

# 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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## Finding Joy In Bringing Joy to Others

Families can encounter unforeseen challenges and may find they need help.

Organizations can prove to be crucial in time of need: An 18-year-old, young, single mother struggles to maintain and do the right thing by her beautiful baby

care homes to make these transitions so successful.

Volunteers make the difference: Children enroll at the Faith Formation program. They are anxious but curious. As they begin their adventure of learning about



*Larry & Beverly Camerlengo with grandson Callen*

girl. She sought help through a foster care program. Then months later, once she was steady, she anxiously reached out to her foster care family who reconnected her with her child. The Catholic Child Services group has done amazing work with caretakers and children when they need help – but they rely on a network of foster

Reconciliation and Holy Communion they are comforted by the seasoned and steady teaching of the team of dedicated volunteers. Hours are spent guiding students until they are able to receive each of these sacraments. They are joined by

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## Finding Joy

Father Chris Stanibula who visits with every classroom every Sunday, getting to know all of the children individually to encourage and grow the faith of these young Catholic candidates.

Generosity is everything: A young family struggles to make ends meet. They look to the holidays with optimism and wonder how they will be able to put together a Christmas dinner. They then decide to join their extended family and friends for a dinner. They see familiar faces and renew old friendships. Holidays can be challenging for all of us, but for some they can be lonesome and hungry. Some have discovered the pleasure of joining with extended family for dinner and company.

We each can find our own unique path in reaching out and improving our communities. We are blessed to count Beverly Camerlengo and her family as our friend in this community because they make such a difference.

When meeting Beverly Camerlengo it is clear her generosity of spirit has guided her and impacted so many. She joyfully describes how she looks forward to teaching Faith Formation for the 2nd graders for 37 years at SPXP. She also shares how she enjoyed bringing pizza to the children at Holy Trinity School for 16 years through last year. She notes that the Faith Formation program continues to seek volunteers to enrich their mission.

Beverly, along with two of her daughters, open their home every other Sunday for a buffet dinner of home cooked meals to their regular visitors and anyone hungry and seeking company. Her adult daughters, Kelly and Courtney, help by preparing food they proudly set out on an extended kitchen island and they eat as a family enjoying the updates on each other's lives. Folks gather around Beverly's kitchen scooping plates and are surrounded

by familiar faces and interesting conversation. Over the years they have also opened their home on holidays and the attendees have grown to as many as 39. They eat until they're full, pack up to-go boxes and then volunteer to deliver dinner to homes for those who could not attend. Their menus may include: shrimp, 7-layer salad, roast beef, turkey, ham, manicotti, mac and cheese, sausage and meatballs and more.

While living in Tewksbury and raising her seven children Beverly found herself opening her home to foster infants as she learned of the very urgent and real concerns facing families. She states that she has fostered somewhere between 200 and 300 children over the years. Through these experiences she met and then grew her family to include the parents of these infants and these children throughout their lives. Later, she began fostering teenage girls. Raising bright girls can also occasionally include being called on to redirect the missteps of young children. She has attended and advocated for those in her care through court hearings, school conferences, etc. all the while respecting the kid's individuality and providing dignity while helping grow their strong character. She recalls that recently while shopping with a friend, a young woman came up to her and hugged her noting how happy she was to see Beverly again. Beverly was surprised to see how adult this mature young woman was as she had last seen her when she fostered her and her younger brother for 3 years from the ages of 6-9. She continues to receive letters and emails from those whose lives she has touched.

She states that she would never change a thing – that she learned so much. When asked how she can maintain a positive and giving attitude despite life's challenges, she pointed out that she has always attempted to do what was needed and relied on her family. She stays involved in



## Finding Joy

many aspects of giving, summing up her efforts as, “It’s your choice, anything can be done. It can be a simple thing. So much can be done that you don’t even realize you can make a big difference. Put in a penny’s worth or give a dollar – what is comfortable and feels right for you.”

Bev was a widow with children when Larry entered her life. Larry and Bev have been married 42 years (and counting) and they raised a family including seven children – 5 biological and 2 adopted – their ages now run from 20 to 59 years of age.

Bev relies on the help of her husband and soul mate of 42 years, Larry, who at the age of 83 works full-time at the Steamship Authority. Larry has committed 40+ years volunteering to work with SPXP weekly bingo. In addition, Larry is a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 50 years and is a Forth Degree, the primary purpose of which is to foster the spirit of patriotism and to encourage active Catholic citizenship. Larry and Beverly also enjoy visiting nursing homes to bring comfort and cheer to those in need. Their busy house is large enough to become a home base for those they love and for those that need their love.

Over the years they have developed an extensive network of resources and friends to provide and maintain the foundation to meet the needs of the children coming into their world. There are police officers, a judge, folks in the medical profession, educators, and life-long friends who help. Beverly has come to know and work with Dennis Lucier through the Faith Formation program for so many years. With a sense of admiration she describes how he has also committed to being a Eucharistic Minister and a greeter at Mass on Sunday mornings. One of her closest friends and her fellow “Bobbsey twin,” Doris Bedwell, is also a Eucharistic Minister and does readings

on Sunday mornings at Mass. Doris is a touchstone for Bev as they reconnect over coffee at the beach, and sitting tableside at their community dinners.

Beverly’s seven children, Michael, Scott, Todd, Kelly, Courtney, Kathy and Anthony have brought joy to her home. Having moved to the Cape about 40 years ago, her children have grown attending schools and working locally. As a family they became parishioners of SPX – her son was an altar server, children attended Faith Formation, attend Mass and have seen this community grow. She has suffered the loss of her two eldest children and her first husband, but she continues on with love and support of her family. Bev describes how the love and energy of her imaginative and funny grandson, Callen, has made her life richer.

To demonstrate its commitment to the values of people supporting others, the Fall River Diocese awards the Marian Medal, which acknowledges those nominated members of parishes in recognition of their dedicated service to the Church. Both Beverly (2010) and Larry (2015) have received this worthy recognition due to their contributions to St. Pius X Parish.

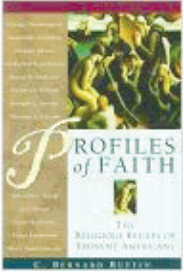
The impact by one individual is amazing. By listening you can find many ways to help – and to grow by life’s experiences. Beverly has faced tragedy, adversity, had victories and joy and has always found a way to give back. Her positivity and ease in style are contagious as she demonstrates how to find joy and to give joy.

To learn more about how you can make a difference with a ministry opportunity with SPXP visit: <http://www.stpiusxsy.com> or contact Catholic Child Services at 508-674-4681.

*By: Marie Harrison*







*Profiles of Faith: The Religious Beliefs of Eminent Americans* by C. Bernard Ruffin (200 Ruff) includes 82 brief biographies (four to ten pages each) of a wide variety of American figures. Whether you choose to read one chapter a day or select only those of special interest, this is an interesting

book for everyone. The author, C. Bernard Ruffin, is an ordained Lutheran minister with an advanced divinity degree from Yale. He has also written biographies of Padre Pio and Brother Andre.

To whet your interest, this review will feature vignettes from the lives of a diverse selection of prominent Americans.

**Flannery O'Connor**, a novelist and short-story writer born in Savannah, GA in 1925, stated, "I write the way I do because ... I am a Catholic." During her brief 39-year lifespan, she was an avid reader of the Bible. "Uncomfortable with the Protestant idea that the believer can read the Bible on his own and formulate his own personal beliefs," she contends "The good Catholic receives his beliefs from the Church and then acts on them." Her great faith influenced all of her writing and sustained her through years of illness and an early death.

**Charles Carroll** of Carrollton was the only Roman Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was born in Annapolis, MD in 1737, during a period when Roman Catholics were prohibited from voting and holding office in Maryland, a colony they had founded. This ban was lifted before the Revolution, and Charles Carroll was elected to the Continental Congress. Carroll stated, "When I signed the Declaration of Independence I had in view not only our independence from England, but the toleration of all sects professing the Christian Religion and communicating to them all great rights." Unlike Adams, Franklin and Jefferson, who rejected many aspects of organized Christianity, Carroll's reason led him to ac-

cept Catholic doctrine.

**Edward Kennedy (Duke) Ellington** was born in Washington DC in 1899 and died in 1974. He was raised attending his father's AME Zion Church and his mother's Baptist Church. He was not considered a religious man until the last decade of his life, when he began to compose three Sacred Concerts. He began to read and study the Bible and felt "his 'best self' wrote and played sacred music and kept him 'honest to myself'." Tolerant of all religion, Ellington said, "Every man prays in his own language, and there is no language that God does not understand."

**George Herman (Babe) Ruth, Jr.**, born in Baltimore, MD in 1895, was raised in St. Mary's Industrial Home by the Congregation of St. Francis Xavier. During his phenomenal baseball career, he was known for his heavy drinking and riotous lifestyle. However, he maintained a close relationship with Brother Mathias, calling him "the greatest man he ever knew." While his religious practices were sketchy, "Ruth told a friend that he valued his religion because, like a batting average, it set a standard by

which he could measure himself."

**Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy**, born in Boston, MA in 1890, lived almost 105 years devoted to her Roman Catholic faith. She favored the rosary, a book of John Henry Cardinal Newman's meditations, and the Stations of the Cross. These saw her through so many tragedies in her life: her daughter Rosemary's mental disability, the loss of four children and her husband. She said "The more I thought, the clearer it became to me that God in his wisdom did have a reason, though it was hidden from me, and that in time, in some way, it would be unfolded to me. 'God wants something different from each of us.'"

*By Barbara Finnerly*

## Lorraine's Retirement Party

After 48 years of working at St Pius in various roles, most recently in the Parish Office, Lorraine Cambra decided to retire. As a way to honor and thank Lorraine for her many years of dedicated service, the Parish held a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, December 29th at 6 pm with Lorraine's son, Fr Dan Cambra as the main celebrant, assisted by our Pastor Fr. Paul Caron, Fr. George Bellenoit, Fr. Marcel Bouchard, Fr. Lawrence Pratt, Fr. Bob Soucy, Fr. Chris Stanibula, Fr. Edward Healy, Fr. Marek Chmurski, Fr. Chris Peschel and Deacon Dick Zeich. Following the Mass, close to one hundred parishioners enjoyed a light meal in the Parish Hall topped off with a beautiful cake that Shanna Kelly baked and decorated especially for Lorraine. Everyone had a chance to speak with Lorraine and wish her well. It was a very memorable and special evening. We will miss Lorraine in the office but we know she will continue to stay involved in the parish. We wish her all the best in her retirement!



Enjoying the evening ▲

Fr. Chris Stanibula & Marylee Meahan ▼



Wonderful Cake ▲



Diane & Lorraine ▲



▲ Food and treats for all



Friends celebrating ▲



▲ Lorraine Cambra with son, Fr. Daniel Cambra, MIC

Lorraine & Fr. Cambra ►



Friends celebrating ▲



Priests from near and far; past & present ►



Fr. Cambra celebrant ▲





## St. Pius X Kitchen “Acts of Love Meals”



*Thanksgiving Peelers*



*Thanksgiving Peelers & Drivers*



*Christmas Organizers & Drivers*

What does it take to prepare and deliver Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners for needy parishioners? How many people are involved? Actually it takes quite a few volunteers, 20 to 25 to serve about 30 meals each holiday.

The process begins with a letter to the Eucharistic Ministers, who bring communion to the homebound, if they need a holiday meal. At the same time a notice goes into the bulletin letting parishioners know this service is available for those who are unable to prepare a holiday meal for themselves. The responses are collected through the rectory office, with the names, addresses and any special circumstances that might be needed by the drivers. This information is then typed on an index card for each driver along with maps for their cell phones to ensure accurate deliveries.

The bulletin notice also requests help for preparing, peeling, cooking, sorting, bagging and drivers to deliver the meals.

Shopping for the meals is done just a few days before the holiday. This year that was about 30 pounds of turkey purchased. Usually the prep work for the fresh vegetables, carrots, squash, celery, onions and turnips is done in an hour on the holiday eve. Eight to ten people peel twenty pounds of potatoes in less than 15 minutes! Dessert for Thanksgiving was a scrumptious pumpkin cake.

Keep in mind that these meals are prepared and delivered “hot” on Thanksgiving and Christmas mornings. Some drivers bring their children, others are couples or single drivers who take time out from their holiday to bring hot meals to fellow parishioners, taking time to say hello and extend their best wishes.

On the morning of Thanksgiving, the turkeys go into the oven at 7:00 am. The stuffing and all those fresh vegetables are cooked fresh and ready to be wrapped and delivered by 11:00 am. This is all done by a group of folks who have been doing this together for several years. Tyler has been volunteering for both meals along with his father for his four years of high school and now through his four years of college.

Each recipient is given a bag that contains a large plate with meat and veggies. The bag also contains juice, rolls, gravy, cranberry sauce, mini loaf of homemade pumpkin bread and dessert.

Christmas dinner was ham, fresh green beans, carrots, creamed onions, applesauce and Oreo cheesecake. The Christmas bag also contained two very special surprises. Several parents from the Faith Formation program and the SPX School provided recipients with homemade Christmas cookies, while another parishioner donated a gift bag for each person that contained cookies and candy.

Like so many ministries that take place in the parish, these meals are “Acts of Love.”

We hope that by reading this more parishioners will volunteer their time during the holidays enabling us to provide more meals to those in need.

*By Jean Kelly & Steve Sozanski*



## Parish Mass of Thanksgiving

Our parish principal celebration of Thanksgiving is on Thanksgiving Eve, this past year on Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 PM Mass. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time for all of us to gather and give thanks to the Lord for all His blessings. There is no greater way to show our thanks than at the Eucharist, which means thanks. The attendees were invited to bring a bag of non-perishables to Mass to be left in the Narthex. Many brought bags of

food, which were brought to the Yarmouth Food Pantry. In addition, parishioners were also invited to bring a food item that would be used the next day at their thanksgiving meal for a blessing. Some did just that.

After Mass, the celebration of thanks was continued with hospitality in the Parish Hall. The Parish Youth Ministry hosting the celebration and baked many goodies for the party.



◀ The celebrant for the Mass was our Pastor Fr. Paul Caron. He was assisted by Deacons Tony Surozenski, Bill Gallerizzo, Dave Akin, and Mike Hickey.



▲ Some brought food to be used at their meal the next day to be blessed by Fr. Caron.



▲ Many people brought bags of groceries which were donated to the Yarmouth Food Pantry.



◀ Many stayed to enjoy the cookies and other treats at the after-Mass party hosted by the Parish Youth Ministry.



Happy Thanksgiving!



# St. Pius X School



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## Faith Formation



*30 Elves/Helpers made the Children's Fair possible for the youngest children of our Parish. The women of SPX wrapped over 1,000 gifts to go under their trees.*



*Volunteers helped sort the gifts for Christmas to over 110 needy families.*

## 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat Sponsored by the SPX Youth Group



*Father Paul enjoyed the event with his Parishioners*



*In the Religious Education Building the children enjoyed games, a DJ and refreshments*

*Yarmouth Police Dept joined in with two vehicles and their officers giving out candy*





## Christmas Season at SPX



◀ (Epiphany Concert) On the afternoon of January 6th, the St. Pius X Music Ministry presented the Epiphany Concert. This concert raised nearly \$1000 in donations for the DYECH program. The Concert performers, members of the choir and some guests, are shown by the altar after the concert.

➤ The altar was beautifully adorned with many poinsettia plants, a nativity scene, and a special advent wreath.



▲ The Nativity Scene on Christmas had a shepherd, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. On the feast of the Epiphany, the Wise Men arrived, and the Amaryllis was in full bloom.

### St. Pius X Women's Society Christmas Fair

On November 17th, the St. Pius X Women's Society held its annual Christmas Fair from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM. There were many attractions: Jingles Jewelry Corner, Holly Tree Bakery, Mrs. Claus spent the day helping children write letters to Santa, Cookie the Elf gave out cookies & candy canes. There were Scratch Off Lottery Tickets for the Christmas Lottery Tree, Santa's Silent Auction, many Kris Kringle's Crafter items for sale, and everyone's favorite spot to rest at the Christmas Fair was the Noel Café with coffee, donuts and muffins from opening to 11:00 AM, and Lunch from 11:15 AM to closing with new menu items!



*The gift basket raffle is always fun & successful*



*Mrs. Claus busy writing letters for the children*



*Early shoppers taking in all the wonderful items for sale*



*As always the jewelry tables were humming with buyers*



## *Faithful Departed*

*Please pray for the following recently departed parishioners.*

Richard F. Walsh	9/21/18
Mary Laylor	9/26/18
Eugenia W. Caito	10/1/18
Susan E. Linton	9/17/18
Eleanor F. Carroll	10/4/18
Katherine M. Sullivan	10/5/18
William R. Snow	9/25/18
Rosanne Spin-Degregorio	10/9/18
Charles A. Malloy	10/8/18
Elizabeth I FitzMaurice	10/12/18
James Casella	10/17/18
Alxander G. St Andre	10/17/18
Donald L. Gallucci	10/17/18
George A. Hammerstrom	10/3/18
Aurora Mari	10/20/18
John A. McEachern Jr.	10/21/18
Serena Palmer	10/19/18
Gina M. Rizzatano	11/3/18
George Keefe	10/30/18
M. Scott Carr	10/29/18
Robert E. McNamara	11/10/18
Raymond Ambrose	11/18/18
Robert Joseph Cullen	11/17/18
James Ralph Grande	11/20/18
Bernice J. Poutas	11/23/18
Anna O. Ruhan	11/29/18
Deborah Reade-Kochka	11/27/18
Carol S. Miner	11/11/18
Edward J. Barry	12/3/18
Paul P. Thomas	12/14/18
Amy E. Sullivan	12/15/18
Kevin Sullivan	12/15/18
Marjorie T. Alter	12/24/18
Jeannine Levesque	12/18/18
Ellen Maranda	12/26/18
Patrice Faulhefer	12/27/18
James Morena	12/29/18

## *Recently Married*

*Congratulations and best wishes to the following newlyweds.*

Michael Hiltunen and Kelly Sullivan	10/13/18
Ryan Collins and Brittany Marsh	11/10/18
Matthew Carey and Rachel Antonino	12/15/18

## *Recently Baptized*

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

Maeve Jean Ferguson	9/23/18
Benjamin Alden Meyer	10/28/18
Samuel Martin Costa	10/28/18
Colin James Hayden	11/18/18
Brookelyn Marie Brennan	11/18/18
Roman Anthony Mangano	11/18/18
Dominic James DuVerger	12/22/18



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### **GO PAPERLESS**



# CALENDAR



*Palm  
Sunday*

January 26  
January 31

Pasta Dinner 4:30-7:00 pm in the Parish Life Center  
Adoration in the Church Thursday before  
First Friday 5:30-6:30 pm  
No Brunch in January, February & March

February 14  
February 18  
February 28

Valentine's Day  
President's Day – Parish Office Closed  
Adoration in the Church Thursday before  
First Friday 5:30-6:30 pm

March 6  
March 8

Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent  
Simple Supper 5:00 pm followed by Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm  
– Every Friday during Lent

March 8 & 9  
March 10

Lower School Play – “Little Mermaid”  
Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 29 & 30

Middle School Play – “Shrek”

April 4

Adoration in the Church Thursday before  
First Friday 5:30-6:30 pm

April 7

Brunch in the Parish Life Center after 7:00, 9:00 and  
10:30 am Masses

April 14

Palm Sunday

April 18

Holy Thursday

April 21

Easter Sunday

April 21

Easter Egg Hunt  
8:30 am-11:00 am



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