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(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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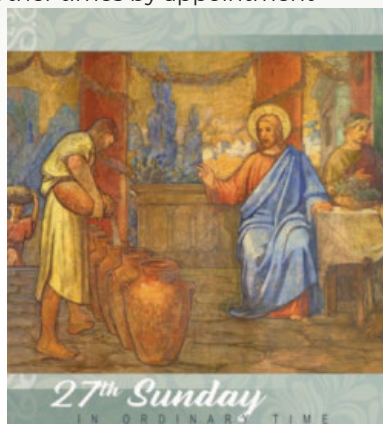
SACRAMENTS

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

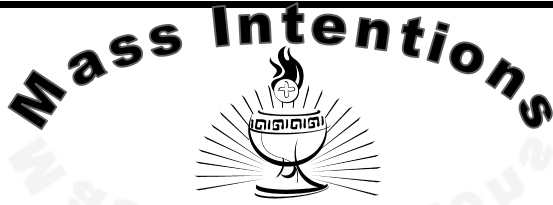
We extend a warm welcome to all who attend our church. We hope that you find our parish community a place where your life of faith will be nourished. We also hope that you will share your special gifts with the community. Your prayers, your presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce 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)



Saturday, October 1

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

Monday, October 3

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Dec. Thomas Olszewski, Jr.

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 AM Special Intention Garafilo Family
9:00 AM Dec. James McAuliffe, III

Wednesday, October 5

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors
9:00 AM Dec. Luigi & Frances Napoletano

Thursday, October 6

7:00 AM Dec. Br Francis Liermann, OFM Cap.
9:00 AM Dec. Christopher Dobosz

Friday, October 7

7:00 AM Dec. Johnny Aherns
9:00 AM Dec. Brandon Reeve

Saturday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 9

7:30 AM Dec. Jimmy Triompo
9:00 AM Dec. Eugene, Jeanette, Gene, Pete Vacca
10:30 AM Dec. Ann Loffredo
12:00 NN Dec. Arthur Hatje, Sr.—14A

The *Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory of *Ann Loffredo*.



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 13 —September 25

	2022 - 23	2021 - 22
Actual Sunday Offering	\$5,462	\$7,631
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$4,442	\$5,188
	\$9,904	\$12,819

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Come spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord this Friday Evening from 7-8 PM

Talents in Service to God and Others

We are looking for volunteers for our Fall Fair on the 15th. Do you have a couple of hours to help out? If so, please call the Friary Office at 860-347-4441

Readings for the week of October 2, 2022

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/
Lk 17:5-10
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-286

October 2, 2022

This coming Tuesday, October 4, is the feast of St. Francis. On Sunday October 2nd we will do the blessing of animals. On Monday October 3rd we will celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis in the evening. St. Francis is an amazing figure. Just about everybody is drawn to him- not just Catholics and not just Franciscans. The first Jesuit Pope takes the name Francis and two of his first encyclicals are founded on Franciscan themes- Laudate Si- based on St. Francis' Canticle of the Creatures, and Fratelli Tutti- based on St. Francis' sense of fraternity as a broad spiritual foundation.

There is a fair amount of Franciscan music. More in Italian and Spanish than English. You Tube is filled with Franciscan Songs- Canciones Franciscanas. A favorite of mine is "Evangelio Viviente" – "A Living Gospel". There are a lot of "covers" of the song.

The Chorus goes:

Yo quiero ser evangelio viviente
Abandonarme en tus brazos Senor
Ser como niño que juega o se duerme
Mientras su padre le envuelve en su amor
"I want to be a living Gospel
Abandoning myself in your arms O Lord,
Be like a child that plays or sleeps
As its father wraps it in his love."

The Gospel is the Good News. If I could be a living Gospel. The Good News is that God can be trusted- we can abandon ourselves to his love. And it doesn't matter what we are doing- playing or resting- like a child we give ourselves to a love that holds us.

St. Francis has so much about poverty in his spirituality but it is ground in the good news that God can be trusted. We can be free from trusting in our efforts, our reputations, our property or achievements. Everything less than God can fail us. The good news is that He never will. The more we let go the more the Good News is revealed.

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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!**



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.

Eucharistic Adoration—Friday Evening

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. – Matthew 11:28

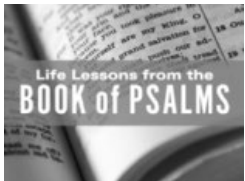
Are you in need of spiritual comfort and refreshment? Come to Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction **Friday, October 7** in the church from **7-8 PM** for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament



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, October 8, 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.



Diocese of Norwich—Office of the Bishop—October, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I hope this letter finds you all well, enjoying the cooler October weather. I write to you to ask for your support of our Mission Combined Collection to be held in parishes the weekend of October 8-9, 2022. The Mission Combined Collection brings together four separate appeals of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) that in many dioceses are conducted in each parish as single collections on four separate occasions throughout the year.

The Mission Combined Collection, which includes collections for the Church in Latin America, the World Missions, Black and Indian Missions and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal, gives us an opportunity to help our neighbors in our own country and around the world to live better and grow in the love of Jesus. Jesus reminds us that the two greatest commandments are to love God with our whole heart, our whole mind, and our whole soul; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. It was Pope Francis who also said "I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others" – *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81. Your contributions to the Mission Combined Collection help people across the street and around the world, people who struggle to practice the faith, people who live in great need.

By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and called to share their faith as missionaries. Many of us, however, are not able to spread the gospel in faraway lands or even locally in rural, poverty-stricken communities. By establishing various national collections to support the Church's works of social justice, evangelization and education both domestically and around the globe, the USCCB enables each of us to support the important daily work our missionaries.

Please prayerfully consider your gift to the Mission Combined Collection, complete a gift envelope, and place it in the collection basket on the weekend of October 8 & 9, 2022. I most humbly thank you for the help. Through our support we are able to join our missionaries in doing the work of Christ. May God continue to bless you and those you love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Michael R. Cote, D.D., Bishop of Norwich



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. *Versalita Rona, Gabby, Emily, Lily Vartanian, Carolyn & Ernie Garofoli, Thomas 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: *Benjamin Badrick, Daniel Pasquale, Sr., Lucy Tosta, Jacqueline Harris, William R. Sadowski, Paula Sheehan, Nicholas J. Hoffman, Nathaniel Gallitto, Jr., Paul Dickes, James Hayes, Carl Pitruzzello, Dorothy Carol Curran, Robert Coleman Sr., George Cynoske, Walter Commerford, Salvatore Magnano, Walter Klick, Anthony Lovullo, Amy Millington, Margaret O. LaBella, Michelle Murphy, John S. Ott, Hazel A. Bump, June Botti, Veronica Tirone, Lawrence M. Kofsuske, Anna Grasso, John Cecchini, Geraldine Stifano, Thomas Wilson, Joyce Mosca, John Astle, Stanley O'Bara, Brandon Reeve, Frank E. Theriault, Genevieve Delaney, Casimir Pieta, Charles Lombardi, Maureen Murray, Robert Gauvin.*



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



One has sown, another watered and another has harvested: Changing of the Guard in Faith Formation

Paul writes to the churches about the differing roles that Peter, and himself and the preacher Apollos have played in the growth of the faith. God works in each new person for the salvation of souls and spread of the faith.

Kim Molski has worked for the growth of the faith in our parish especially through the youngest children and their families. It has been 13 years of generous service. In the ritual of ordaining deacons deacons are told to: "Believe what you read, preach what you believe, and practice what you preach." Kim's ministry manifested her sincere belief in the Church and the Gospel, she was enthusiastic as well as competent concerned with the human struggle of families and with a passion to share the faith. We have been blessed by her service and bless her in her new endeavors at Wesleyan.

Natalia Nawrot has been hired to take on the role of leadership in Faith Formation for the younger children. Her own children have been in Faith Formation, and she has been working as a catechist at St. Pius X last year. She responded to the bulletin announcement with enthusiasm- teaching catechism has been a joy for her. However, she knows just how much Kim was able to do and it humbles her to step into those shoes. Kim has left us all the tools to start the year. Natalia will be watering what Kim planted. Carol Butler and Fr. Martin and Fr. Ernie will helping her to get her feet under her. This is a good time for us to be helpful to each other in the transition.

We each do our part as God has planned and God's Church grows. We thank God ahead of time for the new growth and new flowering which await our parish in this new time.



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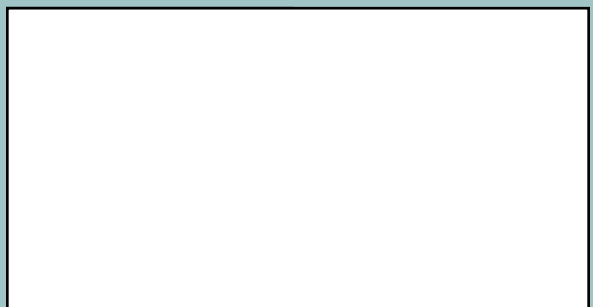
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