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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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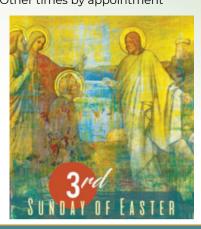
Baptisms: Twice a month at 1:30 pm for registered parishioners. Instruction for parents is required. Arrangements must be made in advance.

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, presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God bless all of you.



#### 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 30

5:00 PM Special Intention Dypa Family

Sunday, May 1

7:30 AM Dec. Frances Miano 9:00 AM Dec. Walter Mazurczak 10:30 AM Capuchin Benefactors

12:00 NN Dec. Nella & Michael D'Onofrio

Monday, May 2

7:00 AM Dec. Evelyn Flynn McGowan—20 A

9:00 AM Dec. Bruce Long

Tuesday, May 3

7:00 AM Special Intention Fr. Altman 9:00 AM Dec. Anne Marie Egri

Wednesday, May 4

7:00 AM Dec. Anthony Colavito

9:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano

Thursday, May 5

7:00 AM Dec. Ceal Wood

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Friday, May 6

7:00 AM Special Intention Tom Pentalow 9:00 AM Dec. Christopher Dobosz

Saturday, May 7

9:00 AM Dec. Enza Cubeta, Alberta Tuohy, Eileen Cone 5:00 PM All Mothers

Sunday, May 8

7:30 AM All Mothers 9:00 AM All Mothers 10:30 AM All Mothers 12:00 NN All Mothers

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



The Altar Flowers this week are donated in loving memory of *Anthony Colavito* 

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





We welcome to our parish family, *Hailey Mejia Gonzalez*, *Kayla Mejia Gonzalez*, *Isabella Valentina Souza* and congratulate their happy parents and baptism sponsors

#### 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 44-April 24

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Actual Sunday Offering \$5,867 \$5,144 Electronic Giving for the Week \$4,488 \$5,101 \$10.355 \$10.245

#### "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**

Thursday is National Day of Prayer. The theme this year: Exalt the Lord who has Established Us. Pray as a family for our country, our leaders. our military, our families, our friends, and our community.

#### Talents in Service to God and Others

It's Spring—a good time to cleanout our closets. And as we continue to celebrate Earth Day - it is perfect time for that task and donate your old clothes.

Readings for the week of May 1, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv

5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

#### **Unlucky Weddings**

When I was in Long Island I helped a young lady prepare for marriage. She would be going back to her homeland half way around the world for the ceremony, About 3 or 4 weeks before her wedding she approached me for advice. She was in a difficult spot. She had made arrangements with the parish and a space for a reception already reserved. Her aunt had a book of fortunes and omens and such and the aunt had discovered that the date of the wedding was "unlucky". The bride was beside herself: people were coming back from all over the world and it was unlikely the parish or venue could shift things.

I said you could try to change things but probably wouldn't be able to get guests and /or locations to shift at such late notice. Then I asked her, "What would an unlucky marriage look like? "She thought a while. Then I said, "Would it have sickness in it, maybe financial struggles- even poverty, bad times to struggle through?" She agreed that would be unlucky. Then I told her. ""Then don't worry about it; its already in the vows: sickness and health, richer or poorer, good times and bad."

The vows don't reveal their holy character on the day of the marriage. People are super healthy, particularly the bride is wearing the most expensive clothes she ever will put on, and it is a good time with all sorts of friends and family. After 25 or 50 years we see a fidelity that echoes the faithfulness of God. Couple's celebrating their anniversary give witness that the vows can be lived with God's help.

Sunday at the 12pm Mass we will be celebrating couples celebrating 25 and 50 years. We are grateful for their witness. They help us believe in love and fidelity. God calls each of us to lives of fidelity marriage is one of those ways, religious and priests are vowed to fidelity. Those who living a solitary life- single or widowed. The same fidelity is drawn out of us as we live our lives sincerely.

So God bless all the "unlucky vocations" that points to a love that is faithful and divine.

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#### Diocese of Norwich Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Month of May, we remember Mary, the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. She is the spiritual mother of all the faithful, and in a special way the mother of priests. In his 1950 apostolic exhortation on the sanctity of priestly life, *Menti Nostrae*, Pope Pius XII writes, "Our Lady loves everyone with a most tender love, but she has a particular predilection for priests who are the living image of Jesus Christ" (No. 142).

We are grateful for our priests here in the Diocese of Norwich. They respond daily to the Lord's call to "Follow me" by serving and accompanying God's people in the day to day circumstances of life.

We are grateful for our seminarians. They are currently finishing up another year of priestly formation at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. In a couple short weeks they will return to the Diocese for their summer assignments. Let's pray for them, for a successful completion of their coursework and a smooth transition home. Please also join me in praying for Deacon Jacob Ramos who will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on Saturday, June 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich. May Mary, Mother of priests, protect and guide Deacon Jacob to a closer union with her Son, the Eternal Priest.

Lastly, and most especially, we are grateful for you. We are grateful for the role you play in supporting our priests and seminarians. A seminarian's journey to priesthood is long and arduous. Preparation typically requires six years of formation beyond college. The average annual cost for tuition, room and board and health insurance per seminarian is approximately \$42,000 per year.

To help offset these expenses, a special collection is taken up each year in support of the Diocesan Seminarian Education Fund. Donations to the Seminarian Education Fund provide tuition, room and board, and health insurance for our seminarians. I ask you to consider making a contribution to this year's Seminarian Education Fund collection. Your generosity truly makes a difference in the lives of the men preparing for the priesthood in our diocese.

As St. John Vianney once said, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." I ask you to continue praying for our priests, our future priests, and for an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood. May the Lord Jesus Christ raise up men in our diocese who will follow in His footsteps to serve the Church as priests.

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

#### 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.

#### MAY CROWNING - SUNDAY - MAY 8

The Crowning of Mary will take place at the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, May 8. Everyone is invited to bring flowers from home and place them in the basket provided in the foyer of the Church. The flowers we be presented to Mary at the start of the Mass.



#### Prayer Shawl Ministry Mother's Day Gifts

Are you searching for the perfect gift for your Mother, Aunt or Grandmother for this Mother's Day? The Prayer Shawl Ministry has many prayer shawls and lapghans available. (Lapghans are perfect for anyone in a wheelchair or confined in bed.) Each shawl and lapghan comes with a Miraculous Medal and a prayer card. All have been blessed by Fr. Martin or Fr. Ernie. To make arrangements for pickup at the Friary Office

please contact Ginny Delaney at (860) 788-6599. I will try to match the recipients needs and favorite colors.

#### 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. Sloane Baker, Gabby, Emily, Hank H., Lily Vartanian, Helen Goldman, George Mortin, Ellen, Jenny Boutin, R. Inman.

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: .

Gertrude Hanison, Florence Ornellas, Gabriel Kowal, Corey Brendan Lyding, Frances Miano, Robert J. Cardarelli, Rosindo Amato, Veronica Deren, Charles Dupnik, Peter Mascaro, Anthony T. Caporale, Mark R. Warley, Concetto Serra, Ella McNeill, Mirin Kozlakowski, Janine Spada, Mary A. Schultz, Rose Lamb, Marjorie Humphreys, Earl Roberts, Lucy Bombaci, Sharon G. Solek, Stella Petruck, Joseph Zebora, Rita Lizon, Albert Fulner, Jane Wrang, Salvatore J. Augeri, Stanley Skeene, Ann H. Hughes, Irene Hennessey, Henry J. Rogers, Irene Cavallo, Lawrence B. LeBrun, Paul McAlee, Ann-Marie Mangini, Mark Zeoli, Howard Moore, Tia Lim, John A. Sadlowski, Nicholas M. D'Orvilliers, Sebastian Nettis, Walter Turek, Stacia Novotny, Debra Goodale

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will be held in the Church Saturday, May 7th 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.

#### 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 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.



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) 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.



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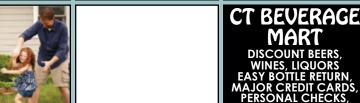
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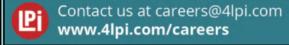
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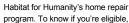
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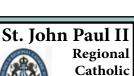
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