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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
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
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keep them in prayer, visit them
and bring the sacraments.

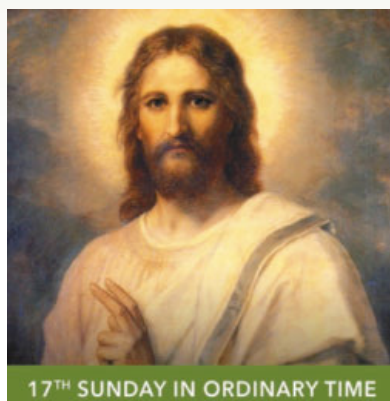
Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Thursdays before First Fridays

at 4:00 - 4:30 pm

Other times by appointment



17TH 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.

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, July 23

5:00 PM Dec. Joseph Dorsey

Sunday, July 24

7:30 AM Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
from St. Pius Parish
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:30 AM Dec. Christopher Scheon-Kiewert—10A
12:00 NN Dec. John & Louise McGrath

Monday, July 25

7:00 AM House of Prayer
9:00 AM Dec. Mark Matthew Muma

Tuesday, July 26

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Leal Family
9:00 AM Dec. David Cryan

Wednesday, July 27

7:00 AM Special Intention Danny & Maria Pasquale
9:00 AM Dec. Esther Ballesteros

Thursday, July 28

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors
9:00 AM Dec. Sebastian & Elena Gaudino
Dec. Anthony Saraceno

Friday, July 29

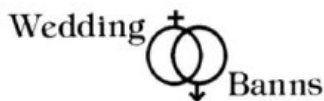
7:00 AM Special Intention Joyce Beggs
9:00 AM Dec. Benigna Nepomuceno

Saturday, July 30

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving
5:00 PM Dec. Margaret Resseguie

Sunday, July 31

7:30 AM Special Intention John & Corrine Tillotta
9:00 AM
10:30 AM Dec. Dennis Jay Sadlon
12:00 NN Dec. Agnes Haley



III 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 3 — July 17

	<u>2022 - 23</u>	<u>2021 - 22</u>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$8,489.	\$5,751.
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$4,086.	\$4,281.
	\$12,575.	\$10,032.

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Begin and End your day with prayers.

Talents in Service to God and Others

Today is World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. Remember them in your prayers—A special prayer can be found in this bulletin.

Readings for the week of July 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/
Lk 11:1-13
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43
Wed.: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

July 24, 2022

Harry Potter doesn't have a prayer: The Harry Potter novels are fiction, obviously. The portal to a magical world wouldn't be somewhere in London. It would be in Florida or California and the gatekeeper would be a giant mouse and a frozen Walt Disney. In the Harry Potter, special people with special bloodlines learn secret spells. Most of the spells are derived from Latin which is easier to come up with than some other secret language. Those who have the special identity or blood line and learn the secret words can manipulate the world around them to achieve their ends. That is not how prayer works.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples his very own prayer: the Our Father. Then he makes clear that it is not magic. The words of the Our Father does not compel God to do anything. Jesus goes on to teach that the key to prayer is persistence. The parable is perverse in that we are to see ourselves as the neighbor banging on a door in the middle of the night. God is like the reluctant neighbor who tells us go away, not to bother him. God, of course isn't cranky. He doesn't need his beauty sleep each night. But we do need to be persistent.

The reading from Genesis presents a give and take between God and Abraham. It can seem like Abraham needs to haggle with God to bring down the price of the judgement on Sodom and Gomorrah. "A hundred do I hear fifty, do I hear twenty-five, do I hear ten -sold." But the story begins with God wondering if He should let Abraham know what He is thinking. Abraham in the process of his conversation with God gets a sense of how God would have mercy on whole cities because the goodness of a few.

We pray out of where we really are. We are anxious or afraid of the things. It is honest and true to talk with God about it. We can suggest outcomes based on our limited view. Prayer also means to listen. We listen to the Our Father when we pray it and Jesus; mind and heart is sown in us as His words come out of our mouths. But it takes persistence, our minds and heart make room for God's way of thinking and feeling grows in us in stages. Luke ends this section of the Gospel encouraging us that God will not have us knock on His door in vain. "How much more will the Father give his Spirit to those who ask of Him. Prayer in the end is better than magic because it makes us more in the image and likeness of God-holy.



Prayer for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

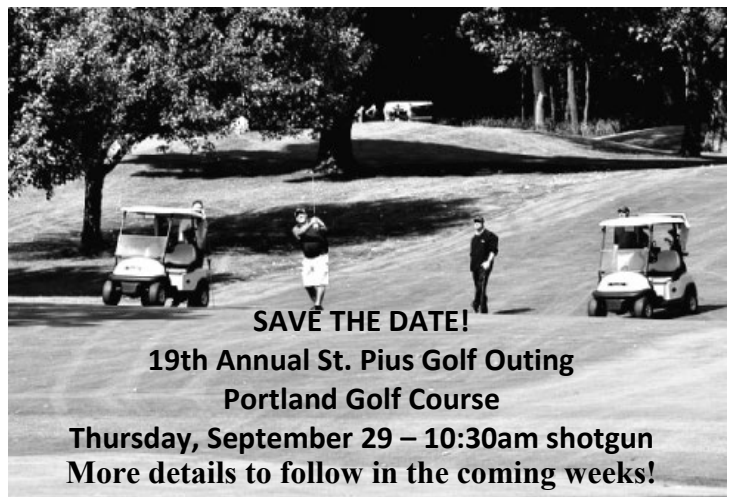
I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord, resignation and
disillusionment, But forsake me not when
my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises
without end.

Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
and all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant thy Church
to deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace.
Amen.





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

Suggested Items: Baby Food/Formula, Diapers, Peanut Butter, Mac & Cheese Mixes, Canned tuna, chicken, Meats/fish, Chili, Canned Ravioli—meat or cheese, Beans—black, Kidney, white, canned or dried, Baked Beans, Chicken or Beef Soups, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Powdered or Evaporated Milk, Condiments [Mayo, mustard, relish], Hygiene Products [soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, brushes, shaving cream, razors], School Supplies [notebooks, paper, pencils, pens, back packs, crayons].

“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!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required.

For more information or to apply, call Frank & Margie Pearson at 860-337-2447 or visit them at <https://www.mectw.org/>.

It's half-way through summer vacation but don't take a vacation from your spouse - share an experience with each other. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.



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. *Cash Grim, Colton Lucker, 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: *Thomas F. Connors, Rosemarie DeRosa, Ruth Korpita, Timothy P. Kelly, Charles McInerney, Mario J. Augeri, John Sokolowski, Jean Jablonski, Matthew Michael Boudreau, Mary Ann Ciccito, Janet MacDonald, Diana Driscoll, Charles Willett, John J. Hegel, Helen Hayes, Julie A. Coleman, Daniel P. O'Hara, Esther Ballesteros, Louis LaPila, Joseph Rogala, Virginia Donsbough, Rita May Terapane, Eleanor Lamothe, Elizabeth Lavoisier, Margaret Rosano, Thomas McGuinness, Elmira Nunes, James Delude, Lillian Hubbard, Stephen Wisniewski, Helen Wolak, Gary J. DeVito, Dr. Joseph DeVito, Mary Jane Carey, Salvatore Scarozzo*

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Pro-Life Mass

The monthly Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will take place at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on **Saturday, August 6 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

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

FORMED—Pick of the Week—July 24, 2022

FORMED NOW! DOES FAITH TAKE A VACATION?

As many of us embark on sunny vacations, it's important to make sure our faith remains front and center in our lives. Since it's easy for us to be distracted by the excitement of the summer rhythm, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Scott Hefelfinger discuss what we can do to make sure we don't let the spiritual life take a back seat.

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