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

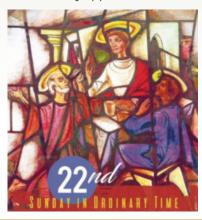
Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

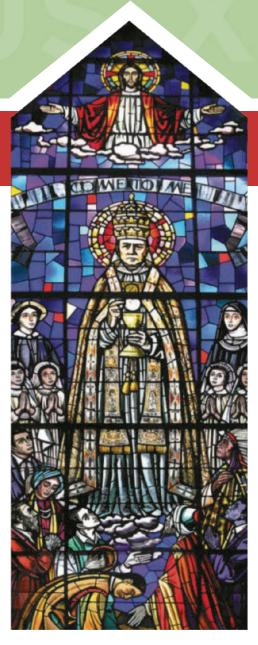
Care of the Sick: Please advise us of anyone from your family who is sick or hospitalized that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and bring the sacraments.

#### 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)

## mass Intentions 2

Saturday, August 27

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

Monday, August 29

7:00 AM Dec. Dennis Finnegan

9:00 AM Dec. Vincent & Mary Malone

Tuesday, August 30

7:00 AM Dec. Solange Debrosse 9:00 AM Dec. Stephen Hatje—16A

Wednesday, August 31

7:00 AM Special Intention Maria Fernandes &

Hayden Hurley

9:00 AM Dec. Salvatrice Amenta Colombo

Thursday, September 1

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

9:00 AM Dec. Paula Casey

Friday, September 2

7:00 AM Dec. Renato Zgraggen 9:00 AM Dec. Christopher Dobosz

Saturday, September 3

9:00 AM Dec. Stanley Bish 5:00 PM Dec. Ed & Jeanne Fultz

Sunday, September 4

7:30 AM Special Intention Andrew Berezowski

9:00 AM Dec. Antonio Porto 10:30 AM Dec. William Hart 12:00 NN Dec. Kimberly Dietz

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *Aldo Giardina* requested by his family.





#### Eucharistic Adoration—Friday Evening Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. – Matthew 11:28

Are you in need of spiritual comfort and refreshment? Come to Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction Friday, September 2 in the church from 7-8 PM for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament

#### 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 8 - August 21

2022 - 23
Actual Sunday Offering \$6,718 \$3,987
Electronic Giving for the Week \$5,167 \$4,887 \$8,874

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

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

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

Come spend some quiet time in prayer this Friday evening from 7-8 PM in the Church.

#### **Talents in Service to God and Others**

Looking to make a donation? We are in need of general raffle prizes for our upcoming Fall Fair in October. Details are in the bulletin announcemnt

Readings for the week of August 28, 2022

Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mon.: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Mk 6:17-29 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/ Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

#### 8/28/2022

Humble is a potent term. St. Francis would say that humility is recognizing who we are in God's sight, no more no less. There is another saying of more recent coinage: "God wants our best not our better than".

Jesus presents a parable about picking seats at a banquet. You can take the seat that is higher than the rest of the guests. Then discover that the host would have you take a lower seat. In turn you could take a lower seat and then be called up higher. We want to be seated where the host would have us. How that relates to the other guests is a by-product.

Sometimes people don't go to the banquet at all. The air of social competition is intimidating. We don't want to find out where we rate, and we sit out the banquet. That isn't real humility. It may be a sort of social reticence. In some way it is a way of taking social dynamics way to seriously. It is 180 degrees from social ambition but equally distorted.

We are moving toward fall and all sorts of things have their beginnings in the parish. We look for people to step up into ministries: liturgical ministries like Ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Choir Members, also Catechetical Ministries in Faith Formation for children, Rite of Cristian Initiation of Adults, Baptism and Marriage preparation, also Social Activities like helping on the Fair and Auction Committees.

It can feel presumptuous deciding that I will teach others the faith. You go to the head of the class, but real humility allows God to have his way. There is the old saying that you never really know something until you try to teach it. When we offer our time, mix what we know with the course material that is offered present it to young minds and you would be surprised what heights you will reach.

Please consider how God might make use of you. Show up at the banquet and he will find the place for you at the table



#### **Coordinator of Religious Education**

We are in the process of looking for a Coordinator of Religious Education who will supervise the pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade including the First Reconciliation and First Communion programs. Candidates should have previous experience in religious education. Academic degree or related certification is also beneficial. Computer literacy is required with proficiency in Word, Excel, and Publisher. Responsibilities will include registration, organizing class lists and schedules, helping with catechist formation, preparing for Reconciliation and First Communion as well as the administrative duties for these grade levels. Up to 40 hours

per week, 46 weeks a year. Benefits and Pension are according to diocesan policy. Candidate will need to complete background check and training required by the Diocesan Office of Safe Environments. If interested, please send resume with 3 references to: Fr Martin Curtin, St Pius X Church, 310 Westfield St., Middletown CT 06457 or email to <a href="mailto:office@saintpius.org">office@saintpius.org</a>.

#### **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!



Dear Fr. Martin and the Parishioners of St. Pius X,

Many thanks to The St. Pius X Church community for allowing our Service Clubs to hold our annual *Pack the Pick-up With Proteins and Products for the Pantry* on Saturday, August 20, 2022. Members of Altrusa International of Central CT, Civitan Club of Middletown, Soroptimist of the CT River Valley and ADK Organization came together to collect food and products for our local Amazing Grace Food Pantry and school supplies for Catholic Charities.

Together with the support of St. Pius X parishioners, 2110 pounds of food and products and monetary donations totaling \$1035 were collected. Both are an increase over last year.

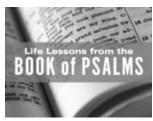
Our Clubs thank you for your community spirit and for making this such a valued event in our calendars. We hope we can collaborate with you next year.

Regards, Pat Jackowski, Chair, President Civitan Club of Middletown

#### 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) by mail, or at the Friary office by

September 21, 2022



#### **BIBLE STUDY on the PSALMS**

The Psalms have been called the songbook of the Bible. Please join us for a 10-session Bible Study on the Psalms, the one book that is read at almost every Mass. The first session is Saturday, September 10, from 10:00-12:00, and sessions will be every other Saturday in September-

October and January-March in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall. We will be using the program from Ascension Press. Participants will be asked to purchase a study guide. Please email Terry Boucher at bterryn146@aol.com with any questions. Please write "St. Pius X Bible Study" in the subject line.

National Combined Collection—September 3/4

Next weekend our parish will conduct the National Combined Collection encompassing: The Catholic Communication Campaign, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence), The Retirement Fund for Religious, and Catholic University of America which will provide the Holy Father with the funds to reach out to people suffering in our world; help religious communities care for aging members; and offer students an excellent university education grounded in Catholic intellectual tradition as

well as spread the gospel here and throughout the world. Please read the letter for the National Combined Collection by Bishop Cote included in this week's parish bulletin. Please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, or if you are unable to attend Mass please mail or deliver the envelope to your parish office by the end of September. For those using online giving, you may make your donation online. Your support of these needs of the Universal Church will truly make a difference.

#### 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, 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.

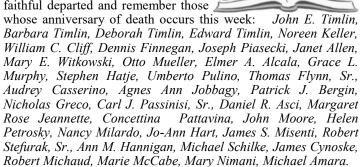


PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for the members of our parish who are suffering serious or chronic illness. Please take some time this week to remember them. If you or a member of your family would like the faith community of St. Pius to join you in prayers for special needs, contact the parish office at 860-347-4441. 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. Andrew, Kim. Helen Goldman, Hank Hallas, Elio Bacchetta, CJ Kowaleski,

Cash Grim, Colton Lucker, John Campbell, George Morton, Jenny Boutin, Ellen, Jackie Hinczynski,

Glenn R. Inman.

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will be held in the Church Saturday, September 3rd following the 9:00 am Mass. Those who make this devotions five consecutive months are promised the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death.



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

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#### **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:	 
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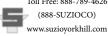
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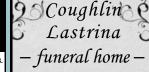
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