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& 12:00 Noon

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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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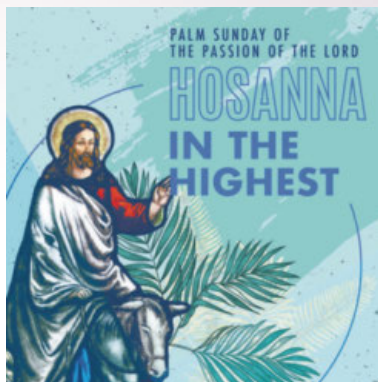
SACRAMENTS

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 9

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.

Monday, April 11

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Dec. Krista Beth Marino

Tuesday, April 12

7:00 AM Dec. Art Kohs

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 AM Special Intention Nick DiMartino
9:00 AM Dec. Ed & Dave Bogdan

Thursday, April 14—Holy Thursday

7:30 PM Friars Intention

Friday, April 15—Good Friday

3:00 PM Solemn Liturgy

Saturday, April 16—Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, April 17—Easter Sunday

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
12:00 NN Living & Deceased Parishioners



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of most beloved parents, Salvatore J. & Mary A. Scirpo from Angela.

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 40—April 3

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

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (LUKE 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Plan on joining us for the Holy Triduum this week.

Talents in Service to God and Others

Those who participate in the Rice Bowl Program are reminded to return your bowl to us this week.

Readings for the week of April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49
Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30]

How does your garden grow?

My family has gardens. Gardens circling a pond 25 years in diameter, and snaking gardens around the house and ones around a back patio.

We have gardens but it is organized by one mind. My parents had two coffee cups with German inscriptions- “uber gartner” – for my mother- the “over -gardener, and my father’s cup- unter gartner- “under gardener”. I was a strong healthy back to move rocks- so many Connecticut rocks.

It being Spring I got talking with my mother about the gardens- she can’t get out anymore. But her vision is clear of what a garden should be. We talked about the challenge of coming from the Illinois black rich topsoil to Connecticut clay and stone. For a couple years my Mom had manure brought in from farms to spread in the beds she prepared. Once invested in the gardens would reveal the goodness of creation. The natural world is diverse, and developments come in waves. You want to mix and match so that with each time there is something blooming in each part.

She explained succession of flowers is the following:

- First the yellows of Daffodils and Forsythia (with crocuses) in the early Spring
- Then the flowering bushes- Rhododendrons, Dogwood and Azaleas with tulips below
- Then the rushes around the pond like flags and Irises. Also, the “tender plants who winter in-doors come out.
- Then the peonies and roses- who are distinct cases- ants working to open the peonies, and roses flourishing precisely because they had been cut back in the fall.
- Annuals fill out the gardens filling in the spaces and timing the perennials don’t cover.
- Finally, the hardy Mums finish off the fall.

She reminded me that every year 20-30 % of a garden needs to be replaced, transplanted, torn out or replanted.

It made me think of the Church more specifically. There is one gardener- Mary Magdalene mistakes Jesus for a gardener on Easter morning. He is the Uber Gartner. He has a vision how each of the varied plants will bloom in its own time.

We are all meant to bloom- our gift shouldn’t be put under a bushel basket. But each of us in our own way.

- Are we at a place that we need some fertilizer- should we be looking to learn more to deepen our faith, confront our questions?
- Are we robust early bloomers when it is still frosty?
- Are we blossoming trees always growing in new ways each year?
- Are we faithful tulips blooming inside the same ministry year to year?
- Are we roses that need to be pruned in order to flower- cutting back commitments to create room for growth?
- Are we peonies who flower best when folks around us are purposeful and busy like ants encouraging us to flower as well?
- What is the 20-30% change that we have to face this year? How many new ministries, new activities do we have to be about this year?



Living Stations of the Cross and Vegetarian Soup Luncheon

On Good Friday, the youth of the parish will be performing the Living Stations of the Cross April 15 at noon. This is a wonderful parish event attended by many, many parishioners each year. What started as a light vegetarian soup luncheon for the Living Stations participants has now extended to invite anyone who is present at the Stations of the Cross to join together for lunch. So we need a lot of soup! If you are interested in preparing a large pot of soup for this luncheon or would like to help set up/clean up/serve, please call Kim or Carol at Faith Formation (860)346-9100.



Good Friday—April 15
Noon



“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!



Monday—April 11
 Masses at 7 & 9 AM
 Parish Reconciliation Service—7 PM

Tuesday—April 12
 Mass at 7 AM Only

Wednesday—April 13
 Masses at 7 & 9 AM

Holy Thursday—April 14
 Morning Prayer—9 AM
 7:30 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
 8:45—10:45 PM - Adoration
 10:45 PM - Night Prayer

Good Friday—April 15
 Morning Prayer—9 AM
 12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross
 3:00 PM - Solemn Liturgy
No Confessions Today

Holy Saturday—April 16
 Morning Prayer 9 AM
 Confessions—3:30-4:30 PM
 8:00 PM - Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday—April 17
 Masses: 7:30, 9, 10:30 AM And 12 Noon

Diocesan News



As announced last week, all our parishioners are invited to the consecration of the Chrism and the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens at the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. The Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick in Norwich. Bishop Michael R. Cote will celebrate this liturgy. All are invited.

The Sacred Chrism, oil mixed with sweet perfume, symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit. It will be used in the parishes of the Diocese of Norwich in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. It is also used at the Ordination of Bishops and Priests and at the Dedication of a Church and altar. The Oil of the Sick is used to anoint those who are suffering from illness so that they may receive strength and healing, both physical and spiritual. The catechumens will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in preparation for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil. The Chrism Mass is a celebration of the entire local Church, and the subsequent use of the oils in the various parishes is a sign of unity among God's people.

2022 ACA Ministry Fair—Reservations Required

The 2022 Ministry Fair showcasing our Diocesan ministries and programs will be held May 15, 2022 from 11-12:30, in Norwich. We will offer a complimentary continental breakfast throughout this open house style event. If you would like to attend this event to learn how donations to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", support our ministries and programs, please contact Rosela Precopio at 860-886-1928 ext. 110 or dodadm@norwichdiocese.net for further details or to register for this event. Reservations and RSVP by May 2nd are required due to space limitations.

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, Glenn R. Inman.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Mary Burke, Charles Whitehouse, John Morello, Anna Pestritto, Maureen Ahearn, Jeremiah Pandisher, Harry Wheelock, Jean Squicciarini, V. Ida Scotti, Vincent Dominello, Jessie Simmons, John Edward Hayes, Byron F. Curtis, Virginia Dunn, James M. Kelly, Jacob Gabany, Geraldine Hennessey, Francis J. Silva, Jr., Edward Bogdan, Judith Niedzial, Ruth H. Zapal, Michael S. Moran, Charles Jackowski, Ellen Harzmann, Joseph Mangiameli, Marie Terese Crist, Stephen J. Poposki, Richard Stuart, Jr., Carmelo Casserino, Nicholas Culver, Michael S. Marino.*

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.



Pre-HSPT Entrance Exam



The Pre-HSPT practice exam gives current 7th graders an opportunity to prepare for the HSPT by familiarizing themselves with the test content and structure as well as offering insight on their performance. The Pre-HSPT exam for the Class of 2027 will be administered at Mercy High School on Saturday, April 30 at 9 AM To register go to the Mercy High School website and click the link: Pre-HSPT Entrance Exam Registration

Experience Mercy Summer 2022—Registration is Open!
 Basketball, Higher Achievement, Soccer, STREAM. Theater Arts, 6th—9th Graders. www.mercyhigh.com/summerprograms

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.

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