

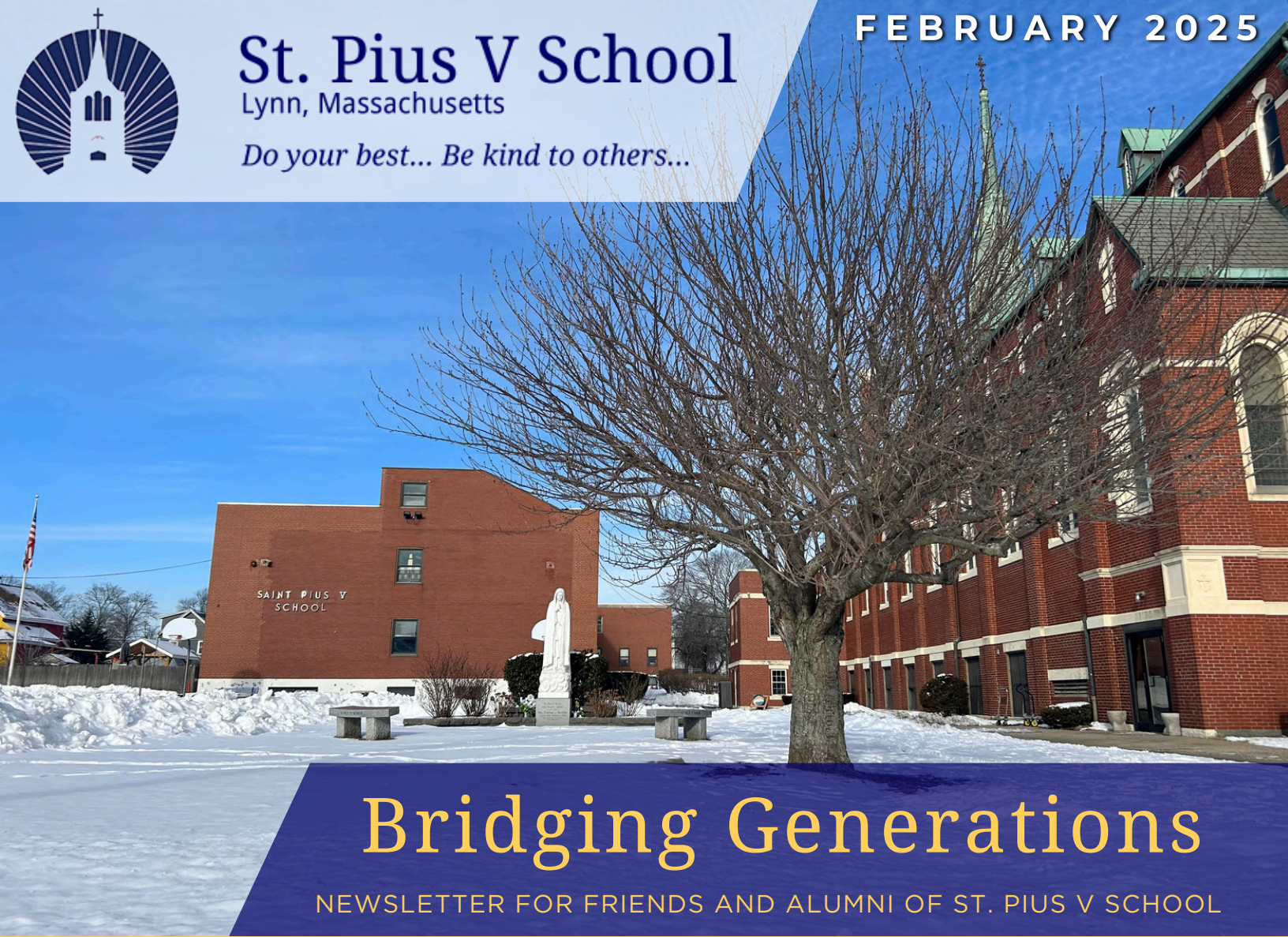


St. Pius V School

Lynn, Massachusetts

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FEBRUARY 2025



Bridging Generations

NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS AND ALUMNI OF ST. PIUS V SCHOOL

Greetings Alumni and Friends,

This year we celebrate Saint Pius V School's 80th Anniversary. As I reflect on this amazing milestone, I must acknowledge the important impact Saint Pius V School has had on the past generations of students, families, and the greater Lynn community. The mission that began long ago remains strong and Saint Pius V continues to enrich the lives of all of those that have had the privilege of being a part of this amazing school. We are very proud of our shared past and optimistic about our future. Building generational bridges will allow us to connect our Catholic faith traditions to these new times in which we live ensuring our Catholic school mission remains strong and proud for generations to come. Therefore, the Alumni Newsletter will now be known as Bridging Generations. I invite you to take a moment to complete our [alumni survey](#) provided in this newsletter and help us prepare for our future together!

Thank you for your support,

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SAINT PIUS V SCHOOL

80th Anniversary Gala

Please join us as we celebrate the 80th anniversary of Saint Pius V School's 1945 opening!

Friday, April 25th, 2025
6:30-9:00pm

Knights of Columbus, Lynn

Visit stpiusvschool.org/donate/auction.cfm
or scan this code with your
phone to learn more and
reserve your tickets!



Can You Help Make This Event A Success?

The funds raised during this event will play a key role in the preservation of our building and overall improvement of our school. Please consider showing your support in one of the following ways. Visit stpiusvschool.org/donate/gala.cfm, or email auction@stpiusvschool.org to learn more about how to help.



Become an Event Sponsor

Make a major impact on our fundraising goals when you or your business sponsors our event. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about sponsorship levels and benefits.



Purchase a Program Ad

Our Program Book is going to be a fantastic keepsake with photos from throughout the decades. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase ad space in our Program Book.



Donate an Item for the Raffle/Auction

Items such as gift certificates, sports memorabilia, and experiences are some popular auction and raffle items. [CLICK HERE](#) to view our list of requested items.



Alumni Spotlight:

VERY REVEREND DAVID O'LEARY,
VF, S.T.L., D.PHIL



The Very Reverend David M. O'Leary, a distinguished alumnus of St. Pius V School's Class of 1975, has devoted his life to faith, education, and service. After graduating from St. Pius and Lynn English High School, Fr. Dave pursued higher education, earning a B.A. in Philosophy and History from St. John Seminary College, an M.Div. in Moral Theology and New Testament studies from St. John Seminary School of Theology, an M.Ed. in Religious Education from Boston College, an S.T.L. in Social Ethics from Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, and a D.Phil in Medical and Theological Ethics from the University of Oxford, where he received high honors for his dissertation defense.

Ordained in 1985 for the Archdiocese of Boston, Fr. Dave has served in various pastoral and academic roles while actively supporting the community. He was the University Chaplain and Senior Lecturer at Tufts University for 15 years, believed to be the first Roman Catholic priest appointed as the spiritual leader of a private, nonsectarian institution of higher education. At Tufts, he taught courses on religion, international relations, and medical ethics, while also chairing Institutional Review Boards across Tufts campuses. After serving in various parishes, including 8 years at the Good Shepherd Parish in Wayland, Fr. Dave now serves as Pastor, Professor, and Ethicist at Concord-Carlisle Collaborative, overseeing Holy Family Parish in Concord and St. Irene Parish in Carlisle.

Fr. Dave served many years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, where he held positions as a Catholic Chaplain at various bases, taught ethics at the U.S. Air Force Academy, and worked as a drug and alcohol counselor. His commendable service earned him multiple honors, including the Air Force Commendation Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal, culminating in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

A prolific writer, Fr. Dave has authored several works exploring theology, spirituality, and ethics, including *Roman Catholic Beliefs and Prayers: A Handbook for Those on a Spiritual Journey*, *Seeking the Path of God's Justice: An Analysis of the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Economic Justice*, and *A Study of Josef Fuchs' Writing on Human Nature and Morality*. He has also contributed to the *Encyclopedia of Religions and Spiritual Development*. His scholarly work reflects a deep commitment to addressing moral and ethical issues within the Catholic tradition.

Fr. Dave's dedication to service and faith has been recognized with the Papal honor of being knighted as a titular Canon of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, the highest Papal honor given to laity and priests for their service to the Church. Additionally, Cardinal O'Malley appointed him as the Vicar Forane for the area priests of the West Region.

Throughout his career, Fr. Dave has exemplified the values that St. Pius V School strives to instill in its students. In a meaningful show of support, Fr. Dave was the first to sign on as a sponsor of St. Pius's upcoming 80th Anniversary Gala. We extend our gratitude to Fr. Dave for his generosity, and we look forward to celebrating with him and all our alumni at the gala on April 25th!



2025 State of the School

Saint Pius V School thanks our families for choosing a Catholic education for their child/children. We recognize the financial sacrifice and commitment required in supporting a child/children's education. In turn, we are committed to providing a safe, top quality Catholic education for our students.

In July 2024, Saint Pius V School earned its NEASC accreditation, which takes place every ten years. A NEASC accreditation is from the "New England Association of Schools and Colleges" and signifies that a school has met rigorous standards, demonstrating a high level educational quality and commitment to improvement. The report recognized SPV's faculty and staff as dedicated professionals that have the knowledge and expertise for delivering an outstanding education. The accreditation also recognized SPV for its outstanding programs and procedures and especially for the visible commitment of the community to the school's mission.

SPV strives to follow our mission of teaching to the whole child. For example, we have continued to add technology upgrades by purchasing additional chromebooks and adding Robotics as an After School Club. Another focus this year was updating the Middle School Science and Social Studies curriculums with new text books for grades 6,7 and 8. This year, Saint Pius V School included Spanish as a core subject for grades 6,7 and 8. Music for all grades was incorporated into the schedule along with additional Physical Education time and new equipment. The purchase of Lexia Core 5 online reading program for grades 1-5 has proven to raise overall MAP test reading scores. Finally, the addition of more Enrichment Programs and field trips has benefited all of our students, creating new, exciting learning experiences.

SPV continues to make additional improvements to the building. Over the summer, the roof had a much needed tune-up as well as the bathroom facilities on both the first and second floors. The downstairs lower level was overhauled with new lighting, rugs, paint, and a touchview screen to welcome our littlest preschoolers to a beautiful new learning space. Finally, new school exit doors have been ordered, permits are in place and new doors with security monitoring will be installed this April, adding to our school's safety objectives.

This year, SPV celebrates its 80th Anniversary! The attributes and charisms that make Saint Pius V School so special began 80 years ago with the Sisters of Saint Joseph. The mission they began continues to inspire and affect positive progress and growth in our students, families and beyond. Working together, with Christ in the center, we can accomplish great things!

Blessings,

Mrs. Noe

Winter School Happenings



The Traveling Lantern Theatre Group visited St. Pius to perform A Christmas Carol for our school. They invited some of our students up as special guests to star in the show!



8th grade students spent some of their December break volunteering with United Way and Old Neighborhood Foods to distribute food to local families!



Kindergarten through 6th grade sang beautifully at our two Christmas Concerts in December!



We have begun 2025 with lots of fun ways to commemorate the school's 80th year together!



Congratulations to 6th graders Isabella Chavez and Joyliz Diaz for winning the Lynn Lions Peace Poster Contest!

Catholic Schools Week

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1, 2025



We began Catholic Schools Week with a special Sunday mass with our parish and school families, where students sat together with their classmates and teachers. Then, families and visitors came inside the school for an Academic Showcase Open House.



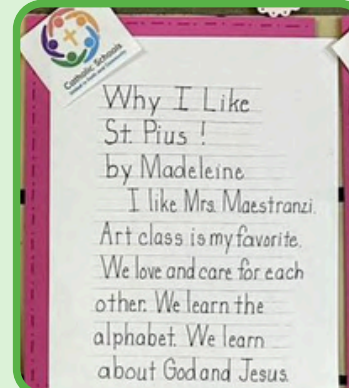
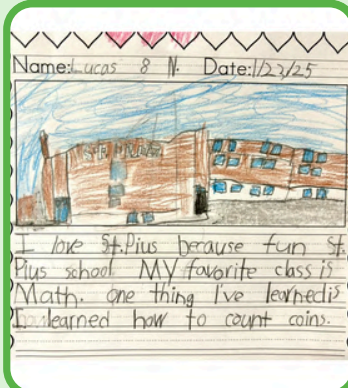
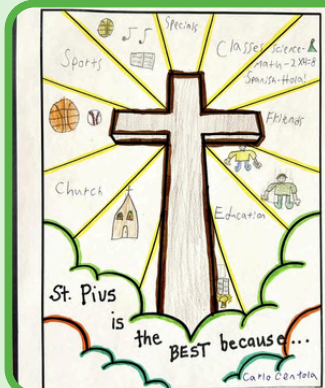
The Variety Show was a great display of the talent in our school!



The week was filled with fun activities like Crazy Hat Day and a Popcorn & Movie Event!



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community



Students across all grade levels took this opportunity to share their love for St. Pius V School through creative writing and art projects that highlight what makes our school special!

A New Opportunity for our School Community...

Protect your future today and create important estate planning documents with our partner, FreeWill

St. Pius V School is excited to offer our alumni and their families the opportunity to craft a legally valid will and/or a living trust at no charge —and completed in 20-30 minutes!

St. Pius has partnered with FreeWill so that our community can provide for their families while detailing the management of their estates. There is also an easy to navigate prompt to gift support to the charities that are most important to you.

Please prayerfully consider how you can steward your resources to your loved ones and the organizations that best reflect your valued legacy. Over 1 million individuals have used FreeWill to map out their estate plans with over \$9.6B committed to ministries and charities.

CREATE A LEGAL WILL

No matter how old you are or how much wealth you have, writing a will is essential to secure your future and protect your loved ones. This free tool helps you write or update your legal will, protect your loved ones and assets, and can even be used to support the causes you love.

Get started at FreeWill.com/stpiusvschool to write your will free of charge.

DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Did you know that your will does not control the distribution of certain assets (called non-probate assets)? To ensure that those assets go to the people and organizations you love, you must be sure to properly name your beneficiaries. With this online tool, you can plan your beneficiaries and ensure your assets support the people and causes you love.

Get started at FreeWill.com/Beneficiaries/stpiusvschool to designate your beneficiaries free of charge.

RECORD A PLANNED GIFT

We are so grateful that some of our alumni have chosen to designate a gift to St. Pius V School. Thank you! By notifying us of your gift in your estate plan, we can take extra care to help ensure your gift is directed to the specific program or purpose of your choosing. It only takes a few minutes.

Get started at FreeWill.com/Record/stpiusvschool to fill out this form, help us keep our records up to date, and protect your gift intentions.



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Questions? Contact Gary at
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We Appreciate Your Continued Support

3 Ways to Give Back to St. Pius V School

COMPLETE OUR ALUMNI SURVEY

Completing our 15-minute anonymous survey will help us review and reflect on our school's successes and areas for improvement. You can complete the survey until March 31st, 2025 at this link: bit.ly/CSSNAlumni. We have collaborated with the Catholic Schools Support Network (CSSN) on strategic planning, and we will review the survey results with the CSSN as part of our reflection and planning process. We are grateful for your time and insight. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at all about this process.

SUPPORT OUR 80TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

This major fundraiser will play a key role in the preservation of our building and overall improvement of our school. Visit stpiusvschool.org/donate/gala.cfm to learn about how you can help make this event a success by donating a raffle or auction item, purchasing a program ad, or becoming an event sponsor.

PLANNED GIVING

By including a gift to St. Pius V School in your will or trust, you build a legacy that supports our teachers and students for generations to come. We've partnered with [FreeWill](#) to help you create your will or trust online, free of charge. You can use [this resource](#) on its own, or use it to document your wishes before finalizing your plans with an attorney.



Share your Life Updates

Email alumni@stpiusvschool.org to let us know what you have been up to! We may feature your milestones and stories on our [alumni webpage](#), [social media](#), or in future Alumni Newsletters.

Keep Your Contact Information Current

Ensure we have your most up-to-date contact information so we can send you alumni news and other communications. Fill out the contact form at secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/iqAXwR0_rHOQ9KVLuNw-iA

Stay Connected!

Check in on the [Alumni page](#) of our website for the latest alumni highlights (stpiusvschool.org/donate/alumni.cfm), and follow us on [social media](#) to keep up with what's happening at St. Pius V School!

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