

ST. PIUS X PARISH

Newsletter

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Mission Statement

St. Pius X Parish is a community of Roman Catholics established in 1954 within the Church of Fall River to collaborate with its Bishop. Nourished through Word and Sacrament, we attend to the Holy Spirit and follow our Lord, Christ Jesus. We give witness to our participation in the Body of Christ by welcoming, evangelizing and serving all whom we encounter especially the poor.

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DYECH Making a Difference One Family at a Time

DYECH — Dennis Yarmouth Ecumenical Council — for the Prevention of Homelessness is a small group of volunteers representing various churches from Dennis and Yarmouth. Our mission is to raise funds, which are contributed monthly to Housing Assistance Corporation’s Project Prevention Program. It was developed in 1993. Since the program began, over 3,000 families in need of rent or mortgage assistance have been helped to retain their housing.

Although Cape Cod is a beautiful place to live, it is a challenge to raise a family here. Our Rental Market is extremely costly and there is a shortage of rental units available. To make matters worse, housing prices have increased faster than incomes. Households living in high cost housing markets like ours are particularly at risk as the cost of housing is significantly higher than a working class job pays. When a family on Cape Cod is facing a financial crisis because of an accident, illness, job loss or other event beyond their control, they fall behind in their rent, mortgage or utility payments. If a family is given assistance at this time, homelessness can be prevented. Keeping the family in their home and providing support until the crisis has passed, is truly the most cost effective way to address the problem. It costs \$1,000 to prevent homelessness through Project Prevention

versus \$40,000 for temporary shelter and resettling the family in new housing.

Why is it important? It is well documented that living without a home has serious impacts on the health and well-being of individuals, especially children. It is also a community issue - our neighborhoods are impacted by foreclosures and evictions.

“Children experiencing homelessness are sick four times more often than other kids, including four times as many respiratory infections, twice as many ear infections and five times more gastrointestinal problems.”

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis has encouraged us to practice the Corporal Works of Mercy. While in Washington, he passed up lunch with Congressional leaders and instead had lunch with the homeless. In speaking to the Christian mandate to house the homeless and in choosing to spend his own time in service to them, Pope Francis challenges us all (Christian and non-Christian alike) to examine what we are doing to shape the response of our communities and our nation in the face of this social issue.

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How does DYECH raise money? Funds are raised through special events, weekly sales of Caring Cards, and donations received through the 1500 Club. Caring Cards are purchased in volume and by doing so, we receive a small discount. The discount, multiplied by the number of cards sold, funds Project Prevention on Cape Cod. When a gift card is purchased, the buyer receives full value, and thus, it costs nothing extra. We encourage everyone to use these cards for all their shopping and entertainment, because we know that together, we have the power to make a difference in family life on Cape Cod. Please stop by and see all the cards we have to offer.



The 1500 Club accepts cash donations once a year during the annual renewal campaign in July/August. Donations are gladly accepted all year long. We send our heartfelt gratitude to our parishioners and visitors who consistently support this program. May there be a special seat for you in heaven!

Mary Ellen Elisham.

A Heartfelt Thank You

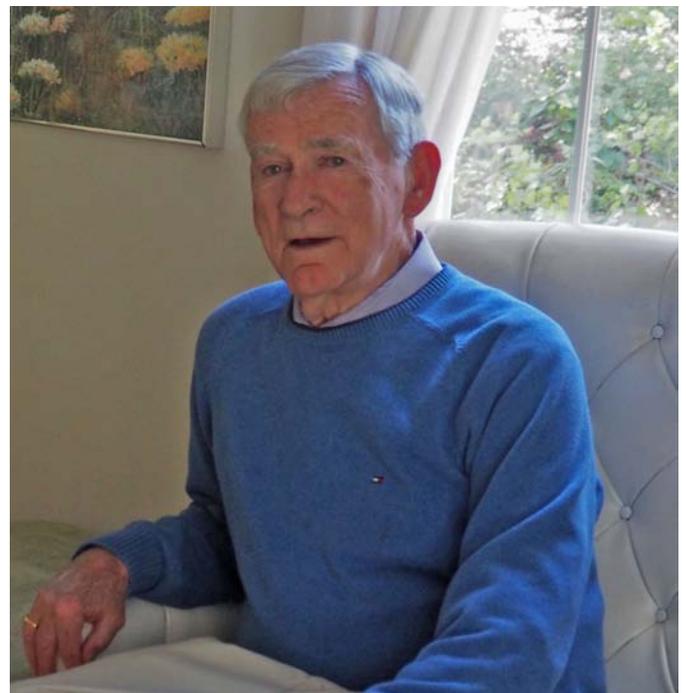
It all started as a request from Betty Colgan to write an article of interest for the St. Pius X Church Newsletter. Now, 23 years later, Joe Carney has finished his last and final article for “Our Mental Health” which was featured in the Spring 2016 Newsletter.

At 84 years young Joseph Carney has been blessed with many wonderful experiences in his lifetime. Along his journey he has selflessly shared his deep wisdom and understanding of the many challenges and struggles that the average St. Pius X parishioner could relate to. The articles that Joe wrote for the feature column were never actually planned out but instead it was through everyday living that the inspiration for an idea would arise. This should come as no surprise knowing his extensive background in the fields of psychology, counseling and divinity. Connecting with people, showing compassion and sharing God’s word has been his calling.

Although this chapter is closed, Joe will continue his journey as he is guided to walk alongside others as a pastoral counselor, church lector, parish mentor, friend and husband.

Thank you for your service and may you always be blessed along the way!

The St. Pius X Newsletter Committee

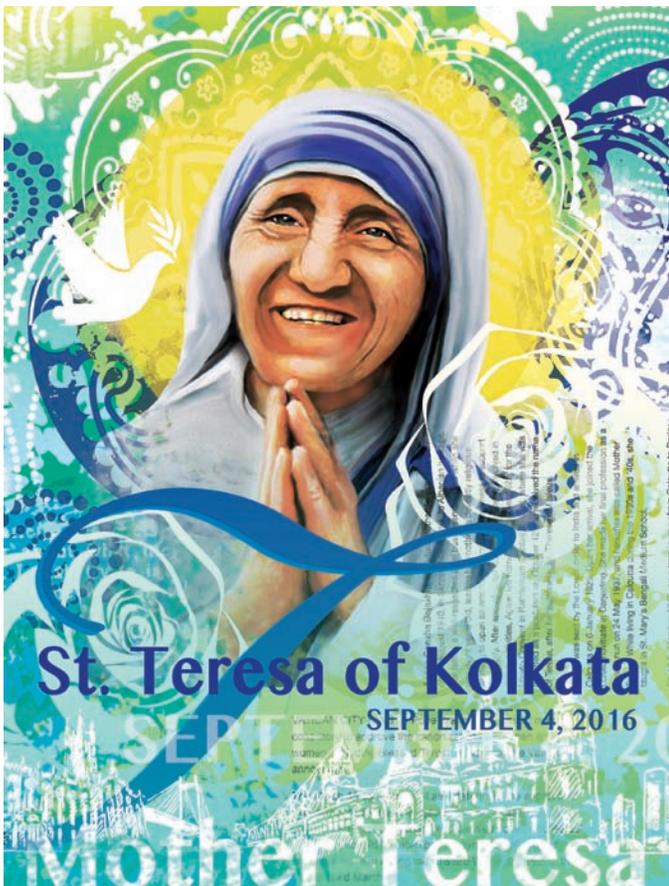




The Library Corner

With the canonization of Mother Teresa this September, it seemed appropriate to choose a book about her life for this edition of the parish newsletter. Of the many fitting books in the St. Pius X Parish Library collection, I chose *A Simple Path*, a selection of Mother Teresa's words and stories of her ministries compiled by Lucinda Vardey (271). This wonderful book gives an overview of Mother Teresa's life and the order she founded, the Missionaries of Charity.

What struck me the most while reading *A Simple Path* was the perfect picture of Mother Teresa drawn from the included stories from members of the order and visitors to her many houses of caring, as well as Mother Teresa's personal words.



About a year before her death, Mother Teresa visited Mt. St. Mary's College (now University) in Emmitsburg, MD. For a number of years, seminarians from the Mount's seminary had been volunteering at her various facilities in Calcutta, and she came to speak to the college family in appreciation. My husband and I were blessed with the opportunity to attend her talk as our daughter was a student there at the time. Never have we experienced such a moving talk and known we were in the presence of someone really special. From the mouth of a tiny, unassuming woman came the extraordinary message of love, charity and devotion to God and her fellow man. This is the essential message of *A Simple Path*.

A Simple Path is organized according to the lines of a "business card" Mother Teresa shares with those she meets:

A Simple Path

The fruit of silence is PRAYER.

The fruit of prayer is FAITH.

The fruit of faith is LOVE.

The fruit of love is SERVICE.

The fruit of service is PEACE.

Rather than "review" this book, I have chosen to share several phrases found in the book which immediately trigger memories of the time we spent in Mother Teresa's presence. She repeated several of the phrases a number of times, showing how important their message is for us all. I share them in the hope that you will reflect upon them and be drawn to the book to put them in the perspective of Mother Teresa and her Missionaries of Charity.

- ♥ Do ordinary things with extraordinary love.
- ♥ If you accept suffering and offer it to God, that gives you joy.
- ♥ God is a friend of silence.
- ♥ Help the poorest of the poor.
- ♥ God loves you . . . and we are here to express that love.
- ♥ We're just pebbles being thrown into the sea and causing ripples.

Barbara Finnerty

St. Pius X School ~ *from the Graduate Perspective*

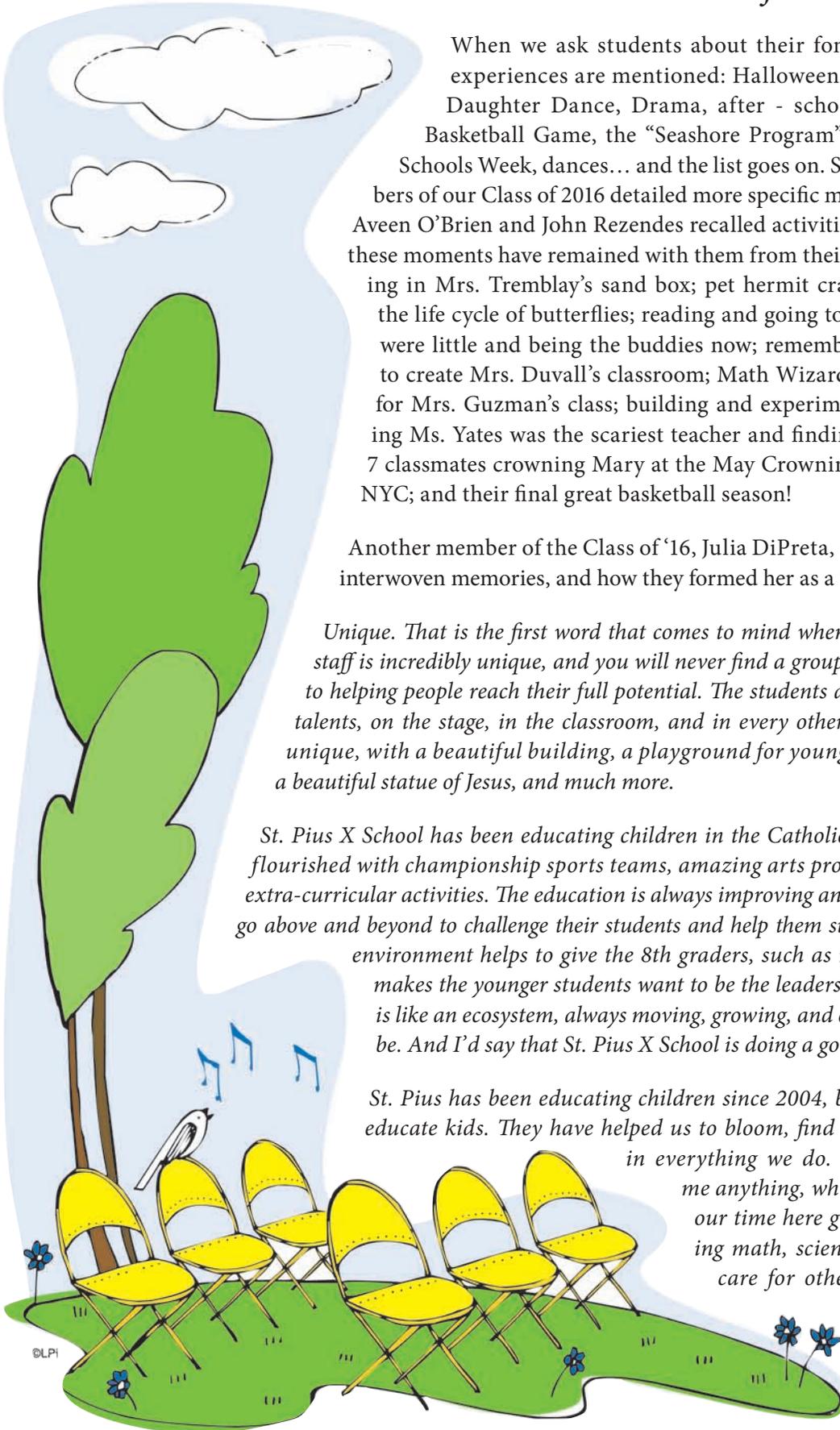
When we ask students about their fondest memories of SPXS, many experiences are mentioned: Halloween and Christmas parties, Father-Daughter Dance, Drama, after - school activities, athletics, Alumni Basketball Game, the “Seashore Program”, Field Day, field trips, Catholic Schools Week, dances... and the list goes on. Some of the recollections of members of our Class of 2016 detailed more specific memories. DJ Marrs, Lily Morrice, Aven O’Brien and John Rezendes recalled activities, some ordinary, some not. But these moments have remained with them from their ten years here. They recall playing in Mrs. Tremblay’s sand box; pet hermit crabs in their classroom; studying the life cycle of butterflies; reading and going to church with buddies when they were little and being the buddies now; remembering when the wall was put up to create Mrs. Duvall’s classroom; Math Wizards in Gr. 4; making board games for Mrs. Guzman’s class; building and experimenting in Science classes; thinking Ms. Yates was the scariest teacher and finding out she’s not; one of their Gr. 7 classmates crowning Mary at the May Crowning; performing in plays; going to NYC; and their final great basketball season!

Another member of the Class of ‘16, Julia DiPreta, reflected on her experiences and interwoven memories, and how they formed her as a St. Pius X School graduate:

Unique. That is the first word that comes to mind when I think of St. Pius X School. The staff is incredibly unique, and you will never find a group of people so loving and dedicated to helping people reach their full potential. The students are unique, all having very diverse talents, on the stage, in the classroom, and in every other way possible. The school itself is unique, with a beautiful building, a playground for younger children, a huge gymnasium, a beautiful statue of Jesus, and much more.

St. Pius X School has been educating children in the Catholic faith since 2004. The school has flourished with championship sports teams, amazing arts programs and stellar curricular and extra-curricular activities. The education is always improving and getting better, with teachers who go above and beyond to challenge their students and help them succeed. The PreK through Grade 8 environment helps to give the 8th graders, such as myself, a sense of leadership, and makes the younger students want to be the leaders of the school someday. The school is like an ecosystem, always moving, growing, and changing, to become the best it can be. And I’d say that St. Pius X School is doing a good job at it!

St. Pius has been educating children since 2004, but they’ve done much more than educate kids. They have helped us to bloom, find who we are, and gain confidence in everything we do. If St. Pius X School has taught me anything, which it most certainly has, it is that our time here goes beyond sitting at desks learning math, science, English, etc... it’s learning to care for others, to follow in the footsteps of Christ, to do what is right, and to be unique.





*St. Pius X School
Class of 2016*





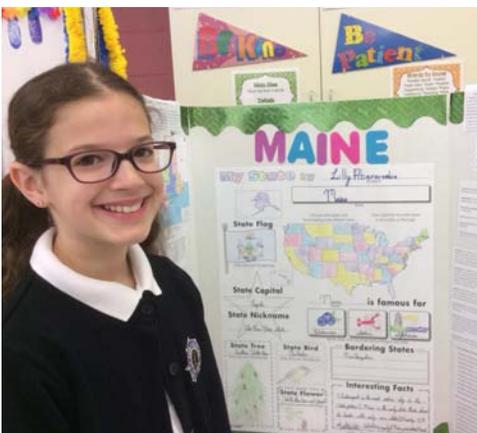
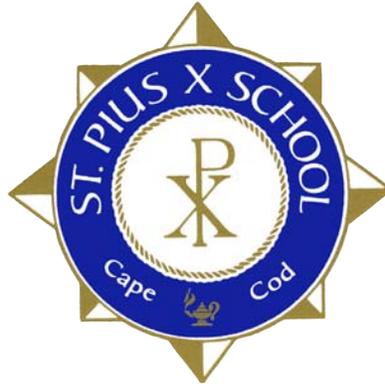
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St. Pius X and Holy Redeemer Churches Confirmation Class of 2016



Saint Pius X First Communion May 15 2016

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Catechist of the Quarter



As this year of Religious Education draws to a close, it is time to thank all the people who make it possible to have a comprehensive program here at St. Pius. A catechist is a volunteer, one who wants to share their faith with the children to help them to know and love God and serve others. Along with being faith filled, Catechists are kind, generous and fun! Our catechists range in age from 15 to 80, high school students and grandparents and every age in between.

This year it took more than 40 people to provide our faith formation program for 250 children from Kindergarten through Ninth grade, including preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Along with classroom instruction we needed people to prepare after school snacks, receptionists, and substitute teachers when others could not make it. Some of the students need aides to help them while they are in class.

This year we have two Catechists who are celebrating 35 years of volunteering in our Religious Education program, Mr. Dennis Lucier and Mrs. Beverly Camerlengo. They have both been tremendous assets. They are as enthusiastic as they were when they began with their own children. We have parents who remember them and ask for their child to be in their class.

We also have high school and college students who teach. They are great role models for the children. Each Monday afternoon, Julie Brochu comes and prepares the after school snack (cookies and juice) for 50 children. Patricia Sanders cleans the classrooms each week (see last newsletter issue).

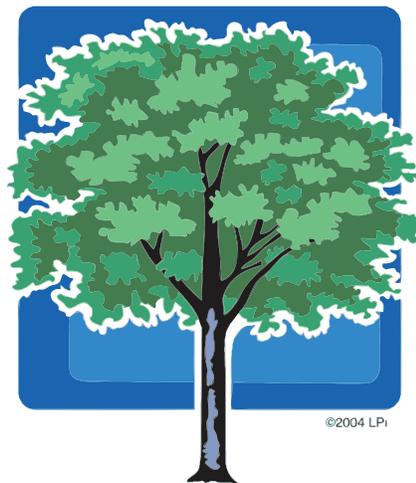
The Catechists are Eilish Dillon, Emma Ryan, Meghan Powell, Mary-Beth Capobianco, Sam Capobianco, Joey Tierney, Aine Dillon, Eric Brownlee, Robert Sanborn, Micheal Sanborn, Dennis and Judy Lucier, Beverly Camerlengo, Andrea St. Germain, Carolyn Barnes, Karen Vigeant, Bill O'Neal, Nicole Oberlander, Darlene Ahearn, Sarah Murphy, Julie Blanchard, Jane Baggan, Lauren Journet, Toni Martin, Mary Durham, Gerry Zeich, Mary Cotoia, Deirdre Journet, Kathy Mattsen, Ruth Nee, Pamela Larson, Margaret Oberlander, Kierstan Rich-Drew, Greg Bosse, Scott Cash and Donna Arnold, along with substitutes, four retreat teams a lot of great parents and of course Fr. George and Fr. Chris. Thank you for all you time and talent and faith sharing. Thank you for the laughter and friendship.

Jean Kelly

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A Ministry of Care

“God's Love Extended”

For over a decade now, every Friday, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist from St. Pius X Church have been bringing Communion to the residents of both Thirwood Place and Windsor Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in South Yarmouth.

A Catholic prayer service is held at 10:00 am for those residents who are able to join together in a designated room to pray, sing and to receive Holy Communion. For those who are not able to leave their rooms, communion is brought directly to them. There are three Extraordinary Ministers needed at each facility every week and they operate on a rotating schedule. Presently there are twelve ministers who are committed to this service and they welcome newcomers. All of this requires a smile, a little compassion and less than two hours of your time to bring God into the hearts of many.

The residents are very special and appreciative of the pastoral care that is brought to them. Without these visits, they would have little or no connection to the Catholic

Church, except maybe on television or in the case of an emergency, by a priest.

If you are interested in bringing comfort, peace and healing to these residents, please contact Father George or Father Chris. You will be amazed at how, through this ministry, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are not only received by the residents but returned to you hundredfold.

Eleanor Daly & Catherine Showalter



“Do not cast me aside in my old age; as my strength fails, do not forsake me.” Psalm 71:9



Faithful Departed

Please pray for the following recently departed parishioners.

Thomas J. Lynes Jr	03/09/16
Elinor Thompson.....	03/20/16
Sean K. Garcia.....	03/17/16
Grace P. Ferullo.....	03/31/16
Robert W. Routhier	03/25/16
Claire C. Ogren.....	03/25/16
Robert J. Muse.....	04/06/16
Victor LeClerc.....	03/08/16
Kathleen A. Stone.....	04/16/16
Kevin J. Smith	04/15/16
Marie Porazzo	04/19/16
Ellen J. Cullen.....	04/23/16
James W. Carroll.....	04/21/16
Esther C. Ranaghan.....	04/26/16
James P. Lapsley Sr.....	05/01/16
Marianne T. Foley.....	04/27/16
Francis W. McGarry	05/01/16
Margaret Slovenkai.....	05/03/16
Mary Frances McEnroe	05/03/16
Frederick Moriarty	05/07/16
Edward J. Wojnar.....	05/06/16
Gino J. Azzola Sr.....	04/27/16
Jason A. Davenport	05/18/16
Richard Thomas.....	05/25/16

Recently Baptized

We rejoice with the following who have recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Eoin Malachy McArdle.....	04/17/16
Chole Marie Hayden	04/17/16
Ameila Hazel Scola.....	04/17/16
Adelyn Kathleen Croker	05/15/16
Emma Adele Hardigan	05/15/16

Recently Married

Congratulations and best wishes to the following newlyweds.

Jonathan Paul Eldredge & Krystal Elyse Russell	04/09/16
Mark William White & Elizabeth Meghan Hartford	04/16/16
Joseph David Smith & Deanna Marie Crocker	05/07/16
James Francis Xavier Rodenbush & Dawn Lee Corey	05/14/16
Christopher Anthony Perriello & Stephanie Carole Rege	05/21/16

REQUESTS FOR MEMORIAL MASSES can be arranged 1 month in advance. ANNIVERSARY MASSES can be arranged up to 3 months in advance (including the current month). All requests can be taken beginning on the Monday of the last full week of the month by visiting or calling the parish office at 508-398-2248 between 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Friday.

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- **Discover how Catholic beliefs about Mary build on the Old Testament as well as the Gospels.**

Sessions begin on Monday, Aug. 29, 2016 in the Parish Life Center. Please arrive early for registration between 5:30 - 6:15 PM. (Supplemental materials may be purchased for \$30, if desired.)

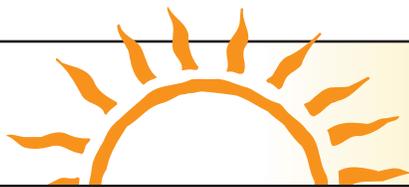
- **Learn why the early Church used titles like "New Eve" and "Ark of the New Covenant" for Mary.**

Remaining sessions will be held every Monday from 6:30 - 8:00 PM through Nov. 21, 2016. (No session on Labor Day, Sept. 5)

- **Grow in your devotion to Our Lady.**

All are welcome! Please let us know if you will be attending by contacting Jackie Rockwell at: bibleandvirginmary@gmail.com or 508-274-8244.

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CALENDAR

- June 30 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday - 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- July 3 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- July 4 Fourth of July - St. Pius X Parish Office Closed
- July 9-10 Daughters of St. Paul - Books and Religious Articles Sale (Church & Chapel)
- July 13 Summer Fair in the Parish Life Center
- July 17-21 Parish Mission - Fr. Simeon Gallagher OFM
- July 18-22 Vacation Bible School in the Religious Ed Center
- July 25 Blood Drive in the Parish Life Center

- August 4 Adoration in the Church, Thursday before First Friday - 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- August 7 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 30 First Day of School - SPXS

- September 1 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday - 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- September 4 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- September 5 Labor Day - St. Pius X Parish Office Closed



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