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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

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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



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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 12

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

Monday, November 14

7:00 AM Dec. Barbara McKeever 9:00 AM Dec. Leslie Sherwood

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 AM Dec. Sgt, Dustin Demonte 9:00 AM Dec. Zia Salvatrica

Wednesday, November 16

Dec. Margaret Hatton 7:00 AM 9:00 AM Dec. John & Winifred Tynan

Thursday, November 17

7:00 AM Capuchin Benefactors 9:00 AM Dec. Jose Francisco-Pedroso

Friday, November 18

7:00 AM Dec. Guy & Genevieve Fiori 9:00 AM Dec. Peg Flynn

Saturday, November 19

9:00 AM Dec. Joan Barron 5:00 PM Dec. Adoracion Buhat

Sunday, November 20

7:30 AM Special Intention Annie DiMartino 9:00 AM Dec. Luigi, Maria & Filomena Lavorgna

10:30 AM Dec. Benigna Nepomuceno 12:00 NN Dec. Secular Franciscans



The *Altar Flowers* this week are donated in loving memory of Anthony Colavito

Coffee Social

Everyone is invited to join fellow FELLOWSHIP parishioners, next Sunday, November ,20 for our monthly Coffee Social from 8:30— Noon in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall. Hosted by the Confirmation Class 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 19 -November 6, 2022

2022 - 23 2021 - 22 \$9,403. \$9,368. Actual Sunday Offering Electronic Giving for the Week \$5,166. \$5,260· \$14.569 \$14,628.

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us."2 **THESSALONIANS 3:9**

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it.But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life.Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

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 for a moment and be

Talents in Service to God and Other

Share your faith—personally invite a friend to Church.

Readings for the week of November 13, 2022 Sun.: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44 Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40

November 13, 2022

Last week Tuesday Nov. 8 was the Feast Day of Blessed Duns Scotus. He is one of the foremost Franciscan theologians, Saint Bonaventure is the greatest Franciscan theologian then there is Duns Scotus and in in modern times Fr. Don Bosco Duquette. I figure I would drop a little Medieval wisdom on you.

One fascinating theological stance that comes out of our Scottish friar is that God was not incarnate in Christ because of original sin. He argues that God doesn't do it as remedy for our failing. He argues that God always desired to be close to the human race, always planned to have the unity of the divine and the human. He loves us and seeks that union. Sin meant that God incarnate would have to die on a cross, but His plan before time began was that we would become holy as He is holy, dwellings of the Holy Spirit. It is a powerful thought that emphasizes God's desire instead of our guilt.

The second thought is about "quiddity". It comes from the Latin "quid" or "this". Philosophers debated about being-form and matter. Gasp the big picture we often talk about categories of things: birds, water, air – terms that describes things according to type. We can think of God creating a universe in great broad strokes. Blessed Duns Scotus would have us recognize that everything that is created has a "this-ness ""quiddity" about it. Things might be part of large category but everything that God made is individual and has its own dignity. The more we think about how the material world is made up of molecular, atomic, subatomic particles each having a specific existence.

God's creation is awesome in its amazing breadth but also in the detail of the "this-ness" of each being. The old song quoting Christ's parable goes., "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me." There is a this-ness to me at this moment and all the details that surround me are part of His will. There is a delicacy in the distinctiveness of what God makes. Underneath it all is His plan for us to be drawn into His life as He has plotted from before we were born.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The celebration of Catholic Schools Week began in 1974. This is a yearly celebration of Catholic Education in the United States. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week for 2022 is: Faith, Excellence and Service.

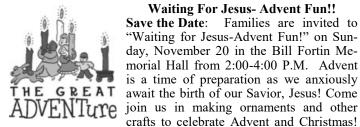
Catholic school education is an investment. Families work hard to cover the expense of tuition because they value faith-filled and quality academic formation for their children. Many families rely on financial assistance, scholarship opportunities and development support in order to bridge the gap. Donors are essential to their success. Catholic schools benefit all year long from the religious guidance, prayers and support parishes provide.

Catholic school alumni are living examples of your Catholic school product. Whether students have moved on to high school or matriculated into college, a large part of their formation and readiness was established in their prior Catholic school experience instilled in them by dedicated teachers, administrators and religious orders.

Twenty years ago, Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans: "Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation." Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. However, many adults have lost touch with their local Catholic school community. It is time for those people who have been impacted by your school to reconnect with the community that gave them so much and give back.

With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ, Michael R Cote, Bishop of Norwich



Waiting For Jesus- Advent Fun!! Save the Date: Families are invited to "Waiting for Jesus-Advent Fun!" on Sunday, November 20 in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Advent is a time of preparation as we anxiously await the birth of our Savior, Jesus! Come join us in making ornaments and other

Enjoy some fun and games! Youth volunteers (grades 6+) are needed to oversee activities. Please call the Faith Formation Center at 346-9100 or email n.nawrot@saintpius.org If you would like to volunteer. A donation of a canned or boxed good for Amazing Grace may be offered as a gift for Jesus.



Advent Giving Tree

Our Advent Giving Tree will be in place beginning November 19. We will again be collecting for many local agencies and needy families for Christmas. St. Pius parishioners have been very king and generous in the past.

committee thanks you in advance for your help and kindness, Direction for purchasing, packing and delivery will be in next week's bulletin



Save the Date Pasta 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

Flu Shot Clinic

November 20 from 8:30 to 11:45 AM
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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

Sandwich Outreach Ministry for St. Vincent de Paul



The St. Vincent Outreach Ministry here at St. Pius provides sandwiches for the clients at various times during the year. They are looking to add a couple of teams to their ministry and are in need of volunteers. The volunteers provide 50-

60 sandwiches (your choice of any type of meat and a slice or two of cheese. The Sandwiches need to be dropped off by Wednesday morning at 11 AM. We include an individual bag of chips, some people add an individually wrapped cookie or snack. For more details or to volunteer, please contact Mike Godbout at 203-228-3423 or mikegodbout1999@protonmail.com

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 PM at

St. Pius. Register online at manicholas@norwichdiocese.net or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext 304.

"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/3SR2slk 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

Angel Ornaments—The Office of Faith Events is seeking contributions of multi-cultural angel ornaments for our tree at the Annual Festival of Trees and Traditions. Please bring or send donations to 199 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360. Donations needed by November 21, 2022. Thank You!



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. Jacqueline Corda, 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: Pauline M. Jacques, Eleanor Mayr, Arthur Ghezzi, Florence Otfinoski,

Thomas Rumberger, Kathleen Gilbert, Raymond Barry, Muriel Carey, Alfred Rasch, Alfred Kuhbock, Rose Ann Couillard, Sheila Guerin, Stanley Kulas, Tom Humphreys, Clifford Zerbe, Jennie Tarbetsky, Stephen Lee, Frank L. Vecchiolla, Karen Ann Melesko, Beatrice Magnano, Richard Vezina, Helen Mintzer, John V. Flanagan, Joseph Pac, Jr., Jayne Norton, Phillip Edwards, Zigfred W. Ziemba, Salvatore Lisitano, Gertrude Rumberger, Anna Mae Donahue, Mary Bergin, Arline Mancarella, Denise Heller, Enza Cubeta, Margaret "Peg" Flynn, Mary Elizabeth Gordon, Bernice Zerbe, Genevieve Dypa

Dear St. Pius Parish,

Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your donation of toiletries and baby diapers to help meet the needs of the community.

Your servant heart is His work of art. Giving the best of you in the worst of times is a testament to the beauty of your spirit. Your hard work, dedication, compassion and care will never be forgotten. Our hearts are full of thanks and unending appreciation for you and the acts of service you choose to do each day,

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Acts 20:35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Sincerely, Susan Connelly Chief Operation Officer Catholic Charities

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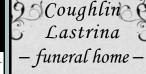
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