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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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**Marriages:** Arrangements  
must be made at least one year  
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**Care of the Sick:** Please advise us  
of anyone from your family who is  
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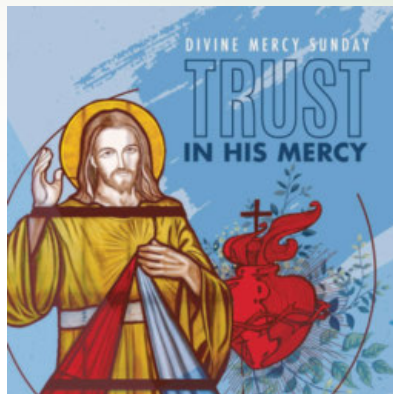
at 4:00 - 4:30 pm

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 23

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

### Monday, April 25

7:00 AM Special Intention Nite Family  
9:00 AM Dec. Drozd Family

### Tuesday, April 26

7:00 AM Dec. Dick Garrow  
9:00 AM Special Intention Gabe DiMartino

### Wednesday, April 27

7:00 AM Dec. Steven Scotti  
9:00 AM Dec. Joanne Inferrera

### Thursday, April 28

7:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life  
from St. Pius Parish  
9:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors

### Friday, April 29

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
9:00 AM Dec. Januario Nepomuceno

### Saturday, April 30

5:00 PM Special Intention Dypa Family

### Sunday, May 1

7:30 AM  
9:00 AM Dec. Walter Mazurczak  
10:30 AM  
12:00 NN Dec. Nella & Michael D'Onofrio

There will be **no 9 AM Mass** this **Saturday, April 30** due to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Pius at 10 AM

**Please Note**



**Mother's Day Mass Cards** are now available at all entrances of the Church

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of **Ed Myjak**.



### 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 42—April 17*

	<u>2021 - 22</u>	<u>2020 - 21</u>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$12,181.	\$5,527.
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$4,429.	\$4,872.
	\$16,610.	\$10,399.

### **"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship**

*"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (JOHN 21:17)*

How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Tell someone you love them every day.

### Stewardship of Time and Talent

#### Spending Time with God in Prayer

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday—take time in your day today to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet or the Divine Mercy Novena

#### Talents in Service to God and Others

"Great love can change small things into great ones, and it is only love which lends value to our actions."

- St. Faustina.

### Readings for the week of April 24, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

## Divine Mercy 2022

It is one week since Easter. It is the Octave of the great feast. During the octave we celebrate it as if it was one continuous day. We are encouraged to take our time and not move on too quickly. We round out the feast with the celebration of God's Mercy.

In the image we see Jesus resurrected with the wounds in his hands and feet. We see Him shining and covered with glory. The image comes with a subtitle-

"Jesus, I trust in you."

The Risen Christ invites us to trust in Him. In the Gospel we meet St. Thomas who missed the gathering on Easter itself. And he missed seeing the Risen Christ. (Note to self don't miss Mass). Thomas has lost his trust. He doesn't trust the message of his fellow apostles. He lost his trust in them and the whole world who took his leader, the one he imitated (his name Thomas means twin but we don't know of his brothers). Jesus was nailed to a cross; he was broken on the cross and taken down placed in a cold dark tomb. He doesn't trust the world that would do that, doesn't trust a God who would allow that, doesn't trust himself for his cowardice when he could have done something. He won't believe until he can touch the wounds, anything less is telling fairy tales. Jesus appears with wounds for all to see. It opens the door to Thomas to profess- "My Lord and my God". He has had his faith and trust restored.

In the image of Divine Mercy there are beams of light shining forth from the heart of Jesus. They are of two different colors: red and white. The original seer Sr. Faustina, explained the beams in this manner. The White represents the grace that makes us righteous. The red represents the new life we are given to lead. The white is the water flowing from the side of Christ that washes us clean. The Red is the life's blood that pumped through Jesus and now would be our life's blood.

To be washed clean is a joy. We trust Jesus in baptism and in Confession to make us clean and unstained. Everyone who meets the risen Lord is offered a chance to be cleansed. That clean fresh feeling makes for joy and peace. The Apostles the first night of Easter were given peace and were made clean by the Lord.

The Red beams of the life's blood is something more. It is when the trust is so full that we let Him live through us. The Apostles were behind locked door the second Sunday. The trust was incomplete. After baptism we have to learn to live the faith. After Confession we go in peace- not just cleansed but reconciled. We trust the Lord when we allow Him to handle all our affairs particularly our temptations and habitual faults. Too often we don't trust the Lord with our worst- the things that might stain us. Yet Jesus gives himself to us, soul and divinity- in communion, in Confession, in our daily prayer.

Easter gets deeper with each hour. We are drawn to trust Him more and more; no matter what wounds the world offers- no how much we are afraid to fail. The deeper we dig the more we see just how much He forgives and just how much He longs to enter our lives.



### Come Pray the Rosary

Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners Sunday, **May 1st at 4 PM** to pray the rosary together for healing, purification and reconciliation

### 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, May 6th** in the church from **7-8 PM** for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.



### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** ~ Worldwide Marriage Encounter is offering a non-residential two-day experience **May 21-22** at St. Patrick Church Hall, East Hampton. This experience will be conducted in accordance with CDC safety protocols including social distancing. For that reason, we will be accepting fewer couples, so it is important that couples register as soon as possible. To apply, contact Frank and Margie Pearson at 860-869-2610 or sign up online at [apply - Worldwide Marriage Encounter \(wwme.org\)](http://apply-WorldwideMarriageEncounter.org) and click on May 21-22, East Hampton, CT Give your spouse the gift of your time and discover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage! There’s no group discussion. It’s just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Over the course of the experience three couples and a priest provide new tools, using examples from their own lives, to help couples work through common themes of which all married couples can relate. For more information, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, Ext. 312.



# APRIL

**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.*



## Remember In Prayer

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: . *Sophie S. Rouleau, Alice Kowalski, Geraldine H. Boyer, Kathryn Bresnock, George R.*

*Alexander, Mary Ognie, Donald McGinnis, Yvonne Jodoin, Elvira LaBella, Evelyn Conway, Richard Jones, Nella Kelly, Michael Ross, Nancy Papciak Ford, Hans Brings, Nora K. McInerney, Mary Ercolani, Martin Scully, Dorothy Maxwell, John Rukalsky, Patricia Alessi, George C. Gallagher, Dominic Nanfito, Irene Zawilinski, Shirley Stannard, Tadejsz Bednarczuk, Lorraine Orlando, Joseph H. Kaiser, Pauline Brown, Gillis Crete, Alice Hegel, Jane Gunther, John Haydon, Joseph Czech, William Dobson, Lucy Motta, Robert L. Dunn, Salvatore Luistro, Peter Yersavich, Olga Aresco.*



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### 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



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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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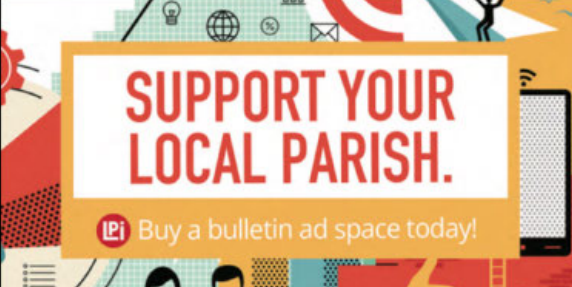
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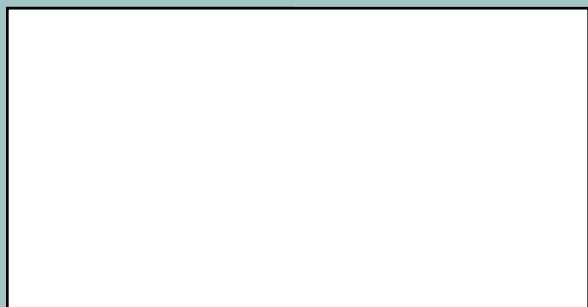



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