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Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am
& 12:00 Noon

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Saturday: 9:00 am Only

Vigil of Holy Days: 5:30 pm

Holy Days: Please see
schedule
inside bulletin.

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must be made in advance.

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must be made at least one year
in advance.

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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



30TH 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)



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 22

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

Monday, October 24

7:00 AM
9:00 AM Dec. Francisco & Carmela Napoletano

Tuesday, October 25

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Dec. Eva & Stanley Potocka

Wednesday, October 26

7:00 AM Dec. Br. Peter Reilly, OFM Cap.
9:00 AM Dec. CherieLee Bell

Thursday, October 27

7:00 AM Book of Deceased
9:00 AM Dec. Ralph Landry & Florence McQuaid

Friday, October 28

7:00 AM Dec. Paul & Charlotte Campagnone
9:00 AM Dec. Anna & Joseph Dobosz

Saturday, October 29

9:00 AM Special Intention Barbara Sizemore
5:00 PM Dec. Ed Myjal—3A

Sunday, October 30

7:30 AM Dec. Ed & Betty Ceplenski
9:00 AM Dec. Rosemarie Porto
10:30 AM Dec. Maryann Connors
12:00 NN Dec. Ronald Langlois & Joan Barron

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary & Paul Fleming**.



The Altar Flowers this week are donated in loving memory of **Walter Zawisa**.

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 16 —October 15, 2022

	2022 - 23	2021 - 22
Actual Sunday Offering	\$5,260·	\$6,809·
Electronic Giving for the Week	\$4,172·	\$4,326·
	\$9,432·	\$11,135·
MaryKoll Collection	\$2008·40	

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted. "Luke 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

Stewardship of Time and Talent

Spending Time with God in Prayer

Attend the Bible Study on the Book of Psalms this Saturday morning from 10-12 pm in the Hall.

Talents in Service to God and Other

This week, let's concentrate on expressing our gratitude to others. A simple "thank you" is all it takes to show God how grateful you are and will surely brighten someone's day.

Readings for the week of October 23, 2022

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 4:32—5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wed.: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11

October 23, 2022

There is an old Irish joke about the wake for the town wastrel – let's call him Martin. Everyone in the town gathers in the little country church for the wake. The pastor opens with a prayer then invites any one from the congregation to share a memory of Martin, then he reminds them, "Nothing but good shall be said of the dead". He sits down and no one comes forward. After 5 minutes of silence the pastor gets up again, then the pastor lays down the law, : We won't be leaving until some one speaks for Martin". A fellow gets up sheepishly and says, "Well his brother is worse." There is a pearl of wisdom that is passed around in 12 step groups-"If you don't want to change compare yourself to others." God is not interested in our "better than", he wants our best.

Strangely enough a foundational element of spirituality is the discovery of a God who is truly greater than us, whose holiness dwarfs our goodness. Like the publican we recognize that we are sinners and can claim nothing on merit. We can only ask for mercy and rely on his free gift of grace. We recognize our smallness to ask for great things.

Next week we celebrate All Saints and All Souls Days. All Saints we celebrate how God took small people and filled them with his own holiness in an heroic way. On All Souls we pray for those who have died who still need filling now by our prayers rather than their own.



Please join us
This Sunday, October 23rd
from 8:30– 12PM 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.

Catholic Charities

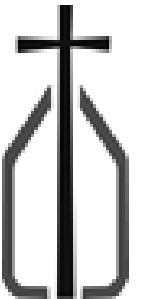
A warm thank you is extended to parishioners at St Pius who donated diapers, wipes, socks, and toiletry items to Catholic Charities last week. Many families are helped by your donations. In August, approximately 116 households were given some kind of assistance and 95 students were helped with backpacks and school supplies.

Some of the services provided by Mdltn 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 coffee social on Sunday October 23. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

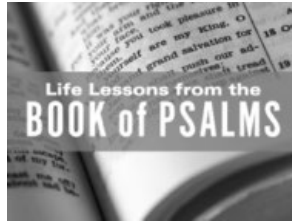


Thank you!

These 8 letters have so much meaning. On behalf of the Friars, the Fair Committee and myself, we thank you the parishioners of St. Pius for your generosity in support of our 2nd annual 'Fall into the Holidays Fair'. We appreciate the donations to our booths and those who volunteered their time to work the Fair. It was so nice to see and catch up with so many parishioners. We look forward to seeing you at our future Parish events.
Pat Jackowski, 2022 Fair Chair

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 29, from 10:00-12:00, and sessions will be every other Saturday in 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 btterrryn146@aol.com with any questions. Please write "St. Pius X Bible Study" in the subject line.



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, 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: *Gerald Semerjian, Robert H. Kulpa, Lauren L. Gibbons, George D. Crowley, Elvera Spallone, Marion Ciccarello, Jean Flis, Walter Martancik, James Gamble, Chester Woods, Joseph DeGiovanni, Irene Merritt, Helen Rammler, Anna Aresco, Jeanette Hill, Martin Lashette, Rosa Janeiro, Durwood Percy, James Rosano, Sr., David Slomkowski, John Augeri, . Elizabeth Moreland, Edward P. Wysocki, Patricia Ciccarello, Mary S. Turner, Genevieve Mary Jarzabek, Wanda McLean, Judith Quinn, Thaddeus E. Bogdan, Joseph T. Graham, T. Brent Lineberry, Florence Powell, Joseph Scionti, George Lang, Josephine Santostefano, Catherine DeGraffe, Albert Bigelow, Robertine Carmichael.*

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>



Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

All women in the Diocese of Norwich are invited to join the NDCCW. Membership is \$5 a year. The Membership Drive runs through the month of October. NDCCW was started in 1955 by Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan, the first Bishop of Norwich. Bishop Flanagan designated the NDCCW as the official women's organization of the Diocese. NDCCW and its seven districts are all affiliated with the National Council of Catholic Women. You may drop your membership envelope (a white envelope marked NDCCW with your name, email address, phone number and the name of your parish) in any collection basket. NDCCW Mission Statement: the Norwich Diocesan Council of Catholic Women acts through its affiliated organizations to support, empower, and educate all Catholic Women in spirituality, leadership and service, NDCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and Society in the modern world.



Bereavement Day of Prayer

The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: ***Praying Your Good-byes*** on **Saturday, November 12** from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Hall, 213 Broadway, Norwich, CT. It will include time for private reflection, prayer, and journaling and give participants suggestions on how to navigate the upcoming holidays and discover ways to grow through the experience of their loss. There is no cost, but registration is required by November 8 by contacting Mary-Jo McLaughlin at Catholic Family Services, 860-848-2237, ext. 312 or by email at mmclaughlin@norwichdiocese.net.

"WHY DON'T OUR ADULT CHILDREN ATTEND MASS?" REPLAY

Did you miss the virtual presentation of "Why Don't our Adult Children attend Mass?" with Deacon Dennis Dolan and Mary-Jo McLaughlin, Catholic Family Services Coordinator? Don't worry, you can watch it again at your leisure from the comfort of your home by adding the link <https://bit.ly/3SR2sIk> into your browser. Join Deacon Dennis and Mary-Jo as they explore the topic of adult children who stopped going to Mass. Listen to parents who are burdened by this knowledge as they reflect on the presentation. The session covers why adult children have chosen not to attend, options that may help you encourage them to come back to church, and time for prayer and reflection.

The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?



Why is God present to us? The only explanation is that God loves us and wants to be in a relationship with us. Like every personal relationship, the partners freely choose not just to be present locally or temporally, but to open up their inner selves to one another through communication that leads to deeper communion. God chooses to be with us so that we can participate in God's own life and so live beyond our death in an eternal life of loving relationship. By our sharing in the intimate communion of Christ with us in the Eucharist as our food, we nourish ourselves and become united to God for eternal life. *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*



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