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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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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



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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)



Saturday, July 16

5:00 PM Dec. Genie Dypa

Sunday, July 17

7:30 AM Dec. Santo Berdino
9:00 AM Dec. Margaret Resseguie
10:30 AM Dec. Stanley Szalkiewicz
12:00 NN Dec. Felix Sheehan, MD

Monday, July 18

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Dec. Nellie Barone

Tuesday, July 19

7:00 AM Special Intention
9:00 AM Dec. Joan Barron

Wednesday, July 20

7:00 AM Fr. Paul Steffan, OFM Cap.
9:00 AM Dec. Donald Pehota

Thursday, July 21

7:00 AM Special Intention Anthony Cuppari
9:00 AM Dec. Nellie Barone

Friday, July 22

7:00 AM Dec. Gerald Rivers
9:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano

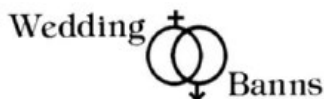
Saturday, July 23

9:00 AM Dec. Donald Henri
5:00 PM Dec. Joseph Dorsey

Sunday, July 24

7:30 AM
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM Dec. Christopher Scheon-Kiewert—10A
12:00 NN Dec. John & Louise McGrath

We welcome to our parish family, **Holden Joseph Carlson, Jack Tucker Liska, Everly Michelle Rosano, Frederick Henry Schatzman, Logan Lee Schatzman**, and congratulate their happy parents and baptism sponsors.



II Shaun Spiteri & Maria Zammit

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 2 — July 10

	<u>2022 - 23</u>	<u>2021 - 22</u>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$·8,222·	\$9,668·
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$5,297·	\$5,044·
	\$13,519·	\$14,712·

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

While driving tune in to WJMJ radio.
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Talents in Service to God and Others

Give a compliment today!

Readings for the week of July 17, 2022

Sun.: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42
Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9
Thurs.: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-3

7/17/2022

My dear friends, this past Tuesday, the Church celebrated the memorial of St. Benedict of Nursia. Honestly, somethings have always intrigued me about this Saint. First, many people pray for his intercession for protection against evil, and rightly so. The Saint Benedict medal is known to be a very powerful sacramental for protection. Secondly, he predates St. Francis of Assisi by about 700 years, being born around the year 480. During his life he was able to establish twelve monasteries, and he was able to bring stability and a sense of organization to monastic life at an early time in the Church's history. This didn't happen without challenges and many difficulties. He often had to fight off evil temptations from the devil, and in one event, he was protected from poison. According to stories, Benedict was quite strict in regards to prayer, penance, and fasting. There was a plot amongst a group of monks to end his life. Miraculously, he was able to drink from a poisoned cup and he survived unharmed. With that said, there were many who genuinely were attracted to Benedict and his holiness, and became members of his community. They were dedicated to living in a secluded community, a life of prayer, fasting, manual work, and above all- to love and serve God.

Now in terms of the Medal of Saint Benedict. It was first cast in the 1800's at the Monastery of Monte Casino (which Benedict established and where he is now laid to rest) to commemorate the 14th centenary anniversary of his birth, although many of the symbols and lettering on the medal date to much earlier than that. On the front of the medal, we see the image of St. Benedict, with a chalice to one side, and a raven on the other. In Benedict's hands is a scroll. The words are in Latin, but the translation is "Cross of the Holy Father Benedict. May we at our death be fortified by his presence."



On the back, the initials on the cross in the center are , "*Crux Sacra Sit Mihi Lux — Non Draco Sit Mihi Dux* (Translated: The Holy Cross be my light — Let not the dragon be my guide) The circles by the four corners of the cross: C S P B -*Crux Sancti Patris Benedicti* (Translated: Cross of the Holy Father Benedict). Finally, The initials around the perimeter: V R S N S M V — S M Q L I V B *Vade Retro Satana, Nunquam Suade Mihi Vana — Sunt Mala Quae Libas, Ipse Venena Bibas* (Translated: Step back, Satan, do not suggest to me thy vanities — Evil are the things thou profferest, drink thou thy own poison).

I think that many of us have seen the medal, but perhaps few understand its significance. Because of Benedict and his work and influence, he is heralded as the founder of Western Monasticism. Today, there are over 20,000 Benedictine monks and nuns throughout the world, and over 100 Benedictine communities here in the United States. Saint Benedict, pray for us!

Fr. Ernest Beeland, OFM Cap.

Thank you Bulletin Ad Sponsors! Help Still Needed!

Lisa Elliott from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin publisher, was working remotely this past week securing advertisers for our Bulletin. We would like to thank all of the advertisers who have generously committed to the Bulletin for this year! We still have space available and humbly ask that you consider advertising your business or remembering a loved one in our weekly bulletin.

Our parish bulletin is one of our main communication tools to our parish members. It provides inspirational words from Father, Mass intentions, news, and events for the week ahead. We are thankful that this crucial communication piece is provided to our parish at no cost thanks to the generous advertising support of our parishioners and community-minded businesses. Please let us know if you can help. Sponsors of our bulletin recognize the tremendous value of connecting with our Church family, who in turn respond by supporting

our sponsors! If you would like to advertise in the weekly bulletin, please contact Lisa at (860) 510-8926, or via e-mail to lelliott@4lpi.com. Thank you!



Proteins and Products for the Pantry
Pack the Pick-Up. Please help us fill the shelves for Amazing Grace Food Pantry. Altrusans, Civitans and Soroptimists are joining with our community to collect food, personal products, school supplies and monetary donations to fill the Pantry shelves.

Saturday, August 20, 2022

(rain or shine)

8 AM - 12 Noon

St. Pius X Church – Lower Parking Lot

ABC Bottle Drive

Just a reminder, if you participated in this year's Baby Bottle Drive, it's not too late to return your bottle. Bottles may be dropped off at the Friary Office..



SAVE THE DATE!
19th Annual St. Pius Golf Outing
Portland Golf Course

Thursday, September 29 – 10:30am shotgun
More details to follow in the coming weeks!

“Fall...Into the Holidays Fair”

Please come and join us for some Old-Fashioned Fun!

Saturday, October 15, 2022 9 AM – 3 PM in the Church Hall and Lower Parking Lot

There will be **Arts and Crafts, Bakes Goods, Our Legendary General Raffle, Plants, White Elephant, Food and Activities for Children.**

Please contact the Church Friary Office 860-347-4441 if you can help at the Fair. NEW items for the General Raffle must have a value of at least \$25.

Donations to the White Elephant Booth can be delivered after Labor Day - No furniture, electronics or clothing.

Thanks for your support for our St. Pius X

Fair encouraging **Fun – Family – Fellowship!**



FORMED—Pick of the Week—July 17, 2022

WOMEN MADE NEW BY CRYSTALINA EVERT

In “Women Made New,” Crystalina Evert, author of Pure Womanhood, explains that it doesn't matter what you've done or where you've been. All that matters now is where you go from here. Moreover, she discusses topics like dating, healthy habits, and the importance of listening to the Lord. In honor of Mary Magdalene and her devout



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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. *John Campbell, George Morton, Jenny Boutin, Ellen, Jackie Hinczynski, Helen Goldman, L. Butler, Sloane Baker, Gabby, Emily, Hank H., Lily Vartanian, Glenn R. Inman.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Antonia Cynoske, Richard E. LaClaire, Sr., Donald N. Tousignant, Anne D. Gallitto, Richard Damiata, Harvey Hebert, LeRoy Dyer, Alice Curry, Fr. Paul Steffan, OFM Cap., Catherine Cook, Constance Petroske, David Ghezzi, Joseph Misenti, Sr., Vincenzo Milardo, Anna F. Czaikowski, Elizabeth Alderman, Jenny Marie Higgins, Daniel McKenna, Theresa Gibbons, Mary G. Commerford, Rosemarie Hubbard, Christopher Schoen-Kiewert, Genevieve Holmes*

2022 ACA Update

As of June 29, 2022, **Saint Pius X Parish, Middletown** has donated \$41,894.01 or 71.10% of its goal, and 12.34% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE!** Our campaign year ends December 31, 2022. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, “One Faith, One Family”, or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. **Thank you to everyone for your support!**



Greetings, Men of God!

It's time to get ready for the **15th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference** at Northwest Catholic HS, West Hartford, CT on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022**

BUY TICKETS ONLINE www.ctcatholicmen.org

Doors open 7:30am and the event concludes with the Vigil Mass at 4pm We're calling all men of the parish to join us for a day of dynamic speakers, Exhibitors, incredible worship, Confession, Adoration, fellowship, and food! Our lineup includes Fr Chris Alar, Fr Wade Menezes, Fr Larry Richards, Bishop Frank Caggiano. Special Eucharist Miracles Exhibit. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Sam Todzia. The ticket price is \$45, includes lunch and we are looking at a full house. Don't miss out on this wonderful event for Catholic men from all over Connecticut! We are part of the National Eucharist Revival! Our theme is the Most Holy Eucharist. The Men's Conference is a layman collaboration of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Diocese of Bridgeport & Diocese of Norwich

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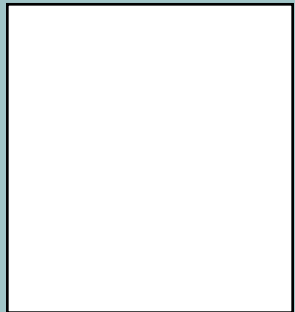
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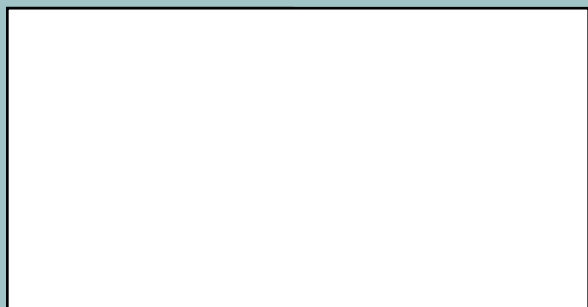
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