ST. PIUS

310 WESTFIELD STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT 06457





FIND & LIKE US ON FACEBOOK WWW.SAINTPIUS.ORG

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.

FRIARY OFFICE

P: (860) 347-4441 F: (860) 347-3001

Office Hours:

Sun: 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Mon-Fri: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Sat: 9:30 am - 6:30 pm

FAITH FORMATION CENTER

(860) 346-9100

STAFF

Rev. Martin Curtin, OFM Cap. Pastor

Rev. Ernest Bedard, OFM Cap. Parochial Vicar

Kathy Lampron

Administrative Assistant

Peggy Wichowski

Receptionist

David Rogalski

Supervisor of Maintenance

Kimberly Molski

CRE (Pre K - Grade 5)

Carol Butler

CRE (Grade 6 - Confirmation)

Andrew Berezowski Michelle Donahue **Gail Saltus**

Music Ministry

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.

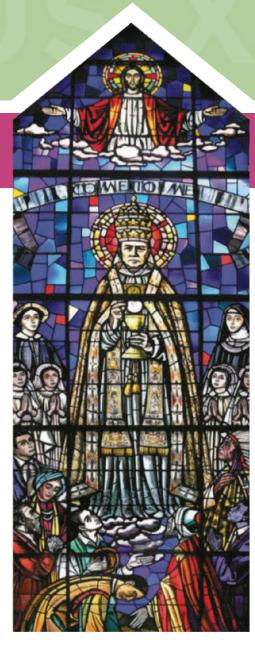
Care of the Sick: Please advise us of anyone from your family who is sick or hospitalized that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and bring the sacraments.

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, 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



Sunday, September 11

7:30 AM Capuchin Benefactors
9:00 AM Living and Deceased Victims
of the 9/11 terrorist attacks
10:30 AM Dec. Phillip DesJardins
12:00 NN Dec. Laurie Ann Quinn

Monday, September 12

7:00 AM Special Intention Bernadette Maune 9:00 AM Dec. Maria Antognini

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 AM Dec. Fr. Stephen Raughter, OFM Cap. 9:00 AM Special Intention Christopher Cataldi

Wednesday, September 14

7:00 AM Special Intention Donnelle Brooke 9:00 AM Dec. James Allen

Thursday, September 15

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners 9:00 AM Dec. Russo Family & Del Hendricks

Friday, September 16

7:00 AM Special Intention Gabe DiMartino 9:00 AM Dec. Patricia McAuliffe

Saturday, September 17

9:00 AM Dec. Laurie Quinn 5:00 PM Dec. Margaret Gauvin

Sunday, September 18

7:30 AM Dec. Angelo& Vincenza Tillotta
Dec. John & Laura Ravizza
9:00 AM Dec. Anthony Colavito
10:30 AM Dec. William Hart
12:00 NN Dec. Sebastian Giuliano

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of *Jeff Smith*.



We welcome to our parish family, *Kala Zaelle Leger*, and congratulate her happy parents and baptism sponsors,

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



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 10 —September 4

2022 - 23 Actual Sunday Offering \$7,138 \cdot \$8,616 \cdot Electronic Giving for the Week \$4,804 \\
\$11,942 \cdot \$14,990 \cdot \$14,990

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

Stewardship of Time and Talent Spending Time with God in Prayer

Consider joining us as we pray the Rosary Today at 4 pm
Talents in Service to God and Others

Do you have event planning skills? If so, the Auction Committee could use your help. Please see the bulletin notice to find out how you can help and join us for a Meet and Greet with Wine and Cheese on the 27th.

Readings for the week of September 11, 2022 Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-

17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Pius X has a reputation of being a "welcoming "parish. When I speak with newly registering parishioners a fair number if not a majority will mention that spirit of welcome. Not long after I arrived, I had a burial at St. Sebastian's cemetery and a funeral director clued me in. "St. Pius has always been a bit different. It is not a national parish- you have always taken anyone." It is a good reputation to have we are welcoming people. Sometimes I wonder though if the bar is pretty low. We are courteous and nice. We do some chatting after Mass outside or in the vestibule and that models a sense of community.

I have been thinking and praying trying to read the signs of the times. The time of the pandemic has had its impact. People have not all come back to being active, practicing Catholics. I think we are down about 20% or so in attendance- and naturally enough also in the collection. A year ago, things were bouncing back, and the curve was trending toward a full return- then new variants appeared and things have leveled off.

I think about Fr. Walter O'Brien OFM Cap, who was the founding pastor of the parish. He didn't wait for folks to come and then treat them hospitably. He took the initiative and went out to folk's homes asked people to come. I think it is the season to do more reaching out. There was a poster out when I was in college: there were two vultures on a scraggly dead tree in a desert waste. One says to the other, "Patience my tail feathers. I am going to kill something". Sometimes we wait for things to ripen and drop from the tree. Sometimes something more proactive is required.

I am going to start keeping a Eucharistic Holy Hour for the parish each week. I also am committing 2-3 hours a week to phone calls and / or face to face meetings. When the angel announces to Mary that she will give birth to the Messiah, the Son of God, he tells her "All things are possible with God". Then he tells her about her cousin Elizabeth who was thought to be sterile is now with child. Mary is inspired to visit-something amazing has just started to grow in her as she sets out. When Mary greets her the baby in Elizabeth's womb leaps. What is deep in Mary calls to the best and deepest of Elizabeth and Mary sings her Magnificat of the wonder of the encounter.

Reaching out helps us to come to understand what gifts we have been given deep within. Our reaching out stirs the best within others, maybe spiritual hungers and hidden gifts that ache to be recognized. I think we would do well to have a fair size group committed to visiting first our own parishioners, then see what the Spirit teaches us as to following up.



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 have begun on Thursday evenings from 7-Choir Rehearsal 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.

Faith Formation Registration

We are preparing for another year of Youth Faith Formation here at St. Pius. 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 Sunday 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!

Reminder Parent Candidate Confirmation meeting Sunday, September 18, 2022 in the parish hall. Year-One 2:00 pm—3:00 pm Year-Two 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

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 Sept 21

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.



<u>Auction Committee Meet & Greet</u> <u>w/Wine and Cheese</u>

Fellow parishioners, we are looking for your help to take our parish auction to the next level!! Covid has brought on an interesting opportunity for us. Historically the auction was held in person... covid forced us to try a full time virtual model. While this virtual model was very effective,

feedback is that people miss the in person experience. Our goal....to do BOTH! But we need YOUR help! If you want to learn more about positions available please come to our information session. Our committee likes to have fun while working on this great endeavor and we'd love to add to our group. Commitment is approximately 2 hours per month from September through December, and 4 hours per month January through March, summers off!! Positions we are looking for...

Future Auction Chairperson – are you interested in leadership development? This would look great potentially on a work resume! **Web Administrator** – we are looking for someone to get very familiar with our Auctria technology and help us maintain the website for future auction events

Party Planning – we need help with organizing a live event...food planning, beverage planning, setup help etc.

Donation Support – we could use help contacting local businesses to acquire more donations for the upcoming auction

General Committee support – Interested in doing a little bit of everything? Just join our committee and help where you can!

SAVE THE DATE! St. Vincent de Paul Service Day October 2

We will be partnering with Congregation Adath Israel to provide this meal. Items needed: jarred sauce, ziti, frozen meatballs, Italian bread, butter. Please contact Janet Maune 860-833-1185, if you would like to volunteer or can provide an item so I will know what will need to be purchased. Thank You!

"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 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

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



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: Raymond Gomez, Saveria D'Apice, Mario Bartolotta, Janet Ranno, Elizabeth McCabe, Everett Scott, Peter J. Lee, John Gibbons, Claire Linlaw, Marshall Ian Kearney, Henry Sheehan, Rose Randazzo, William J. Kania, Jr. Phillip DesJardins, Salvatore Spada, Mary Fistola, Josephine Bankowski, John J. Lonergan, Domenic Pasculano, Jeffrey Smith, James Allen, Eda Riordan, Francis Scalia, Jacob Otfinoski, George Delaney, Pauline Rafftery, Fred Franco, Reva Chafin, Dr. John F. Kelly, Warren D. Miller, Louis P. Cotrone, Jr., Donald Calarco, Eleanor King, Mary Buccilli

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. We truly appreciate your support. All monies collected in the Middletown Deanery shall be given directly to St.

John Paull II School Thank you for helping to ensure the continued success of SJPII. Please make checks out to *Saint John Paul II School*

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

BUY TICKETS ONLINE www.ctcatholicmen.org

Doors open 7:30am and the event concludes with the Vigil Mass

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.



(860) 558-9740

75 Berlin Rd, Suite 104 Cromwell, CT 06416

barbara@puorrorealtygroup.com www.puorrorealtygroup.com

- "Taking You Beyond the Expected"
- · Committed to a successful outcome for all clients
- In depth knowledge of local markets and latest real estate topics
- Listens to needs & communicates effectively

BARBARA PUORRO

Broker/Owner, ABR, Accredited Home Stager, CDPE, MRP, SFR, SRES



Owner: Robert Gallitto 146 Sisk Street Middletown, CT 06457 Phone: 860-344-1206 Cell: 860-398-0091



FREE AD DESIGN

WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE

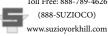
🖺 CALL 800.477.4574

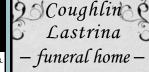
CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Property Maintenance Retaining Walls • Sidewalks Excavation Work • Snow Removal "Every Job Done To Perfection"

York Hill Trap Rock L. Suzio Concrete L. Suzio Asphalt L. Suzio Construction

Leading Connecticut Construction since 1898 Plants in Meriden, Wallingford, New Haven, Milford and Derby Main Number: 203-237-8421 Toll Free: 888-789-4626





Director: Sebastian Lastrina 860-346-5439

491 High Street Middletown, CT R INSURANCE GROUP, INC. Vincent A. Stifano III, CPCU, CIC

BUSINESS • HOME • AUTO LIFE • GROUP

203-754-3156 • 1-800-742-0039

Fax: 203-754-7927

VAL-U LAND SERVICES LLC

COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL "Service With Pride"

Property maintenance including lawn care, plantings & shrub removal Snow plowing and ice management Fully Insured

Family Owned and Operated (H) 860-347-6331 (C) 860-209-0956

Victor Loffredo (Owner)

ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary Fire Safety
 - Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

SafeStreets

833-287-3502

CT BEVERAGE

955 WASHINGTON STREET 860-347-1624 www.ctbeverage.com

ROOFING - SIDING - WINDOWS

TURNER & SONS

Serving Middlesex County With Beauty · Quality · Responsibility **Since 1956**

860-346-7405 "Havden" Turner

www.TurnerandSonsllc.com



860-346-1055

1064 Boston Post Road (Rte 1) Milford • 203-878-5680 Banquet Room Available eakfast, Lunch, & Dinner *Always Served* Great Food, *All The Time* • OPEN 24/7

860-346-2272

Athenian

Your Hosts: The Daoutis Family AthenianDiners.com

GROW YOUR BUSINESS

CT. Lic# 624984

BY PLACING AN AD HERE!

Contact Karen Gionet to place an ad today! kgionet@4LPi.com or (800) 888-4574 x3321





"Middlesex County's Largest & Finest Collision Shop"

Since 1953 Family Owned & Operated 590 Washington St., Middletown, CT victorautobodyworks.com

T: (860) 346-8800 F: (860) 344-0130





CROMWELL FUNERAL HOME

506 Main St., Cromwell, CT 860-346-6464

www.doolittlefuneralservice.com Serving the living since 1816"

E'RE HIRING

BE YOURSELF BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits Serve Your Community









CHRISTIAN PLUMMER | Owner **LAWN CARE** Fertilization · Planting Patios · Walkways

Design · Snow Removal 730 East Street, Middletown, CT 06457 860.632.0007 (ph.) • 860.632.7762 (fax) B-2266/HIC 571174

386 Main Street Middletown, CT 06457 Office: 860-894-2839

Dale R. Aldieri. CFP ALDIERI FINANCIAL SERVICES

Financial Planning / Tax Preparation

E-mail: dale_aldieri@aldierifs.com

Fuel Oil • Sheet Metal

Boilers • Central A/C

Furnaces

860-342-4510

BOB'S SERVICE LLC

COMPLETE **AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE REPAIRS & TOWING**

860-346-5391

711 MAIN STREET **MIDDLETOWN**

Annette Willis

DR. NICOLE CAMBRIA, D.M.D.

and DR. DENNIS CAMBRIA, D.D.S. **Daughter/Father Team Providing Family** & Cosmetic Dental Care For All Ages

- · Cosmetic Fillings · Zoom Whitening ·
 - · Crowns & Bridges ·
 - · Periodontal Therapy ·
 - · Implants · Dentures ·



85 CHURCH ST. • MIDDLETOWN • 860-344-0004

Middletown TOYOTA

les - Service - Parts - Rental - Body Sho 634 Newfield Street, Middletown
Sales M-Th 9:00 -7:00 F 9:00 - 6:00 Sat 9:00 - 6:00
Service M - Th 7:00 - 6:00 F 7:00 - 5:30 Sat 7:00 - 2:00
www.MiddletownToyota.com

Serving the Community for over 33 yea

Let us help you love your kitchen, love your bath and love your home Fully customized cabinets and closets. American made semi-custom manufactured cabinets for kitchen, bath, office and elsewhere **CHRISTINE & MARTIN GERNDT**

SHOWROOM: 345 North Main St., Marlborough

860-295-0304 www.heartwoodcab.com

HEATING



Real Estate

Probate

6 Way Road, Middlefield



Attorneywillis@netzero.net

ReStore

Habitat for Humanity thrift store. 34 Shunpike Rd - Cromwell, CT 860-788-6483

A Brush With Kindness

Habitat for Humanity's home repair program. To know if you're eligible, call 860-343-9179 or visit www.habitatmiddlesex.org



RIVER VALLEY OIL SERVICE

Propane • Heating Air Conditioning • Installation **Fuel Delivery • Services**

860.342.5670

860.398.3317

Serving Middlesex and Surrounding Areas

Over 30 Years of Experience

310 South Main St. Middletown, CT 06457

CT LICENSE #S1-387499 rivervalleyoilservice@gmail.com

www.rivervalleyos.com

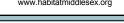


Go with the crown we'll never let you down!

Residential Roofing

monarchroofingct.com

(860) 262-4673





Residential · Commercial · Industrial Free Estimates • Insured Carl Magnano, President Lic# P1-0204429 | S3-308586 10-A Stack St., Middletown, CT 06457 860-344-8147 Email: csmags@comcast.net

THIS SPACE IS



7 BELAIRE TERRACE, PORTLAND, CT Billing 860-342-1506 tsheating@sbcglobal.net CT License #390378 S1

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



St. John Paul II

Regional Catholic School 87 S. Main St., Middletown, CT

860.347.2978

office@jpii.org jpii.eduk12.net



CREATOR STUDIO



