

# 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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## Nature's Sanctuary of Song and Peace

Listen, Just Listen... Stop for a moment in your busy day and allow your spirit to commune with nature in the Sean M. Gannon Memorial Songbird Sanctuary. This inviting space has captured the generous and inclusive style Sean embodied. The busy songs of the birds, welcoming benches and scenery blend together to remove the outside world, immersing visitors in beauty and peace.

Theresa Barbo has shared the following article written with her unique perspective. She was integral to the design, development and completion of this space.

"You may have noticed a new addition to the grounds. On Friday, May 3rd, Pastor Paul Caron formally dedicated the Sgt. Sean M. Gannon Memorial Songbird Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is tucked into the woods in the rear parking lot overlooking a wetland where ducks meander and many species of songbirds thrive and sing all day. Sean

Gannon was a K-9 Officer with the Yarmouth Police Department who was killed in the line of duty on April 12, 2018, while



part of a law enforcement team, which was serving an arrest warrant in the Town of Barnstable. Officer Gannon was posthu-

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mously promoted to Sgt. following his death, and his family was present for the dedication. Father Caron was a personal friend of Sgt. Gannon's for many years, which made his dedication quite meaningful.

Our community remains in grief following this shocking and unprecedented murder. It is hoped that Nature will help heal the wounds of a community's grief, and that's the concept that the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust operated from when designing the Songbird Sanctuary. Please visit the Sanctuary! Spend a few minutes in the peace, quiet and solitude of Nature. Just don't step on the chipmunks and rabbits who scramble for the seeds dropped from the feeders!

As you're there, please remember the kindness and generosity of our St. Pius Community members who have made an outstanding effort to help fund the Sanctuary. Without their support, the Orenda Wildlife Land Trust wouldn't have been able to finish the Sanctuary! Here are the names of these generous people: Susan and DeWitt Davenport; Christian Davenport; Mary Anne and Coleman Geary; and Marian and Gerry Manning.

Dan Doto of St. Pius who oversees maintenance was a huge help leading up to the dedication. Kim and Anthony Baroni of Stonewood Products donated two

gorgeous granite benches, James Shea of S & J Exco. donated the mulch, and lots of it, and Robert B. Our, Jr., donated the fill upon which the mulch sits. Mike Taylor and Rick Bates of Cape Cod Fence were so helpful with donated fencing courtesy of the Davenport Companies. And we thank David Birdsey of Centerville,

and David McKenna of Cape Dreams Building, for their homemade birdhouses. I must add a special note of appreciation to another member of the YPD family, Lori Boghdan for the tremendous help she gave in the completion of this project.

From the Yarmouth Garden Club, Kiki and David Becker, Cookie Barry, Ed Mulligan, Paula Phillips, and Debbi Gurak contributed plants and materials for the Dedication. In the weeks following the Dedication, a steady stream of St. Pius members reached out to see how they could help. Special thanks to Nancy Proulx who donated a large bird feeder and she keeps it filled. Some good soul recently set out two flowerpots at the entrance. If anyone has a

birdhouse they'd like to donate please do so! If you see an empty bird feeder by all means fill it!"

*By Theresa M Barbo*

Executive Director, ORENDA Wildlife Land Trust



*Yarmouth Police Chief Frank Frederickson  
and SPX students*



## Nature's Sanctuary of Song and Peace



*Many thanks and our heartfelt appreciation to Theresa and this team for their inspiration and effort in this endeavor! And by all means sit and enjoy this beautiful space!*





## SPX Youth Group



Last June (2018) Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha challenged teens and their parishes to build youth groups and for teens to live their Catholic faith.

Since our last Youth Group Dinner of this school year has ended, we, **The St. Pius X Youth Group**, would like to share with you a little of what we were able to do this school year.

St Pius X Youth Group consists of grades 8-12. Our schools are Dennis Yarmouth Regional High School, Saint Pope John Paul II, Nauset, Sturgis, Charter Light House and teens that are home schooled. Our Parishes are St Pius X Church, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi.



Our youth group meets weekly on **Wednesday nights** for dinner for one hour to socialize and plan for community service hours; our core group is about 12 teens. Community service this year was

important to our group to live their Catholic faith.

The seniors who are leaving us this year will be attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy, St Joseph, Franciscan University and Cape Cod Community College in the fall of 2019.

This year our St Pius X Church parish held it's 2nd annual Trunk or Treat event. Our youth group hosted 420 guests who attended this event from surrounding communities.

Our **Trunk or Treat** was successful because of our parishioners who donated candy and food to handle such a large crowd. Teens from Holy Trinity helped with decorating and activities for the event. Teens from Saint Pope John Paul II donated their time to be



DJ's. Yarmouth Police and Fire were involved handing out candy and many parishioners participated in our Trunk or Treat showing up and handing candy to our guests.



Other parish events that the St Pius X Youth Group donated their time and talents to include: **Vacation Bible School**, **Movie Matinee of Polar Express**, and **Live Station of the Cross**, and the **Simple Super**. We also created a parish **Kindness Rock Garden**.

Our teens created social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to document their weekly dinner and events that they were participating in. Our social media accounts are a work in progress as we in stay in



compliance of Safe Environment. The St Pius X Youth Group also has their own music playlist on Spotify introducing Christian music to our parish and teens who might not been introduced to Christian music before.

Our youth group had our **first blood drive** with the assistance of Cape Cod Health Care in April. Our goal was 25 guests. Our end results were 22 guest and 19 pints of blood that will be used on Cape Cod to save lives.



## SPX Youth Group

Our youth group was able to live our faith while feeding and clothing the homeless through **Youth Street Reach** at the Federated Church, Fellowship Chapel in Hyannis.

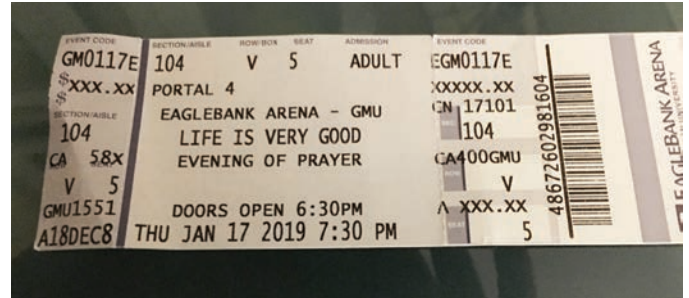
Youth Street Reach is run by Marilyn Lariviere from Our Lady of Victory who runs this program monthly from October to April. Once a month teens from all over Cape Cod are able to meet, clothe and feed the homeless in a way that all teens are truly living their faith.



In the month of **January**, with the assistance of our very generous St Pius X Church parishioners, our youth group collected and donated 30 bags of warm clothes to donate to Youth Street Reach. We also had the talents of the woman's group that created home made gloves, hats and scarves for the homeless.

In **February** our youth group created **Blessing Bags** for the homeless guest of Youth Street Reach. Again the St Pius X Church parishioners were so generous in their donations. The Blessing Bags consisted of hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, tooth brush tooth paste, body lotion) with a \$5.00 gift card to get a hot meal. Our goal was 25 Blessing Bags our youth group handed out 80 Blessing Bags to the homeless guests!

Because of the monetary generosity of our parishioners and fundraising, many



teens were able to attend **March for Life in Washington DC**, go on an **Echo Retreat Weekend**, and **Steubenville East Youth Conferences**. Our Tuition account was created to assist any teen that needs tuition to attend these amazing retreats and faith base trips.

Many of our teens from youth group donated their time and talents to assist in the **Faith Formation** classrooms to teach younger children about their Catholic faith and many teens alter served for our St Pius X Church and Holy Trinity parishes.



Our leader is **Mrs. St Onge**, who volunteers her time and has made us dinner every Wednesday night from September to May. Mrs. St Onge has coordinated community service hours and parish events that teach us that there is so much more to our Catholic Faith. We were also blessed with many parents and parishioners who came weekly to chaperone our meetings and tract our community service hours.

Bishop da Cunha, thank you for encouraging teens to be active in their parishes. We, the St Pius X Youth Group hope that we were good examples of the challenge you gave us about living our Catholic faith.

God is good all the time; all the time God is good!

*By The St. Pius X Youth*



## Communion & Confirmation



*Communion 2019*



*Confirmation 2019*



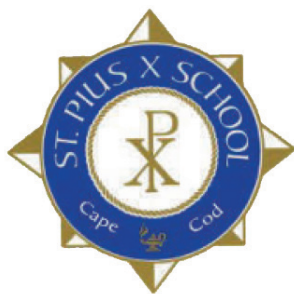
## Congratulations to the Class of 2019



*Senior Class of 2019*



# St. Pius X School



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## St. Pius X School



*Gr. 8 On  
top of the  
world in  
NYC*



*Gr. 8 Visits Times Square in NYC*

*Gr. 8 visiting  
St. Mary's  
Cathedral  
in Fall River  
with Fr. Caron  
and Principle  
Anne Dailey*



*Gr. 8 Pope  
St. John Paul  
Scholarship  
Winners*

*(L-R) Abby,  
Roisin, Liam  
& Julia*



*Fr. George  
Bellenoit Spirit  
Award presented  
to Mark by  
Principle  
Anne Dailey*



*Gr. 4 Step up Day Athletic Awards with AD Nick Corsi*



*Gr. 6 National Honor Society Newest Members –  
Front: Tara, Anna, Effie & Natalie;  
Back: Ashley, Julia, Alexandra, Victoria & Bianca*

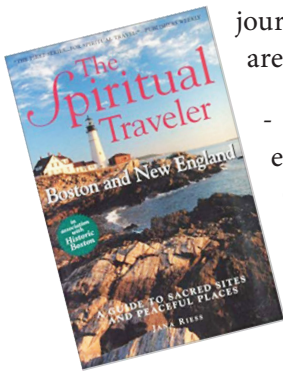


## Library Corner

It's time to think of day, weekend or longer trips around our New England. On our last trip, which happened to be in the mid-south, I found a book that promises to make New England trips a lot more interesting. This book is *The Spiritual Traveler: Boston and New England: A Guide to Sacred Sites and Peaceful Places* by Jana Riess.

*The Spiritual Traveler* takes a fascinating approach. The first chapter tells the history of various faith groups in New England. The second chapter discusses characteristics of the physical houses of worship and the proper decorum for visiting. Finally, there are four chapters dedicated to areas of Massachusetts and a chapter each for the other five New England states. Each of the regional chapters describes houses of worship, cemeteries of note, significant museums, meeting places, and even trees (such as the Weeping Beech tree in Hyannis).

Many of the "firsts" and "oldests" in our nation's spiritual journey are in the greater Boston area.



- In 1839, Timothy Gilbert founded First Baptist Free Church (later renamed Tremont Temple) as the first American interracial congregation.

- King's Chapel, now Unitarian, was founded in 1686 as the first Anglican Church in Puritan New England.

- The oldest surviving Black church building in the US is the African Meetinghouse/Abiel Smith School built in 1806.

- The Mother Church of Christian Science was built in 1894, just 19 years after Mary Baker Eddy founded the denomination. Later she would start the "Christian Science Monitor" dedicated "to injure no man, but to bless all mankind."

You can visit an assortment of sites described in the Boston chapter on the Freedom Trail and also on the Black Heritage Trail. Boston had about 400 slaves and some free blacks in 1705, but Massachusetts was the only state to

report no slaves in the first federal census in 1790.

Moving beyond our state, the oldest existing synagogue in America is in Newport, Rhode Island. The Touro Synagogue built in 1763, 105 years after 15 Jewish families arrived in Newport and began to worship in homes. Also in Rhode Island, the largest sequoia tree east of the Rockies is located at the Blithewold Mansion, Gardens, and Arboretum in Bristol, RI. In Providence, RI you will

find the first Baptist Congregation in America, founded in 1638 by Roger Williams, with the First Baptist Church built in 1775. As of 2002, when this book was written, Providence was the "most Catholic city in America." Religious toleration was practiced in Rhode Island from the 1630's, but Catholics didn't settle there permanently until the Revolutionary War.

In Connecticut, you can visit New England's largest museum of Native American history and culture, the Mashantucket Pequot Museum, located in Mashantucket. Short films describe several ancient myths of creation, told in native tongues with English subtitles.

Shaker life is described at Canterbury Shaker Village, New Hampshire, although the community died out in 1992, after more than two centuries. In Rindge, NH, you will find the Shrine to America's Fallen Soldiers at the Cathedral of the Pines. Services of all faiths are conducted there.

In Damariscotta, Maine, you will find the oldest surviving Catholic Church in New England, built in 1808 for a congregation dating from 1798. St. Patrick's bell was cast by Paul Revere in 1818 shortly before his death.

In Sharon, Vermont, you can visit the birthplace of Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism. The Visitors' Center provides information on the Smith family, Mormon history and beliefs. The beautiful site also has scenic hiking trails.

New England is full of spiritual sites, manmade and natural, reflecting the diversity of beliefs of our inhabitants. This is a wonderful book to read cover-to-cover or to read in snippets to whet your curiosity of our lovely region.

*By Barbara Finnerly*



## Faithful Departed

*Please pray for the following recently departed parishioners.*

Patrick J. Jordan	12/16/18
Diane E. Maurino	12/24/18
Olga Lepore	01/06/19
Loretta Jones	01/03/19
William J. Healey	01/19/19
Mary Catherine Coughlan	01/19/19
Kathleen M. Serpone	01/21/19
Beatrice C. Medeiros	01/28/19
Susan MacAdam	01/07/19
Barbara Marcel	01/28/19
Michael P. Mulhern	01/23/19
Joseph D. Garon	01/31/19
David Lee McElroy	02/08/19
Charles J. McCabe	02/04/19
Florence Sullivan	02/12/19
Michael McGann	01/24/19
Nancy Badger	03/06/19
Clement V. Smith IV	03/05/19
Catherine Clapp	03/06/19
Jane Kennedy	01/14/19
Ann Mary Camuso	03/09/19
Joseph Charles Forte	03/08/19
James Carney	03/15/19
Ann M. McIntosh	03/21/19
Justin Bolger	03/27/19
Carol Campbell	03/29/19
Joan Abbott	03/30/19
Nora Teresa Healy	03/29/19
Mildred Joan Cook-Meehan	03/29/19
Rita T. McNerney	03/31/19
Paul Scott MacDonald	04/06/19
Alma Johnson	04/12/19
Anne E. McCarthy	04/15/19
Lorraine E. Brooks	04/24/19
George A. Paoli	04/26/19
Joseph Tierney	04/21/19
Brenda Martinez	04/28/19
Emily R. Gleason	05/03/19
Catherine McNamara	05/02/19
James R. Kennedy	04/22/19
June Bennett	05/16/19
Marianne Eubanks	05/17/19
Pauline S. Cassidy	05/22/19
Gordon Fallow	05/18/19
Frances J. Lunny	05/21/19
Bredden Sullivan Flynn	05/19/19
Robert Robillard	05/30/19
Irene Strempek	05/04/19
Mildred Nelson	06/05/19
Claudia Garon	06/05/19
Brian C. Kissling	06/01/19
Ann E. Lewis	06/02/19

## Recently Married

*Congratulations and best wishes to the following newlyweds.*

Anthony Fucillo and Stephanie Clegg	5/26/19
John McKeon and Elizabeth Morgan	6/1/19
Tyler Savage and Devon Langin	6/8/19
Denis Kelleher and Anne Marie Launie	6/14/19
Stephen Marzo and Victoria Frazier	6/15/19

## Recently Baptized

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

Nina Lee Castaneda	02/17/19
Charles Buck Jordan	04/09/19
Derek Patrick Jordan, Jr.	04/09/19
Claire Marie Plummer	04/21/19
Damian Richard Kline	04/21/19
Cora James Pazakis	04/28/19
Lillyana Grace Bonfini	05/19/19
Peyton Olivia Kelley	05/19/19
Josie Nicole Murphy	05/19/19



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# CALENDAR



- July 4 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday  
5:30 to 6:30pm
- July 4 Fourth of July – St. Pius X Parish Office Closed
- July 7 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- July 10 Women's Society Summer Fair in the Parish Life Center  
8:30am to 3:00pm
- July 15-19 Vacation Bible School in the Religious Ed Center  
9:00am to 12:00pm
- July 20 - 23 French Children's Choir
- August 1 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday  
5:30 to 6:30pm
- August 4 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 20 Blood Drive in the Parish Life Center
- August 27 First Day of School
- September 1 Brunch in the Parish Life Center after morning Masses
- September 2 Labor Day – St. Pius X Parish Office Closed
- September 5 Adoration in the Church Thursday before First Friday  
5:30 to 6:30 pm

Our Lady of the Highway Chapel Closes for the season after Mass on Sunday Sept. 1

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## We encourage your comments and suggestions.

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