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Holy Days: Please see

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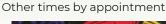
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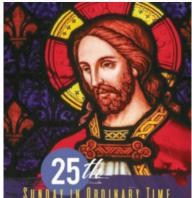
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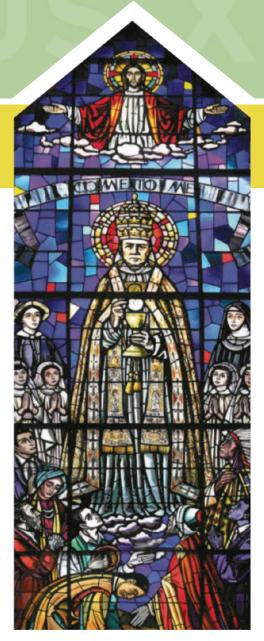
Care of the Sick: Please advise us of anyone from your family who is sick or hospitalized that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and bring the sacraments.

Reconciliation:

Saturdays at 3:30 - 4:30 pm Thursdays before First Fridays at 4:00 - 4:30 pm







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, September 17

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

Monday, September 19

7:00 AM Dec. Joan Barron 9:00 AM Dec. Robert Grasso

Tuesday, September 20

7:00 AM Special Intention Annie DiMartino 9:00 AM Dec. Daigle & Flechner Families

Wednesday, September 21

Special Intention Fr. McGinnity 7:00 AM

9:00 AM Dec. Ritta Ballesteros

Thursday, September 22

Dec. Antoinette Dahn 7:00 AM 9:00 AM Dec. Geoffrey Story

Friday, September 23

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners 9:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano

Saturday, September 24

Dec. Felix, Sr., Evelyn, Karen, Nancy Sheehan 9:00 AM 5:00 PM Dec. Anne & Thomas Kennedy

Sunday, September 25

7:30 AM Religious in Purgatory Dec. William C. Donahue, Jr. 9:00 AM

10:30 AM Dec. Lucy & Janice Devin 12:00 NN Dec. Patricia McAuliffe

The Altar Flowers this week are donated in loving memory of Anthony Colavito.



Readings for the week of September 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or

16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18 Tues.: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thurs.: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk

9:43b-4

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 11 - September 11

<u> </u>	2022 - 23	<i>2021 - 22</i>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$8,077.	\$7,815·
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$6,265·	\$5,722·
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"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

Stewardship of Time and Talent Spending Time with God in Prayer

Bible Study on the Book of Psalms is on Saturday at 10 am in the Hall. Please join us!

Talents in Service to God and Others

"Fall ...Into The Holidays" Fair is right around the corner. General Raffle Prizes are needed for the Raffle Booth. Your support to this fundraiser will help make this years' fair a success.



Prayers and gratitude, thanksgiving and blessings for the Youth Faith Formation Catechists who will be sharing the faith with our youth this 2022-2023 school year. Melinda Gladden, Victoria Arroyo, Rose Kuhl, Jenny Dreschler, Chris LaBonia, Elizabeth Bitel, Emma Klein, Braydan Santagata, Amanda Avery, Katie Pek, Natalie Nawrot, Michelle

Sanchez, Janet Maune, Frank Inferrera. Theresa Capozziello, Caprai Nordquest, Jane Sesta, Amy Tensbrunsel, Melissa Placenza, Wendy Alvarado, Laura Flanagan, Roselani Ferguson, Jessica Valentin, Heather Radziewicz, Sharon O'Reilly, French Lewis, Karen Sambor, Stacy Dickson.

9/18/2022

Paradise Lost by John Milton is a classic work. It isn't easy for us modern types with an intensely poetic style and loads of analogies and old timey language but there is a genius to it. Milton has a way of giving each character their own voice that is familiar. Most folks are familiar with the famous quote Milton attributes to Satan: "Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven". People can identify with the attitude- Milton has them, "you just joined the side of the demons- you have their attitude".

The first Chapter deals with the War against heaven and the devils being cast down to Hell. They then build a city for themselves- a headquarter in Hell called Pandemonium. They then have a gathering to discuss what to do next: should they fight God and the angels again, should they apologize and throw themselves on the mercy of God, should they make the best of where they are. Different devils speak representing different perspective- Moloch the Idol who requires human sacrifice is all for fighting even if they can't win as long as they can wound their enemy and make them suffer. Belial the idol associated with sloth argues that war is a lot of work for little gain and better not risk losing. Mammon- the fellow from todays Gospel- has his eyes down looking for anything valuable there might be on the ground. Mammon says there is no profit in war but if we get lesser devils to do the digging there is apt to be gems and precious metals. Last to speak and in the 2nd in command to Lucifer-Beelzebub- he heard a rumor that God is going to create a new world with a new creature to lead it- a human being- not angelic. Corrupting the human and dwelling in the new world is the best plan.

In the Gospel Jesus warns that you can't worship God and Mammon. When we compete economically with our eyes focused in only on profit, when we get caught thinking of cost and gain at the expense of principle, if we choose our relationships based on those who are economic winners and distance ourselves from the poor and the failing, when we do these things Mammon is making us his own. When Jesus has his way with us money becomes the servant to our principles. We will work and get paid, we will buy and sell but with our eyes up- we will see our brothers and sisters. We will take risks when the purpose is powerful enough. We will trust in something more than what we can control ourselves. It is a freer form of life and who wants to go to Hell anyway.

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Diocese of Norwich, Office of the Bishop, 201 Broadway, Norwich, Connecticut 06360— September 2022

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every year on the third weekend in September we celebrate Catechetical Sunday in our diocese and across the nation. The theme for this year's celebration on, September 18, 2022, is: "This is my body given for you" and those whom the parish community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be recognized and commissioned for their ministry.

On this Catechetical Sunday, I first acknowledge the essential role of parents as the primary educators of their children. Children learn about the faith, as well as the values of dignity and respect for others by watching and imitating the actions and beliefs of their parents. We have all navigated our way through a pandemic and it has called all of us, parents especially, to face many challenges. Through faith and with hope, we have overcome many obstacles and face new challenges that will occur as we move forward together in faith. In addition, our Catechists share this role of educating our young people in our parishes. May their efforts help enlighten our children to

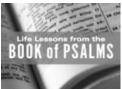
In addition, our Catechists share this role of educating our young people in our parishes. May their efforts help enlighten our children to know God's love for them and to appreciate the unique manner in which He created them. Mindful of my role as Chief Catechist of the Diocese of Norwich, I want to express my deep gratitude to those who have been designated by their communities to serve in this important role.

Catechetical Sunday likewise presents a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect on the role to which each of us is called by virtue of Baptism, to hand on the faith to the next generation of believers and to be witnesses to the Gospel.

"The privileged place of catechesis is precisely the Eucharistic celebration, where brothers and sisters come together to discover more and more the different ways of God's presence in their lives."

-Pope Francis

In closing, I call on each of us to celebrate this Catechetical Sunday as an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the mission of preaching and giving witness to the enduring truth of the Gospel to all those we meet through our daily actions. Sincerely yours in Christ, *Michael R. Cote*, Bishop of Norwich



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 next session is Saturday, September 24, 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.

OUR MASS BOOK for 2023 will be available for scheduling Masses beginning this Monday, September 19. To schedule Masses, please stop by the Friary Office, Monday thru Friday from 9:00 – 4:00 pm. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. Because of the availability of Masses, we are limiting the number of Sunday (including the Saturday Vigil) Masses to 6 per year.

20th Annual St. Pius Golf Outing Thursday, September 29 - 10:30am shotgun Portland Golf Course

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

Faith Formation News



Classes starting next Sunday—September 25. If you have not registered or have any questions please call Carol at the Faith Formation Office 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

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. 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.

Auction Committee Meet & Greet w/Wine and Cheese Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 in the Hall

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!

**If interested in attending please RSVP directly with Enzo Dastoli at VDastoli1@gmail.com or by phone 860-680-2879. RSVP will help with food and drink quantity. Walk-Ins also encouraged!

HELLO FALL



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. Theresa Davis & daughter, Cindy Cote, John Czuba, Jr., Andrew, Helen Goldman, Hank Hallas, Elio Bacchetta, CJ Kowaleski, Cash Grim, Colton Lucker, John Campbell, Glenn R. Inman.

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: Lisa Bertuglia, Mary Dunn, Janice Gould, Frank J. Tarallo, Catherine Piscitello, Dominic Ruffino, Maria Lamar, Nancy Flannigan, Selina Manemeit, Anthony Colavito, Evelyn Murphy, Frederick J. Linn, Eugene Berry, Jane C. Constantine, Anna J. Callan, Rosario Robert Grasso, Walter Mordes, Margaret Gauvin, George Petino, Kathleen Linares, William Lynch, Anthony Galanto, Elizabeth M. Harris, Santina Coughlin, Patrick Colavito, Sebastian Misenti, Angelo Tillotta, Joseph Hemingway, Ritta Ballesteros, J. Franklyn Dunn, Chester M. Helstosky, Josephine Magnano, Samuel Krekian, Edward Albrecht, Karl Poglitsch, Paul Kriwacki, Mary Ruimerman, Joseph Callinan, Joan M. Rixon, Lucy Starzec, Marion D. Rybczyk, James Cronin

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

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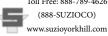
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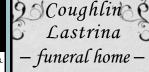
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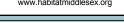


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