robert Frederick
12:00 NN Living & Dec. Members of the Wesnofske Family

Monday, May 31st, Memorial Day, there will be one Mass celebrated at 9 AM. The Friary Office will be closed.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of ***Gildo Levesque***, requested by his family.

We welcome to our parish family, ***Ryder James Weber*** and congratulate his happy parents and baptism sponsor,

Stewardship Is Our Way Of Life

Tithing (Stewardship) is an important way to consecrate ourselves to the Lord. Our gift is made holy because we give thanks and praise to God without strings or conditions.

Stewardship of Treasure

All are asked to prayerfully consider tithing and return 10% of our income to the Lord (5% to the parish, 5% to God's other charities) in gratitude. The spiritual practice of tithing disposes us to place God first in every area of our lives!

Week 47—May 23

	2020 - 21	2019 - 20
Actual Sunday Offering	$6,641.	$4,656.
Electronic Giving for the Week	$4,924.	$3,770.
	$11,565.	$8,426.

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship
"The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ…" - ROMANS 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer:
Spend a 1/2 hour in prayer and adoration of The Blessed Sacrament next Sunday June 6th from 1:15-5:00 pm.

Talents in Service to God and Others
Any ideas for a Fall Fundraiser? Put your ideas and talents to use and come to a Meeting Wednesday evening at 7 PM in the hall.

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021
Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/ Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/ Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-4

Corpus Christi- 2021

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi- The Body and Blood of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It is an awesome mystery- there is always more to appreciate and understand.

Early Roman writers justified the persecution of Christians for lack of devotion to the Gods of Rome- including the Emperor but went on to accuse Christians of grotesque practices: the drowning of infants and cannibalism. Those Romans were not all wrong. We do drown babies; plunging them three times into the waters so they will die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. Also, as gruesome as it sounds, we eat the flesh of Jesus. We do eat it as real food.

That it is his real flesh, that we really eat doesn't highlight our greed to take his body from him, like an animal we have slaughtered, dressed and cooked. We kneel to contemplate a love so deep as to give His life as a gift. Jesus like a lamb goes peacefully to his death. During the Lamb of God, I think of Him offering his throat to the knife- the innocent lamb who takes away the sins of the world. He looks at us with soulful eyes knowing that He dies for us as we are readying to take His life. As we say it is a mystery how He does this but also why He would do this.

Some of our Protestant brethren have communion in their churches. But it is a symbol and a ritual. The faith of the community as well as the individual opens people to the presence of Jesus in communion. Some churches have communion monthly and it is a special moment. They don't sweat the details of how to clean vessels or how to reserve or consume the elements of communion. The presence of Jesus is dependent on the faith of the people who have gathered- when the gathering ends so does the awe for the bread and wine. The power of faith and the symbol is in the faithful not in left over bread.

Part of the mystery of the Blessed Sacrament is how literal it is: "This is my Body- This is my Blood"- not a symbol but a "Real Presence". That reality is not dependent on the force of our faith or holiness of life. It remains is because it is in His nature to remain. I have moved a great deal in my life: 12 times before I entered the Capuchins at age 25 and 13 times as a friar- 25 times in 61 years. In the moving it has been a particular comfort to find the red light of the sanctuary lamp burning- I knew I was home each time I sat with Him in the tabernacle. He was waiting for me even as I was moving around. He was really there and really present in an abiding way in season and out.

We are going to have Adoration next Sunday for Corpus Christi. At 1:15 after the 12pm Mass we will bring out the Blessed Sacrament and leave it exposed in the monstrance until 5pm. At 4pm the Rosary will be prayed and at 5pm will be the Benediction. We will have vases out for people to bring flowers as a sign of devotion. We will have a sign up sheet to make sure someone is present during the whole of the time Jesus is on the altar.

St. Pius X Parish PICNIC

Sunday, June 27

1:30 - 6:00 pm

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Chips will be provided!
Monetary Donations and donations of beverages will be greatly appreciated.
To help us better plan for the day, if you plan on stopping by for a day of fun, some fellowship and a bite to eat, please sign up with the link below or call the Friary Office. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45AFAF2BABF8C07-picnic
PS you can also sign up to help with Set up, Cooking, Clean Up, or help with Games.

Eucharistic Adoration—Friday Evening

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. –Matthew 11:28

Are you in need of spiritual comfort and refreshment? Come to Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction **Friday, June 4th i**n the church from **7-8 PM** for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament

Come Pray the Rosary

Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners **Sunday, June 6 at** 4:00 PM to pray the rosary together for healing, purification and reconciliation, followed by Benediction at 5 PM

PRIEST, PROPHET, & KING DVD Program

Please join us for Bishop Robert Barron's DVD program *Priest, Prophet, & King* where he explains how Jesus fulfilled each of these roles during his lifetime. The program will take place on Tuesday evenings, 6/1, and 6/8 in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please wear a mask and feel free to bring your own beverage.

Celebrating the Class of 2021
Sunday, June 6
10:30 AM Mass

We invite all our High School Graduates to join us at Mass for a special blessing . We congratulate our seniors, acknowledge their success and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Parish Pastoral Council News!

As their terms come to an end, we want to thank Kathy Carr, Enzo Dastoli and Justin Pianka for serving on the Parish Council. "Well done, good and faithful servant(s)" to the Lord's good works for our parish.

We welcome the newly selected members, Gary Nenninger, Fred DiMartino and Julianne Boucher who will be serving the council for three years. We welcome back Charlie Jackowski for his second term of two years. We are so grateful for the opportunity to working with you all for the greater good of our vibrant parish.

Fall Fundraiser Meeting
Halloween—Fall—Fair????

Does anyone have ideas for our Fall Fundraiser this year? Thinking of expanding the Halloween Extravaganza this year with some ideas from the Fair—possibly ending the day with some type of dinner– maybe a chicken barbeque?

A meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday, June 2** at 7 PM in the Church Hall. What would you like to see? Come with your ideas!!!

Enhanced Hearing System

St. Pius is looking into an enhanced hearing system in the church. Do you need and would you use this system? If so , your input would be important to us. A short, simple survey is available in the foyer of the church. Your completed survey can be placed in the box provided or dropped off at the Friary office. Thank you for your help.

Altar Servers Meeting
Sunday, June 13 at 3 PM

Altar Servers play an important part in the celebration of the Mass, and we have missed your presence!. Now that we are able to use your service again at Mass, we have scheduled a meeting of all Altar Servers for Sunday, June 13 at 3 PM, to welcome you back, go over some details, scheduling and answer questions you may have . Hope to see you there.

Summer Diocesan Mission—Parables
Thursdays—June 3, 10 & 17 at 7 PM

Jesus spoke to ordinary people who lived in an oral culture. Parables allowed Jesus to teach central spiritual lessons in a way that His disciples could easily remember. Sr. Elissa Rinere will speak about the importance of the parables and their meaning in our lives today. To register, email lroach@norwichdiocese.net or call 860-848-2237 ext 305

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for the members of our parish who are suffering serious or chronic illness. Please take some time this week to remember them. If you or a member of your family would like the faith community of St. Pius to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the parish office at 860-347-4441. They will be remembered during the Masses that week and then listed in the bulletin for three months. To remain on the list after three months, a follow up call to the friary is necessary. *George Morton, Ellen, Jenny Boutin, Mary Kerby, Maria Lucco, Sheila Guerin, Dominick Sassano, Nora Bardo, Luigi Derose, Bill Ruffino, Brant Masse, Joan Dyer, Glenn R. Inman.*

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week*: Joseph Pugliatti, Helen Ghezzi, Katherine Scalia, Ema Castro, Dennis Lampron, Sr., Bonnie Teixeira, Mary Ellen Shugrue, Dolores Hertler, John S. Rarus, John C. Gregg, Ferris Treme, Antoinette Rogers, Anthony P. Aresco, Leslie Ettre, Cherie Marceau, Rev. John Petrus, Pauline Petrosino, Geraldine Roy, Sebastian Luistro, Marie Flanagan, Estelle Graham, Rose Thompson, Rosario Italia, Joseph Smith, Dorothy Lawlor. Helen Keeney, Maria Randino, David Lackie, James Petrus, Frank Scamporino, Henry Mornhineway, John S. Bystrek, Sebastian Ciccarello, Julia Linares, Robert Casey, Anton Schuster, John Kowaleski, Jr., Margaret Gutting, Brianna Magnano, Gaspar Siciliano, Shirley Adamowicz.*

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will be held in the Church **Saturday, June 5th** following the 9:00 am Mass. Those who make this devotions five consecutive months are promised the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death.

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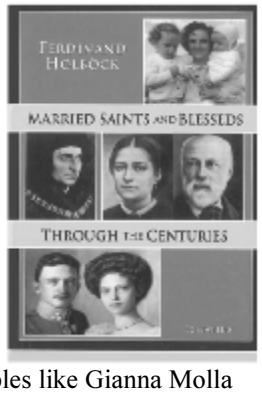
Married Saints and Blesseds through the Centuries



Countless saints have been priests or religious, living out lives of penance and sacrifice for the sake of the Church. But many Catholics don't realize that married couples are called to holiness as well. Fr. Holböck's tells the inspiring stories of over 200 married saints and blesseds from the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph to Margaret of Scotland, King Louis of France, Thomas More, and modern examples like Gianna Molla and Louis and Zélie Martin, parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. The example of these holy men and women is essential to living a truly Catholic married life. Important Church documents and Scripture passages are also included to guide and enlighten the reader further.

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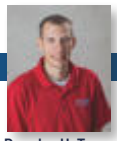
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