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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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TWO PATHS ONE MISSION

On Sunday June 11th a wonderful celebratory Mass was held in honor of Father George Bellenoit and Father Christopher Peschel. It was the feast day of the Holy Trinity and the church halls were adorned with rays of sunshine and the air filled with the Holy Spirit. As the music began, The Knights of Columbus graciously lined the way for Bishop Irwin, visiting priests and deacons as they all processed down the aisle. Church pews were filled with local parishioners, family, friends and visitors from afar. All came to participate in this glorious dual occasion while extending their most sincere prayers and well wishes to both.

Fr. George's new path will be that of "active" retirement here on Cape Cod, while Fr. Chris' path is a new challenge as an

Administrator of two parishes in Attleboro, St. John the Evangelist Parish and St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Even though their missions bring them each to a different place at a different time in their lives, they will both continue to serve the Lord.

During the homilies we were reminded of the true meaning of love and family. That the love of the Holy Trinity is not insulated, but by its very nature flows forth through all of us. We have all been recipients of love from God and have shared

that love with one another in this parish. In baptism we all became part of God's Family. As members of the "Family of the Lord" we have each been blessed with special gifts and are called to do God's work - to love and serve Him and one another.



Fr. George Bellenoit Inside Edition

Father George was born, the only son of Omer and Domenica (Bollea) Bellenoit, in New Bedford on July 1, 1946. He attended Holy Name School (New Bedford), Bishop Stang High School (North Dartmouth), St. Thomas Seminary (Bloomfield CT) and St. Mary Seminary (Baltimore, MD).

Our lives began to intersect when we met as freshmen at Stang High School. We both benefited from the ministry of the dedicated priests of our home parishes – his was Holy Name, and mine was St. Joseph – both in New Bedford. The chaplain at the high school, besides being a great example for a diocesan priest, put a special effort into working with the boys who were thinking about a vocation to the priesthood. Both Father George and I – in addition to a bunch of others – benefited from getting to know a lot about what the priesthood is about from our high school days with Father Joseph Powers. Both of us entered the seminary right after high school.

Our paths to the priesthood separated a bit, when after St. Thomas Minor Seminary he was assigned by Bishop Connolly to studies at St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore and I was assigned to St. John Seminary in Brighton, MA. But our friendship continued to develop, especially during vacation. We spent a good deal of time together in the summer, when we were both counsellors at St. Vincent de Paul Camp in Westport. George's ease and joy in working with children became evident then – as he fulfilled various duties like dorm counsellor, dining room monitor, guiding the children at Mass, and, especially as he dealt with the animals in the nature department – his field of expertise – at least at camp! Can you imagine Fr. George managing a stable?

There were four of us ordained on May 13, 1972: Father Timothy Goldrick, Msgr. Daniel Hoye, Father George and myself. His family and friends and mine had gotten to know each other so well that we had our after-ordination dinner together – an Italian meal – what else?!

Father's first assignment was as a deacon at Sacred Heart Church in Fall River. It was through the pastor there, Msgr. Lester Hull, a native of Nantucket, that he got to know a lot about the island, enough so that eventually it would become one of our favorite places to visit. (It's quite convenient that I'm the pastor there now, although Father's schedule doesn't allow for a lot of visits – something that may change in his retirement.)

Father George's assignments as assistant pastor (prop-

erly called "parochial vicar") were St. Mary, Mansfield (1 year), St. Mark, Attleboro Falls (10 years, part of which he was assistant to Fr. Powers and chaplain at Bishop Feehan High School), Chaplain at Charlton Memorial Hospital, Fall River, while living at Sacred Heart Parish (10 Years). He was pastor at St. Patrick, Somerset (3 years), St. Mary, Mansfield (10 years), and has been at St. Pius X in Yarmouth these last 11 years.

One of the highlights of his ministry was his preparation for work as a hospital chaplain. On his own, he took the program of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), so to equip himself psychologically, spiritually, and theologically to assist those in the hospital, both patients and staff. I know how much work that was because I saw first-hand how much of his own time it took, because it meant less time to rest and relax on days off.

Notable about Father's time at St. Pius X has been the work renovating the church, his involvement in Catholic Education on the diocesan level (having been co-chair of the Task Force on Catholic Education), and the devoted care he gave his mother during the last years of her life. He was blessed to have her until she died in 2013 at the age of 102!

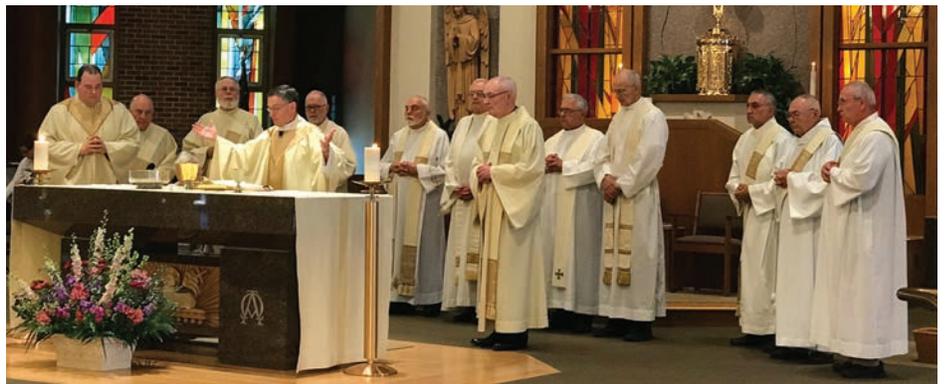
What will he do in retirement? Probably more of what he likes to do on days off and vacations: putter around the house, clean up the yard, walk (and walk some more), fish in the summer, ski in the winter, spend some time in Florida. He'll do more of what he likes to do in the Church: help in parishes who need another priest to celebrate Mass – now without administrative worries. Lights, leaks, locks and lawns will be someone else's concern!

Home will be the house on the Cape that three priests bought 42 years ago. Father Michael Nagle, good friend, sold his part to us a couple of years after becoming the pastor of Martha's Vineyard. I'll be working for another year before retirement, so I'll depend on Father George's penchant for keeping things clean and orderly. He even lines things up in the refrigerator – tall things in back to the shorter ones in front. I'm not making this up!

So, you might see him around – at the grocery store, in the mall, on a beach somewhere close. As usual, he'll have a smile for you – maybe just a little broader now that he can truly relax!

Fr. Marcel Bouchard

Father George's Retirement Celebration June 11th



Stomping Through the Garden with Fr. Chris Peschel

You may remember that Fr. Chris was assigned to St. Pius X some years ago as a seminarian. I was the Parochial Vicar at the time, and very much enjoying my first assignment. It must have been late April or early May when Fr. George mentioned casually at the breakfast table that we would be having a guest at the house. “Oh yes,” I replied as I was reading the Op-Ed in the Globe. “We’re getting a seminarian.” Interest piqued, I put down the paper and asked who. He said we were getting Chris Peschel. I was thrilled.

Chris and I overlapped somewhat in formation. I didn’t know him terribly well, but knew we got along nicely and I was looking forward to getting to know him better. Indeed, it was that summer that we moved from friendly acquaintances and fellow travelers to friends. There are a couple of experiences that we shared that summer that stand out to me. The first was a wedding, the second involved moving a television and trampling a garden.

The wedding was the very first day of Fr. Chris’ assignment. As he would be serving the wedding, we went through the paperwork together and discussed the couple in question and what forms were to have been filled out and so on. The blessed day arrives at last. Fr. Chris drops his bag on his bed, and we drive over to Our Lady of the Highway.

We arrive and unlock the doors, turn on the lights, set up for Mass, pretty standard stuff. The groom and the groomsmen show up, looking smart in tuxedos with crimson bowties. The bridesmaids are there, resplendent in ivory. The guests are arriving, and the time for the nuptials draws nigh. And then it passes. 15 minutes. 30 minutes. 45 minutes. The groomsmen and bridesmaids are in a panic. Fr. Chris is standing near them, and has somewhat absorbed their anxiety, but is also feeding his own jovial nature to them, reassuring them and distracting them from the noticeable tardiness.

It is at this point that the limo comes screeching into the parking lot and the bride explodes from the back seat, a flurry of lace, white satin, and blood-red rose petals. Fr. Chris is visibly relieved. It was a memorable wedding, and lovely, truly, and made smoother for his affability.

The second story involves us picking up a rather large and heavy television. We had been dispatched by Fr. George

to help the gentleman in question. Happily we set off. We arrive at the appointed house at the appointed time. No one is there. We wait. We ring the bell again. We wait some more. I looked at Fr. Chris. “You don’t think...” I said, leaving the question incomplete. “No, I’m sure he just forgot.” He paused. “Probably.” We looked at each other and said simultaneously, “Maybe we should check.” So there we were, two rather large men, wearing black, stalking around a house in Dennis peeking in the basement windows, calling to each other asking if we could see anything, pushing the bushes and flowers out of the way, subtle as a pair of bulls in a china shop.

At last, we emerge from the back, our feet covered in mud and mulch and sweat. A large SUV pulls into the drive, and out from it steps the man for whom we were looking with an iced coffee in one hand and an ice cream cone in the other. “Hey fellas, sorry I’m late. Stopped for ice cream.” We laughed, both at the humor of the situation and in relief. We extracted the TV with some effort and carted it off.

I remember this story and retell it here not because I was happy to have another mover (although I was, that thing weighed a ton), and not because it reveals some greater truth about the economy of salvation, but because it was the kind of ridiculous situation you want to share with a friend and I did. I am grateful for my time at St. Pius and that it was my first assignment, and just as I am grateful to have shared misdemeanor trespassing with him, so am I grateful that St. Pius was his first assignment as well, that you could teach him and prepare him as you did me. Congratulations, Chris, on your new assignment. May the Lord bless you abundantly in Attleboro as He has in South Yarmouth.

Fr. David Deston



Father Chris' "Moving On" Celebration June 11th



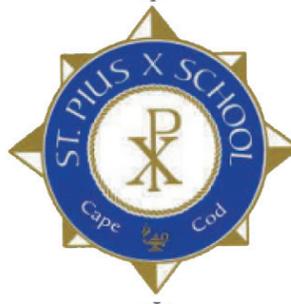
First Communion & Confirmation



Graduation



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St. Pius X Religious Education

Lent is a time of sharing with others who have less; this lesson our young of the parish did with great joy. The younger classes made Easter cards for the homebound of our parish and 100 cards for residents of Windsor Nursing Home. Our 4th and 5th grades made comfort pillows for the patients of the Visiting Nurses Association. Our 6th, 7th and 8th grades brought in candy and made Easter baskets for

needy children. Our Youth Ministry group held a food drive for the Yarmouth Food Pantry. All of our youngsters collected materials for overseas relief for refugees and our Women's Society was particularly generous in their donations and helping to pack the boxes for shipment.

By Rebecca Gallerizzo



We graciously thank all the youngsters, teachers, parents, and parishioners who helped make this Lenten campaign one of sharing Christ's love with so many who have little. It is truly Christ's love, which conquers all obstacles to bring all people together.

Our Lady of Fatima Celebration

On Saturday, May 13th, St. Pius X celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three children in Fatima, Portugal. The celebration began with the 8am Mass, with Fr. Chris Peschel as Celebrant, our Pastor, Fr. George Belenoit, as Concelebrant and Deacons Bill Gallerizzo, Mike Hickey, Anthony Surozenski, and Richard Zeich. Following Mass, there was a procession around the Religious Education Building and through

Mary's shrine garden. When all returned to the Church, the Lady of Fatima statue was enshrined at the Blessed Mother's Altar, and the participants recited the Rosary. This was followed by light refreshments in the Religious Education Building.

Our Celebrant, Fr. Chris, delivered the homily >



The crowned statue of Our Lady of Fatima on the side of the Altar during Mass. >

Parishioners, Peter Scheffer and Steve Harrington, carry Our Lady of Fatima for the procession following Mass. >>



Bishop Francis Irwin

“May we always be counted among the members of Christ”

On Sunday April 2, 2017, Bishop Francis Irwin returned to St. Pius X Church following an extended medical absence. He was welcomed with open arms and once again touched the hearts of many with his inspiring words.



Recently Married

Congratulations and best wishes to the following newlyweds.

James W. Hone and Kristina M. Lundquist	5/13/17
Derek M. Gustafson and Keri E. McGovern	5/19/17
Timothy D. O'Toole and Jessica L. Curran	5/20/17
Kyle Robert Merrill and Katelyn Marie Riconda	5/26/17
Jason Robert McWhirter and Jennifer Mary Clancy	5/27/17

Recently Baptized

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

Aiden Matthew Langhorne	3/19/17
Kyle Edgar Cobb	3/29/17
Serena Jo Casanova	4/16/17
Anyah Marie Marshall	4/23/17
Ethan Antonio Ayala	5/7/17
Catherine Marie Baker	5/7/17
Adam Joseph Garbitt	5/21/17
Skylar Marie Pacheco	5/21/17
Charles Richardson Hoppen	5/21/17
Daniel Francis Hoppen	5/21/17

Faithful Departed

Please pray for the following recently departed parishioners.

Frederick J Conley	3/7/17
Harvey Whipple, Jr.	3/7/17
Michael Sabina	3/15/17
Joseph Levesque	3/13/17
Susan Merritt-Glenny	3/22/17
Fernando Tuano	4/15/17
Peter M. Audino	3/16/17
Joan M. Adams	3/8/17
Stanley Edward Jones	5/2/17
Mary Singleton	5/1/17
Doris Mary Kelley	5/5/17
Marie L. Prescott	5/6/17
Louise T. Lanciani	4/18/17
Albert D. Barbo	5/13/17
James M. Boles	5/11/17
Diolindo P. Fells, Jr.	5/1/17



Julia Dunton, Recipient of the Fr. George Bellenoit Spirit Award

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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.

CALENDAR



- July 2, 2017 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
July 6, 2017 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday
5:30 to 6:30 pm
- July 4, 2017 Fourth of July – St. Pius X Parish Office Closed
July 12, 2017 Women's Society Summer Fair in the
Parish Life Center 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
- July 17, 2017 French Choir Performance SPX Church 7:00 pm
July 24-28, 2017 Vacation Bible School in the Religious Ed Center
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- July 24, 2017 Blood Drive in the Parish Life Center
- August 3, 2017 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday
5:30 to 6:30 pm
- August 6, 2017 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
August 15, 2017 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
August 29, 2017 First Day of School
- September 3, 2017 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
September 7, 2017 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday
5:30 to 6:30 pm
- September 4, 2017 Labor Day – St. Pius X Parish Office Closed



Our Lady of the Highway Chapel Closes for the season after Mass on Sunday Sept. 3, 2017

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