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Saturday: 9:00 am Only

Vigil of Holy Days: 5:30 pm

Holy Days: Please see
schedule
inside bulletin.

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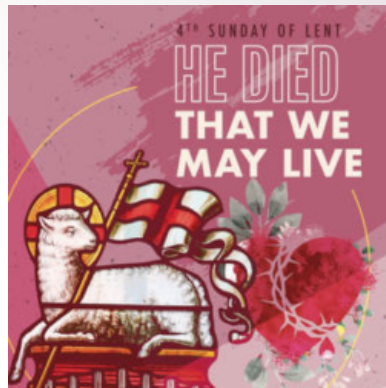
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in advance.

Care of the Sick: Please advise us
of anyone from your family who is
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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



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 X, MIDDLETOWN

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, March 26

5:00 PM Dec Mary & Joseph Clark

Sunday, March 27

7:30 AM Dec. John & Laura Ravizza
9:00 AM
10:30 AM Dec. Dr. Louis Loffredo & daughter Eve
12:00 NN

Monday, March 28

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors
9:00 AM Dec. Adriel Cansino

Tuesday, March 29

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Dec. Paul Cyran

Wednesday, March 30

7:00 AM Dec. Pasquale Family
9:00 AM Dec. John Wright

Thursday, March 31

7:00 AM Vocations to the priesthood & Religious Life from St. Pius Parish
9:00 AM Special Intention

Friday, April 1

7:00 AM Special Intention Tyler Midkiff
9:00 AM Dec. Christopher Dobosz

Saturday, April 2

9:00 AM Dec. Bob Fagan
5:00 PM Dec John Gauvin

Sunday, April 3

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Dec. Domenico Porto
10:30 AM Special Intention Robert & Vanessa Gallitto
12:00 NN Dec. Pauline Neyer



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of Mary Kerby & Nancy Gionfriddo from Salvatore & Yvette Gionfriddo.

Everyone is invited to join us for Vespers—Sundays during Lent at 5 Pm in the Church



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 38—March 20

Table with 3 columns: Item, 2021 - 22, 2020 - 21. Rows: Actual Sunday Offering, Electronic Giving for the Week.

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." (JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Join us for Vespers Sunday Evenings during Lent at 5 PM Talents in Service to God and Others Smile at everybody. It's contagious.

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 28, 2022—War and Peace

The Catholic Church teaches that for a war to be just it must be: defensive, the last resort, not create worst destruction than it purports to solve, and have a reasonable probability of success. There are so few wars that meet this standard. Clearly Russia invasion for whatever rational it presents is not defensive, few options were tested and in the sort period of time it has already created loss of life on both sides to say nothing of displacement and damage to infrastructure.

One thing that has changed in the nature of war in the last 70 years is that it is rarely open warfare between matched armies. Almost all of the contemporary wars have been asymmetrical. One side is clearly more powerful; it dominates in size and level of arms of its military. There can be no lining up of armies facing each other openly. Fighting is more fluid. There is more guerilla warfare and the line between civilian and combatant isn't as clear. The moral demand to protect non-combatants is ignored. As is the distinction between military targets and humanitarian necessities of water, food, electricity.

The Ukrainian Government is on the defensive and seems to have been offering diplomatic openings regularly. If there have been questions about influence peddling and corruption in the Ukraine, war does not resolve those issues, certainly imposing a government from without doesn't end the question of manipulation. Each country has the right to struggle through their own political mess without threat of military intervention. Only an end of war allows for that sort of above-board political activity.

The Gospel says that : "Blessed are the peacemakers; they will see God". There is a War College, and rightly so. War so easily changes form and military goals and tactics have to be reshaped. In the chaos it is all too often where the moral ground gets lost. It is good to have disciplined minds prepared to make hard moral, as well as tactical choices. Unfortunately, there is no Peace College. The Church teaches that the development of international bodies can be a force for peaceful resolution of conflicts. The International Court at the Hague as well as the United Nations were conceived in this hope. In practice countries have been loath to recognize any sort of international authority. We are poorer for the weakness of these international organizations.

Peacemaking requires the same level of commitment- in fact more commitment than war making. We are taking up collections- we might do our quarterly tithe for Ukraine- looking for the most effective channel. We participate in the consecration of both Russia and Ukraine to the Blessed Virgin. Consecration is handing over for the purpose of the Holy -con-secration. And our prayer should ache and strain our heart- like basic training puts stress on the body so a peacemaking soul will undergo a stress. There is a strain in holding the violence of war in our hearts, there is a strain in keeping it all personalized because peace is a blessing most of all for individual souls and then the nation as a whole.

In the course of our peacemaking, we will see God. We will see the God of generosity who shares through people near and far. We will see God in the movements that turn minds to peace- whether it be because the costs have become so high or some higher motive. We will see the God of the Passion in the suffering. We will see the face of Jesus in the refugee and the sheltered. We will see Christ in those standing face in the violence.

Blessed are the peacemakers



"The Light is on for YOU"

A priest will be available at St. Pius for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church on each of the Mondays of Lent from 7 to 8pm. All are welcome!

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, April 1** in the church from **8-9 PM** for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.



Friday Evenings during Lent
7 PM



One Faith, One Family



Today our parish will be conducting the in-pew collection for the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family". From ministry to the sick, food and shelter programs, to our youth, clergy and religious, your donations are vital to meet the needs of our community and parishes. Uncertain and difficult times have increased the demands placed on our ministries. We ask that you please show your support by placing your completed pledge card in the offertory basket or visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org or call (860) 886- 1928 to donate. Thank you and God Bless.

Come Pray the Rosary

Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners Sunday, **April 3** at **4 PM** to pray the rosary together for healing, purification and reconciliation



Easter Basket Project

The Diocese of Norwich Office of Faith Events along with St Pius X Faith Formation, invites you to make an Easter Basket(s) for a child of the Middletown area who would not otherwise receive an Easter Basket this year. Fill with Easter treats such as books, small toys, fun socks, and of course *prewrapped* candy (NO Nuts/Peanut Butter filling due to allergies). Place filled basket in a cellophane gift basket bag/wrap and secure. A handmade card would be a nice touch. Completed baskets must be dropped off by Noon 3/30 to the St Pius X Faith Formation Center 8603469100. Baskets will be distributed through Amazing Grace Food Pantry.



March

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.

Helen Goldman, George Mortin, Ellen, Jenny Boutin, Melissa, Sharon Palmer, Sydney, Jacob, Glenn R. Inman.



Remember in Prayer

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Kelly Lynn Morin, Walter Bogdan, Howard Francis Scanlon, Constance*

Nenninger, Thomas J. Dowd, Jr., Patricia Dascanio, Vera Dypa, Salvatore Lisitano, Patrick C. Kenney, Denise Paul, Frank Kalinowski, Jr., Maria Moody, Frances Ruffino, Diane Guarino, John Colella, John Lesick, Sr., Obeline Dumont, Ramon Kehrhahn, Stella V. Zdanuk, Michael Molinaro, Carl E. Mintzer, Deborah Siena, Maureen Bilger, Robert Martone, Josephine Aloisi, Harry Mintzer, Robert M. Olson, Richard Garvie, Denis O'Brien, Anita Patricia Murray, Margaret Berry.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will be held in the Church **Saturday, April 2** 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.

A Note of Thanks...

I would like to thank all the parishioners who helped me sanitize the church during the height of the pandemic for 2 years. Fortunately we were able to keep the church open following Diocesan guidelines throughout this time frame. It is now being done mechanically via an air filtration. Thank you very much. Anne



Fish Dinner Fridays during Lent

Once again we are offering a fish dinner on Friday Evenings during Lent at 6 PM in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall. Menu: Baked Fish, potato, vegetable, coleslaw, roll & butter, dessert, wine, coffee, tea, water.. Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased on Sunday (8:30-2:30 PM), Monday and Tuesday (8:30-4:30 PM) before that Friday's dinner at the Friary Office.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2022

June 27, 2022 – July 1, 2022, 9 AM—Noon Register Now!!

VBS is back at St. Pius this summer!! VBS is a camp experience with games, crafts, music, stories, snacks and more! Children in preschool through rising 6th graders may attend as "campers" while middle and high school youth come as volunteer "camp counselors." VBS is from 9am-noon Monday-Friday. Call (860) 346-9100 with questions or to volunteer. Campers and volunteers can register and sign up now.



Capuchin Appalachian Mission (CAM)

July 9th – 17, application deadline, March 31, 2022. Teens (HS+) and adults: Join us for this powerful experience of Gospel community and service, hard work, authentic experiences, and tremendous rewards. CAM serves the community of Harlan, KY, with a

child poverty rate of 1 in 2. Missionaries provide · Construction program to better living conditions; A food and clothing outreach; Visits to the elderly and infirmed; · Vacation Bible School. Registration fee is \$275. + fundraising. Limited space, don't wait: <https://bit.ly/CYFM2022CAM>. For more info visit: Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries at <https://bit.ly/CYFMOUTREACH>, or email, myannitelli@capuchin.org



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 4/2 Please e-mail any questions to Terry Boucher at bterry146@aol.com. Please write "St. Pius X Bible Study" in the subject line.



ABC Women's Center Annual Banquet

Thursday, April 7 at 6 PM at St. Clements in Portland. St. Pius has sponsored 2 tables for 10 people. The meal is complementary although they ask the guests to make a financial contribution to their ministry and the continued growth of their services. To sign up, please contact Bill Maune at wmaune@frontier.com or text at 860-252-0313



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