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Saturday: 9:00 am Only

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Holy Days: Please see
schedule
inside bulletin.

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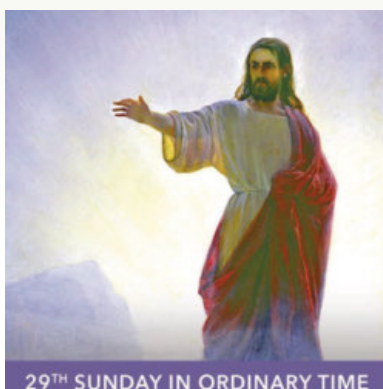
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must be made at least one year
in advance.

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of anyone from your family who is
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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



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.



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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 15

5:00 PM Dec. Mary & Joseph Clark

Sunday, October 16

7:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
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 17

7:00 AM Special Intention Debra
9:00 AM Dec. Thomas & Marjorie Brady

Tuesday, October 18

7:00 AM Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life
from St. Pius Parish
9:00 AM Dec. Bob & Aileen Bannon

Wednesday, October 19

7:00 AM Dec. Rosella Family
9:00 AM Dec. Joan Barron

Thursday, October 20

7:00 AM Special Intention Marjorie DiMartino
9:00 AM Dec. Teodorico Dino

Friday, October 21

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors
9:00 AM Dec. Ciro & Maria DeMasi

Saturday, October 22

9:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano
5:00 PM Dec. Amalia & Peter Filanda,
Dec. Filanda & Masella Families

Sunday, October 23

7:30 AM
9:00 AM Dec. Stanley Traskos
10:30 AM
12:00 NN

We welcome to our parish family, **Theodore Ernest Meunier, Kaira Rivera-Taeza**, and congratulate their happy parents and baptism sponsors,



Everyone is invited to join fellow parishioners, next **Sunday, October 23rd** for our monthly **Coffee Social** from 8:30-11 AM in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall, hosted by Parish Council. Please remember to bring a baked good to share.

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 15 —October 9, 2022

	<u>2022 - 23</u>	<u>2021 - 22</u>
<i>Actual Sunday Offering</i>	<i>\$8,854</i>	<i>\$10,785</i>
<i>Electronic Giving for the Week</i>	<i>\$5,325</i>	<i>\$5,948</i>
	<i>\$14,179</i>	<i>\$16,733</i>

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

With our busy schedules we have a tendency of always rushing—slow down—sense God's presence, and simply sit still and be with Him

Talents in Service to God and Other

"We are not asked merely to call ourselves Christians; we are asked to be Christians through our deeds."

Readings for the week of October 16, 2022

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9
Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

October 16

Ministry Sunday

Sunday October 23 is Ministry Sunday. We lure you downstairs with donuts, because it is part of our holy tradition.

An even deeper part of our holy tradition is to discern our gifts and God's call. Besides the deepest call of our vocations there are temporary calls from God to be his instrument in a particular ministry for a season.

There are opportunities to serve as liturgical ministers: lectors, Eucharistic ministers, choir members, altar servers, ministers of hospitality. Each ministry calls us to give of ourselves- put ourselves out there at the disposal of God. It also is for God to deepen our sense of the liturgy from a particular angle. Many people find something so special in their ministry they do it for years. Even so it is good to get new members of each ministry. Being nervous about responding to the call is right and just- it is a sign that it is important to you.

There are other ministries outside the liturgy. We have folks who minister by cooking for funerals and other events- S.H.A.R.E. and the cooks who do Sunday dinners for St. Vincent De Paul. We have knitters who provide prayer shawls. We have a new group that cleans and dusts the church twice a week. We have a garden club that raises fresh vegetables for St. Vincent De Paul soup kitchen. The Men's club helps with cooking at the Pasta Dinner, the Picnic, the Fall Festival and variety of other events.

Come down to the Church Hall; have a donut, visit the tables, let God lead and inspire you

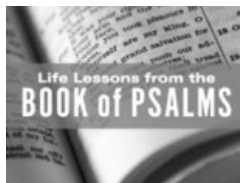


Mission Co-Op Appeal—this weekend

Fr. Robert Vujs will be at our parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Robert Vuja will speak at all the Masses. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to reach the Gospel to all the nations. They serve principally among the poor in places where the Church is unknown or in great need. While here, Fr. Vujs will be happy to talk with any parishioners who are interested in doing overseas mission work.

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 22, 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.



Catholic Charities

A warm thank you is extended to parishioners at St Pius who donated diapers, wipes, socks, and toiletry items to Catholic Charities last week. Many families are helped by your donations.

In August, approximately 116 households were given some kind of assistance and 95 students were helped with backpacks and school supplies.

Some of the services provided by Mdltwn Catholic Charities are:

- Non-food items for basic needs
 - Rental assistance funds (available for Middletown residents)
 - Assistance with filling out **SNAP Applications**
 - Assistance with **Job Readiness help**, and
 - **Individual Case Management** for families in need in the areas of financial assistance, advocacy, and guidance
- The Middletown Catholic Charities office is located in the same building as the Amazing Grace Food Pantry. Parishioners wishing to receive assistance can go to 16 Stack Street, Middletown, Mon - Fri 9am-4pm or call 860-346-0060.
- There is an ongoing need for diapers size 5 and 6, wipes, body wash, shampoo and conditioner. There will be a collection for these items at the next coffee social which will be on Sunday October 23. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Please join us
next Sunday, October 23rd
from 8:30– 11 AM in the
Bill Fortin Memorial Hall for
our monthly
**Coffee & Donuts
and the Ministry Fair**

Representatives from various Ministries will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. If you have been thinking about serving on one of these ministries, this will provide a great opportunity for you to learn more about what's involved in each ministry and to sign up. What better way to give of your time and talent than to serve your parish. New volunteers are always welcome.



Women of the Waters Retreat

CYFM and the Women Of The Waters Women's Retreat: Women in the Genealogy of Jesus; Saturday, November 05, 2022, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at St. Lawrence Retreat Center, 180 Sargent Ave, Beacon, NY 12508. The culture of ancient

Israel almost exclusively acknowledged genealogical lineage through men. The women in Jesus' genealogy stand out like beacons in a stream of male names – and they still do. Their presence fairly shouts the questions: Who were these women? And why did the Holy Spirit single them out as ancestors of the Messiah? Join the Women of the Waters and discover these complex women, some with messy lives, desperate acts, and broken hopes; some unswervingly positive and energetic, full of joy and kindness; all included in the lineage of Jesus demonstrate precisely the kind of people he came to save! The \$65.00 fee includes continental breakfast and lunch; register online by the deadline, October 31, 2022, at <https://bit.ly/womenofwaters2022>

Mission Combined Collection

Last weekend the Mission Combined Collection for the World Mission Appeal, U.S. Bishop's Appeal for Latin America, Black and Indian Missions, and the Catholic Home Mission Appeal was taken up in our Parish. If you were unable to bring your gift envelope, extras are available at entrances of the Church. Your support of the missionary needs of the Universal Church is greatly appreciated. This collection is an opportunity to share your faith and strengthen the church at home and abroad. Your contribution can be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the parish. Thank you for your generosity and helping our missionaries continue the work of Christ.



ACA Update

2022 ACA update: As of September 30, 2022, **Saint Pius X Parish, Middletown** has donated \$46,033.26 or 78.12% of its goal, and 13.89% of our parishioners have donated. We are striving for as close to 100% participation as possible. THERE IS STILL TIME TO DONATE! Did you know that right now your donation has the potential to get a **50% match**? Thanks to the generosity of the Rossi Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America all donations received now through December 11, 2022, will be eligible! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2022. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org. **Thank you to everyone for your support!**



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. *George Morton, Ellen, Jenny Boutin, 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: *Vera M. Higgins, Helen Glowacki, Clara Mueller, Matthew Cote, Stanley Traskos, Gary Skoglund, John Curtin, Nicholas Whalen, Doris Silva, Clarence Wilcox, Rose V. Spinnler, Claire L. Duval, Hedwig Gruenther, Nicholina Gustafson, Concettina Perruccio, Peter Filanda, Edward F. Burke, Anne Serra, Mary Louise Ross, Severina Rusconi, Mary Warankiewicz, Antoinette Augeri, Joseph I. Lemieux, Eric Winzer, Dorothy Lancia, Robert Johnson, Beverly Higgins, Cheryl Morris, Blanche Footit, Clinton Swanson, Antoinette Spallone, Edna R. Todeschini, Anthony T. Pistorino, Eugene Vacca, II, Anthony Woychak, Robert DeGraff, Richard Plasczynski.*

Thank You!

Grateful thanks from the clients at St. Vincent's. Over 70 people enjoyed your generosity! Many thanks to the parishioners that shared with the less fortunate, our cooks, July and Lisa, and our servers: Mike and Virginia!



RETREAT DAY- RECOGNIZING JESUS THROUGH THE EUCHARIST ON OUR LIFE ROAD WITH HIM Saturday, October 22nd or November 12th 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 or contact Sr. Lany Jo Smith, ASCJ. (203) 606-9102.

The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?

Why is personal presence different from local and temporal presence? Personal presence often goes beyond the experience of just being with another in a certain place and time. In these two types of presence, our senses are always engaged. But personal presence goes beyond sense perception. When someone lives far away from us or when a loved one dies, for example, that person can continue to be present with us when we remember the person, recall their words to us, or let the feeling of their presence affect us. Personal presence, because it goes beyond what the senses provide, relies on an inner or spiritual connection and so is most like what we experience in relation to God. This kind of personal connection allows us to have a spiritual experience of God's presence- a presence that goes beyond anything our physical senses can detect. *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*





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