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**Sunday Vigil:** 5:00 pm  
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& 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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**Baptisms:** Twice a month at  
1:30 pm for registered  
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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 8**

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

### **Monday, October 10**

9:00 AM Dec. Eileen Kelly

### **Tuesday, October 11**

7:00 AM Special Intention Pasquale Children  
9:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano

### **Wednesday, October 12**

7:00 AM Special Intention Woerner Children  
9:00 AM Dec. Edward Mann

### **Thursday, October 13**

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

### **Friday, October 14**

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors  
9:00 AM Dec. Ciro & Patsy Napoletano

### **Saturday, October 15**

9:00 AM Dec. Mansueta Millana—5A  
5:00 PM Dec. Mary & Joseph Clark

### **Sunday, October 16**

7:30 AM  
9:00 AM Dec. Cheryl Morris, Pat & Jackie Colavito  
10:30 AM Dec. Carmen Urso  
12:00 NN Dec. Delia Luedee & Carmen Merenna



**Monday, October 10, Columbus Day**, there will be one Mass celebrated at 9 AM. The Priory Office will be closed.

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will burn this week in loving memory of **Francis Schmidt**, requested by Dolores Schmidt.



The **Altar Flowers** this week are donated in loving memory of **Francis Schmidt**, requested by Dolores Schmidt.

### **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 14 —October 2, 2022**

	<u><b>2022 - 23</b></u>	<u><b>2021 - 22</b></u>
Actual Sunday Offering	\$8,932·	\$7,364·
Electronic Giving for the Week	<u>\$3,892·</u>	<u>\$4,668·</u>
	\$12,824·	\$12,032·

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

*"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18*

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

### **Stewardship of Time and Talent**

#### **Spending Time with God in Prayer**

Praying for others is a great way to connect with God while also helping those in need.

#### **Talents in Service to God and Other**

Is Baking a talent of yours? We are in need of Baked Goods for the Booth at the Fair on Saturday. Cookies, Pies, Cakes, Bread, Muffins, Brownies, etc. Items may be dropped off on Friday or Saturday—the day of the fair.

### **Readings for the week of October 9, 2022**

Sun.: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19  
Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32  
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46  
Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7  
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

**St. Francis, Fourth Lateran Council, Eucharistic Jubilee**

This past week Tuesday was the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is famous for many things: the patron of ecology and the blessing of animals, carrying the stigmata- the wounds of Christ in his body, his love of poverty and the poor, his joyfulness, his partnership with St. Clare in developing the Franciscan ideal. He is also a great champion of the Eucharist. In the writings that are directly attributed to him he teaches about the Eucharist as much as any other theme.

St. Francis in his rule says that candidates to the Franciscan Order should be the most catholic of men. In St. Francis' lifetime there was an Ecumenical Council- the 12<sup>th</sup> ecumenical council in the history of the Church. It is convoked in 1212 AD It is probably the most significant council after the first 7 and shapes the Church most powerfully until the Council of Trent in 1545. The 4<sup>th</sup> Lateran Council defines what happens during the consecration – it is transubstantiation- theologians had groped about trying to define what happens – how symbolic or real the changes were. Furthermore the Council established what we call Easter Duty- every catholic are duty bound to receive the Eucharist at least once a year in the easter season. It also required the Eucharist be kept in worthy places, protected and locked, that Churches not be used to store things that don't relate to the celebration of liturgy, Including animals. It also promulgated laws about the buying of positions like bishops, abbots and pastors. You can imagine what sort of times it must have been for these sorts of rules to be required. St. Francis was inspired by the Council and ran with the themes.

In his Admonitions, the First Letter to Guardians, the Letter to All People, St Francis develops two themes around the Eucharist: Recognizing the Divine Presence, and the Call to Penance. In the Admonitions St. Francis points out that Jesus teaches that no one can know God except in the Spirit. HE goes on to point out that in Jesus' day people did not recognize the divinity of Christ when he was in the flesh. Now the question is will we recognize him in the Eucharist consecrated by Christ' own words on the altar. St. Francis prays that people we desire for the gift of the Spirit to open their eyes and not be condemned to ignorance.

In the Letters to Guardians St. Francis talks about "those who do penance and those who do not". For St. Francis penance is not another word for punishment. It means committed to being converted. He writes that those who participate in and adore the Eucharist are committed to penance. What we look upon changes us. When we focus on God who is willing to come among us as food and drink, a God who gives his very self: body, soul and divinity, seeing that God should stir us. His sublime humility should inspire us to embrace humility, his generous self-giving should inspire us to give of ourselves. The more faithful we attend to the mysteries the more we are transformed. To stay away is to resist the call to truly repent, be converted, become holy.

This fall the United States Catholic Conference inaugurated a three year "Eucharistic Revival". There had been a survey of Catholics a few years ago and the results were startling. Only 25% of those surveyed would use transubstantiation to describe what happens at the consecration. A similar number agreed to the term "real Presence" to describe the reality of Christ in the Eucharist. The bishops called for a three year effort to re-teach the truths of the Eucharist as taught by the Church.

The Eucharist is the Real Presence of Christ in his divinity. He can change our lives. It is a good time to see in what ways we can deepen our devotion. We should ask for the Holy Spirit so that we can more deeply appreciate the mystery. We should share our own devotion so that others may return to be fed by the Lord himself. There is no substitute.



Volunteers are still needed ! Please contact the Church Friary Office 860-347-4441 if you can help



### Mission Co-Op Appeal—next weekend

Fr. Robert Vujs will be at our parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers next weekend. Fr. Robert Vuja will speak at all the Masses. Fr. Vuja has served as a missionary in Kenya & Tanzania and will invite us to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ and His Gospel to all people. While at our parish Fr. Vujs will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work.

**RETREAT DAY- RECOGNIZING JESUS THROUGH THE EUCHARIST ON OUR LIFE ROAD WITH HIM Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00 to 3:00. \$35.- Sacred Heart On the Lake Retreat Center Full Luncheon included. Presenter- Sr. Lany Jo Smith.** For more information go to their website calendar, at [www.sacredheartontheLake.org](http://www.sacredheartontheLake.org) or contact Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. (203) 606-9102.

### RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN CONNECTICUT.

SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS: Sign Our Petition—Recently, a disturbing video laced with anti-Catholic sentiments emerged out of Greenwich, CT. It serves as a warning sign that our culture is heading backwards instead of forward on religious tolerance. In the video, a public elementary school assistant principal in Greenwich says that he does not hire Catholics because they may be too conservative in their beliefs. They may have been "brainwashed" by their church. Go to [www.ctcatholicsunite.org](http://www.ctcatholicsunite.org), to watch the video, read more on the issue and sign the petition.



### Mission Combined Collection

The Mission Combined Collection this weekend supports missionary works in Latin America, Asia, Africa and parts of the United States. Your generous gifts today will allow our missions to bring the love of Jesus and our Catholic faith to those in Latin America, small mission dioceses in Africa and Asia, as well as support our Black and Indian Mission Office. In addition, through the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, the Church will reach isolated communities here in the US, thirsty for the Word of God. Please give today with a joyful and generous heart. Your support will truly make a difference.



Dear Brothers in Christ and Secretaries,

I am happy to tell you that we have been given a great opportunity to close our Annual Catholic Appeal gap and make our 2022 goal. The Rossi Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America have generously agreed to match 50% of every new donation that the ACA receives between September 12, 2022, through December 15, 2022. This is the first time that anything like this has been done for the ACA and we are very thankful. I am asking each of you to ensure that the attached bulletin announcement is included in your church bulletins as often as possible from now until December 11<sup>th</sup>. I am also requesting that you mention this wonderful opportunity from the pulpit frequently. Our hard-working ACA supported ministries are relying on all of our assistance to help them to do the work of Christ each day. Currently, 15% of parishioners have donated. Please reach out to the many parishioners who have yet to donate and also encourage those who have donated, to make a new gift, if possible. We realize that this is a financially stressful year for many but together as "One Faith, One Family" and with the immense kindness of the Rossi Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America, we should be able to meet goal. It will though require a concerted effort by each of us. I thank you in advance for your help. Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend 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 Luckner, John Campbell, Glenn R. Inman.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Martin Lashette, Maximilian G. Petrzel, Louis Barone, Francis Schmidt, Frances Decastro, Loretta Siciliano, Joseph Bafuma, Eileen Laput, Irene Lemon, Raymond Towers, Clara N. Wilson, Genevieve Cronin, Joseph Tironi, Sr., Deborah Grockowski, Roger Simmons, Silverio Borderi, Hannah Cashman, Michael Augeri, Karen Stefurak, Jana Coonan, Pauline G. Dunn, Adolfas Juraska, Salvatore Miano, Helen Harris, Walter Lyman, Peter Nolan, Joseph Beneszewsky, Lillian Nosal, Thomas G. Aiello, Elizabeth Sheehan, Joseph J. Todeschini, Santo Gioco, Antoinette Colonghi, Domenic Porto.*

### 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.



### The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?

What do we mean by presence? In its most general sense, presence means being with another. We all experience presence in several familiar ways. It might be local, when we are in the same physical place as another. It can also be temporal, when we are with another at the same time. Local and temporal presence usually go together, but sometimes we can be temporally present to another without being physically with them, for example when talking over the phone or via the internet. A third kind of presence might be called personal – how we experience "being with" another person – even when that person is not physically with us but is with us through our memory, imagination or emotions. *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*







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