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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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Welcome Father Paul Caron

A little bit about me; I was born in Taunton, MA of the late Albert W. and Marilyn (Lacroix) Caron. I have two brothers with me being the middle child of the clan. I grew up a member of St. Jacques Church in Taunton and attended the parish Catholic School there. Subsequently, I attended Monsignor Coyle High School in Taunton. I was active in all aspects of the band and was also a member of the golf team. I attended the University of Massachusetts and graduated with a B. S. in Biology Pre-med. I was certified as a teacher on the Secondary level in Biology, Chemistry, and Social Sciences. I taught at Ss. Peter and Paul School in Fall River (and had parishioner, Kevin Depin, as a student) and at Cohannet Middle School in Taunton.



Rev. Paul A. Caron, Pastor

I entered St. John's Seminary in Brighton, MA in 1978 and was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Fall River on June 11, 1983 at the hands of Bishop Daniel A. Cronin. My first assignment (probably due to my background in teaching) was as Chaplain at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro and Parochial Vicar at St. Mark's Parish in Attleboro Falls. I was there from 1983-1988. I was then sent to Immaculate Conception Parish in North Easton and remained there until 1996 when I was

appointed Pastor of St. Francis Xavier in Acushnet, which also had a parish school. In 2000 I became pastor of St. Mary – Our Lady of the Isle on Nantucket and remained there until 2007. I was then appointed as Pastor of St. Rita's in Marion and in 2009 also assumed the pastorate at St. Anthony's in Mattapoisett. This year, on June 28th, I became pastor here at St. Pius X.

So that is the bio and assignment stuff, but a few words about me. Priesthood is central to my life although I was never (in my mother's words) a "Holy Roller." The call to priesthood can be obvious for some and also as subtle as a whisper, but

it is one that can be persistent as well. A person can ignore it or embrace it. It took me a while to embrace it as I was happy as a teacher, but finally the persistent Lord caused me to respond and I enrolled in the seminary. But I would not give up one minute of my teaching and the lay life of my twenties. I enjoyed being a hockey player, a pee wee coach, and a certified referee (striped shirt of course). I was also a Patriots season ticket holder back at the old Schaefer Stadium!

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Father Paul

I have been blessed in my assignments. I loved being Chaplain at Bishop Feehan High School and to have that daily contact with the next generation. I am still friendly with many of my “kids” even now into their late 40’s! My parish assignments have been challenging at times, depending on condition and location, but were all wonderful in their own way.

Over the years I have come to understand what “Church” is. Church, as defined in the Vatican II document *Lumen Gentium* (the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church) is “the people of God.” And time after time I have been sent to work with and for parishes and communities of faith, and together we have come to know that we indeed are the Church. It is not just a “top heavy” organization but we are in this together all journeying in faith from life to life.

I have two things that are very important to me and perhaps define my journey. I love Liturgy that is well done. It must be so, for Liturgy is literally “the work of the people.” It is OUR work of celebrating God’s love shown through His Son Jesus Christ. Our “Work” is to receive the Lord in Word and Sacrament and then to bring Him and His good news into our world. And we are not called to be dour and glum about it! It is not a sin to smile.

The other thing that is truly important is that we be a welcoming community all year round. We meet folks where they are and are open to them on their journey. I have felt your welcome these past few months and know that we



Father Chris & Father Paul

will continue to be welcoming to all who come to us here and to one another.

I am happy to be with you and to celebrate God’s love and peace with you each and every day in many ways. I subscribe to Pope Francis’ idea that we are not about whining but about bringing and living the joy of the Gospel each day!

Father Paul Caron



Introducing Father Chris Stanibula

Reflecting on the ministry and my own life, I see my calling as a gift given not just 50 years ago, but as the gift, which I need to rediscover over and over again.

I am from Poland, and my baptismal name is Krzysztof. That is Christopher in English, or simply Fr. Chris. My last name is Stani-bula, which comes from the old Polish word stani (growing yeast) and bula (bread). So, an ancestor was probably a baker. Christopher comes from the Greek name meaning “Christ-bearer”, which is related to Christ’s mission. Perhaps parents should consider giving their children a name with a deeper meaning.

My association with priests and the Church started very early. I started faithfully serving Mass in the second grade. Then I became a lector and eventually a cantor at the Sunday Masses. During my last years of elementary school, however, I was attracted to another profession, an airline pilot. When I was 14, my parents permitted me to apply to a military high school to start the expensive training for that profession. However, the physical exams, including requirements to deal with high and low cabin pressure, proved too much for me. I then entered Technical Engineering High School. Through the High School years, I maintained my interest in catechism classes, and I met a great priest, Fr. Tymosz, whose personality and lifestyle encouraged me to think about his ministry.

I firmly believe that a vocation to the priesthood or religious life can only grow in a favorable environment. Without a healthy and supportive family as well as a community of faith, it is almost impossible to become religious. Luckily, my parents trusted God and prayed that one day I might become a priest.

After obtaining my technical engineering diploma and passing the so-called “maturity tests”, I began studying Philosophy at the Catholic University of Lublin, Pl (Poland). A turning point occurred during the final years at college: I discovered another level of understanding of what my name “Christ-bearer” means. I saw that my life would make sense when it bore the marks of Christ’s vic-

tory over death and suffering.

One day, I happened to read an article about the state of vocations in America. It was a recruiting article from the American Seminary in Michigan. Fr. Flis wrote the article in *Przewodnik Katolicki* or Catholic Guide about the Seminary training there. I began reflecting on it and discussing it with my family. I went to retreats with other candidates, first at Our Lady of Czestochowa, Pl, and later, after receiving an American visa, at the Seminary on the beautiful Orchard Lake grounds in Michigan. The rest, as they say, is history. While studying Pastoral Theology at the Seminary and the adjacent St. Mary’s College, I met a vocational director who told seminarians about the Fall River Diocese and their need for priests. I was invited to spend several assignments at the Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral Camp, and then two years later became a priest of the

Fall River Diocese. Serving as a priest for more than 22 years in Fall River, New Bedford, and Attleboro has been quite an experience. Serving mostly in the capacity of parochial vicar, full and part time hospital chaplain, as well as parish administrator.

My continued studies have been a constant intellectual stimulation. I have taken courses at Weston, Cambridge now Boston College, and the Catholic University of Lublin where I completed a doctorate. Schools have always helped me realize my interests in research and at the same time revealed flaws that have made me who I am now.

Philosophically speaking, the more meaningful one’s life, the greater the person’s existence. These 22 years have been for me a real journey in Faith. There have been challenges, disappointments, and discouragements. Yet, at other times I have experienced the greatest joys: sitting in the confessional, baptizing a new person for Christ, or standing at the altar of God and being humbled and honored to bring the Eucharist to God’s people. Through being His instrument, repeating Christ’s words, “Take this, all of you, and eat of it. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Father Christopher Stanibula.



*Rev. Christopher Stanibula,
Parochial Vicar*



The Library Corner

thy will be done



Once again, our parish gave us a wonderful Matthew Kelly book for Christmas. While *Resisting Happiness* sounds a bit off-putting, the contents will quickly intrigue you. If you haven't picked up the book yet, I encourage you to do so soon.

As I did last year, when I realized the book had about 40 short chapters, I saved the book for Lenten reading. Each chapter of *Resisting Happiness* has about 5 pages about an aspect of finding happiness in your life. That is followed by a **Key Point** of about a sentence or two and an **Action Step**, also of a few sentences. Each chapter stands alone, although reading them sequentially is best, since Kelly develops his thesis of happiness as the book progresses.

If you grew up underlining or high-lighting your textbooks or taking notes, this is the book for you. You own it, you can underline or highlight or make marginal notes in it. Repeatedly, I found myself surprised and reassured to see the **Key Point** for the chapter was something I had high-lighted and written down in a journal as I read it.

Kelly defines **Resistance** as “the desire and tendency to delay something you should be doing right now... Resistance stands between you and happiness.” To overcome the resistance, we need God and prayer in our lives, and we should focus on “**Thy will be done.**”

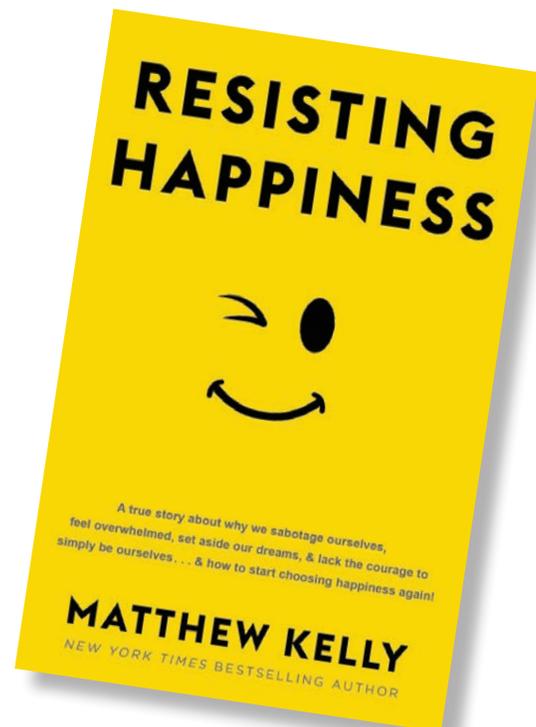
As in his other books, Kelley uses stories of his own life to

illustrate his points. As a teenager, he was blessed to have an adult family friend take him under his wing, to coach him, to challenge him to enrich his spiritual life, step by step, in more and more significant ways. Among the steps were daily visits to church for quiet time of prayer and contemplation, time spent reading the Bible, and time visiting the lonely, a gift to the one visited as well as the visitor. Kelly stresses the importance of this coaching in his life.

“God wants us to have a strong mind, a strong heart, and a spirit that soars with so much strength that nothing in this world can weigh it down. These things can only be accomplished with prayer and fasting.” Kelly advises offering each activity of your day as a prayer for a specific person or intention. He is a strong advocate of learning. He wants us to develop a love of learning and to build our own shelves of meaningful books, books to help us grow spiritually, to help us be hopeful and positive, and to help us trust God.

Read Matthew Kelly's *Resisting Happiness* to understand his **Prayer Process: Gratitude, Awareness, Significant Moments, Peace, Freedom, and Others.**

Barbara Finnerty



Prayer Shawl and Baby Blanket Ministry

The love and commitment of weaving faith and warmth through the gift of a shawl to someone in need is the primary goal and commitment of the ladies of the SPX Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Each shawl is intended to comfort and provide solace to the recipient. The participants in this ministry work hard to ensure that each shawl is created while the knitters are in a prayerful state of mind. When beginning work members may say the Shawl Maker's Prayer or their own prayer. The vibrant colors and intricate patterns add to the recipients' appreciation in receiving this warm and therapeutic wrap. Shawls may be knitted or crocheted and patterns are eagerly shared by members.

Shawls are never sold but always given.

This fun and welcoming group along with donations received produce up to 160-200 shawls annually; each includes a sewn tag stating "Blessings from St. Pius X, Prayer Shawl Ministry" and may include an enclosed prayer card or Rosary, a remarkable impact of love and relief for those in need. These shawls are distributed at our St. Pius annual Healing Mass and are available at the Religious Education Office by request. In addition, shawls have been given to a local Hospice, to veterans' organizations, VNA Homebound and some to children of military families to help during a parent's deployment. Yet another commitment is that every baby that is baptized by St. Pius X Parish receives a baby blanket in a crocheted pattern made of lightweight white yarn – size approximately 36" x 36".

Donations of yarn or finished shawls are also gratefully accepted at the Religious Education office. The sizes can vary 56" to 60" long x 18" wide. One or two pockets can also be attached. Smaller sizes can also be made for children. Lap robes approximately 42" square are made to suit chairs or wheelchairs. Patterns are available at the Parish Office for anyone interested.

Recipients sometimes write a note about their experience in receiving their shawl bringing to light such love and connection. One of these is from a mom relating that her mother went through cancer treatment using a SPX shawl, she later saw that her daughter had adopted and now uses that same shawl to snuggle. It does happen that recipients are able to re-gift their shawl and its blessings on to family or friends in need.

Founded in the early 1990's, this mission was chaired by



Barbara St. Cyr

Barbara St. Cyr. Since her death the ministry has continued on to fulfill its mission. In the beginning they met monthly in the basement of the Life Center and then grew continuing their efforts by connecting with other Shawl ministries of every denomination that have hosted clinics and workshops. Current SPX members typically work independently weaving

the time and commitments into their daily lives, but may reach out to each other with updates, coming events, etc. They were inspired by the original shawl ministry founded out of the National Women's Leadership Institute at the Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT.

This is such an inspiring ministry; the care and warmth are evident in each piece. The knitters of these projects prayed while making shawls that when received the recipient would know "God is Love."

Prayer for All

Dear Lord: Bless my hands as I knit today. May each twist of the yarn guide me to create a pattern of love and comfort in my work and remind me of Your Ultimate Protection. Wrap me in Your Spirit so that I will be more caring to those in need. Grant me patience as I create this shawl. And bless my handiwork as it travels to bring comfort and peace to someone in need of Your warming embrace. Amen (copyright 2004 by Diane Burgess)

Marie Harrison



L-R: Joan, Lucy, Mairead, Ruth

Bringing People to Christ Through “Little Audrey”



“Little Audrey”

Deacon Tony Surozenski here with information about a possible future Pro-Life Saint from Worcester, Audrey Marie Santo. Before I get into details, I would like to note that in the final thoughts of my book, “Called to Serve, Life as a Firefighter-Deacon,” I wondered where I would be led and what I would be doing. It seems apparent now that God drew me to 64 South Flagg Street, Worcester where Audrey Santo lived following her accident involving their backyard swimming pool.

For me, it began in 2010 when one of our deacons asked if I wanted to visit Audrey’s home. He had worked there and at different Audrey events such as her birthday, which is December 19, 1983; during visits from pilgrims from all over the world; her drowning and recovery date of August 9, 1987, and her passing to eternal life on April 14, 2007. At that first visit, I found out that Audrey fell into the family pool, drowned, was revived and taken to the hospital where she was overdosed with phenobarbital and was in a coma for three weeks. Shortly thereafter, physical therapists accidentally dislocated her limbs. She suffered from what is called Akinetic Mutism whereby she was unable to speak and had limited movement. She could move her eyes and was able to squeeze people’s fingers and not much more than that. She had a G tube inserted and was not able to eat regular food. However, she was able to take small pieces of Holy Communion.

Doctors said that if she were not placed in an institution of some kind that she would not live too long. Linda, her mother, said that she would take her home and care for her there. Audrey had 24 hour care by nurses and her



Oil filled Ciborium

pediatrician who visited on a regular basis. All was possible due to donations and special benefactors. As one can easily figure, she lived to be 24 years old. Love, care and prayers kept her alive.

It appears as though God had and still has special plans for Audrey. A few months after her return home strange phenomena began to occur on pictures and statues. The first picture to have oil and what appeared to have blood flow from it was Our Lady of Guadalupe. That was followed by oil flowing from a picture of St. Rita. Then, other pictures such as St. Padre Pio, crucifixes, and statues of Our Blessed Mother, The Sacred Heart of Jesus, began to be covered with oil. On one Good Friday, there appeared to be blood flowing from a tabernacle that was in her home and stained a cloth that was in it. Another unexplainable occurrence is that of a ciborium that fills with oil. It is emptied when a helper places oil on a piece of cotton and then put in plastic which is then sent to those who request it by sending a self addressed envelope. There always seems to be enough to send out year after year.

Bringing People to Christ Through “Little Audrey”



Sacred Heart of Jesus

Other really unusual events involve the appearance of blood on 7 Consecrated Hosts and evidence of what appears to resemble the Stigmata on Audrey’s body. Redness, bruises, and breaks in the skin on Audrey’s hands, feet, side, and head have been documented by nurses who took care of her.

Diocesan investigations have shown that there was no fraud taking place at the residence and that all occurrences are simply unexplainable. Testing of blood and oil has been done. The blood is human and the oils are mostly olive in nature and the type used by the Church for sacramental use. It is interesting to note that sometimes the oil smells just like olive oil and at other times there is the scent of roses, has a citrus scent, and at other times flowery with no known explanation.

The process to sainthood is slow. All documentation of alleged miracles need to be checked. Reports from nurses and caregivers need to be organized in readable fashion and dated in an orderly fashion.



St. Padre Pio

Photographs, videos, audio presentations, and any television interviews need to be checked. All types of verifications of any and all information is a must. All these are important to rule out anything that would place the cause in jeopardy.

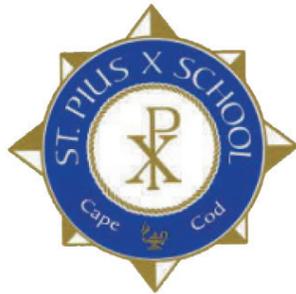
From my involvement since 2010, I have witnessed many unexplainable events, met priests, bishops, deacons, and lay people from a variety of backgrounds, checked many documents, have listened to conversion experiences and have come to the conclusion that the unusual events have led people back to the Church, the Eucharist, and a belief that all life is important from birth to natural death. With that noted, my feeling is that Audrey is the real deal and worthy of moving her Cause forward for sainthood.

Please feel free to check out the website for more information: littleaudreysantofoundation.com

Blessings to all,

Deacon Tony Surozenski

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Religious Education – WOW GOD



This year the theme for Vacation Bible School here at Religious Education was “Maker Fun Factory.” We had 65 attendees along with 45 volunteers. Lots of fun, laughter and love was shared by all. Children participated in Bible adventures, made science gizmos, watched Kids’ Vid Videos, saw skits by David, Maya & Julia and played amazing games. They learned that we are all made by God, who will always be there for us. WOW GOD!



Visit by Jeune Choeur d'île-de-France

St. Pius X Parish had the pleasure of hosting a visit from the Jeune Choeur d'île-de-France (Youth Choir of greater Paris) under the direction of Prof. Francis Bardot. The Choir came to the Cape as part of their 2017 Quebec and USA Tour. This is the second time that we have been able to host the Choir. They sang at the Saturday evening Mass and returned to perform a concert on Monday evening, followed by a reception at the Parish Life Center. While on the Cape they visited and performed at several other churches. The Concert was well attended and well received; a very inspiring event.



Director Bardot introduces the Choir



The Choir is welcomed by our Pastor, Fr. Paul Caron.



The Choir is ready to sing, accompanied by Laurent Jochum



The concert was well attended by our parishioners.

Recently Married

Congratulations and best wishes to the following newlyweds.

James Witt Alexander and Sara Anne Geary.....	6/17/17
Kevin Patrick O'Malley and Aisling Bridget Nally.....	6/24/17
Stephen Thomas and Lindsey Meisner.....	7/15/17
Christian Balzano and Courtney Guttierrez.....	7/29/17
Patrick Monaghan and Shelly Marino.....	8/26/17

Faithful Departed

Please pray for the following recently departed parishioners.

Gloria Carson	5/21/17
Mary T. Embree	5/7/17
James E. Sheahan	6/14/17
John F. Arnold	6/24/17
William D. Bullock	6/30/17
Madelyn E. Clancy	6/29/17
Gianina R. Olsen	6/28/17
Roger Breton	7/8/17
James R. Davis	7/11/17
George P. Lucier	7/4/17
Christinia Horigan	7/8/17
Claire R. Tardanico	6/15/17
Daniel A. Healy	6/30/17
Nathalie Giorgio	8/1/17
Donald D. Brenner	7/20/17
Lawrence A. Good	7/28/17
Paul G. Reilly	8/18/17
Charles F. Foley	8/21/17
Charles Ardito	8/25/17
Teresa Bordenca	8/26/17

Recently Baptized

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

Kylie Rose Martin	6/18/17
Henry Michael Reardon	6/18/17
Malcom Albert Sprague	6/18/17
Lillia Judith Sprague	6/18/17
Ben Jose Wilchynski	6/18/17
Mikeala Sophia Mendez	6/25/17
Matthias Giovanni Sarmiento	6/25/17
Hailey Madison Pascale	7/7/17
Abigail Margaret McPherson	7/16/17
Mia Grace Stanton	7/16/17
Breckin Everett Edwards	8/20/17

Women's Summer Fair

The Women's Society had a very successful Summer Fair in July. The gift tables were filled with exceptional jewelry, handmade knitted items, bountiful gift baskets, plants, delicious goodies, a quilt raffle and many more desirable items. Thank you to all the women (& men) who make this a wonderful annual event enjoyed by all.



Mary Coburn



*L-R: Cathy McDermitt, Mary Petras,
Karen Puleo, Mary Celli*



*Donna-May Costa-White (left) &
Irene Mocker-Bolvin*

CALENDAR

- October 1 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after 7:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses
 October 3 Blood Drive in the Parish Life Center 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 October 5 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday – 5:30 to 6:30 pm
 October 9 Columbus Day – Office Closed on Monday
 October 13 Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima (see bulletin for details)
 October 31 All Saint’s Day Vigil Mass - 4:00 pm
- November 1 All Saint’s Day Mass - 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm
 November 2 All Soul’s Day Mass - 8:00 am only
 November 2 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday – 5:30 to 6:30 pm
 November 5 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after 7:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses
 November 18 Women’s Society Christmas Fair 8:30 - 2:30 pm Parish Life Center
 November 22 Parish Thanksgiving Mass at 7:00 pm in the church – Reception to follow in the Parish Life Center
- November 23 Thanksgiving Day – No Bingo
 November 23 Thanksgiving Dinner delivered to people who are alone.
 Call the rectory ahead for dinner reservation
- November 29 Blood Drive in the Parish Life Center 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- December 2 Children’s Christmas Fair 9:00 am - 11:30 am in the Religious Ed Center
 December 3 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after 7:00, 9:00 and 10:30 am Masses
 December 7 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday – 5:30 to 6:30 pm
 December 7 Immaculate Conception - Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm
 December 8 Immaculate Conception - Holy Day - Masses at 7:00, 9:00, 12:10 pm and 7:00 pm
 December 12 Women’s Society Holly Tea 11:30 am in the parish Life Center
 December 13 St. Pius X School Christmas Pageant in the Church at 6:30 pm
 December 25 Christmas Dinner will be delivered to those at home alone.
 Call the rectory ahead for dinner reservation.
- December 25 Monday – Office Closed
 January 1, 2018 Monday – Office Closed



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