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MASSES

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, May 7

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

Monday, May 9

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors 9:00 AM Dec. Sheila Guerin

Tuesday, May 10

7:00 AM Special Intention Pasqualle Children 9:00 AM Dec. Eileen Kelly

Wednesday, May 11

7:00 AM Special Intention Gallitto Children 9:00 AM Special Intention Blackmon Family

Thursday, May 12

7:00 AM Dec. Fr. James Hammer, OFM Cap. 9:00 AM Special Intention Reehl Family

Friday, May 13

7:00 AM Special Intention Carter Family 9:00 AM Special Intention

Saturday, May 14

9:00 AM Special Intention Fr. Don Bosco, OFM Cap.

5:00 PM Dec. Genie Dypa

Sunday, May 15

7:30 AM Dec. Louise Schmitt 9:00 AM Dec. Pietro Porto 10:30 AM Dec. Lyra Bray

12:00 NN Dec. Kathy Nenninger & Maryann Nenninger



The Altar Flowers and the Bread and Wine are donated this week by Christine Gerndt.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *Jean Bish & Nancy Gionfriddo*.



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 45-May 1

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Actual Sunday Offering \$7,393 \$7,895

Electronic Giving for the Week \$3,739 \$3,982

\$11.132 \$11.877

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship
"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy
Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

Stewardship of Time and Talent Spending Time with God in Prayer

Make it a habit of saying a prayer of thanksgiving before each meal.

Talents in Service to God and Others

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

- Mother Teresa

Readings for the week of May 8, 2022

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/

Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30 Wed.: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50 Thurs,: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20 Eriday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6 Sat.: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

May 8, 2022

Thinking back to when I was a child, I remember my home parish having a special celebration every May, when there was a procession ending with a young child carrying a crown to be placed on a statue of the Blessed Mother. Since I went to Catholic school, we also would pray a decade of the rosary each day as a class during the month. One may ask, why is the month of May dedicated to Mary? I decided to do a little research. For hundreds of years, there has been a tradition of a 30-day period of prayer dedicated to Mary. During that month, special prayers and spiritual exercises were devoted to the Blessed Mother daily. In the 19th century, May was established as THE specific month devoted to Mary.

During the month of May, many parishes have the recitation of the rosary, often if not daily, as we do here at Saint Pius. Some people arrange a small altar in their homes with a statue of Mary on it and pray the rosary together as a family near their small shrine. In addition to this, there is a long standing tradition of a May crowning.

As Catholics, we have a special place in our hearts for her as our mother and as our queen. She is one that we can always look to as an exemplar of what discipleship is like- being obedient to God's will and always trusting in God and His plan for us. We can turn to Mary as our intercessor, asking her to present our petitions to her son, as well as asking for her protection and care as not only the mother of Jesus, but our mother as well. As Capuchin Franciscans, our province of friars has Mary as our patron.

During this beautiful season of spring, as flowers bloom and life returns following the cold of winter, we celebrate Mary. This Sunday, we continue the tradition of honoring Mary by placing a crown of flowers on her head. Mary, queen of heaven and earth, mother of Christ and our mother, pray for us!





Congratulations Confirmandi—2022

Congratulations to all the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation April 22 & 23 here at St. Pius X. Special thanks to Carol Butler, the Director of our Confirmation Program and to all our Confirmation Catechists. *Avianna Airo, Kiara Alvarado, Emily Barker, Natalie Brennan, Olivia Burghardt, Ryan Cook, Matthew Devany, Amanda Frascarelli, Julian Garcia, Logan Konopka, Lauren Latimer, Luke Martinez, Connor McCabe, Ava McGuire, Anthony Nanfito, Lian Ong, Morgan Pelletier, Emma Piacenza, Mateo Rodriguez, Megan Whalen, Sean Young, Marco Zimmitti.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Selection Process to fill the Parish Pastoral Council has commenced. There are five current members who will be vacating their seats in June, so we need the minimum of five names placed in the yellow selection box in the narthex. Any registered parishioner age 18 and above may submit their name on a ballot. You may nominate another parishioner, but only after they have been asked and they are willing.

On Pentecost Sunday (June 5, 2022) the names will be drawn during the Masses of the weekend. A selected member's term begins at the June meeting, June 21, 2022, and ends three years later at

the June meeting. At that time, they may resubmit their name for an additional two years during the selection process.

Parish Council meets the third Tuesday of the month, September thru June. We have a day of reflection or retreat... the first or second Saturday of September. On this day we reflect on what has become apparent during the previous year and strategize on things we'd like to work on during the upcoming year. Please prayerfully consider this essential ministry of our vibrant parish.



Coffee Social



Everyone is invited to join fellow parishioners next *Sunday*, *May 15th* for our monthly *Coffee Social* in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall from 8:30 AM—12 NN sponsored by the *Music*

Ministry. Please remember to bring a baked good to share.

St. Vincent de Paul's Service Date

Volunteers – Save the Date! May 29th is a St. Vincent DePaul's service date. While many families are

service date. While many families are gathering to remember those who gave us our freedoms, disadvantaged



members of our community are depending on us for what may be their one meal of the day. Details for what will be needed will be in next week's bulletin. Contact Janet at maunejanet@gmail.com with questions.

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CYFM

Summer Outreach Week (SOW) CYFM mobilizes middle and high school-age teens, adult volunteers, and Friars to serve our neighbors in need in the Hudson Valley. The program's main site is at St. Joachim's Church in Beacon, NY, and runs

from June 27-July 1, 2022(9 am-6 pm). Ministries include working with: children, the elderly and infirmed, the poor, and the homeless. Young people forge new connections, work together for a purpose, inspire and accelerate change in themselves and their communities. Participants can spend a day or two or maximize the benefits of volunteering and join us for the whole week! Registration fees: \$50.00/day or \$225.00/week includes meals, transportation to worksites, and materials. Registration deadline is Monday, May 30, 2022; register today: https://bit.ly/CYFMSOW2022 CYFM Garrison, PO Box 268, Garrison, NY 10524 (845) 718-0218

DIOCESAN VIRTUAL SUMMER MISSION

Join us for the Diocesan Virtual Summer Mission on Wednesdays Evenings June- 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7 -7:45pm. The mission is called Go and Make Disciples: What the Bible Teaches Us Evangelization. Evangelization- just the thought of it can make us squirm. Really? Talking to people about Jesus? How can we do that naturally without everyone feeling awkward? As Catholics, evangelization isn't optional- it is our calling. Thankfully, we have a guidebook that teaches us exactly how to do it- the Bible. Our speaker, Emily Ricci will walk us through evangelization strategies found in the Old and New Testament. Emily Ricci is the owner of the Catholic Marketing Company Gloriam Marketing as well as New Testament Teacher at Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY. To join us, contact Marianne Nicholas at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or





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. *Melissa, 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: "John C. Duda,"

John Socha, Achille Cozzi, Anthony Bankoski, Salvatore M. Augeri, Joan Fazzino, Bernard McLaughlin, Josephine Czaja, Antoinette Campbell, Dorothy Shea, J. Stephen Murphy, Gertrude R. Mallett, Anna Paszek, John W. Nenninger, Beatrice O'Brien, Edward Laput, Larissa Gionfriddo Podermanski, Bernard Soucy, Louise Lombardi, Louis D'Amico, Sr., William Kovack, Frank LaRosa, Irene C. Krauth, Edward Gasior, Richard O'Connell, Donald Rixon, Teresa Waggoner, Franklin Smith, Isabelle Russo, Albino Ty, Jean Osora, Elvira Abramczyk, Joan Petrzel, Marie Cleo Paradis, Edward S. Lull, Sr., Philip T. LaBella, John M. Gilligan, Leon J. Goodale, Christopher E. Rose, Salvatore S. Aresco, Agnes Moore, Fr. Ephrem Karwowski, OFM Cap., Kathleen Cook, Janusz Fiuk.

The Apparitions performed at Xavier

A play based on Mary's apparitions at Guadalupe in 1531 will be presented at Xavier High School on Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. This will be the first performance of the work which was written by scholar/author Cooley Taylor in 1982. Donations are accepted. Those interested in attending can call Xavier teacher John McGrath at 860-638-7989.



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.

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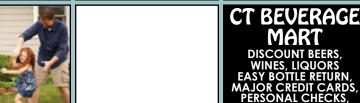
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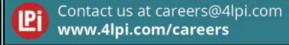
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