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**Sunday Vigil:** 5:00 pm  
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& 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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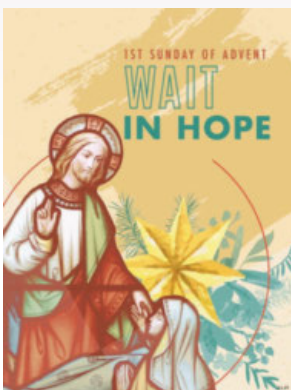
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**Baptisms:** Twice a month at  
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must be made at least one year  
in advance.

**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 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)*



### First Sunday of Advent

#### Saturday, November 26

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

#### Monday, November 28

7:00 AM  
9:00 AM

#### Tuesday, November 29

9:00 AM Dec. Thomas Olszewski—1A

#### Thursday, December 1

7:00 AM Dec. Bill Flynn  
9:00 AM Dec. Anne Hatje—5A

#### Friday, December 2

7:00 AM  
9:00 AM Dec. Christopher Dobosz

#### Saturday, December 3

9:00 AM Dec. Donald Pehota  
5:00 PM Dec. Lisa Ann Augeri

#### Sunday, December 4

7:30 AM Dec. Enrico & Maria Antognini  
9:00 AM Dec. Arthur Bonnier  
10:30 AM Dec. David & Edward Myjak  
12:00 NN Dec. Suzanne Binkowski Walsh



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving memory of **Marianne Burns & Bonnie Teixeira**

### Advent Vespers

Sundays during Advent at 5 PM

Everyone is invited to join us!



### Annual Convocation

NEWPORT, RI.—The Annual Convocation for Priests will be held from November 28-30, in Newport, RI. It will be a time for all priests to gather with their bishop for spiritual renewal, support, education and rest. No parish, school or institutional activities will be scheduled during these days. Please pray for your priests, as they will be praying for you.

A 9 AM Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 29. No Masses are scheduled for Wednesday, November 30—however the church will be open for anyone wishing to come and pray.



### 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 21 —November 20, 2022

*Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, this weekend's bulletin had to be sent to press before the calculation of the weekly offertory for November 19/20. Next weekend's bulletin will contain the updated collection total.*

### **"Tithing—Putting God First" - Stewardship**

*Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

### Stewardship of Time and Talent Spending Time with God in Prayer

Join us for Sunday Vespers during Advent at 5 PM.

### **Talents in Service to God and Other**

Our Advent Giving Tree is up and running. Consider grabbing a tag from the tree and buying something for someone in need.

### Readings for the week of November 27, 2022

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Thurs.: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

How is it that we prepare the way for the Lord? The preparation can reflect our societies values, our own personal tastes or the preferences of God. People decorate their homes- some are subdued a classic almost Victorian look. Others are bursting with all sorts of characters: snowmen with top hats, roly-poly Santas, red-nosed reindeer, full of children's energy and joy. God bless us.

Advent has us dive into the desires of God. How would He decorate our lives? The figure of John the Baptist calls us to repent- put away some of the things that have cluttered our souls to make room for a substantial re-decorating. The prophet calls out for the skies to open to let down the promised one. It all seems so dramatic like the television show: "Extreme Makeover".

It is actually fairly simple: pray and give alms. To expand our prayer life takes a true deliberate sustained choice, it is a big deal in that regard. But a small opening of 20 minutes allows for God to come in and rearrange our interior life. Likewise, a simple, planned gift done in charity has a multiplier effect. Lets look at prayer this week.

For Advent we are adding a variety of moments for prayer. We have Sunday Evening Vespers each week. Vespers is the prayer of the Church- it is made up of psalms, a reading and intercessions. The psalms are the prayer book Jesus himself used so there is a richness in giving ourselves over to them. We will have a night of Taizé prayer- simple chants based on scripture that roll through our mind in a quieting meditative effect. Fr. Ernie will have a class Wednesday nights reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent. Fr. Martin will have reflection and sharing on the Gospel texts on the Incarnation Wednesday mornings at 8:25 before the 9am Mass.

Finally, Advent is a good time to work on your household. People gather the extended family at Christmas. Advent is a good time to sow the seed of people returning to Church. The door gets cracked at Christmas and who knows what graces will make their way into a soul.

It is Advent lets us begin.



### 2022 ACA Update

As of November 17, 2022, **Saint Pius X Parish, Middletown** has donated **\$46,473** – this places you **\$12,453** from your goal! This would be a perfect opportunity to take advantage of the 50% match detailed below!

**DID YOU KNOW** - right now your donation has the potential to get a **50% match**? Thanks to the generosity of the Rossi Foundation and the Padre Pio Foundation of America all donations received now through December 15, 2022, will be eligible! Our campaign year ends December 31, 2022. With your donation, our ACA supported ministries do the work of Christ every day. If you have not made your contribution to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal, "One Faith, One Family", or would like to make an additional gift, donation envelopes are still available within the church or you can contact the Development Office at (860) 886-1928 or go online to [www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org](http://www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org). **Thank you to everyone for your support!**

### 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 be 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.



### 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.



## 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, \$10 per child 5-12 years old

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.

### 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 for Christmas! Thank you in advance for your support.



#### **Fill The Bin Collection on Everything Sunday December 11 7:30-12 Noon**

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Colder weather is fast approaching. As you search your home closets and try on last season's winter coats and apparel, please keep us in mind for those you've outgrown. A table will be available for accepting both new and gently used items in the Parish Hall on "Everything Sunday". The items collected will be sorted and donated to Middletown's Head Start Program CREC/ACES to distribute to their clients who are in need. Please be sure that all gently used items have been laundered and that the pockets are emptied. This project is being sponsored by our Youth Ministry Team. Any questions, please call the Friary at 860-347-4441. Thank you in advance for your generosity and being a witness to your Faith!

#### **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, December 2nd** in the church from **7-8 PM** for some quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.



#### **The Eucharistic Revival- The Eucharist, did you know?**

How do we recognize God's presence in the Old Testament? The Bible reveals that God chooses to be with us so that we can be in the right relationship with God. The Old Testament describes several ways that God freely chooses to be present with us (local/temporal/personal) through something that is "sense perceptible" so we can experience it. For example, God appears to persons in dreams, to Moses in the burning bush, to the exodus community in the pillar of fire and cloud, to worshippers in the temple, to the prophets in God's word and to the people in social and personal situations. *Used with permission from God's Real Presence, by Steve Mueller. Published by Living with Christ. All rights reserved.*



**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., Glenn R. Inman.*



Please pray for the souls of our faithful departed and remember those whose anniversary of death occurs this week: *Frank Motta, Stephen Mierzejewski, Aida Ziembra, Mary Kerby, Helen F. Matsen, Bernard Kujawski, Richard Fuller, Charles DeForest, Jr., Mary Gondek, Courtney Ryan, Paul Marshalek, Elizabeth Balogh, Talmina Griswold, Robert Marselli, Mary Groblich, Thomas Olszewski, Robert Boscarino, William J. Kennedy, Anne T. Hatje, Angelina Milardo, Grace Commerford, Marie Poirier, Emanuel Cannata, Mary Ann Cynoske, Josephine Hyjek, Robert Stewart, Angeline Cianci, Shaun Twiss, James V. Russo, Warren V. Smith, Dayton St. Peter, Cynthia Weber, Kevin Casserino-Samolys, Carmine Schiro, Aldore A. Richards, Patricia Wadsworth, Arthur Bonnier, Francisco Quintana, Sr.*

#### **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](mailto:manicholas@norwichdiocese.net) or call Marianne at 860-848-2237 ext 304.



The Office of Faith Events is sponsoring...

#### **The Make a Memory Christmas Stocking Project**

We invite every family to make a Christmas Stocking that will be delivered to a soup kitchen/shelter in the Norwich Diocese for children who would not otherwise receive a stocking. Include items like candy, socks, books, games, puzzles, and small toys. A homemade Christmas card from your family to theirs would be a nice touch! Some safety details... \*make sure all candy is packaged- big or small- no loose candy please, \*no candy with nuts or peanut butter for allergy reasons. Please put all goodies in NEW individual stockings and drop them off at our Faith Formation Building by Dec. 2 so they may be delivered in time for Christmas.





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