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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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#### **SACRAMENTS**

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

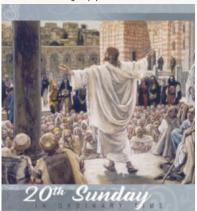
Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

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





### WELCOME TO ST. PIUS X

#### WE ARE A TITHING PARISH

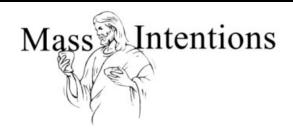
We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts with the Your community. prayers, presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself 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 13

5:00 PM Dec. Joe Allicon

Sunday, August 14

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

9:00 AM Dec. Gildo Levesque 10:30 AM Dec. Ann Loffredo 12:00 NN Dec. John T. McGrath

Monday, August 15

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

9:00 AM Dec. Walter Zawisa

Tuesday, August 16

7:00 AM

9:00 AM Dec. Gerald V. McAuliffe, Sr.

Wednesday, August 17

7:00 AM Special Intention Dastoli Family

9:00 AM Dec. Nicolo Fazzino

Thursday, August 18

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors 9:00 AM Dec. Jeffrey Delson

Friday, August 19

7:00 AM

9:00 AM Dec. Joan Barron

Saturday, August 20

9:00 AM Special Intention Andrew Berezowski

5:00 PM Dec. Nick & Polly Petrosino

Sunday, August 21

7:30 AM Dec. Leonard Bauer

9:00 AM Special Intention Andrew Berezowski

10:30 AM Dec. Robert Williams 12:00 NN Dec. Paul McMahon

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *Ann Loffredo*.





Congratulations to *Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Custard* who were recently married here at St. Pius. We wish them a lifetime of happiness together.

#### 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 6 -August 7

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Actual Sunday Offering	\$8,007·	\$9,814·
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$5,204·	<i>\$5,063</i> ·
-	\$13,211.	\$14,877·

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

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."

Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

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

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#### Talents in Service to God and Others

Pack the Pickup is this Saturday from 8 to Noon. Suggested items for donation can be found in the bulletin notice.

Readings for the week of August 14, 2022

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14b]/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40 Sat.: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12

#### August 14, 2022

Usually I preach on the Gospel and 1<sup>st</sup> feed off each other. The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading gives another option it isn't thematically linked to the Gospel or 1st reading. So here is a little something as a change of pace.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading comes from the Letter to the Hebrews. We have been reading it in sequence the last few weeks. Last week there was a meditation on Abraham as our father in faith. He went forth from his own country to a place unknown to him. He was given a promise that he would be a father of nations though he was impossibly old and Sarah, his wife, was sterile.

The writer now turns to us.He presents to us an image. There is a cloud of witnesses surrounding us- Abraham and Sarah and so many more Patriarchs and Prophets. They surround us like a crowd rooting on an athlete. We have a race to run and we are being cheered on. Take a look into the stands who are those who have always supported you in the faith- maybe there are some scriptural figures: David, Moses, I like Hosea. Another part of the stands are New Testament figures: Peter or Paul, John the beloved, or Matthew the converted tax collector, maybe a figure like Martha or Mary, Nathaniel the blunt and guileless - maybe a figure like the Samaritan woman or the man born blind. Then there are the saints. I always figured all three of the St. Martin's have a rooting interest in me. Then of course I have my Franciscans Francis and Clare, Bonaventure, Felix of Cantalice, Leopold of Mandich, Padre Pio, and Solanus. Then there are the good and holy but uncanonized members of my family: the 3 grandparents I was privileged to know as well as Martin who I was named after, my Aunt Peg who was my godmother, and my father who has always been in my corner.

We are not running the race of faith alone. God surrounds us with people who by their example and affection urge us on. Who is there rooting for your success in the contest of faith. The letter says leave every burden and sin that clings to you behind and persevere in running the race. It is easier to keep your eye on the prize when you know there is a crown of souls pulling for you. Their support is as potent as any resentment or guilt that might discourage us.

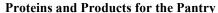
We follow a path that Jesus went before us. He met resistance, even suffering but kept his eye on the prize: the promises that lie beyond the grave. We have not yet had to face dangers to the point of shedding our blood. We can do this. He will help us do it together

20th Annual St. Pius Golf Outing
Portland Golf Course
Thursday, September 29
10:30am shotgun
\$160/per golfer

 This year's price of \$160 includes: 18 holes, cart, lunch (1 grilled item and soda), buffet dinner, goodie bag, 5 pre-filled out Raffle Tickets and all the contests: hole-in-one, longest drive M/W, closest to the pin M/W, foursome lowest gross, and putting contest

 Registration on-line at, (<u>www.saintpius.org</u>) by mail, or at the Friary office by

September 21, 2022



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.

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. 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.

#### GENERAL RAFFLE DONATION

Donation:	
Value of Donation:	 
Name and Address:	
Phone number	_

#### **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 McLaughlin, Mary-Jo Catholic Family Services \* Coordinator, 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360, call 860-848-2237 Ext 312 or email 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.



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.

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Butler, Glenn R. Inman.

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: John Martancik, Frank Lichwain, Nancy O'Brien, Eric Langille, Frank C. Wade, Kathleen O'Rourke, Linda

Crescimano, Elizabeth Lisitano, Walter Zawisa, Joan Barron, Antoinette Damboise, Barbara Poposki, Margaret M. Leonard, Gerald V. McAuliffe, Sr., Joseph Nadolny, Jr., Mary Cecchini, Joseph Allicon, Blanche Uliano, Ann Hejna, George Schenck, Kathleen M. Gustafson, John Krzeminski, Stanley Petrus, Daniel W. Wood, Lucy LaRose, Joseph Muzik, Helen Tosta, William Zarolinski, Frances C. Rutledge, Rosemarie DeGraff, Carolyn Kohs, Leonard Bauer, Warren Bilger, Daniel Mastergeorge, Helen Burns, Mary Johnson

#### 2022 ACA Update

2022 ACA update: As of July 28, 2022, Saint Pius X Parish, Middletown has donated \$43,452.26 or 73.74% of its goal, and 13.14% 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!

#### Faithfully Loved....Faithfully Remembered

Because of their great concern for the welfare of others, each year, many of our dearly departed family and friends generously supported our Annual Catholic Appeal. In honor of their devotion to the Church and all its good works, we invite you to make a donation to the 2022 ACA, *Faithfully Loved, Faithfully Remembered*, and have their name(s) listed in our Book of Remembrance. These intentions will be included in the Mass of All Souls' Day, celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote, D. D. at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Norwich on November 2, 2022, at noon. Please see the form below for further information. Thank you.

Full Name of Departed		
Your Name		
Address		
City State	Zip Code	
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Check One: Enclosed check payable to the ACA	Paid online at <u>norwichdiocesedevelopment.org</u>	

To have your departed included in the Book of Remembrance, please complete this form and donate a minimum of

\$25, either online or via a check payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal and mail to ACA, 197 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. To donate online with credit card or EFT please go to <u>norwichdiocesedevelopment.org</u>, click the DONATE button and select All Souls Donation option. All submissions with full payment must be received by October 10<sup>th</sup> and will be applied to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal. Previous donations do not qualify.



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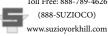
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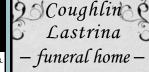
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