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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.

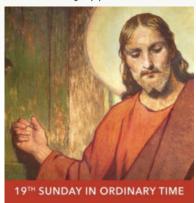
Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

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

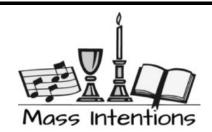
We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts with the Your community. prayers, presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself 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, August 6

5:00 PM Dec. Micheline Brudnak

#### Sunday, August 7

7:30 AM Special Intention Fred

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

10:30 AM Dec. Bob Chapman

12:00 NN Dec. Gerald V. McAuliffe, Sr

#### Monday, August 8

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors

9:00 AM Dec. Salvatore, Pina & Nella Marino

#### Tuesday, August 9

Dec. Mrs. DiKram 7:00 AM

Special Intention Kirermitdjian Family

9:00 AM Dec. Phyllis Goehring

#### Wednesday, August 10

Dec. Stanley Bish 7:00 AM 9:00 AM Dec. Eileen Kelly

#### Thursday, August 11

Special Intention Miano Children 7:00 AM 9:00 AM Special Intention Leto Dino

#### Friday, August 12

7:00 AM Dec. Mrs. Solina Esenyan

Special Intention Manukyan Family

9:00 AM Dec. Christopher Dobosz

#### Saturday, August 13

Dec. Sebastian Santacroce 9:00 AM

5:00 PM Dec. Joe Allicon

#### Sunday, August 14

7:30 AM Dec. Fr. Thomas Schmitt & David Schmitt, Jr.

Dec. Gildo Levesque 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Dec. Ann Loffredo

12:00 NN

#### **Come Pray the Rosary**

Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners Sunday, August 7 at 4 PM to pray the rosary together for healing, purification and reconciliation

#### 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 5 - July 31

2022 - 23 2021 - 22 Actual Sunday Offering \$6,716· \$7,615· Electronic Giving for the Week \$3,574. \$3.940· \$10.290. \$11.555.

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

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

#### Stewardship of Time and Talent **Spending Time with God in Prayer**

Come pray the Rosary with uw today (Sunday) at 4 PM Talents in Service to God and Others

Something simple we all can do to protect the earth—Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Cut down on what you throw away. .

Readings for the week of August 7, 2022

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 [12b]/Heb 11:1-2,

8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Mt 17:22-27 Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt

19:13-15

#### 8/7/2022

In the course of the years, there is a been greater and greater appreciation of St. Clare and her radical fidelity to St. Francis' vision of the Gospel. Francis confronts his father in the town square and returns everything including his clothes. He repudiates his position as a wealthy heir to a wealthy family. Francis and Clare arrange a sign on Palm Sunday for her to sneak out of her house and meet him at the Little Portion Chapel in the dark of night. She is nobility from both her parents' side. Finding her gone her father and uncles come armed to the teeth—to disperse the friars and demand she return home. There is tugging and pulling, eventually her head covering comes off revealing her shaved head. She would not make a good match and increase the power of their house. Later her sister and mother join her as well. The uncles go down fighting the whole way- Agnes clings to the altar when they try to drag her home

St Clare was given some fundamental propositions for the Poor Women of Assisi (later Poor Clares). They were to own nothing in their own name. The would not accept dowries. They would be cloistered and dedicated to prayer. They would embrace a poverty that had no guarantees. Several Popes tried to convince her and the community to accept ownership of their places, to have streams of income. She wrote, "I need to repent of my sins but not of my desire to live the Gospel."

In our Church we have a stained glass window of Clare with the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. At her feet is a Saracen or Muslim soldier. Fredrich II the Holy Roman Emperor and King Sicily and Naples was a brilliant and ambitious man- he was called "Stupor Mundi" the "marvel of the world". He spoke 5 languages. He was a cutting edge scientist. He also wanted to unite all of Italy under his kingship and a part of the Hoy Roman Empire. Rome and the Papal Stares stood between him and his ambition. His army was working its way when they ran into Assisi hiding behind her walls. The advance troops with Muslim mercenaries from Sicily. Clare tells the town elders not to be afraid. She stood on the parapet of the town walls with the Blessed Sacrament and Fredrich armies withdrew.

She is also the patron of television and film. She became fairly feeble toward the end of her life. She could get to the daily convent Mass. However she was given the extraordinary blessing of seeing on the wall of her cell what was happening at Mass.

The rule that the Poor Clares had submitted to 4 different Popes. On her death bed it was approved, the Poor Clares would have the privilege of perfect poverty- owning nothing at all. It was St. Francis' vision but arrange by St. Clare's hand. It was the first Rule of Life for a religious community written by a woman.

Her feast day is August 11. We will have a special evening prayer service on August 10<sup>th</sup>.



**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].







#### Feast of St. Clare

Thursday August 11, is the Feast of St. Clare. With St. Francis, she founded a contemplative order of nuns that has played a major role in the life of the Franciscan Order until this very day. On **Wednesday evening**, **August 10th**, we will have a special prayer service to mark her

death. The Service will begin at 7:00 PM. Come join us to honor this great woman of the Franciscan Order and the Church.

Mass of Healing and Hope

Come join us for a <u>Mass of Healing and Hope</u> the second Sunday of every month at 2 PM, at Church of the Holy Family, 185 Church St, Hebron. The next masses scheduled will be on August 14, and September 11. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ray Introvigne with a healing service following the mass led by Father Ray Introvigne and Judith Hughes. For more information contact Andrea Hoisl faithevents@norwichdiocese.net or 860-848-2237 ext. 203

**Anniversary Mass Registration** 

All Couples married 25 & 50 years or celebrating any significant anniversary are invited to attend the 2022 Silver and Golden Jubilee Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote, at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich on Sunday, October 16th at 2 PM. Registration is required. To do so, send the following information: Husband and Wife's Name, Address, Telephone Number, Wedding Date, Anniversary being celebrated and Parish to Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237 Ext 312 or email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net. The deadline for registering is September 19. This is a firm date, so please register early. Couples can also email a recent digital photo of themselves in a jpeg format to the email address to be included in a gallery on the Diocesan Website.

#### 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

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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—August 7



In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Tim Gray, joined by Dr. Ben Akers, discusses the life of St. Clare and the beauty and attractiveness of poverty.

Our Parish has a FORMED subscription! Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish



**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. CJ Kowaleski, Cash Grim, Colton Lucker, John Campbell, George Morton, Jenny Boutin, Ellen, Jackie Hinczynski, Helen Goldman, L. Butler, Glenn R. Inman.

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Mary V. Murphy, Mary C. Motyl, Ann* 

Yolles, Salvatore Mancarella, James Ĝladwin, Rafael Valentin, Jr., Shirley Rook, Mary Patricia Hertler, Floremond DeToro, Linda Stella, Mary Dickes, Domenica Lappostato, Joseph R. Sirois, Bernard Gillis, Edward Larson, Fred Rau, Vincent Amato, Frederick Kelly, Jr., Martin Hejna, Stanley Brazauskas, Elizabeth Fanska, Patricia Cook, Gayle Sardo, Stella B. Lewsniowski, Carmelina Siena, Gertrude Sheehan, Christopher Dobosz, Helena T. Counter, Millicent Holmes.

#### "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. 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!

#### New Items Needed for the General Raffle Booth

Currently, we are looking for prizes for the General Raffle.—one of the popular booths at the fair! Items must be NEW and have a minimum retail value of at least \$25 but not more than \$250. The deadline to donate to this booth is October 3, 2022. Prizes may be dropped off at the Church Friary Office.

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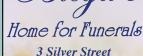
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