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Saturday: 9:00 am Only

Vigil of Holy Days: 5:30 pm

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of anyone from your family who is
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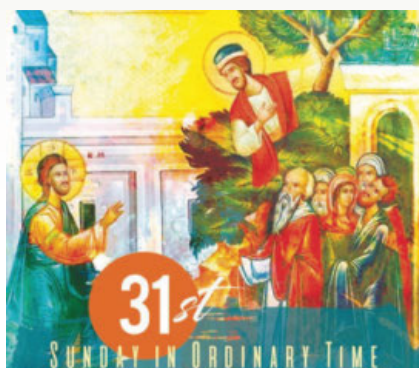
Reconciliation:

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 29

5:00 PM Dec. Ed Myjak—4A

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

Monday, October 31

7:00 AM Dec. Carolyn Garofoli
9:00 AM People of Ukraine
5:30 PM Capuchin Benefactors

Tuesday, November 1—All Saints Day

7:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners
9:00 AM Living & Deceased DiMaio Family Members
12:15 PM Dec. Anthony Drozd

Wednesday, November 2—All Souls Day

7:00 AM All Souls Novena I
9:00 AM Living & Deceased Renison Family Members

Thursday, November 3

7:00 AM Dec. Carol Mann
9:00 AM All Souls Novena II

Friday, November 4

7:00 AM All Souls Novena III
9:00 AM Dec. Christopher Dobosz

Saturday, November 5

9:00 AM All Souls Novena IV
5:00 PM Dec. David Kennedy

Sunday, November 6

7:30 AM All Souls Novena V
9:00 AM Dec. William C. Donahue, Jr.
10:30 AM Dec. Gladys Salinsky
12:00 NN Dec. Beatrice McAuliffe



Tuesday, November 1st—All Saints Day—is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Monday at 5:30 PM and Tuesday at 7 & 9 AM and 12:15 PM.

The *Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory of *Gladys Salinsky*



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 17 —October 22, 2022

	<u>2022 - 23</u>	<u>2021 - 22</u>
<i>Actual Sunday Offering</i>	<i>\$8,698.</i>	<i>\$6,849.</i>
<i>Electronic Giving for the Week</i>	<i>\$4,607.</i>	<i>\$4,500.</i>
	<i>\$13,305.</i>	<i>\$11,349.</i>

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

Stewardship of Time and Talent Spending Time with God in Prayer

Adoration is this Friday evening from 7-8 PM. Come spend some quiet time in prayer with our Lord.

Talents in Service to God and Other

Donate a box/bag of stuffing for the Middletown Community Thanksgiving Project. Bins are located in the foyer of the church..

Readings for the week of October 30, 2022

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15

October 30, 2022

This week we celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day on November 1st and 2nd. It is a wonderful time. To celebrate let's eat candy and dress funny. Actually, the wonder of the time is considering God's delight. God doesn't eat candy, but he has things that he loves.

What God loves is using human beings to bring graces. He makes a universe of wonders and decides to use human beings as his stewards having a dominion to bring out the good of creation. Then when things fall apart through sin God decides to craft redemption. He could have done it by all sorts of manners, but He chose to do it by the Incarnation. The Second Person of the Trinity living a human life- one life to save us all. When Jesus had died and rose God continued to craft salvation through the Church- the Church as a truly human community used by God. Each of us in life represents an opportunity for God to enjoy himself in using our personality and gifts to bless.

All Saints celebrates the undying joy of God in using people. God continues to love human beings as his instrument after death. Each of the saints represents God's joy in using a personality but now free from the constraint of the body. Saints come in all sorts of ways of life or personality types, famous and unknown. We celebrate God's wonderful joy manifest in such an array of people as instruments of grace.

If All Saints is about how Saints living and dead are used by God to bring blessing to us. All Souls is about how God uses us to bring the dead into eternal life. No one gets to heaven on their own merit. Eternal life is God's life- and that life is received as a gift. God gives it through the Body of Christ- the Body of Christ on the Cross washing away our sins, the Body of Christ on the altar the sacrifice that feeds us for the journey from death and life, the body of Body of Christ in the people of God at prayer. God uses us to bring the dead into His light.

It is God's joy that we would be His means of drawing All Souls to himself. It is the reason almost every Mass is for the intention of the dead. It is why the dead are mentioned in the Prayer of the Faithful. We have the honor of asking for mercy for those who in death cannot ask for it. It is our honor to witness to the good of the departed. We recall the ways they were truly children of God in their manner of life. God rejoices to use our prayers for their sake.



The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?



How is God present to us? God is present to us through both general and particular forms of revelation. We believe that God is present "everywhere" and "always" as the creator and sustainer of our existence. As St. Elizabeth Seton said, "God is everywhere, in the very air I breathe, yes everywhere, but in this sacrament of the altar, God is as present actually and really as my soul within my body; in this sacrifice daily offered, {God is present} as really as {when} once offered on the Cross."

We also believe that God chooses to reveal God's own reality to us through particular created realities, most importantly, through the person of Jesus of Nazareth. Theologian Richard McBrien in his book *Catholicism* (p.262) explains that "Because God is totally other than we are, because God is totally of the spiritual order, because God, therefore, is not visible to our bodily senses, our experience of God is always mediated. We experience the reality of God through our experience of created things, or particular persons, or particular events, or through a psychic sense of divine presence (mysticism). Consequently, every contact with God is mysterious, or sacramental. The hidden God completely permeates a visible reality. In grasping that visible reality we grasp the hidden God." *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*

Message from the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference The public policy office of the Catholic Bishops of Connecticut

*This election will decide many issues of importance
to Catholics and all people of faith.*

*The Election is November 8 – take the time to learn the issues,
find out where the candidates stand on the issues,*

reflect on what the Church teaches on the issues, and then be sure to vote.

**Visit our website at thinkprayvote.org to learn about the Catholic perspective on the issues and the
call to practice "Faithful Citizenship"**

THINK PRAY
VOTE



Prayer Shawl Ministry Gathering

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be gathering on Saturday, November 5th, 10-11:30am, in the Friary Conference Room. Members are reminded to bring our Opening Unity Prayer Card and a Closing Prayer to share, as well as any current projects you are working on. Donations of clean completed prayer shawls, lapghans, white baptismal blankets, hats, scarves & mittens will be accepted for our ongoing projects. New members are always welcome. Any questions please contact Ginny Delaney at (860) 788-6599.

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, November 4** in the church from **7-8 PM** for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament

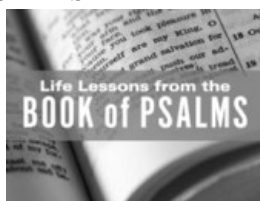


Come Pray the Rosary

Everyone is invited to join with fellow parishioners Sunday, **November 6th at 4 PM** to pray the rosary together for healing, purification and reconciliation.

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, November 5, from 10:00-12:00 in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall. Sessions will then resume every other Saturday in January through March. 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.



Sign up for Children's Choir

Children in grades 2 - 12 are invited to share their singing voices for Christmas! The St Pius X Children's Choir will sing at the **4:00 pm 12/24/22 Christmas Eve Vigil Mass**. There must be a minimum of 12 singers, please sign up no later than **NOVEMBER 11th**. Singers must be able to attend at least 3 of the 4 rehearsals. Practices will be held the Sundays during Advent: Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, and Dec 18, immediately following the Noon Mass, from 1:00-2:00pm in the Church Choir Loft. Please contact Michelle Donahue at m.donahue@saintpius.org or 860-558-1552 to sign up.



Thanksgiving Basket Donations

With Thanksgiving fast approaching we are reminded of all the blessings that God has bestowed on us. St. Pius has been asked to participate in the **Middletown Community Thanksgiving Project's** effort headed by Amazing Grace. As part of this effort St. Pius has been asked to provide packages of **stuffing**. (We will be delivering the stuffing on Friday, November 18th) In addition to this community effort we will be preparing baskets for several families within our own parish. All of your generous donations will be collected in our ongoing *We are all in this Together* Program



Happy Halloween



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. *Joey Sassano, Mike Erwin, George Morton, Ellen, Jenny Boutin, Versalita Rona, Gabby. Emily, Lily Vartanian, Ernie Garofoli, Thomas Bauer, Jr.*

Remember in Prayer



Theresa Davis & daughter, Cindy Cote, John Czuba, Jr., Andrew, Helen Goldman, Hank Hallas, Elio Bacchetta, Glenn R. Inman.

Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Stella Rogala, Frances Babbitt, Edward J. Varhue, Florence Halibozek, Lucille Merunka, Betty Riley, Eugene Sayers, Gertrude Sampson, John Rogers, Oliver Hamilton, Joseph P. Morgera, Lucille Aresco, Joseph Miano, Rene Pinchart, Harriet Heidenis, Elizabeth Richards, Fr. Albert McParland, OFM Cap., Mary Louise Pickup, Joseph Pagano, Jr., Jane Sullivan, Edward Myjak, Irene Hill, Frank P. Smith, Paul Astle, T. Edward Shugrue, Concettina Carta, Joseph Serra, Jr., Peter Ofinoski, Mary DeFrance, Anna M. Reynolds, Dr. Geza Benkovich, Myranda Lyn Guthrie, Jane A. Glidden, John Edward Wasicki, Albert Chagnon, Frank Lappostato, Richard Ghezzi, Albert Therrien, Peter DeGregorio, Anna M. Treme, George Conway, Richard M. McCabe, Ann Marino, Carol Mann*

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS will be held in the Church **Saturday, November 5** following the 9:00 am Mass. Those who make this devotion five consecutive months are promised the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death.

Festival of Angels Fair

Join the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Church, **November 12, 2022, from 8 am to 2 pm** at the St. Francis Parish Center for their annual Festival of Angels Fair. The parishioners arts and crafts table will feature a variety of handmade items along with beautiful holiday baskets made with fresh evergreens and handmade bows! There will be the popular Tea Cup Raffle. Grandma's Attic is full of vintage treasures. Some other booths to visit are the baked goods table, and the Farmers Market. Area artisans will have beautiful items on sale. Breakfast and lunch will be available. The parish center is handicap accessible. Parking is free.



Bereavement Day of Prayer



The Diocesan Catholic Family Services Office is sponsoring a workshop for the bereaved entitled: ***Praying Your Goodbyes*** 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.



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