

Saint Pius V Parish

Providence RI

Celebrating 100 Years in Christ, 1918-2018!

Centennial Year Newsletter #1, September 2017

Centennial Year Kick Off Mass

The Saint Pius V Centennial year celebration will kick off with a 10 AM Mass and reception on October 21, 2017. Father Ken Letoile, O.P., will be the celebrant. We will also unveil a special prayer for the Saint Pius V Centennial.

Activity Needs: A temporary committee of 4-6 people to organize refreshments for the reception in the Church Hall.



Parish Oral Histories & Video Time Capsule

We are interviewing and recording conversations with 15-20 parishioners to collect their experiences and memories of parish life. These will be edited into a series of perhaps three or four 10-minute podcasts and put on our web site during the course of the Centennial Year. Some of the material from these oral histories will also be used for the Centennial publication.

In addition, during the course of parish and Centennial events over the next 12 months, we will do 3-minute video recordings of parish members to record the following: family introductions, how long they have been in the parish, how they participate in parish life, and what they like about the parish.

These will be edited into one video and put on our web site.

Called and Gifted Workshop

This highly acclaimed workshop is being offered for the first time in Rhode Island. This workshop is the product of Sherry Weddell. Co-founder of the Saint Catherine of Siena Institute in Colorado Springs, CO, Ms. Weddell is known throughout the world for her publications and workshops that foster and equip parishes to become centers of evangelization and formation. Her book, *Forming Intentional Discipleship: The Path to Knowing and Following Jesus*, is a best seller.

We are thrilled to have the *Call and Gifted Workshop* at Saint Pius V on April 14, 2018. This is a great opportunity for our parish!

Activity Needs: 1) A committee of 6-8 people to publicize the event and to help plan and host this event.

Centennial Dinner & Dance

Start thinking about what you are going to wear to a splendid evening of dining and dancing on April 28, 2018 at the Venus DeMilo. You won't need GPS to find the place—your car automatically knows how to get to the Venus. We will be inviting not only present parish members, but also those who have moved away and who are looking forward to seeing old friends.

Project Needs: 1) A committee of 8-10 parish members who like to work on special events!

Paying Tribute to Saint Pius V Veterans

World War II Roll of Honor

The generation of Saint Pius V parishioners who served in World War II is truly remarkable. Saint Pius V parish, a relatively small neighborhood parish in the 1941-1945 World War II era, sent over 330 men and women to serve! Fathers, sons, brothers, daughters, sisters, aunts and uncles from virtually every street in the parish left their homes and families to fight for our country.

We recently discovered a 4' x 8' wood door in the basement of the priory that was re-purposed during the war to serve as a list of the Saint Pius V men and women who served in the war. It is called the World War II Roll of Honor. This particular remembrance plaque is, however, too large to display anywhere in the church and in too bad a shape to restore. We would like to re-create the Roll of Honor with a new walnut perpetual plaque with new name plates at a size of perhaps 3' x 4'. It would be permanently mounted in the Parish Hall or at the rear of the Church. We are looking to mount the completed plaque on

Memorial Day 2018. Sixteen of the three-hundred and thirty-eight names on the plaque are shown below.

FRANCIS WHALEN	RUSSELL P. DEMOE
WALTER REILLY	MICHAEL A CAPARCO
WILLIAM F MARONI	GENNARO CALCAGNI
J A MAHONEY	JAMES W BYRNE
BARBARA FARRELL	WILLIAM A BRENNAN
NICHOLAS RITOLA JR	JAMES J. EGAN
LEO SKENYON	DONALD COSTELLO
MARGUERITE SULLIVAN	EDWARD J ISACCO

We will also be seeking parishioners to lend us photos of family members who served in WW II so we can have the unveiling of the plaque accompanied by a small publication with photos of some of our parish WW II service people.

Project Needs: 1) Small committee of 5-8 parishioners to see this project through; 2) Sponsor(s) to underwrite the cost of the plaque and the publication.

World War II Memorial Plaque

Three hundred and thirty-eight Saint Pius V parishioners served in World War II. Six parishioners paid the supreme sacrifice for their country and did not return home to their families and to Saint Pius V. These six individuals are remembered in a small bronze plaque that was installed after World War II on the back wall in what is now the corner of the school gym. We would like to restore the plaque and re-install it to a more prominent position next to the new World War II Roll of Honor on Memorial Day 2018.

Project Needs: 1) World War II Roll of Honor committee to see this project through.

Parish Outdoor Sign

A committee has already been formed to design and install a long-needed sign for the front lawn of the church to reinforce



the Saint Pius V parish presence in the community. The sign will complement the existing architecture of the church and be lighted at night.

Saint Pius V Parish Cookbook

The 75th anniversary of the parish featured a very popular recipe book. Providence is known as a “foodie town”, so it is only fitting that we publish a Centennial Cookbook. The Centennial Cookbook will incorporate many of the favorites from the 75th version but will include new recipes from veteran and new families to the parish, reflecting the many wonderful cultures represented in our parish. We hope to sell this recipe book for \$10 to help defray the printing costs, but a sponsor would also be delightful. But hey, maybe this book will go viral on the internet and we’ll have a new parish ministry.

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Loaves and Fishes

A Centennial Parish Cookbook

Project Needs: 1) A committee of 8-10 people who can extract “secret” recipes from parish families. The committee should include some word smiths who can come up with clever recipe titles.

Centennial Anniversary Mass

October 1918 is the official beginning of our parish and to mark the completion of our celebration, we will have a Centennial Anniversary Mass on October 14, 2018.



Centennial Anniversary Mass, contd.

We hope to have Bishop Tobin as co-celebrant of this Mass as well as many of our Dominican brethren from the St. Joseph Province. The Mass will incorporate many of the ministries of our wonderful parish, including special music, special liturgy, special decorations, our school children, and the Knights of Columbus.

We will gather after the Mass for a reception.

Activity Needs: 1) A committee of 8-12 people to plan the Mass and Reception.

Centennial Publication

We would like every parishioner to have a publication that marks and celebrates the 100 years of the Saint Pius V parish. The publication will include photos of past events of the parish, family photos related to parish events, photos of the Centennial events, and the history of the parish and the school. Our goal is to make this publication free for every parish family and to do this we will need to have sponsor pages and perhaps an overall sponsor.

This publication would be completed and distributed in December 2018, a couple of months after the Centennial Anniversary Mass.

Project Needs: 1) A committee of 4-6 people to help pull together this project; 2) A sponsor to help underwrite the cost of the publication.

Preliminary Schedule of Saint Pius V Parish Centennial Activities

Centennial Kickoff Mass	<i>October 21, 2017</i>
Oral Histories posted to Web Site	<i>January 2018</i>
Called and Gifted Workshop	<i>April 14, 2018</i>
Centennial Dinner and Dance	<i>April 28, 2018</i>
World War II Roll of Honor Plaque Installation	<i>May 27, 2018</i>
World War II Memorial Plaque Installation	<i>May 27, 2018</i>
Parish Outdoor Sign Installation	<i>June 2018</i>
Parish Centennial Recipe Book Published	<i>September 2018</i>
Parish Video Time Capsules posted to Web Site	<i>October 2018</i>
Centennial Anniversary Mass	<i>October 14, 2018</i>
Centennial Publication Published	<i>December 2018</i>



Saint Pius V Church in 1960 in what is now the school gym.

Saint Pius V Church Centennial Volunteer Form

(Drop off in the Centennial box at the back of the church, bring to the Parish Office, or scan and email to agnes@spvchurch.org)

Dear Father Augustine:

I would like to help Saint Pius V Church celebrate its Centennial by helping out on the following activities and projects:

- Serve on the Parish Centennial Steering committee _____
- Serve on the Centennial Kick Off Mass Reception committee _____
- Serve on the "Called and Gifted" Workshop committee _____
- Serve on the Centennial Dinner & Dance committee _____
- Serve on the World War II Honor Roll and World War II Memorial Plaque Restoration committee _____
- Serve on the Parish Outdoor Sign committee _____
- Serve on the Centennial Parish Recipe Book committee _____
- Serve on the Centennial Anniversary Mass committee _____
- Serve on the Centennial Publication committee _____
- Serve on the Centennial Sponsorship committee _____

Here are my suggestions for other Centennial activities:

Date: _____

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____