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Sunday Vigil: 5:00 pm

(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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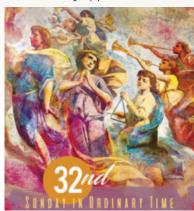
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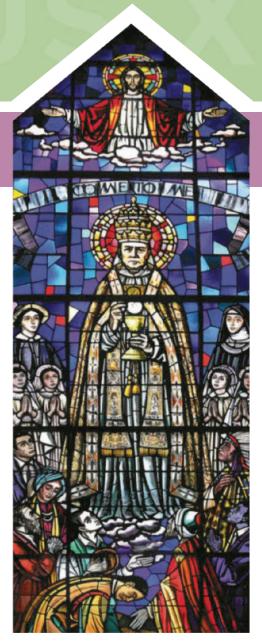
Care of the Sick: Please advise us of anyone from your family who is sick or hospitalized that we may keep them in prayer, visit them and bring the sacraments.

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 Your community. prayers, presence, and your talents are most welcome. Please introduce yourself after Mass. May God bless all of you.



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, November 5

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

Monday, November 7

7:00 AM Dec. Fr. Peter Claver, OFM Cap.

9:00 AM All Souls Novena VI

Tuesday, November 8

7:00 AM All Souls Novena VII 9:00 AM Dec. James Morello

Wednesday, November 9

7:00 AM Dec. Nelly Nepomuceno 9:00 AM All Souls Novena VIII

Thursday, November 10

7:00 AM All Souls Novena IX 9:00 AM Eileen Kelly

Friday, November 11

9:00 AM Dec. Michelle Dalton

Saturday, November 12

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

5:00 PM Dec. Genie Dypa

Sunday, November 13

7:30 AM Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life

from St. Pius Parish

9:00 AM Dec. Anthony Colavito 10:30 AM Dec. Ron Organek 12:00 NN Dec. Felix Sheehan, MD



Friday, November 11th, Veteran's Day, there will be one Mass celebrated at 9 AM. The Friary Office will be closed.

The *Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory of *Jenna Newman*



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 18 -October 30, 2022

 2022 - 23
 2021 - 22

 Actual Sunday Offering
 \$8,442
 \$19,038

 Electronic Giving for the Week
 \$4,408
 \$4,737

 \$12,850
 \$23,775

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

Stewardship of Time and Talent Spending Time with God in Prayer

"May you always experience the joy that comes from putting Christ at the center of your lives."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
 Talents in Service to God and Other
 Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 8th

Readings for the week of November 6, 2022

Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—

3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Monday: Ti 1:1-9/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29/Lk

17:7-10

Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11,

16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Lk 17:20-25 Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37 Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Nov 6, 2022

Last year about this time we connected with a family from Ecuador who were applying for asylum. They had questions about life in Middletown. There are fundamental differences between life at the equator and New England. Did it always get so very dark so early? Could it get any colder? Were all the trees dying- the ones losing their leaves? I told them it would get darker, colder, and all the leaves would fall off. But that winter had its beauty and spring would be glorious.

We come to the last weeks of the Church's liturgical year and we enter into dark themes. Today we jump into a meditation on death and the afterlife. We open with Maccabees. It is a dark time. Alexander the Great has conquered the known world from Greece to Northern India and south to Egypt. He dies suddenly and his kingdom is split into several parts. There is a concerted attempt to spread Hellenistic culture as well as government. On one hand that meant the entertainments of the coliseum and the theatre, the sophistication of Greek philosophy. On the other hand, there was no patience for resistance and religious consideration. When the Jews staged revolt against the Hellenistic ruler Antiochus Epiphany, he responds by desecrating the Templesmearing pigs blood on the walls and erecting a statue to himself. Then he sends his troops out to have Jews forswear their faith by eating pork.

It is a dark time. The Maccabee family resists. For those who have died we confidently pray that they will receive the greatest gift of life and light. We who remain should be heartened knowing that our own inevitable death is not the last word but rather an opening to the best gift.



Message from the CT 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"

Part—Time Cook Needed

The Friary is looking for a part-time cook for the Friars, Monday—Friday from 2-6 PM. Responsible for shopping, preparing and simple clean up of the main meal for the Friars. Candidate will need to comply with the Norwich Diocesan Office for Safe Environments training and background check. Please call Fr. Martin at 860-347-4441 if interested.



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 CHOIR 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.

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





Save the Date **Dinner with St. Nicholas**

December 3, 2022 at 6 PM Followed by our Annual Raffle Drawing at 7 PM Look for more information in upcoming Bulletins

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.

Amazing Challenge Soup Supper Thursday, November 10th, 4:30 – 7:30 PM Cross St. AME Zion Church, West St., Middletown.



It has been three long years since our last soup supper! We have missed the firemen and firewomen, creating smiles, laughing, and perfecting at our expense (or pleasure) their award winning chili. We have missed the guests from our community who took

up a ladle to serve soup to hundreds of fans and friends of St. Vincent de Paul Middletown. This year, we will be joined by Mayor Ben Florsheim, Mr. Vincent Capece from Middlesex Health, Father Martin from St. Pius X Church, Shawonda Swain, the new President of the United Way and a wonderful host of other friends and community leaders. Rev. Moses Harvill and the congregation of Cross St. AME Zion church have graciously offered their beautiful meeting room for our soup supper. We need your support! The soup supper is free to attend, and it is a great time. When you come, bring a donation for whatever you can afford, and put it in our donation jar. Then experience the joy of friendship & community over a cup of hot soup.

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 provided 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

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.

Awakening: How is the Holy Spirit at work in your life?

Join us for a 4-part Mission designed to help deepen your faith! Rediscover God's Unconditional Love. Learn more about the Holy Spirit's Gifts, Develop a deep and meaningful prayer life, Experience the mercy of God through a deeper understanding of reconciliation. November 29, December 1, 6 and 8 at 7-8:30 St. Register online at manicho-Pius. las@norwichdiocese.net or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext 304. Sponsored by the Office of Faith Events



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. 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

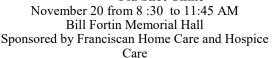
occurs this week: Raymond F. Byrne, John Carta III, Stanley Lewsniowski, John MacDonnell, Raymond Byrne, Jr., Norman Michaud, Robert Martone, Jr., Sumner Bolstridge, Joseph Ballachino, Dolores Scionti, Margaret K. Flynn, Genevieve A. Sliney, Margaret Raffile, Josephine Scotti, Fr. Peter Eich, OFM Cap., Samuel Koscuk, Patricia Keller, Mary Mintzer, Mary Drozd, Charles F. Riordan, Violet Dunn, Gary Termine, Angelina Ramsey, May Serra, Albert Pinard, Lena Gannazzo, Josephine Lovullo, Daniel DaMotta, Benjamin Zingle, Mildred Moore, Brooke Backman, Valentine Early, Raymond DeVine,

Blessing of Expectant Parents



Expectant Parents who wish to receive a special blessing, may call the Friary Office this week at 860-347-4441 to make an appointment to come in.

Flu Shot Clinic





The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?



If God is invisible, how do we experience God's presence? Perhaps Pope Benedict XVI can be our guide here. In his encyclical On Christian Love (2005), he explains that while it is true that "no one has ever seen God as God is, yet God is not totally invisible to us; God does not remain completely inaccessible. God has become visible in Jesus. God is

also visible in a number of ways. In the love story recounted by the Bible, God comes towards us and seeks to win our hearts." The religion of the Bible is always dominated by the experience, the memory or the hope of the divine presence. We know about God's presence with us through the biblical story of salvation-God's efforts to be with us so that the relationship between God and ourselves that was established at creation, and then broken down through sin, could be restored. Through this story, we learn of God's desire for a covenant community in which all who believe and dedicate themselves to God and to God's ways can live as God wanted from the beginning. Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.



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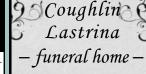
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