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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, September 24

5:00 PM Dec. Anne & Thomas Kennedy

### Sunday, September 25

7:30 AM Religious in Purgatory  
9:00 AM Dec. William C. Donahue, Jr.  
10:30 AM Dec. Lucy & Janice Devin  
12:00 NN Dec. Patricia McAuliffe

### Monday, September 26

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors  
9:00 AM Dec. James E. McAuliffe, Jr.

### Tuesday, September 27

7:00 AM Book of Deceased  
9:00 AM Dec. Tom Olszewski

### Wednesday, September 28

7:00 AM Special Intention Fr. Gandreau  
9:00 AM Dec. Cecilia Mezger

### Thursday, September 29

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners  
9:00 AM Special Intention

### Friday, September 30

7:00 AM Special Intention Wayne Cross  
9:00 AM Special Intention

### Saturday, October 1

9:00 AM Dec. Jerome Speight  
5:00 PM Special Intention Wayne Cross

### Sunday, October 2

7:30 AM Dec. Elizabeth & Henry Sheehan  
9:00 AM Dec. Boni Dean  
10:30 AM Dec. Christina Maine Guerin—1A  
12:00 NN Dec. Patricia Gallivan

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of **Joanna Fortin**.



Transitus  
(Passing into Eternity)  
of St. Francis of Assisi.  
Monday October 3rd at 7 PM

### 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 12 —September 18

	2022 - 23	2021 - 22
Actual Sunday Offering	\$7,436	\$6,672
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$4,110	\$4,240
	\$11,546	\$10,912

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

*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26*

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

### Stewardship of Time and Talent

#### Spending Time with God in Prayer

Practice "prayer breaks" during the day—pausing for a few moments of prayer each hour.

#### Talents in Service to God and Others

"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." -Mother Teresa

### Readings for the week of September 25, 2022

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31  
Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 24, 2022

Here it is. On Thursday last week I woke up with pain in my ankle- something like I had had in Early August with the gout. Then I slowly started feeling lightheaded. It was the feast of the Sorrowful Then God's good people called the EMT's. My blood pressure was truly elevated. So they took me away. As they were working on me I could hear the prayers in the church. I went to Middlesex then went on to St. Francis. The blood pressure was not going down and the EKG showed an anomaly that was minor but weren't sure it was chronic or a sign of a recent acute problem. I was observed for a couple days, there wasn't a lot of eating waiting on tests. And sleeping is a little thinner what with regular pokes for blood and squeezes for blood pressure checks, and getting hooked up for EKGs'. In the end they hit on a series of high blood pressures medications. The heart is strong and good, but I don't have to tell you people that.

Obedience and humility go hand and hand. It is hard not to be humble when you have to publicly stop and then get carted away. You don't gain back your pride having to wear an outfit that covers the front but leaves the back open. In medical language they talk about the "compliant " patient. DO you do what the doctor tells you? I heard that in general, 50% of people are fully compliant: taking medicines the way they prescribed, sticking to the recommended diet, going to doctors on a regular schedule. Folks would rather try to gut it out and hope no one notices, or resolve it ourselves without getting anyone else including medical personnel involved. It is a certain sort of pride.

As friars we have not always been the paragons of compliance or obedience, Until the end of the 1980's we did not have centralized medical records. It may seem a bit of a stereotype but as a community of men with no spouses to serve as a sort of healthcare conscience chirping in our ears. We went to doctors inconsistently. And we died earlier than the general male population by 10 years or more. Friars ignored the signs, rubbed some dirt in it, hid their weakness and illness, no one needed to make a fuss. Now we have a healthcare coordinator. We get reminded- maybe harassed to do regular checkups, arrange for new doctors when we move. Now friars live into their 80's with regularity.

I don't know that I can guarantee you that I will be always humble and obedient, hopefully more or less compliant. It is a grace and a gift from God to get past the pride that resists being helped, that rejects sympathy as a form of pity even condescension. But God slowly but surely draws us into a humbling path that is meant to set us free from prayer and become strong enough to receive the help we are offered. May God make us all humble and obedient.



### **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](mailto:VDastoli1@gmail.com) or by phone 860-680-2879. RSVP will help with food and drink quantity. Walk-Ins also encouraged!

### ***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.





**Faith Formation News**

Classes starting Sunday—September 25. If you have not registered or have any questions please call Carol at the Faith Formation Office at (860) 346-9100.

**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. 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](mailto:office@saintpius.org).



**Blessing of Animals  
Sunday, October 2 - 1:30pm**

The Blessing of Animals will take place on the lawn near the parish office. For everyone's safety, please be sure to bring the appropriate restraint for your pet.

**Come Pray the Rosary**

Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners Sunday, **October 2 at 4 PM** to pray the rosary together for healing, purification and reconciliation



**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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September

**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. *Gabby, Emily, Lily Vartanian, Carolyn & Ernie Garofoli, Leonard Bauer, Jr.*



*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:

*Stella Bochnik, Lionel Boudreau, Harry J. Daly, Jon S. Bevis, Laura Ravizza, Sal Marino, Salvatore Ranno, Theodora Ahrens, Sebastian Fazzino, Alma Thaxter, Antonina Cherubino, Hope Elizabeth Cardello, Fred Houston, Emma Steffens, Ann Esposito, Angeline Matteo, Carl O. Manemeit, Margaret Ficker, Louis Annino, Philomena D'Amato, John W. Broderick, Susan G. Cahill, Martin C. Earley, Angela Tyrseck, Marie Stewart, Neil Cannata, Marjorie Charest, Edward P. Cosgrove, Jr., Lydia Ellen DeRita, Priscilla Zawisza, Lee Virginia Forline, Helen Crandall, Stephanie Archer, Debbie Gibbons, Edwin J. Lasak, Margaret Petruso, Rene Letousneau, Bonita Dean, Gertrude Gagnon, Kevin Donsbough*

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will be held in the Church **Saturday, October 1st** 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.



**The Rite of Rededication  
of Saint John the Evangelist Church**

(The Mother Church of the Diocese of Norwich), Middletown October 1, 2022 Mass at 4 PM Celebrated by Bishop Michael R. Cote.

**Safe Environments Abuse Prevention Training**

In the Diocese of Norwich, all volunteers who have regular contact with minors, all employees, all clergy, and all religious, are required to complete safe environments training. This training is monitored by the **Office for Safe Environments (OSE)**. In addition, this training is also available to any parishioner, or parent of a parochial school child, regardless of whether or not they wish to volunteer at their parish or school. **It contains important information about keeping our children and youth safe.**

The Diocese of Norwich offers two Praesidium programs. Both cover the same material, just in different formats. You can take the on-line program, **Praesidium**, or attend a one-time DVD presentation, **Called to Protect**.

The in person **Called to Protect** training classes have been postponed until further notice. **Praesidium** on line is available and the preferred training at this time. For more information about in person training availability, contact the **OSE**.

The **OSE** can be contacted to provide adult programs for parents, parishioners and all interested in keeping our youth safe, such as Setting Boundaries. A convenient time can be arranged.

Please contact the **Child Advocate** at your parish or school office in order to be enrolled, or for more information.

**Our children's safety is the responsibility of all Catholics**



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