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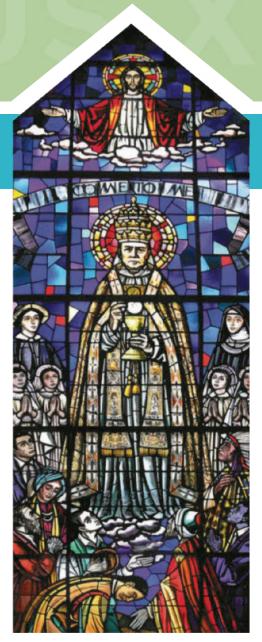
Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

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



Saturday, September 3

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

Monday, September 5

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Tuesday, September 6

7:00 AM Special Intention Megan Kane

9:00 AM Special Intention Leslie & Richard Fernandes

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 AM Special Intention Descollines Family

9:00 AM Dec. Mary & John Thomas

Thursday, September 8

7:00 AM Dec. Lanette Petrie 9:00 AM Dec. Frank Bogdan

Friday, September 9

7:00 AM Dec. Alice Sheehan 9:00 AM Dec. Donald Pehota

Saturday, September 10

9:00 AM Dec. Eileen Kelly 5:00 PM Dec. Genie Dypa

Sunday, September 11

7:30 AM Capuchin Benefactors

9:00 AM

10:30 AM Dec. Phillip DesJardins 12:00 NN Dec. Laurie Ann Quinn



Monday, September 5, Labor Day, there will be one Mass celebrated at 9 AM. The Friary Office will be closed.

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *most beloved parents*, *Salvatore J. & Mary A. Scirpo*, from Angela





Best wishes to *Mr. & Mrs. Logan LeBlanc* who were recently married here at St. Pius. May God bless them with many years 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 9 -August 28

2022 - 23
Actual Sunday Offering \$6,926 \$7,676 Electronic Giving for the Week \$3,533 \$3,478 \$11.154

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

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

Have you always thought about singing in the choir? Now is the time! You are not required to read music but must be able to sing "on key" The 1st Choir Rehearsal of the season is this Thursday at 7 PM in the Loft. All are welcome!

Readings for the week of September 4, 2022

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17/Phlm 9-10,

12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26 Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18

-23 or 1:18-23

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49

September 4, 2022

The plans that God has for us involve sacrifice. He didn't make us so that we would go into survival mode avoiding risk. In the Gospel Jesus teaches us that we are going to have to pick up a cross if we are going to follow Him, if we are going to join Him on his way. The cross was a grim instrument of the Roman Empire used to crush resistance. The slave revolt of Spartacus ended with something like 20,000 people hung on crosses along the Appian Way and other main roads into Rome. In Jesus time there was no doubt that the cross meant death. But Christ transformed it into an image of sacrifice - a holy self-giving. The teaching confronts us with the question what is my cross? - what is my sacrifice?

I don't know about you but early on I was convinced that I was destined to great things. In third grade we learned how to knit. Everyone would knit a little something. In those days it was particularly cool to have a knit cap or ski cap that was 2 feet long so it could fly behind you. (Snoopy had that sort of hat when he ice skates in "Peanuts"). I found a circular needle in my mom's knitting bag. Maybe someone told me that yarn stretches the more you work it, maybe I didn't listen, my cap could have fit over the head of an Easter Island statue. In fourth grade it was making a cake - my first one would be in the shape of a castle-the frosting was too stiff, and I tore the cake apart when I tried to spread it.

Jesus reminds us that our self-sacrifice should be reflective. We may be asked to make a sacrifice but like a builder and his tower to do an inventory first of what we have or have not. Sometimes we see a chance to do something holy, something involving a sacrifice. But it won't come together. Sometimes relationships need to develop, and some maturation takes place before God draws people into marriage vows. Sometimes children come more slowly, and parenthood has a delayed fuse. Friends of mine were surprised how long it took to enter the Capuchins- 2 years, then 6 years before ordination.

In the first book of wisdom it reminds us that God's plans for us are shrouded in mystery. Things may seem daunting but that doesn't mean God won't work with us on the way. We have to do our best to examine our resources- those within ourselves; things like skills or gifts, also the strengths that are in relationships, and material resources. Nothing will be wasted but everything will eventually be asked of us. Christ asks us to follow Him, and our Way of the Cross will unfold.



Coordinator of Religious Education



We are in the process of looking for a Coordinator of Religious Education who will supervise the pre-K through 5th 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 office@saintpius.org.

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 has re-opened. 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.

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!



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 9 in the church from 7-8 PM for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament

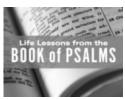
Come Pray the Rosary

Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners Sunday, **September 11 at 4 PM** to pray the rosary together for healing, purification and reconciliation



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.

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, (<u>www.saintpius.org</u>) by mail, or at the Friary office by Sept 21



appreciated.

The St. Pius X Choir Rehearsal begins this Thursday!

The St. Pius X Choir sings on Sundays at the 10:30 AM Mass and occasionally for other special

liturgies. Rehearsals for the autumn, Advent and Christmas seasons begin on Thursday September 8th from 7-8:30 pm in the loft. All interested parishioners of high school age and above are encouraged to join the group and attend rehearsals on Thursdays. New Members are not required to read music but must be able to sing "on key" after some practice. Consider attending a few rehearsals to see if your like it. An audition is not required.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Vincent de Paul Service Day—October 2 Details on items and people needed will be in next week's bulletin

National Combined Collection—September 3/4

Today we will conduct the National Combined Collection (NCC) which benefits: The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Annual Appeal for the Holy Father, The Catholic Communication Campaign, and Catholic University of America. Please support our aging religious, join our Holy Father in charitable efforts to assist victims of war, oppression, natural disasters, and others most in need, connect people with Christ through communication resources, and help provide a Catholic based education to university students. Your generous support is greatly

Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection

This Sept 10/11 the Annual Catholic Elementary School Collection will be conducted throughout the Diocese. Appropriately titled, *Faith for the Future*, the collection recognizes that our future truly do belong to the children we are educating in our schools today. Thank you in advance for your generosity

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 10th 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. *John Czuba*,



Jr., 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 whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Concettina Magnano, Eugene

A. LaBarge, Jennie Maselli, Gerard Lamoureux, Mary Regina Smith, Edith D. Alexander, Steven Eimutis, Raymond J. Wilson, Sr., Eugene Raffile, Sr., Joan Barbara Fillion, Adelene Ryan, Albert Gagnon, Jean-Paul Mangini, Helen Rembis, John Murphy, Sophie T. Dionne, Beverley Genovesio, Mary Malone, Karen Peddle, John F. Rood, Mafalda Nanfito, Thomas Kriwacki, Margaret Rau, Thomas F. Dunn, Adelaide Gallagher, Margaret Rutledge, David Murphy.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be gathering on Saturday, September 10th, 10-11:30am, in the Friary Conference Room. Members are reminded to bring our Opening Unity Prayer and a Closing Prayer to share, as well as any current projects you are working on. Donations of clean completed lapphans, white baptismal blankets, hats, scarves & mittens will be accepted for our ongoing projects. New members are always welcome. Any questions please contact Ginny Delaney at (860) 788-6599.

"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, Baked 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

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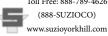
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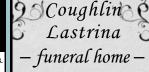
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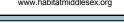


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