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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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Finding Christ After the Storm

Many mourned the sudden loss of Sgt. Sean Gannon and are still in the process of grief. I note this because after his funeral some parishioners phoned the rectory to see if there would be anything offered due to the fact that they were unable to get to the wake or funeral.

Some also said that this sad event triggered memories that had an effect on them. As a result, our pastor asked if I would be willing to do a session on grief and bereavement. I accepted because I have worked with the bereaved and have personal experiences with our own family losses.

What followed was an informational/prayerful session at the Parish Life Center. It involved information about the grieving process and bereavement.

Sharing personal stories is a way of healing, of soothing the brokenness within while searching for hope during & after the storm through faith in Christ.

What we have learned from this session is there are many folks in our parish who are feeling the pain and loneliness of losing a loved one and are searching to God for some answers. Others are so angry and confused that they have actually turned away from God.

It is not just about overcoming sadness; it's learning to live without the one who passed through the eyes of Christ.

As witnesses of Christ, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters and help them find their path back to God. Each and every one of us

is being called to

share a smile, extend a gentle hand or simply just listen to someone in need.

If you are interested in either forming or participating in a support group here at SPX please contact the office.

Blessings to All,

By Deacon Tony Surozenski

*"Do not fear for
I Am with you.
Be not be anxious
I Am your God.
I will strengthen you,
I will help you,
I will uphold you with my
victorious right hand."*

Isaiah 41:10

In Memory of Sgt. Sean Gannon

Praise You In This Storm

By Casting Crowns

I was sure by now
God, you would have reached down
And wiped our tears away
Stepped in and saved the day
But once again
I say "Amen" that it's still raining

As the thunder rolls
I barely hear Your whisper through the rain
"I'm with You"
And as Your mercy falls
I raise my hands and praise
The God who gives
And takes away

And I'll Praise You in this Storm
And I will lift my hands
That You are who you are
No matter where I am
And every tear I've cried
You hold in your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will Praise you in this storm

I remember when
I stumbled in the wind
You heard my cry
You raised me up again
My strength is almost gone
How can I carry on
If I can't find You

As the thunder rolls
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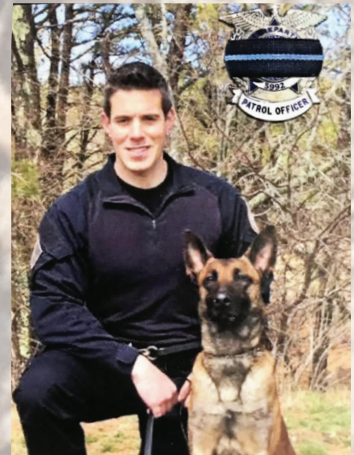
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And I will lift my hands
That You are who You are
No matter where I am
And every tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will Praise You in this storm

I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord
The Maker of Heaven and Earth

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And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm



Songwriters: John Mark Hall / Bernie Herms

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*Dedicated in Memory of Sgt. Sean Gannon
May you Rest in Peace in the Arms of Christ*

Calling all “Q Tips” – We Were Created to Thrive

Have you ever heard the expression, “Growing old isn’t for the faint-hearted?” Well it’s true. The Scriptures remind us that a long life is a blessing. Nonetheless, it’s not without its downside: limitations (physical and otherwise), loss (of family, friends, and independence) and even some fear (of the unknown). Sometimes you must ask yourself, “Is the glass half full or half empty?”

What does this have to do with ‘Q tips’? The term comes from a friend of mine who sometimes describes Cape Cod parishes as a collection of “Q tips” because of the plethora of senior citizens (with white hair). [FYI, I could never be a “Q tip” because I went bald long before white!] While we (“Q tips”) seem to be in the majority at St. Pius X Church, we are by no means the only adults in the parish. Over the past several years there has been an effort by the parish community to especially address the faith formation needs of adults. This article is my attempt to reflect on this development.

All of this somewhat “silly” musing has me asking a more serious question, “How well is St. Pius X Parish responding to the spiritual needs of its adult population?” I don’t think that anyone would question the parish’s long-standing commitment to the faith formation of its young parishioners, but what about adult parishioners? Once we are confirmed are we no longer in need of ongoing faith formation? Quite the contrary is true! Can we honestly expect to pass on to younger generations what we might not have ourselves, i.e., Can we hope to instill a vibrant living faith in the person of Jesus Christ if we don’t possess it ourselves? There is a good chance that we won’t have just such a relationship if we don’t continue to develop it throughout our whole lives (by continuing to develop our faith formation into our adulthood). In his homily on the Feast of Corpus Christi Bishop Irwin mentioned a woman who paid for the “Help I’ve fallen and can’t get up” service, but who never wore the device around her neck. She was wasting her money and rendering the service useless. Bishop Irwin referenced this as the way we often treat the Eucharist despite our baptismal commitment to the Body and Blood of Christ. We don’t make full “use” of this wonderful treasure of our faith. I would also venture to say that the same analogy applies to the many adult faith formation opportunities that our parish offers to us.

Several issues ago in this Parish Newsletter parishioner George Perkins offered a reflection on the parish process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

In one of his comments he said, “Unexpectedly... our process has attracted many parishioners who... seek to fill gaps in their religious formation. Our open discussions of Scripture and Church teaching in an adult learning setting seem to appeal to some (parishioners).” Some, maybe many of you are seeking to “fill the gaps in your own religious formation”. Here’s a chance for you to push the “Help I’ve fallen and can’t get up” button. Specifically, I would like to invite you to make a commitment to ongoing adult faith formation. I am talking here about some parish activity that has a component of adult education to it. This is NOT to say that Mass attendance, reception of the sacraments, holy hours, rosaries, etc. are not learning experiences. But I’m talking here about experiences that might be outside the “ordinary” realm of a pious life.

Later, I’ll make suggestions about some of the adult faith formation opportunities offered by our parish, but for now I would like to return briefly to the RCIA experience. While ostensibly this process is geared toward the person who is not yet in full communion with the Church (via Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), it is also a perfect opportunity for any adult Catholic to grow in his/her knowledge and appreciation of our faith. An added benefit to the inquirers is that they are exposed to many kinds of Catholics at various stages of their journey toward God. If you show up to a Sunday meeting (after 10:30 Sunday Mass except during July and August), this is what happens: fellowship over coffee and pastry, prayer, review of the scriptures of the day, reflection on some aspect of the Catholic faith and a general sharing of ideas and/or questions from anyone in the room. If you attend one of these sessions this is who might be there: single people, married/widowed people, “Q tips” and older teenagers, cradle Catholics and brand-new Catholics, and the list goes on....

My hope is that you might give the RCIA experience a try, but there are also many other opportunities offered by St. Pius X Parish: book clubs, mini-adult education classes (e.g., on an encyclical from Pope Francis), Centering Prayer group, Life in the Spirit seminars, membership in/ or attendance at an event offered by the Knights of Columbus, the Women’s Society, or the Secular Franciscans. These options change, so keep checking the bulletin.

While I started out by “calling all ‘Q tips,’” my hope is that those (for whom the shoe fits) will lead the charge followed by many more adult members of our parish family.

By Joe Daly

Come Holy Spirit – Life in the Spirit Prayer Group

Some time ago, Mark and Nancy Girardin spoke to me about how it would be nice to have a Life in the Spirit Seminar here at St. Pius X Church. A seminar of this kind serves to assist people with knowing more about the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, and how to enter into a deeper relationship with God while learning how to share the results of those gifts with others.

There hasn't been much by way of charismatic prayer and understanding of such in this area for many years. As a result, and once I retired as Director for the Office of the Diaconate in Worcester, I talked it over with my wife and Fr. Paul and was given the green light to proceed.

The Fall River Diocesan liaison to the bishop was contacted and information was presented. That resulted in my attending a deanery meeting of people who were involved with charismatic prayer groups on the Cape. Those leaders offered to assist and as a result a seven-week session seminar followed.

The topics for the sessions included, God's Love, God Saves Us, New Life, Receiving God's Gifts, Receive the Holy Spirit, Growth, and Transformation.

The goals of such a seminar are to help the participants to establish, reestablish, or deepen an individual relationship with God through Jesus, the Christ. It also is there to help participants to yield to the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

As people of God, we are called to be part of a faith com-

munity and to a life of service using the gifts, chrisms, and fruits offered through the Holy Spirit. In order to live a life of discipleship and growth, it is good to have effective means to enhance the growth by means of faith sharing groups, prayer, study, and sacraments and reading Scripture.

The Seminar appears to have met the goals and it resulted in the formation of the **St. Pius X Life in the Spirit Prayer Group**. The group meets on Tuesday evenings in the church from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Some of the participants are from other parishes on the Cape. A typical meeting involves opening prayer, singing, quiet time, a teaching, sharing, scriptural passages that may be brought to light, intercessory prayers, more singing and closing prayer.

To date we have had 30 or so participants all who have seemed to enjoy the time spent in this type of praise and worship gathering.

One does not need to have been through the Seminar to be a part of the group. And it would be nice to have families, teens, and young adults join us.

As the song goes, "All Are Welcome." So, all are invited to join us in prayer, praise, and worship any Tuesday evening.

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

*"I will ask the Father,
and He will give you another Helper,
who will stay with you forever."*

John 14:16



By Deacon Tony Surozenski

Confirmation and Communion



Confirmation 2018



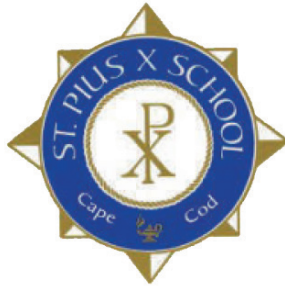
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Congratulations to the Class of 2018



Senior Class of 2018

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SPX Celebrations



Eilish Dillon and Bishop da Cunha

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha presents Eilish Dillon with the Pope St. Pius X Youth Award on May 8th at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River. The annual award, named for the pontiff who created the Fall River Diocese in 1904 and presented for the first time in 2001, recognizes teens who serve their parish community with selflessness, commitment and dedication.



Confirmed at the Easter Vigil

(L-R): Charles Catanzano,
Pedro Souza, George Eastman,
Scott Raycroft and Fr. Paul Caron



Grade 8 St. John Paul II High School Scholarship Winners

(L-R) Morgan Silva, Caitlyn Reen,
Cora Talomar-Nelson, Alyssa Whiting,
Nick Nadle

Making Friends of Enemies: Reflections on the Teachings of Jesus

by Jim Foster

When we received a duplicate copy of this book at the St. Pius X Library recently, I took one copy home to read, thinking it speaks to issues today in the world, nation and our local community, despite being written in 1987. Many of the examples given in this fairly short book will resonate especially with those of us who lived through the Vietnam War, but the message is timeless. Jim Foster, the author, was born in 1941 in the US, served in the US Navy, converted to Catholicism and became a conscientious objector. He went on to work for Dorothy Day, becoming managing editor of *The Catholic Worker*, and serving with many peace organizations. He has written biographies of Dorothy Day, Thomas Merton, and Daniel Berrigan.

When Jesus instructed us to love our enemies, he also gave us several active steps to help us do that.

Pray for your enemies: We have enemies, those we fear, and we are enemies to others. Try to visualize them, possibly using a photo, and see yourself as your enemy sees you. Ask God to use us for the well being of those we fear.

Do good to your enemies: Seek ways to demonstrate your desire for a healed relationship with an enemy. Think of the actions of the Good Samaritan.

Turn the other cheek: Think of the followers of Martin Luther King who inspired so many to repent of racism and to develop a better understanding of discipleship.

Offer forgiveness: In order for your act of forgiveness to be genuine, you must first acknowledge how you were hurt and express it, and get beyond it. We must seek for-

giveness, offer forgiveness, and accept forgiveness.

Break down the dividing wall of enmity: Even in 1987, when this book was written, “few channels of mass communication even attempt(ed) global impartiality.” It is difficult to see the humanity of those enemies of a different culture. Try to learn about them as individuals, using pictures to remind you of them, and pray for them daily.

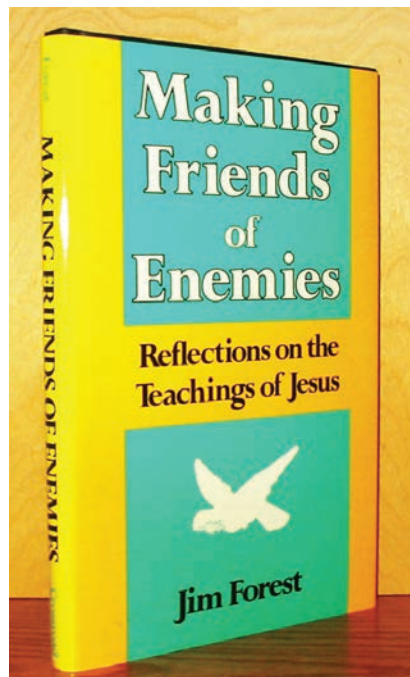
Offer non-violent resistance to evil: Non-violence seeks change from which the whole society benefits. It attempts to heal broken communities with patience, changing hearts and social structures.

Recognize Jesus in others: We should be aware of God’s presence in our world, ourselves and others. We need our church as a supportive community to see this and to share Jesus in bread and wine.

Like many of the books I have written about for The Library Corner, *Making Friends of Enemies* would be an excellent book to read one chapter at a time, daily or weekly. There is food for thought in each of the 22 short chapters – a meaningful message of peace and wonderfully described examples from Biblical times to the 20th century.

While the St. Pius X Library is not open on a regular schedule during the summer, you are welcome to select books whenever the Faith Formation Office is open and the library room is available.

Watch for our next Giveaway of duplicate books, which will be announced in the parish bulletin.



By Barbara Finnerty

Recently Married

Congratulations and best wishes to the following newlyweds.

Patrick Bogue and Christine Fellows.....	4/21/18
Maximilian G. Ostrowski and Mary Genevieve Beeler.....	5/19/18
Edward Bythrow and Kimberly Ollerhead	6/16/18
Christopher Robinson and Colleen Devlin	6/23/18
Timothy Cooney and Kristen Chester	6/30/18

Faithful Departed

Please pray for the following recently departed parishioners.

Felicia M. Pantoja	3/23/18
Elaine M. Martin	3/26/18
Gerard F. Daly	4/2/18
Ralph R. DelMonico	4/4/18
Robert C. McCarthy	4/2/18
Sean M. Gannon	4/12/18
Lorraine C. Curry	4/15/18
Gary R. Rountree	4/27/18
Bruce E. Maranda	5/7/18
Theresa Brisson	5/12/18
Patricia J. Jalbert	4/27/18
Marilyn L. Burke	5/19/18
Eleanor Moore	5/11/18
Charles P. Liberty	4/17/18
Robert L. Whitehead, Sr.	5/18/18
Marguerite Hunt	5/23/18
Judith Bisbee	6/5/18
Claire M. Runge	6/7/18
Florence M. Muller	6/11/18
George Kovatch	6/15/18
Margaret Lucht	6/23/18
Dorothy M. Duffy	5/28/18
Marjorie Frasier	6/30/18

Recently Baptized

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

Scott Edwin Reycroft	3/25/18
Charles Catanzano	3/31/18
Pedro Henrique Dos Santos	3/31/18
Maeve Marie Aiello	4/7/18
Lola Grace McMahon	4/15/18
Molly Jean Margaret Ellis	4/29/18
Elizabeth Yoshiko Brandt	5/26/18
Louis Joseph Malzone	6/3/18
Thomas Charles Carchedi	6/17/18
Luke Joseph Bianco	6/17/18
Harper Hale Emery	6/17/18
Kaelynn Grace Jecrois	6/17/18
Emma Rose Kelley	6/17/18
Margaret Elizabeth Mallon	6/17/18
Ryleigh Madison Shaw	6/17/18
Andrew Luis Vella Cruz	7/1/18

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CALENDAR



- July 1 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- July 4 Fourth of July – St. Pius X Parish Office Closed
- July 5 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday – 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- July 11 Women's Society Summer Fair in the Parish Life Center – 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
- July 17 Blood Drive in the Parish Life Center
- July 23-27 Vacation Bible School in the Religious Ed Center 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- July 25 DYECH Jazz Concert 6:30 - 8:30 pm Parish Life Center
- August 2 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday – 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- August 5 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 28 First Day of School
- Sept 2 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- Sept 3 Labor Day - St. Pius X Parish Office Closed
- Sept 6 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday – 5:30 to 6:30 pm
- Sept 9 RCIA resumes Religious Ed Center 11:45 - 1:00 pm

Our Lady of the Highway Chapel closes for the season after Mass on Sunday Sept. 2, 2018

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