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(Saturday)

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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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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
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.



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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)



**CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!**

Saturday, April 16

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

Monday, April 18

9:00 AM Dec. Alice Sheehan

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 AM Dec. Joan Barron
9:00 AM Dec. Peg McDonald

Wednesday, April 20

7:00 AM Dec. Woerner Family
9:00 AM Book of Deceased

Thursday, April 21

7:00 AM Special Intention Dave McLaughlin & Family
9:00 AM Dec. Anita MacKay

Friday, April 22

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors
9:00 AM Dec. Fr. Colman Boylan, OFM Cap.

Saturday, April 23

9:00 AM Dec. Joseph, Angelina & Joane Milardo
5:00 PM Dec. Kathleen & Charles Jackowski

Sunday, April 24

7:30 AM Dec. Carmelina Bauer
9:00 AM Dec. Cathleen Porto
10:30 AM Dec. Knorr Family
12:00 NN 25th & 50th Wedding Anniversaries



Easter Monday, April 18, there will be one Mass celebrated at 9 AM.

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



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 41—April 10

	<u>2021 - 22</u>	<u>2020 - 21</u>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$11,323.	\$7,279.
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$4,765.	\$5,128.
	\$16,088.	\$12,407.

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Spend the day with your family thanking God for his gift of eternal life.

Talents in Service to God and Others

"Let everything you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14

Readings for the week of April 17, 2022

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Easter 2022

An egg and a pregnant pause.

Pregnancy implies something is on the way. But there can always be a surprise with what appears. There is a comedic bit about the animals in the farm. All of them are pregnant at the same time, the mare and cow, the pig sow, the dog and the chicken. And the Mare gives birth first... push and push and plop there is a spindly legged colt. All the animals compliment the mare and say how much the colt looks like his father. Then push, push and plop the cow gives birth to a calf. And he has the same black and white coloring as the steer. The sow pushes and here one small piglet and another and another and another. Wow quadruplets! Then push, push and the dog gives birth to 5 puppies, wriggling and blind. One looks like the mother another like the father. Now the chicken pushes and pushes and stands up and what does she have. A hard white egg. The rooster asks her what she has been drinking. In embarrassment she sits on the egg and eventually chicks appear.

The egg is often used as a symbol of the resurrection - it is like the tomb apparently lifeless. But wait something will hatch. Throughout the Resurrection Narratives people are surprised by what appears. The first women who come to tomb at dawn are surprised to find the rock rolled away, then surprised by an angel who tells them to go back and tell how Jesus has risen. Then on their way Jesus himself appears, Mary Magdalene stays at the empty tomb, unable to process the message of the angel because her grief is so intense. A stranger appears, she takes him for a gardener. He speaks her name and she recognizes Him and everything is changed.

Take the time and examine your life. Are there any situations or relationships that are in a pregnant pause. As of right now nothing has shown itself and we are asked to wait expectantly. Maybe like the cow, horse, pig and dog it will come to birth in such a way that you can recognize the new life in that it will bear a likeness to the best of the old life. Or maybe you are a chicken and you will give birth to something you have to sit on. Something that seems at first cold and hard but will crack open to reveal something new and lively.



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.

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

FORMED—Pick of the Week—April 17,

ECHO WITH BISHOP DONALD HYING

ECHO is a series of short and engaging videos that introduces fundamental Catholic teachings and provides an inspiring start to personal growth in the Faith. This beautiful work of cinematography is hosted by Bishop Donald Hying of Gary, Indiana.



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In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

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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.

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, May 7 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.

Happy Easter



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, R. Inman.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Julia May Lemieux, Catherine C. Nolan, Margaret Roth, Violet Churchill, Christine Tousignant,*

Marie Bigelow, Mary Nadile, Albert A. Johnson, Alice C. Sheehan, Priscilla Fecteau, Mary Flannigan, Pamela Damroth, Vina Miller, Joan Kuzma, Jean Sampson, Carmel Beaudry, Diane Piasecki, Pearl Grady, Dorothy Eccles, P. George Cyr, Wilfred Counter, Margaret Bighinatti, Rita Oryell, Jenny Pasculano, Margaret McDonald, Margaret Cotter, Thomas Gagnon, Esther Botti, Andre Daignault, Gillis Crete, Paula Quintana, Mary Pattavina, Julia P. Smith, Rose C. Kelleher, Helen E. Krauth, Philomen Cyr, Regina Glowacki, John McCoid, Lydia Demers. Michael & Margaret McParland, Melvin Bennett, Fr. Colman Boylan, OFM Cap., Geraldine Cynoske, Richard A. Wrzos, James Burt, Robert Connelly, Emma Anderson, John Roth, Joseph Rosano, Jr., Helen Glowacki, Wayne Wheelock, Bibianne Michaud, Mitchell Balamucki, Stephanie Conroy, Suzanne D'Agostino, Michael Aforismo, Grace Trella, Vincent Alger, Thomas Balcher

Diocese of Norwich, Office of the Bishop Easter Message, 2022

My dear brothers and sisters in the risen Lord:

One of the greatest and most meaningful signs of Jesus' Resurrection is His empty tomb. Tombs are meant for the dead; they are not places where the living reside. However, Jesus' tomb is very different.

“On the first day of the week” (Mark 16:2) the women who go to the Lord's tomb are struck with amazement when they find it empty. They were the first to hear the news that Jesus was alive. The white robed young man whom they encountered told them: “There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him.” (Mark 16:6)

Yet the women were bewildered and afraid. (Mark 16:8) They are told to tell the good news to Peter and to Jesus' disciples. When the women tell the Eleven and those gathered with them, the majority thought it was “pure nonsense.” (Luke 24:11) Despite the doubt expressed by the others, Peter and John went to see the empty tomb. (John 20:3) John writes that when he himself entered the tomb; “he saw and believed.” (John 20:9)

Our own experience of Easter this year is not so different from that first one. As we listen to the report of the empty tomb and hear that Jesus is alive, we can likewise experience the amazement and bewilderment of this great event. We recall that, in the midst of the grief that must have been overwhelming to the disciples of our Lord following his Passion and Death comes the news that He is alive; He has risen from the dead. Confronting His disciples' fear and guilt, Jesus greets them with His Peace. Through the power of the Resurrection, Jesus does the same for us today as well. Filled with His Spirit, we are now called to carry on the Lord's mission. We are empowered to bring His peace to the world.

Like on that first Easter, Jesus greets us with those powerful, life-giving words, “Peace be with you.” (John: 20:20) His peace calms fears, restores courage, and strengthens virtue. As Jesus reveals God to us, we must make Jesus real to others. In our words as well as our deeds we must show others that Jesus is alive in us.

My dear brothers and sisters, even in the midst of our own challenges, suffering and that of our world today, we are called to rejoice this Easter in the good news of the empty tomb and Jesus' Resurrection. Like the women who went to the tomb in the early hours of that first Easter, we are tasked with sharing this good news with everyone. Each day, may we come to know the power of Jesus' Resurrection, the power to live His Gospel and bring His peace into our world today.

Please be assured of my prayerful closeness to you all; may you and your loved ones have a truly blessed and grace-filled Easter!

Sincerely yours in Christ, *Michael R. Cote*, Bishop of Norwich

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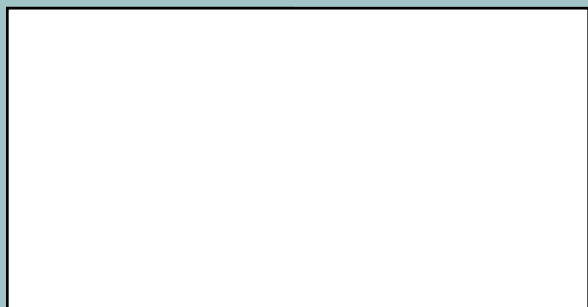
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