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& 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 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)*



## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, August 20

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

### Monday, August 22

7:00 AM Dec. Fr. Augustine Konzer, OFM Cap.  
9:00 AM Dec. Joseph Miano

### Tuesday, August 23

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors  
9:00 AM Special Intention Andrew Berezowski

### Wednesday, August 24

7:00 AM Special Intention Sarah & Pierre Descollines  
9:00 AM Dec. Ed & Dave Bogdan

### Thursday, August 25

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
9:00 AM Dec. Leo & Blanche Gregoire

### Friday, August 26

7:00 AM Book of Deceased  
9:00 AM Dec. Laurie Quinn

### Saturday, August 27

9:00 AM Dec. Beatrice McAuliffe  
5:00 PM Dec. Mary A. Scirpo

### Sunday, August 28

7:30 AM Dec. Laurie Quinn  
9:00 AM Special Intention Andrew Berezowski  
10:30 AM Dec. Laurie Quinn  
12:00 NN Dec. Aldor Girard

The *Altar Flowers* this week are donated in loving memory of **Leonard Bauer**, requested by his family.



We welcome to our parish family, **Addisyn Rylie Covello**, and congratulate her happy parents and baptism sponsors,

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Daniel McCarthy** 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 7 – August 14*

	<b>2022 - 23</b>	<b>2021 - 22</b>
<i>Actual Sunday Offering</i>	<i>\$5,813</i>	<i>\$6,589</i>
<i>Electronic Giving for the Week</i>	<i>\$4,024</i>	<i>\$4,820</i>
	<i>\$9,837</i>	<i>\$11,409</i>

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

*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30*

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

### Stewardship of Time and Talent

#### Spending Time with God in Prayer

*"Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends." - St Alphonsus Liguori*

#### Talents in Service to God and Others

Back to School is a couple of weeks away. Catechists are needed for all grade levels in our Faith Formation Program. Consider sharing your faith with the children at St. Pius.. If you would like to help teach, call the Friary Office at 860-347-4441

### Readings for the week of August 21, 2022

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30  
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

**August 21, 2022**

Holy History gets a point of focus when God audaciously picks Abraham and his descendants to receive his revelation. They are His people which means they will be drawn into His holiness.

Jesus inaugurates a new covenant- all the children of Adam can become God's children not just Jews- though Jesus is a Jew and lives that Law as do those who will carry his Gospel forward.

But Jesus points out that something bigger has begun. The prophets point to a distant future when gentiles will join the sons of Abraham. Jesus confirms that the door is open.

As holy history has unwound hostile pagan people have become followers of Christ. The hated Romans have entered in. The Irish, living at the edge of the known world converted in mass. The New World became Catholic from Northern Canadian tribes to all of Latin America. Asia has heard the Gospel and in the Philippines, it is almost taken for granted that everyone is catholic. More likely than not we are children of families whose culture has become Christian and catholic.

We can't coast home on the faith of our ancestors and parents. Jesus tells us that it is "a narrow way". The old jokes goes: "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" "Practice, practice, practice." The way is narrow because it requires practice. We aren't on the narrow way if we practice only occasionally. The mystery of the sacrifice of the Mass is too rich to only attend occasionally. Likewise, examination of conscience and making use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation draws us forward on a narrower way.

We should find time for personal prayer. Whether it be rosary, the Stations of the Cross, reflection on scripture (Lectio Divino), or quiet time with the Blessed Sacrament. There should be an element of listening- to the mysteries of the rosary, scripture, or observing the wonder of the created world. There should be an element of sharing your own heart and concerns. Finally, there should be some expression of gratitude.

We should also develop practices in terms of serving our neighbors. It might be neighborly help to those who live near us. It might be volunteering at school or in youth sports. It might be helping in the parish: liturgical ministry, crafts, feeding people at Amazing Grace, or through the Share program, or raising food in the garden for St. Vincent De Paul.

All this takes effort- being children of pious grandmothers be they Italian, or Irish, or Filipino, or Latin doesn't get us closer to God. Faith has to be practiced. The more we practice the more awesome we find it is to be God's child. As we practice, the person of Christ becomes more visible and draws us forward. It is the practices of the faith that help those who follow us to understand how they will walk the way. The Knights of Columbus talk about knights being "practical Catholics". We are called to be practical in our faith and become more and more thoroughly children of God. As we practice our faith along the narrow way, we will come to know He who is "The Way". That is a faith worth passing on.



## 20th Annual St. Pius Golf Outing

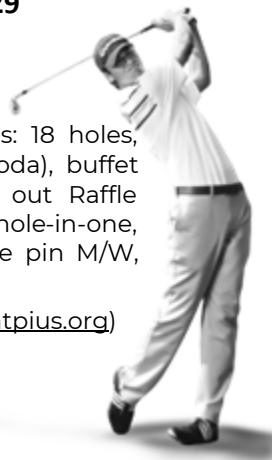
Portland Golf Course

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.
- Registration on-line at, ([www.saintpius.org](http://www.saintpius.org)) by mail, or at the Friary office by **September 21, 2022**



**"Fall...Into the Holidays Fair"**  
Please come and join us for some  
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Saturday, October 15, 2022  
9 AM – 3 PM in the Church Hall  
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There will be **Arts and Crafts, Bakes Goods,  
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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!**



**Faith Formation Registration**

We are preparing for another year of Youth Faith Formation here at St. Pius. If you wish to register for classes, the Faith Formation Office re-opens the week of August 29. Grade one is the optimal age to begin Faith Formation classes. There is a program for younger students, our optional preschool/kindergarten class meets on mornings. Students who did not begin classes in grade one can also register. We have RCIA classes for children of all ages who are either Catholic but have not attended Faith Formation or made sacraments, or who are not yet Catholic but would like to be. If you have any questions or would like to register please call Carol at the Faith Formation Office at (860)346-9100 beginning Aug. 29.

**Catechists Needed**

We are still in need of a few more catechists for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested in sharing your faith with our young parishioners, call the Faith Formation for more information at (860)346-9100! We provide training and support for all of our catechists. So whether you are newly confirmed or newly retired and are looking for a way to minister at our wonderful parish, this might be a great match for you!



**Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center**

Sacred Heart on the Lake Retreat Center, in nearby Higganum (194 Candlewood Hill Rd.) has a brand new website that highlights its many upcoming events, programs and Day Retreats, such as "THE EUCHARIST" by Bishop Robert Barron, a three part DVD series and discussion group-September 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:30 am and their OPEN HOUSE and rededication of

the outdoor Stations of the Cross, Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 11am-3pm. For more information go to their website calendar, at [www.sacredheartonthelake.org](http://www.sacredheartonthelake.org) or contact Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. retreat center director at (203) 606-9102.

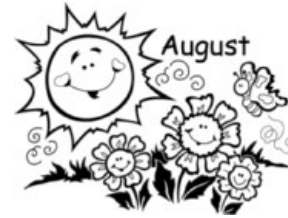
**Couples' Happy Hour**

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a virtual Couples' Happy Hour the second Friday every other month beginning September 9 from 7-8:15 P.M. Each evening will include a presentation on topics relevant to today's couples, their relationship, and families. Couples will have time to share privately on questions pertinent to the evening's topic. The program will take place online via a Webex platform. To register, call Mary-Jo McLaughlin at 860-848-2237, Ext. 312, or email her at [mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net). A link to the event will be sent out a few days prior to September 9. There is no cost to participate. Grab your favorite beverage and join other couples for an uplifting 'Couples' Happy Hour' that will inspire you and offer different perspectives about romance, relationships, and family life.

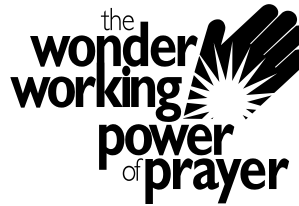


**Faithfully Loved...Faithfully Remembered**

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. To have your departed included in the Book of Remembrance, please go to [norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://norwichdiocesedevelopment.org), 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. Minimum donation is \$25.



**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, Glenn R. Inman.*

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Jane Boylan, Sharon Moore, Richard Misenti,*

*William McCann, Rita M. Robinson, William J. Franklin, Robert J. Duffy, Patricia Higgins, Kevin Palozie, Jeffrey Whitehead, Carmela Milardo, Barbara Gionfriddo, Regina Petrosky, Anna Corcoran, David Bogdan, Paul Spada, Peter Misenti, Elizabeth Osborne, Philip Armetta, Julian Kwolek, Salvatore Ranno. Mildred Rarus, Constance Kilpatrick, Margaret T. Sanford, Marcia Rankin, Florence Scanlon, Mary Scirpo, Edmund Mierz, Ann Walsh.*

**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](mailto: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.

**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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