

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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"Vincentians"

Working in the Spirit of Justice & Charity

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is a ministry within the Catholic Church of laywomen and men. It was founded in the 19th century and began in our church in 1954, the year our church was founded. Its main mission is to increase the holiness of its members through work with the poor among us. Members go two by two into the community to meet with and help those who have emergency emotional, spiritual, and/or financial needs. We serve all those within the boundaries of our parish. Over 90% are not registered in our parish.

Typically someone calls into the rectory through the SVdP Helpline. They leave their name, address, and phone number being assured that a "live" person will contact them within 24 hours. Our members are assigned to several on call days during the month. They retrieve the call and contact the person. After determining the need, several initial steps are suggested and a convenient time is set up for a home visit.

On the day of the visit the two-member team offer a prayer together similar to this:

*Give me ears to listen,
Give me eyes to see,*

*Give me words to speak,
Then show your face to me*

This prayer sets the tone for the visit. We are not there to judge but to help each person find the strength to solve his or her problem. If it is deemed that this is an ongoing problem, we will recommend

resources in the community that will assist them in the future e.g. food pantries, fuel assistance, and/or Housing Assistance Corporation. If the financial need is unusually large we will often work with the Needy Fund, the SVdP District Housing Fund, Hands of Hope, other St. Vincent de Paul groups on the Cape, Catholic Social Services, and available government agencies.

All our work is confidential. If we need assistance from others we use only first names. In the past even the St. Vincent de Paul members' names were not known in the church community. However, there has been a change in this practice because of two new initiatives the society has started: The Voice of the Poor and the Getting Ahead Program. The Voice of the Poor is the political action arm of the organiza-



"All those who love the poor in life, will have nothing to fear from death."

- St. Vincent de Paul

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tion that works on creating and supporting legislation to help eliminate the systemic causes of poverty, e.g. payday loan companies, slum landlords, low wages, and many others. The Getting Ahead Program is an educational outreach that uses the skills people in poverty already possess to "get ahead in a just getting-by world." It has a success rate of over 85%. It helps those stuck in the poverty cycle break free and become independent of government subsidies. People become self-sufficient and begin to help others achieve the same.

In order to do the work we do much financial support is needed. We are fortunate here at St. Pius X. It has been the practice that all Holy Day collections are given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Because of your generosity, all our efforts are used in our main mission serving those in need not fundraising. According to our yearly report, that amounted to over 450 people (this includes all members of a family) were helped last year. Also we monetarily support the meals for St. Joseph House prepared here at SPX twice a month and we send a small donation to our twin mission in Honduras. For the past several years we have worked with the Yarmouth Food Pantry. Several times a year we bring them food donations raised by various parish organizations, the Youth group, the Women's Club, the Thanksgiving night Mass, and Bingo. The Food Pantry in return supplies emergency bags available in the rectory for people who call when the food pantry is closed. This past year we also worked with the pantry supplying toys and clothes as part of the Christmas gift-giving program.

I have asked some of the members to write a short reflection about their work in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Here are their reflections:

"We read in the parish bulletin that they were having an informational meeting about St. Vincent de Paul. We decided to attend and then decided to give it a try. We had been helped by other people during our lifetime and thought this may be a chance to give back. It has been a great experience. We have met some terrific people within the group. We have learned a lot helping others help themselves."

"Serving on the St. Vincent de Paul Society has been very rewarding for me as we are following the Lord's charge to serve the poor. Our committee provides information to the client on community resources available as well as finan-

cial assistance when it is appropriate."

"Having been blessed with a comfortable life, I have learned what poverty really is and how it affects the poor both emotionally and spiritually. I learned that praying to the Holy Spirit before a visit has helped me to find appropriate answers or connections to aid clients."

"I've been in SVDP since October 2015. The Corporal Works of Mercy inspire my participation: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless. It is hard to believe the number of people who desperately need our help. In general most of our clients are trying so hard but often do not have financial skills and do not know where to turn to for help. So the hole they're in just gets deeper and deeper. SVDP can only offer short-term help but often in our home visits we are able to refer them to additional resources for on-going support such as the food pantries. Often the most critical gifts we offer our clients are just listening, hearing their troubles and frustrations, and offering them encouragement and some direction."

"St. Vincent de Paul members cannot solve all difficult situations. However, it is so rewarding to see the smile of relief on the face of a client when we are able to solve an immediate concern."

"I have always loved the gospel passage 'as you did it for the least...you did it for me.' The work we do for the St. Vincent de Paul Society embodies this message as it is seen in Catholic Social Teaching. Many of the people we help are isolated due to poverty, illness, and family demands. Our volunteers act as a caring presence from St. Pius X Church linking people to community resources. We help people know that they are not alone and that there are people who really care. Many of the people we see live on the edge of poverty. They make ends meet but lack the funds for any extra expense such as an unplanned car repair. I have been struck by the bravery and courage of the people we visit. We see parents trying to hold their family together. Some of these parents deal with children with serious illness. Recently, we helped a man who was facing eviction and was overwhelmed with serious illness and family issues. After helping him with his rent to avoid eviction and referring him to a counseling agency, he looked like a different person. He had hope again. Oh, and what about how the greatest people volunteer for St. Vincent!"

As you can see, we receive as much or more than we give. If you think you might be interested in joining us in this mission, please call me at 508-394-7141

By Judy Sullivan, President



Meet Our New Faith Formation Director

Greetings to all here in the Saint Pius X Parish community! My name is Caitlyn O'Keefe, and I am our parish's new Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry. I've been getting my feet under me since the first of the year, and I feel blessed by the tremendous and warm welcome you've shared with me. In a particular way, I'm honored by the way my dear friend Rebecca Gallerizzo has taken me under her wing during this challenging transition. She, and her husband Deacon Bill, are a tremendous example of faith and trust in God that I strive to emulate in my own life.

Now that I'm here, I feel like I'm finally home. And, in fact – I am! And boy, does it feel great to be. You may not know me yet or remember me, but I've been here before. I grew up in Dennis and attended local schools, including Ezra H. Baker Elementary and Wixon Middle School through eighth grade.

When it came time for high school, I decided to go see what's on the other side of the bridge for a while. I went to Tabor Academy in Marion, where I attended Mass at St. Rita's -- the very same place Fr. Paul just left! At Tabor, I played varsity soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. I was also able to put to practice my love of music as a clarinetist and member of our hand bell choir. I'd like to think I was just as busy as the children in our parish are today, but being a boarding school student at least I was able to walk myself to everything. I am awestruck by all you parents who somehow manage to get your children to all the places they have to be, especially in light of the competing demands on your time! Please know that I can appreciate how busy you all are, and I hope we can work cooperatively when scheduling complications inevitably arise.

Tabor also gave me incredible opportunities to travel the world and see other beautiful parts of God's creation. I spent my senior year in Zaragoza, Spain, where I learned fluent Spanish through immersion. I was also able to travel to several other faraway lands, including Japan and France.

After high school, I attended Simmons College in the Fenway section of Boston (Go Sox!). I graduated as a double major in Economics and Managerial Finance. While at Simmons, I discovered that I really loved living in Boston, and I was fortunate to be able to begin my professional

career in business development with State Street Global Advisors.

Shortly after graduating, I moved south of town into Weymouth, where I commuted for many years to various professional positions with several firms, while earning my master's degree from Boston College part-time evenings. In those endeavors, I gained some tremendous work and life experience. But amid the stresses of deadlines, business trips, and Route 128 at rush hour, I began to develop a subtle but persistent feeling that God had other plans for me.

A little over a year ago, I returned to the Cape full-time for the first time since middle school. It took a tremendous leap of faith, but, through prayer, I understood that I was being called back to this area. Slowly but surely, I got more involved here. I began by teaching as a volunteer catechist in sixth grade, and then by coordinating the games at our summer Vacation Bible School, and then added ninth grade with our Confirmation candidates.

I find myself feeling so grateful not only to be able to serve Our Lord, but also to do so in an amazing community – particularly in one wherein some of the students are also my own nieces and nephews! None of them share my last name, but trust me: they're all here! My three amazing sisters and their husbands – Shannon and Evan Cohan, Lindsay and Brendan Baker, and Ashley and Brian Hemler, who collectively, have given this parish a tremendous gift of nine children!!! Also, be sure to keep an eye out for Nana and Pa, known to the wider world as Kathleen and Joe O'Keefe, my wonderful parents who still reside in Dennis.

Working in parish life is about service to others above all else. What I've learned so far is that this job is so much more, and so much different, than all my other jobs; that's because this is not only a job, but a vocation. My heart truly rejoices in having heard – and responded to – Our Lord's call. I'm excited to have this wonderful opportunity to serve you and your families. And I'm loving my six-minute door-to-door commute! I look forward to seeing you around the parish. Please be sure to say hello!

By Caitlyn O'Keefe



Four Women Doctors of the Church by Mary T. Malone

A Doctor of the Church is one known for exceptional holiness, whose theological writings are ageless and contain depth of understanding and orthodoxy. The first two women to be named Doctors of the Church, joining 30 male Doctors, were **St. Catherine of Siena** and **St. Teresa of Avila**, both designated by Pope Paul VI in 1970. They were joined in 1997 by St. Therese of Lisieux, named by Pope John Paul, and by Hildegard of Bingen, named Doctor in 2012 by Pope Benedict XVI.

Hildegard of Bingen, who has not been canonized, was born in 1098 in Germany and professed as a Benedictine in her mid-teens. From childhood, Hildegard received visions and heard voices. From 1140 to 1174, to encourage reform of the church, she recorded her visions. Her noted *Trilogy* discusses Christian theology from creation to the end times. Although the apostle Paul wrote that women were not to teach, Pope Eugenius encouraged her work. Hildegard was also regarded as a founder of European pharmaceutical science. She observed illnesses, diagnoses and cures, as well as herbs and medications.

Catherine of Siena, born in 1347, had her first vision of Jesus at the age of six. After 15 years of solitude, Catherine felt called by Jesus to follow the second half of the Great Commandment, going forth to love her neighbor, the poor, sick, and sorrowful of Siena. A Dominican Tertiary, Catherine worked tirelessly for reform of the church and return of the Papacy to Rome and received invisible stigmata in 1375. In 1378, Catherine dictated her book *The Dialogue*, a deep work on the mystery of salvation. Her “mysticism” had two faces: reforming the church beyond herself and encouraging all to see God in themselves.

Teresa of Avila professed as a member of Carmel at the age of 22, and lived in poverty and prayer, despite being born to an aristocratic family in 1515. Teresa’s 1562 book, *The Book of Her Life*, provided spiritual guidance to the European people and influenced the Tridentine Reform throughout Europe. Her 1571 classic book, *The Interior*

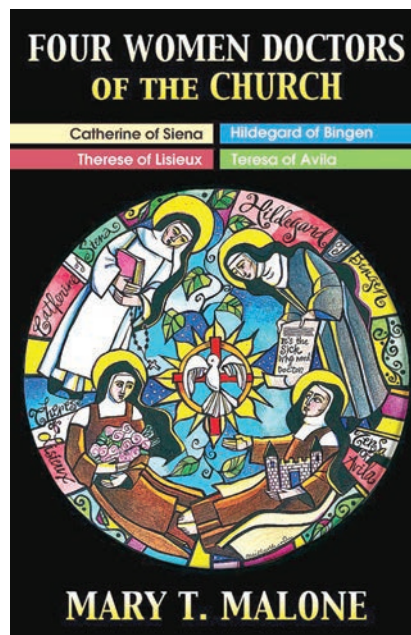
Castle, describes seven steps on the journey to God’s presence in our lives: self-knowledge, practicing prayer, abandoning self to God, replacing reason with love, acting with compassion, seeking solitude with God, and, finally, uniting with the human person of Jesus.

Therese of Lisieux, born in 1873, led a quiet life in family and convent. In 1883, she had a vision of a “statue of Mary... coming to life and smiling at her.” She entered Carmel in 1888, living a solitary, prayerful life for three years, until a flu epidemic broke out. Then she began to serve her “neighbor” as well. Shortly before her death in 1897, Therese completed her *Autobiography*, a book that would become “one of the most popular religious memoirs of all time.” She had lived her 24 years in “her little way of holiness,” with love for God and love for others.

This short book is full of information about four significant women in the Church. Along with the biographical information, historical context, and descriptions of spiritual journeys, the author includes many references to the feminine implications of the women’s

work. It is a book that can be read at many levels and would be interesting for all.

By Barbara Finnererty



Following Jesus in St. Francis' Footsteps

The Franciscan Fraternity of Peace is now here at our St. Pius X Parish. Do you wonder who we are and where we came from? We are simply lay people who have made a lifetime commitment to our Lord to follow Him through the example of St Francis of Assisi. Our Franciscan gatherings have recently moved from the Holy Trinity Parish in Harwich where we were established by cannon law over 30 years ago. Our doors have always been open and we have always extended an invitation to you and all the surrounding Catholic churches to come and see what we are all about. Having moved to the largest parish on the Cape, please feel free to call or talk to one of our Franciscans for information. You can reach us at 774-212-1461.

Our Gatherings take place in groups called Fraternities. Franciscans are friendly and do partake of liquids, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, eat off dishes and even have a joyful time once a month in our little Franciscan family of gatherings. Eating and drinking are very special to us. We are not a beer-drinking club nor are we "Franciscan dinnerware." Yet we eat the finest wheat and drink the most precious wine that man can prepare (Jn. 6: 55-56; Jn. 2,10) and served in golden cups and dishes. We gather together on the first Saturday of the month after the 8 am Mass in the Library at the Religious Center.

You have probably heard how much St Francis loved animals and this is true, even though he never owned one. Francis loved all animals, birds and creatures of waters. He loved all of God's creation. He was known to preach to the noisy chirping birds in his presence. When he asked them to be quiet so he could pray, they would remain silent. Even the fish would draw near to him at the water banks when he preached because of his love of God. There is also a beautiful story how he spoke to a wild wolf that was viscously threatening the people of the small town of Gubbio in Italy. It became tame after he reprimanded its bad behavior and explained God's Love and what God expected of it. Actually we are not a humane animal society but St Francis loved anything created by God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Because he recognized and knew God's Love, St. Francis was able to recognize and convey God's love to all of the animal kingdom and nature as well to all God's beloved. As you can see, it is easy

to want to aspire to be like him.

Franciscans come from all walks of life. We are ordinary men, women, priests, deacons, married with children or single who work and live in the world as you do. We do not make vows or live in monasteries or convents but in homes, apartments and may be your next-door neighbor. Even with this background, we are a true order of the Catholic Church for which St Francis walked to Rome from Assisi to establish our basic rule under the guidance of Pope Innocence III back in 1209. We became known as

Lay Penitents and later as the Third Order of the Franciscans. You will recognize us in our "habits" by the simple wooden T (Tau) cross (Ezekiel 9:6) that we wear. We understand that this habit is a bit skimpy but it covers our souls very nicely. This was St. Francis' signature, which he adopted from the Council of Trent. This cross shows we are children of God and follow the poor and Crucified Christ. St Francis is also known as the greatest Saint that so closely imitated Jesus. We follow Jesus in the footsteps of St Francis. He helps us to follow the way of Christ in his footsteps.

Having been professed as Franciscans, we continue to live our normal lives, but strive to emulate the model St. Francis gave us. He was able to give up every world possession after a wealthy, carefree life, living without possessions, "married" to Lady Poverty and follow the Gospel of Christ. We attempt to seek humility and the treasures of heaven and not the material possessions of this world. Our goal is to focus on the Gospel and bring it into our lives. We invite all to join us in our mission.

By A Simple Franciscan, OFS

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The Joy of Jewelry



St. Pius X Parish hosts multiple fairs throughout the year, **The Women's Society Summer Fair**, **The Women's Society Christmas Fair** and **The Religious Education's Children's Christmas Fair**. These events are enriched by the always popular and dynamic Jewelry displays, which are prominently set atop the stage area in the Parish Life Center generating tremendous interest from it's attendees.

Preparations for each and every piece on display include a thorough examination, restoration and cleaning to regain its original sparkle. Because of this attention to detail, our shoppers have the feeling of being in a downtown jewelry expo.

There is a diverse collection of jewelry to choose from, ensuring a perfect match for every shopper. As many as 3,000 jewelry items placed for sale have been handpicked and made presentable by our expert volunteer, **Dorothy Scarlett**.

Along with her jewelry creations, Dorothy is "a true find – a one of a kind." Her contributions to St. Pius X are amazing and truly inspiring. Her passion for her work makes her a leading figure in the successful operations of the Parish Fairs.

The three annual fairs are held at various times throughout the year:

- The Summer Fair is on July 11, 2018
- The Christmas Fair is scheduled for the Saturday before Thanksgiving
- The Children's Christmas Fair will be held on the first Saturday in December

Dorothy reports that her favorite is the Children's Fair, where the eager buyers, children in grades K-5 search through her jewelry wares to pick the perfect presents for their families. No adults are allowed! Upper school student volunteers help the children in grades K-4 with their selections, while the 5th graders shop on their own. The kids purchase a row of tickets at 25 cents per ticket; once purchases are made they are gift wrapped by Dorothy and her team. Unused tickets are refunded to the kids, making this a positive and festive day for all!

Revenue generated at these fairs and jewelry sales contributes dramatically to the operating budget of St. Pius X Parish. The successes of the fairs are made possible by the generous donations from you, our parishioners. All dona-



The Joy of Jewelry

tions are gratefully accepted – nothing is ever discarded as pieces can be used in the refurbishment of another piece. As Dorothy inspects and repairs each piece as needed throughout the year, she builds an interesting and beautiful inventory. Donations, such as jewelry, jewelry boxes or presentations, wrapping materials, can be left at the religious center building all year long.

Pieces that cannot be repaired are donated to veteran's homes or to local art programs where they may be incorporated into their art sculptures in addition, workable watches may be donated to veteran centers.

Dorothy commits her impressive experience and expertise in handling each piece for preparation and finally presentation in the display. This “Gem” of a volunteer has focused her professional life around retail sales. Starting at the age of 18, she has worked as the floor manager in Filene's, Grover Cronin's and elsewhere. During her career she traveled to New York, on many occasions, to meet with vendors to select and secure inventory to design her sales floors.

Shoppers attending our fairs look forward to taking in her jewelry displays, to find that perfect purchase. Her unbelievable knowledge of quality and selection with 60 years of experience comes shining through and makes them buy, buy, buy.

She is now “retired” and has been living on the Cape for 30 years, yet, since her arrival, she has been active in our Women's groups, holding officer titles and contributing as needed. This dynamic volunteer will be entering a “new milestone” in 2018, but refuses to slow down, her love of her life's work is contagious.

We are truly grateful and appreciative of her talents and commitment of Dorothy, her daughter, Deb, and of course the team of volunteers for their remarkable benefit to the Parish of St. Pius X.

Please support this team and help keep their passion alive by donating your unused jewelry, small boxes and wrapping materials today.

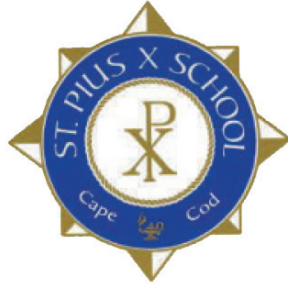
Nothing is too old – their shine will be returned!

It will all be used!

By Marie Harrison



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Gratitude for Stewards of God

BINGO!!! Be the first to get five numbers in a row- vertically, horizontally or diagonally and you can shout BINGO and win a cash prize!

Sounds like fun but there is a lot of hard work behind the scenes. Did you know that in order for St Pius to host Bingo games in our Parish Life Center it takes over 50 incredibly, dedicated volunteers from our parish each Thursday night from 2 pm until 10 pm?

Bingo contributes a sizeable donation to our parish- last year the parish received a whopping \$96,500 from Bingo. The proceeds from Bingo help keep our 27 acres groomed in the summer and plowed in the winter. The proceeds also help keep our church cool in the summer and warm in the winter and help with unexpected items year round.

Bingo started around 1980 in the original Church-now the Parish Hall to raise funds for maintaining the church grounds. At the time, the property consisted of three buildings. When the Parish Life Center was built in 1989, we moved to the new facility with crowds of over 300 players. Back in the day, St. Mary's Hall was for the non-smokers while the large hall accommodated the smokers. Smoking was prohibited shortly thereafter, causing a decline in the number of bingo players. Presently we average around 104 players per week in the winter and in the summer months 140 plus players per week.

Our Bingo sessions are only successful through the generosity of our parishioners who freely donate their time and skills. We are grateful for these many faithful volunteers, some of whom have been volunteering since 1989. Among the duties of a Bingo volunteer are selling Bingo sheets, floor callers, Bingo callers and our fun, hard working kitchen crew.

The Kitchen crew serves hot meals, snacks and ice cream from 5 pm until 7:30 pm every Thursday. They diligently prepare meals like American Chop Suey, spaghetti & meatballs, hot digs, pizza, soup and sandwiches. We also have a group of bakers of cakes, cookies and brownies along with a group of volunteer cleaners.

As you can see, our volunteers work very hard to make Bingo successful, but we also have a lot of fun. It has been a great way to bring parish members together to benefit our whole parish community. Our volunteers are true stewards of God.

We are also thankful for our loyal patrons, who in addition to playing every Thursday, have also donated many items

for the Yarmouth Food Pantry and have joined in prayers when needed.

"Special Thank You to All the Bingo Volunteers"

Financial Secretaries: Maureen & Jack Hughes (faithful stewards for more than 22 years) assisted by Kathy Swann
Weekly Faithfuls Since 1989: *Larry Camerlengo, *Dick Racine, *Jim Donovan, *Steve Harrington, * Ben Volpe, *Joe Potenza, *Dick McRae. **Bingo & Floor Callers:** Diane Kenney, Pat Scanlon, Jim Dubois, Carolyn Barnes and *Jim Mace, and Fred Aufiero, with Mary Ellen Terry, Sandi O'Donnell, Deborah Potter. **Kitchen Group:** Joan Reis, Barbara Whalen and chefs *Jim Rosato and Steve Faucher. Kitchen clean by "Lorenzo"; Kathy Lucas, Cathy Faucher,



Barbara Witman, Rose Tremblay, Loretta Jones, Tim & Anne O'Leary, Sue Ellen Richards, Eileen Griffin, Gerry Bedard, *Tony Campagnari, Lanette Campbell, Bob & Louise Creighton, Donna Pinczar, Jersey Ginger, Ted Cotini, John Meagher, Kathie Paradise, Jan Pellegrine, Gerry Zeich, Claire Librandi and Carol Nunes. **Trainers:** Helen Trzcinski and Marie Canniff (who are now living at Thirwood Place). **Fallen Volunteers:** *Tony Gabirele (M.I.C. for twenty

years), *Ray Bass, *Bud Budick, *Bob Cambra, *Jack Cassidy, *Steve Gabrick, *John Giorgio, *Jack & Mary Murray, *John Perry, *Paul & Blanche Woodcome, *Dick Truano, Ed Jones, *Jim & Claire Dunn, *Bob Stevens, Joe Trzcinski, Madeline McGowan, Betty McCormack, and many other faithful whom helped during those years.

*KofC members

A very special thanks to all who serve, with many blessings from Fr. Paul Caron and Fr. Chris Stanibula.

*By *George Finn, M.I.C.*

St. Pius X Bingo

- Every Thursday Evening at The Parish Life Center
- Doors open at 4pm for socializing with friends and neighbors
- Hot food available from 5pm-7:30 pm
- Warmups begin at 6pm
- 17 regular games start at 6:30pm with five special games
- Prizes from \$100 to \$599
- Chance of a jackpot worth \$1,199

Faith Formation & Youth Group

Grade 8 Retreat

Grade 8 students kicking off a fun-filled and team-building retreat on March 18 before 5PM Mass, where they officially became Candidates preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation



Pillows for Hospice

Grades 4 & 5 students made and donated 56 colorful and comforting pillows to patients at Hospice for their Lenten service project this year, and boy did they have a blast in doing so!

ECHO

Eilish Dillon, a high-school senior and longtime SPX altar server, catechist aide, and youth group member, represented St. Pius X community at the recent ECHO 314 all girls' retreat March 2-4. Faith Formation students are all encouraged to consider experiencing this life-changing retreat designed to build faith and fellowship for teens.



Street Reach

Thank you to all our parishioners for donating warm hats, socks, gloves, blankets, jackets, and food to our drive in support of Street Reach's initiative. Youth Group volunteers sorted by size and distributed to the homeless community of the Federated Church in Hyanis – meeting at 7AM on a frigid Saturday in the winter months to do so!

Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America

Hawkin Kenny, a grade 9 SPX Confirmation Candidate, was selected to do the readings at Mass celebrated at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America following a guided tour of the church and catacombs- a surprise stop on the return bus trip departing Washington, D.C.!



Living Stations of the Cross

A spectacular and spiritual performance by cast (left to right) Oscar Turek; Tess Martell; Anna and Charlotte Hunter; Will Leonard; Justin Hunter; Shemar Dillon; Ryan Arnold; Hannah Hunter; and Tommy and Joey Girardin



Faith Formation & Youth Group



Easter Egg Baskets for Yarmouth Food Pantry

Grades 6 & 7 made Easter baskets with candy and toys that had been collected via a Lenten candy drive. The students made 27 baskets that were donated to the Yarmouth Food Pantry for Easter!



Pro-Life March

March for Life Students above left: Attendees from SPX include (left to right) – Ms. O'Keefe, Will Leonard, grade 8; (Hawkin Kenny, grade 9; in background, looking down); Tess Martell, grade 9; Dawn St. Onge, Youth Group Champion; and Eilish Dillon, grade 12 attend the Pro-Life Rally in anticipation of the march.

Interparish Cape Cod Youth above right: Fr. Ron Floyd, of St. Francis Xavier in Hyannis, photobombs shot of youth from a variety of Cape Cod parishes who took the Cape Cod Bus for Life down to Washington, D.C. in January for the March for Life. St. Pius X is the sponsor parish for the upcoming Steubenville East Conference in July, and we are excited that Fr. Ron Floyd will be our group's spiritual leader this year!

Check out Youth Group's new logo made by Tess Martell!



Faithful Departed

Please pray for the following recently departed parishioners.

Martha Forant	12/19/17
Rose Marie Marasco	01/02/18
Linda G. Greene	01/02/18
Jean Santangelo	01/03/18
Robert J. Cambra	01/05/18
Richard F. Cashen	01/07/18
Mary A. Deliso	01/07/18
Jean C. Poirier	01/08/18
Tracy Thompson	01/08/18
John Robert Schaub	01/15/18
Marjean Balboni	01/18/18
Mary Rose Love	01/21/18
Karen Sears	01/24/18
Prudence M. Herendeen	01/25/18
Alan J. O'Connor	02/09/18
George Douglas Ide	02/11/18
Mary Frances Fratus	02/11/18
John J. Manning	02/13/18
Thomas Edward Haugh	02/16/18
Katherine G. DeShaw	02/18/18
Stephen Sprague	02/21/18
Elizabeth McCormack	02/24/18
Thomas P. Quinn	03/01/18
Raymond P. Sherman	03/03/18
Constance M. Cullen	03/09/18
David L. Hautanen	03/11/18
Jean O. Paquin	03/11/18
Dr. Wilfrid A. Cloutier	03/12/18
Francis J. Melanson	03/14/18
Christina St. Pierre	03/14/18

Registration Open!

Vacation Bible School
"Shipwrecked –
Rescued by Jesus"

Dates: July 23 – 27th
For students entering
Grades K-6 in the fall

Calling all Volunteers and Catechists!



CALENDAR



- April 19 Patriot's Day - SPX Office Closed
- April 21 Women's Society Fashion Show 2pm in the Parish Life Center
- April 24 Blood Drive in the Parish Life Center 1pm - 6pm
- April 28 Confirmation at the 6pm Mass with Bishop da Cunha
- May 3 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- May 6 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after Sunday morning Masses
- May 6 Crowning of Mary at the 9am Mass
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 16 SPX School Concert in the Parish Life Center 9am
- May 20 First Communion at the 12pm Mass
- May 27 Our Lady of the Highway Chapel Opens for 5:30pm Mass
- May 28 Memorial Day - SPX Office Closed
- June 3 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after Sunday morning Masses
- June 5 D/Y Baccalaureate at 7pm - Reception following in the Religious Ed Center
- June 7 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday 5:30pm-6:30pm
- June 8 St. Pius X School Graduation at 6pm
- June 17 Father's Day

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