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Sunday Vigil: 5:00 pm
(Saturday)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am
& 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: 7:00 & 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am Only

Vigil of Holy Days: 5:30 pm

Holy Days: Please see
schedule
inside bulletin.

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Baptisms: Twice a month at
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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
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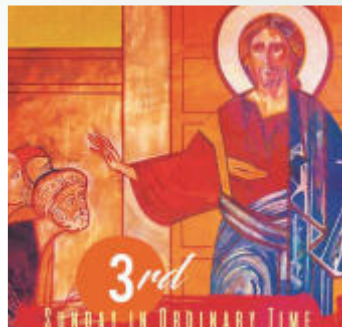
Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Thursdays before First Fridays

at 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Other times by appointment



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.



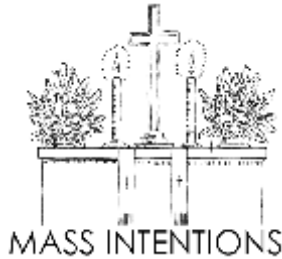
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St. Pius Parish Mission Statement:

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)



Saturday, January 22

5:00 PM Dec. Sheila Guerin

Sunday, January 23

7:30 AM Dec. Paul & Frances Miano
 9:00 AM Dec. James O'Brien
 10:30 AM Dec. Eleanor Pawelczyk
 12:00 NN Dec. Kathy Nenninger

Monday, January 24

7:00 AM Special Intention John Paul Nite
 9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 AM Dec. Mr. & Mrs. Kazimir Kalinowski, Sr.
 9:00 AM Special Intention Nite Family

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 AM Special Intention Chris Hillman
 9:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors

Thursday, January 27

7:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano
 9:00 AM Dec. Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kalinowski

Friday, January 28

7:00 AM Dec. Ron Blank
 9:00 AM Dec. Sheila Guerin

Saturday, January 29

9:00 AM Special Intention Gabe DiMartino
 5:00 PM Special Intention Jenny Lenczyk

Sunday, January 30

7:30 AM Dec. John J. Kelly
 9:00 AM Dec. Joanna Fortin
 10:30 AM Dec. Deacon Bill & Winifred Maune
 12:00 NN Dec. Sheila Guerin

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of **Boni Dean**.



Tax Statements

A tax statement of your contributions to St. Pius X Church for the year 2021 will only be mailed to those who request them. If you would like a statement of your contributions, please give the Friary Office a call at 860-347-4441.



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 29—January 16

	<u>2021 - 22</u>	<u>2020 - 21</u>
<i>Actual Sunday Offering</i>	\$5,656·	\$5,694·
<i>Electronic Giving for the Week</i>	<u>\$4,368·</u>	<u>\$4,177·</u>
	\$10,024·	\$9,871·

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

During this time of distancing yourself from people and events spend the time focusing on prayer and mediation

Talents in Service to God and Others

Think about small acts you can do to brighten someone else's day.

Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tues. Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Synodality

This year Pope Francis has asked us to prepare for a synod. In several places he has talked about the attitude that underlies the formal process. Synodality is a clumsy sort of word, meaning something to do with a synod. Pope Francis the Greek implies a commitment to listening. We should become a listening church.


There are three levels of listening:

- The faithful listening to the teaching of the Church in its Scripture and Tradition. We should lay our own perspective aside and let the teaching of the Church reach us unhindered, without resistance. It means continuing to learn and read the actual teaching.
- The faithful listening to each other. Reception of teaching has a personal, cultural shape. We should hear the working of the Spirit in how others receive the Church's teaching. It means taking the time to hear from each other how different aspects of the faith have shaped us. There should be listening sessions.
- The leaders of the Church listen to the faithful. The Pope and bishop in the universal Church and the pastor in the parish. A Synod is not a democracy or a voting system to pick an American Idol. But it is not a sort of monarchy guided by the whim of the installed leader. I think it means showing your work- this is what I heard from the tradition, and this is what I hear of the Holy Spirit in the community.

I was approached last year by a group of parishioners asking that I consider moving the tabernacle from its present position to behind the altar in the center of the sanctuary. It struck me that this would make for a wonderful exercise in synodality. We will send links to FORMED videos on the Blessed Sacrament to get folks to consider how they revere the Holy Presence. Then we will send out material from the teaching of the Church, in particular the General Instruction of the Roman Missal- which is the authoritative document on the liturgy. We will have links to commentary that review the fundamental themes. We are going to put out a slide show of the history of where the tabernacle has been placed in our church.

I would like to have a few listening sessions for people to share their sense of reverence and their understanding of the teaching. We are going to wait until the indoor mask mandate has cleared to start those meetings.

My hope is that in listening to each other the greatest outcome will be a greater appreciation of how we share our devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The placement of the tabernacle will be a by-product of our listening. Most importantly we will become more devout and reverent as a parish.



Souper Bowl of Caring for Amazing Grace February 5/6

160 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. Two years into the pandemic, many individuals and families are struggling. There are people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join our parish along with others around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. There are specific envelopes for this monetary collection in the foyer of the church—or you can simply use your own envelope - and just mark "Souper Bowl of Caring" on it. There will be a special second collection on February 5 and 6 for you to make a donation if you are able. You may also drop off or mail your envelope to the Friary Office. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items at a



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

10:00—12:00 NOON

St. Pius X Lower Parking Lot

Come Support the Food Drive!

All money and food collected will go directly to the Amazing Grace Food Pantry here in Middletown.

27th Annual Parish Auction—Sharing Our Strength

Once again this year the auction will be fully virtual .

March 5—March 13th

Donations are needed

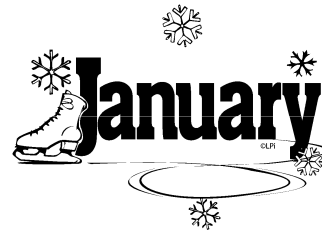


An ask from our Auction Committee: Each week leading up to our March auction we will be asking the parish for theme specific donations to help round out our auction selection. This week our theme is "**Cash Donations**" The reason we are asking for

this is so the committee can purchase items for raffle to "round out" categories or to package with other donations to make a more complete raffle basket. Donations may be dropped off at the Friary Office. Thank you for your consideration!

January 30th is a St. Vincent's Service Date

We will be providing a meal for 150 people and we need your help. A basket will be in the foyer to collect your donations. Items needed: sturdy dinner plates, dessert plates, plastic forks, napkins, powdered drink or juice, salad dressing, ziti, and pasta sauce. Please contact Janet (maunejanet@gmail.com) or call the Friary Office if you can commit to cooking, serving, or providing the following: Frozen meatballs, Italian bread, butter, salad greens, cucumbers, or tomatoes. Let us know by the 23rd so we can purchase what will not be donated. Cooking starts at 1:00. Food must be ready by 4:15. Servers go to St. Vincent's for 4:30 to be ready to serve by 5:00. We are responsible for clean up: sweeping, mopping, emptying garbage, washing any utensils that belong to St. Vincent's.



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. *Sharon Palmer, Sydney, Jacob, Mike McNamara, Jessie Kulmacz, Cathy Mena, Mark Partin, Dominick Sassano, Helen Goldman, Joan Dyer, Glenn R. Inman.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Salvatore Mosca, Patricia Nightingale, Mary Misenti, John Decker, Joseph Trebbe, Joseph J. Scarrozzo, Stephen X. Carey, John Crist, John Riordan, Br. James Boyle, CFX, Claire Bellemore, Leo L. Smollen, Stephen Czajka, Wilma Skubel, John J. Galvin, John Gilroy, Evelyn R. Saltus, Greg Pulaski, Matthew J. Nolan, Noe Tousignant, Margaret Araujo, Charles A. Mathewson, Dorothy Plantier, Virginia Branciforte, Lillian C. Gomenginger, Anne Stevenson, Kenneth Kalish, Sebastian D'Aquila, Michael Glynn, Sebastian Tarello, Salvatore Popalardo, Henry Kilga, Roland Lavoie, Agnes MacDonnell, Arthur Smazer, Loretta K. Ingersoll, Maryann Nenninger, Veronica Brings, Helen Cooper, Rosalie Smith, Cecilia Bystrek, Joseph P. Kelleher, Henry J. Dodenhoff, Jr., John Mangine, Rosalie Kriwacki.*

Bishop Barron's "The Creed" Bible Study
Come join us for a study on the Nicene Creed that we say at mass. We will use Bishop Robert Barron's DVD program, which will explore the roots of the creed from both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. We will learn how the early Church developed precise definitions to clarify our beliefs while defending the faith from emerging heresies. If you have ever wondered what exactly the articles of the creed really mean, this is the study for you. The study will be 6 sessions from January through early April. Sessions will be Saturday mornings from 10:00-12:00 in the Church Hall on these dates: 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2
Please e-mail any questions to Terry Boucher at bterryn146@aol.com. Please write "St. Pius X Bible Study" in the subject line.



Xavier Open House Feb. 8

Xavier High School will have an Open House on Tuesday, Feb. 8, from 6-7:30 p.m. Come see our fabulous campus as well as meet faculty, staff, and coaches. Our students are given the tools and resources to grow and take on whatever challenge is next. Academics. Athletics. Clubs. Activities. Faith. Friendship. This is what we're about. You can register at xavierhighschool.org. Click on Admissions and then Open House. Director of Enrollment Management Matthew McCaffrey can be reached at 860-346-7735 x743.



*St. John Paul II Catholic School
Open House—January 30, 2022
12:00-3:00 PM*

Face Masks are required while inside the building



4th Annual Young Mass with Bishop Cote

Due to COVID, Our Young Adult Mass is POSTPONED on Sunday, January 30th at St. Thomas Aquinas in Storrs. The new date is Sunday, February 27th at 7 PM

Diocesan Virtual Book Club

Streaming Wednesday Nights

January 26 to March 2 from 6:30– 8 PM

We will be reading and discussing **Tobit's Dog** by Michael Nicholas Richard. This is the retelling of the biblical story of Tobit, set in NC during the Depression. It brings life in surprising ways to the beloved Old Testament characters, including the important but often overlooked family dog. Moderator: Andrea Hoisl. Space is limited, for details and to register Please contact Marianne at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or 860-848-2237ext304

Virtual Marriage Enrichment—the Joy of Love

Saturday, February 12 from 10-2 PM

Based on Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' **Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love**, the enrichment will feature four talks on Daily Love, Conjugal Love, Passionate Love and Transformation of Love. This enrichment is for married couples of all ages. Each talk will include practical insights from Pope Francis' wisdom on marriage and family life. There is a \$15 fee that covers workbooks for each couple. Registration and payment are due by Feb. 1. The program takes place online and requires participants to have an internet connection. To register call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237 ext 312

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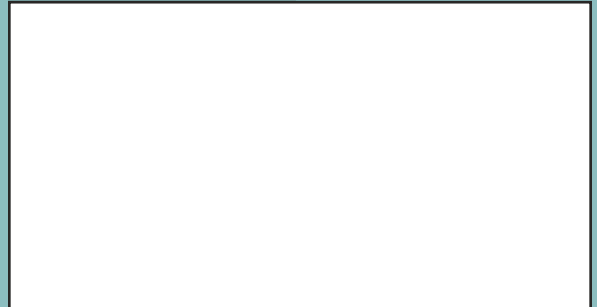
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