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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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SACRAMENTS

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



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, April 2

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

Monday, April 4

7:00 AM Dec. Rubera Family
 9:00 AM Dec. Robert Frederick

Tuesday, April 5

7:00 AM Special Intention Augustine Nite
 9:00 AM Dec. Judd Hurley

Wednesday, April 6

7:00 AM Dec. Bart Sheehan
 9:00 AM Dec. Steven Cosgrove

Thursday, April 7

7:00 AM Dec. Fr. Bruce Quinn, OFM Cap.
 9:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors

Friday, April 8

7:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano
 9:00 AM Dec. Dan Naimoli

Saturday, April 9

9:00 AM Dec. Fr. Cyprian Murray, OFM Cap.
 5:00 PM Dec Lisa Ann Augeri

Sunday, April 10

7:30 AM Dec. Hedwig Mazurczak
 9:00 AM Dec. Bill Fortin
 10:30 AM Dec. Eileen Kelly
 12:00 NN Dec. Adriano Buhat, Jr.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *a dear friend, Doris Dooley.*



The Bread and Wine this week are donated in loving memory of *Mark Baker.*

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 39—March 27

	<u>2021 - 22</u>	<u>2020 - 21</u>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$9,260.	\$10,023.
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$4,305.	\$3,872.
	\$13,570.	\$13,895.

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Join us today (Sunday) as we come together to pray the Rosary at 4 PM followed by Vespers at 5 PM

Talents in Service to God and Others

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

— Maya Angelou

Readings for the week of April 3, 2022

Sun: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2022

Next week begins Holy Week it is highest and holiest of days. The symbols and gestures, the words and Palm Sunday begins with such a joyous feel; we gather for a procession and there are free palms Our palms are blessed and we hear the Gospel of the entrance into Jerusalem and did I mention free palms. There is joy in the air and in the festive songs. Then the liturgy turns and it becomes Passion Sunday. We read the whole Passion with all its terrible power. We leave in silence. We make a cross out of our palms.

Holy Thursday has a warm feel. It takes place in the warm light of evening. It has an intimate feel. At the time of the Gospel the preside takes off his vestments and kneels down and washes the feet of 12 people. It is symbolic- everyone washes their feet ahead of time but the bending down and the holding of each foot is real- the service has a real effort and humility. We end the liturgy focused on the great gift of the Blessed Sacrament. We process with candle and incense solemnly and reverently to a place of repose. We can remain in prayer until 11pm with the Eucharist. In the meantime the church is stripped empty.

Good Friday is dark and silent there is a somber weight of sorrow. We have the stations of the Cross at noon. We have outdoor stations with the young people to walk the Way with Him. We have indoor Stations for those whom uneven ground would present too much of a risk. At 3pm in the liturgy we read the full Passion with the growing menace of death and betrayal, violence and suffering surrounding a silent Savior. We adore the Cross with a touch or a kiss. The Cross which is an instrument of death and redemption. We end in silence

Saturday, we prepare for Easter. There is a silence as we decorate. When the time comes for the Easter Vigil, all is dark. We begin by lighting a Holy Fire outside the Church. We bless the Paschal Candle and light it. It is the only light in the darkness. It is the light of Christ risen from the dead. This is the candle that gives light to each new baptized member. It is the light that leads each Christian through death at their funeral. Slowly the congregation lights their own candles. We continue in candle light through the Old Testament readings. The lights burst on with the Gloria and the New Testament. After the readings we call forth those who have made a choice and prepared themselves to become fully initiated Catholic Christians. They are a symbol to us all that our faith is worth choosing, and that the Faith fills us with gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Easter is a riot of colors and joyful songs. The Church is dressed with the best of flowers and banners. The singing is ecstatic and the Alleluias are multiplied. Things are truer and newer than ever. The Gospels are full of joyful surprises. "Will we be able to clean his dead body?" "The tomb is empty." Has he been stolen? Why do you look among the dead for the living?" Who could imagine just how good the news would be?

People come back to Church during Holy Week- free palms- but also because there is a visceral power to what we celebrate. We welcome all those who are coming back. And we pray that the faithful be most fully renewed.



"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!

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



Mercy and Xavier High Schools Present: High School Musical

Thursday, April 7 and Friday, April 8 at 7 PM and
Sunday, April 10 at 2 PM

Tickets available online (with reserved seating) and at the door.
www.mercyhigh.com



Holy Week

Palm Sunday—April 10

Masses: Sat, at 5 PM Sunday at 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM, 12NN

Holy Thursday—April 14

7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:45—10:45 PM - Adoration
10:45 PM - Night Prayer

Good Friday—April 15

12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross
3:00 PM - Solemn Liturgy

Holy Saturday—April 16

8:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday—April 17

Masses: 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM And 12 Noon



Easter Egg Hunt
 All Children of the Parish
 PS—Grade 5 are invited
Saturday, April 9 Faith Formation Building
 1:00 pm - Rain or Shine or Snow
 Please bring your Easter Baskets.

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.



Friday Evenings during Lent
 7 PM



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 pre-school 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.



Diocesan News



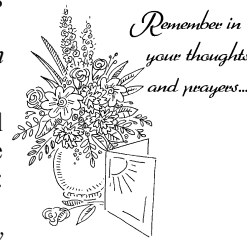
This year, Bishop Michael R. Cote, D.D., invites you to the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The Chrism Mass is the Liturgy during which the sacred Chrism is consecrated and the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed. These oils are sanctified for use at the Cathedral and in all parishes in the Diocese of Norwich for Baptism, Confirmation, the Anointing of The Sick and for the Ordination of Priests. Together the three oils symbolize the sacramental life of the Church. Since the Chrism Mass is truly a Diocesan event ALL parishioners are invited.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, April 2 at 8:30 A.M.** Please join our celebrant **Rev. Walter Nagle** at Mass as we pray to end abortion and for the healing for those who have had an abortion. Following the Mass, the Rachel Rosary will be prayed at the Cathedral. A brunch in the Cathedral Hall will follow the Rosary this month.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout the United States. This month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. We in the Diocese of Norwich, our parishes, schools and ministries take child protection as a top priority. We are working each day to provide safe places for our young people to learn and grow in their faith. Through the work on the NO GO TELL curriculum, conversations and support, we will continue to strive for safe environments for all our young people and vulnerable adults to have safe places and opportunities to flourish and share their faith.



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.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Sebastian Santangelo, Albert Voeth, Emanuele LaBella, Hugh McCane, Mary Hennessey, Sophie Norden, Pauline Neyer, Ernest Rochette, Mary Casella, Donald Feeley, Joseph S. LaBella, Jean Footit, Henry A. Spang, Michael DeToro, Ann O'Bara, C. Michele Barrett, Frances Brown, Ann Lurate Lupo, Mary Rau, Helen Bankoski, Rose Moncata, Fr. Bruce Quinn, OFM. Cap., Bart Sheehan, Charles Henry Moore, William Fortin, Jr., Rodney Carmichael, Louis Carta, William Deady, Nella Nettis, Helen R. Woronick, Gerard F. Melito, Joseph Beneszewski, Sr., Gloria Sgarellino, Edward Mesick, Charles Linehan, Alice McInerney, Francis Flanagan, Margaret Quinn.*



MJM7 Concert
Tuesday, April 5 at 7 PM
St. Mary's in Portland

MJM7 is a Catholic family band that falls somewhere between a rock concert and a parish mission with vibrant lights, powerful music, faith sharing and an invitation to prayer. The concert empowers all ages to pray more fully and worship more freely. The concert is free, donations are accepted.



As the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal “One Faith, One Family” continues, we are grateful to the parish families that have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the personal sacrifice of all members of our faith community. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, please know your gift, no matter how big or small, will help enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational, and humanitarian needs to many. Pledge envelopes are located at all entrances of the Church, or you may visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment or call (860) 886-1928 for alternate ways to give. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

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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