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(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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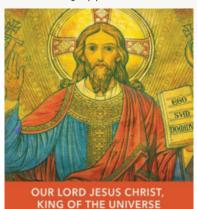
Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance.

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





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 19

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

Monday, November 21

7:00 AM Special Intention Dave DiMartino 9:00 AM Dec. Florence & Frank Magnano

Tuesday, November 22

7:00 AM Dec. Joseph & Laura Kalinowski 9:00 AM Dec. Paolo & Maria LoGiudice Dec. John & Cecilia Aresco

Wednesday, November 23

7:00 AM Dec. Gerhardt & Rosa Etzel 9:00 AM Dec. Dr. Nicholas Turro

Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving

9:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners

Friday, November 25

9:00 AM Special Intention Erwin Buhat

Saturday, November 26

9:00 AM Dec. Mary Louise Levesque 5:00 PM Dec. Ed & Jeanne Fultz

Sunday, November 27

7:30 AM Dec. Antonina Hartman

9:00 AM Dec. Paul & Charlotte Campagnone 10:30 AM Dec. Vincent & Assunta Dominello

12:00 NN Dec. Mary Kerby



Thanksgiving Schedule

On *Thursday and Friday*, *November 24 & 25*, there will be one Mass celebrated at 9 AM due to the *Thanksgiving Holiday*. The Friary Office will be closed both days.

We welcome to our parish family, *Amelia Grace Caffrey*, and congratulate her happy parents and baptism sponsors,





The *Sanctuary Lamp* will burn this week in loving memory of *Genie Dypa*

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 20 -November 13, 2022

2022 - 23 2021 - 22

Actual Sunday Offering \$7,772 \$7,178 Electronic Giving for the Week \$3,581 \$4,131 \$11,353 \$11,309

"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship

"....giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

Stewardship of Time and Talent Spending Time with God in Prayer

Take some time this Thanksgiving to express gratitude to God for the people in your life—your family, friends, teachers, mentors.

Talents in Service to God and Other

Finish this sentence—"I am thankful for you because...." about a family member or friend and let them know your answer.

Readings for the week of November 20, 2022 Sun.: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43 Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4 Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11 Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19 Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33 Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

November 20, 2022

Holy Women of the Week. In the course of last week and the beginning of this week we have an interesting group of women saints from a variety of states of life and times in history.

The earliest is Catherine of Alexandria whose feast in November 25. The history is the fuzziest, in that documents appear in the 9th century detailing her story when she died in the early 4th century. Devotion to her was wide spread- in medieval time she was considered one of the 14 Holy Helpers- saints invoked for intercession- and she is a central figure in the visions that guided St. Joan of Arc. Her story is that she was a young woman of noble birth who had the opportunity to get a truly rigorous education in philosophy, becoming familiar with the great schools of Greek thought- Plato, Aristotle, and the contemporaries of her day the Stoics and the Neo-Platonists. In her intellectual curiosity she runs into Christian thinkers and converts. It was in the time of the last persecutions under the Emperor Maxentius. She begins sharing her faith and succeeds in converting the Empress and the the head of the palace guard. The wheel they tried to torture and break her with breaks itself, she is beheaded. She is the patron of philosophers God used her intellectual potency to seek Him before she knew Him in developing her mind. He moved her from a great thinker to an instrument of evangelization.

The second in historical time is St. Margaret of Scotland- Queen of Scotland from the 11th century whose feast day is November 16th. She comes from English royal line but raised in Hungary. She returned with her family just as the Danes were being pushed out by the Angles and Saxons and the Normans were about to sweep in. Her time in Hungary formed her in a deep piety shaped by the clarity of Roman teaching. Her return at just the wrong time lead her to go north and meet her future husband Malcom III of Scotland. He was unlettered and a rough character- she would read him the Bible to slow Him down get him to reflect. She supported the Church in establishing monasteries and to take on the practices of the Universal Church- keeping the Sunday as Sabbath, starting lent on Ash Wednesday. She manifested a deep care for the poor- washing the feet of poor persons everyday. She raised her 8 children to be conscious of the life of faith and the demands of justice as well as charity.

The third in time is St. Agnes of Assisi, the sister of St Clare who lived in the 13th century whose feast day is November 16th. St. Clare snuck out of Assisi on Palm Sunday night it caused a great deal of agitation in her family- her uncles attempted to drag her back but were caught short when they saw she had already had her head shaved. Sixteen days later her younger sister has joined her in the Benedictine Monastery where she was staying. This time the men of the family came armed and determined. They drag her by her hair from the monastery struggling the whole way. Outside something happens and they give up pulling her and she returns to the monastery. Later Agnes and Clare's mother joins them as well as they establish the community of Poor Women of Assisi. Clearly Clare was an inspiration and guide, a great comfort for Agnes. But she is not destined to stay with Clare in Assisi. Agnes is sent to establish convents in Florence, Mantua, Padua and Venice. The correspondence between the sisters has been preserved. You can tell how much they mean to each other. There is Clare the great interpreter of the Franciscan vision and Agnes the "little sister" being sent from home to plant and build it far and wide. She returns to Assisi to be at Clare's side as she died. She was to die herself fairly shortly thereafter.

The fourth is Elizabeth of Hungary also from the 13th century whose feast day is November 17th. Elizabeth was born the noble family of Hungary. Shortly after her birth she was promised in marriage to prince Ludwig of Thuringia, a German state. The political jockeying between German and Hungarian nobles leads to the assassination of her mother when Elizabeth is 6 years old. It is said that Elizabeth perspective on life would be changed forever by that loss. She developed an intense appetite for prayer and the things of faith and a tender heart for the weak and needy. She married Ludwig at age 14 and the marriage is said to have been joyous. He supported her in the intensity of zeal she had for promoting convents, joining in the prayers of religious. He gave her free reign to spend the kingdom's riches on building churches but also home to care for the sick and regular distribution of food for the poor. They say he even agreed to have the sick use their royal bed when no other beds were available. The Franciscans made their way to Hungary and Elizabeth embraced and supported their work enthusiastically. She began to shape her life according to Franciscan ideals. When her husband Ludwig died she mourned intensely. Her family and in-laws encouraged her to remarry- she was only 21. She gave her rights and became a 3rd Order Franciscan living in a hospice for the poor she had founded. She is patron of the Secular Franciscans. I think she is also a model of young adults married and zealous





Italian Dinner Special Guest: Saint Nicholas Saturday, December 3 at 6 PM

Followed by our Annual Raffle Drawing at 7PM
Menu: Caesar Salad, Garlic Bread, Lasagna, Red /White Wine,
Coffee and Dessert

\$20 per person, \$12 per child under 12

Tickets available after all Masses this weekend and at the Friary Office during the week If you would like to volunteer to help with the dinner—please call the Friary Office 860-347-4441.

CHILDREN'S

Christmas Children's Choir

Thank you to those who signed up to sing in the children's choir for Christmas this year. Unfortunately we did not meet our minimum requirement of 12 singers so we will not be able to have a children's choir this year. Thank you for your interest, we will try again next year.

Flu Shot Clinic

November 20 from 8:30 to 11:45 AM
Bill Fortin Memorial Hall
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Waiting For Jesus- Advent Fun TODAY—November 20!!

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 crafts to celebrate Advent and Christmas! Enjoy some fun and games! . A donation of a canned or boxed good for Amazing Grace may be offered as a gift for Jesus.

Poinsettia &

Evergreen Bowed Wreath Fundraiser

Supporting Youth Ministry Events and Outreach Projects. Youth Ministry members will be selling live poinsettia and evergreen bowed wreaths after all masses on the weekends of December 3 & 4, 10 & 11 in the Bill Fortin Memorial Hall, or by calling the Friary for weekday purchases. Colors and Sizes available while they last! Give the gift of cheer and brighten your homes



they last! Give the gift of cheer and brighten your homes for Christmas! Thank you in advance for your support.

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



Advent Vespers
Sundays during Advent at 5 PM
Beginning November 27
Everyone is invited to join us!

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.



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: John W. DeGraff, Frank Aforismo, Angelo Uliano, Gary Johanns, Dena Shanner, Hugo Maselli, Michael Timbro, Rose Bogdan,



Amalia Filanda, Manuel Quintana, Rose Sexton, Ida Dickerson, Anne Rosano, Anna Martancik, Michael Teixeira, Barbara Barone, Kathleen Hoffman, Maria Amato, Ruth Link, Margaret Cassella, Maurice Gariepy, Sr., Mengju "Nancy" Vanasse, Evelyn Tomalski, Anthony Crescimano, Melbert J. Footit, Eugene A. Vacca, Sr., Charles A. Barket, Robert Zeoli, Albin Novak, Elizabeth Forader, Mary Chamberlain, Salvatore Forlini, Glen Aforismo, Helen M. Stannard, Elizabeth Liverman, Debra Basiel, J. Michael Fleming, John Palumbo.



Advent Giving Tree

Please take a tag from the tree, purchase the item and return the package as soon as possible, but no later than the noon Mass on December 18. Please follow the directions on the tag. Wrap the package and place the tag securely on the package, Some

gifts are not to be wrapped, but merely put in a bag and labeled. We are also collecting one pound boxes of candy for one of the agencies. Please place the boxes in the specially marked basket under the tree, If you are unable to donate a gift and would like to donated to this endeavor, Please send or drop off a check payable to St. Pius X church and mark it for the Giving Tree. Thank you in advance for your help and kindness.

Wreaths Across America

This year Doolittle Funeral Home will be collecting Funds for "Wreaths Across America" Wreaths can be purchased at \$15 each...Buy 2 get the 3rd Free. All wreaths purchases will be laid out at the State Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. Checks made out to Wreaths Across America, may be sent to Doolittle



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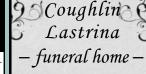
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