St. Pius V Church
55 Elmhurst Ave.
Providence, RI 02908
751-4870

75th Anniversary Celebration

Main Celebrant
The Most Reverend Louis E. Gelineau, D.D.
Wednesday, October 27, 1993 • 7:00 P.M.
Coffee hour to follow

Diamond Anniversary Dinner/Dance at Rhodes
Ronnie Rose Band
Friday, October 29, 1993 • 6 P.M. to Midnight
Tickets $30 per person
For more information call 751-4871

Alumni Mass
Saturday, October 30, 1993 • Noon
Main Celebrant Rev. James Murray, O.P.
School Open House to follow
All are invited to attend

SAIN TiUS V PARISH
75th ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

All loving and eternal God, we, the parishioners of Saint Pius V Parish, profoundly thank You for the bountiful blessings which You have bestowed on us for the past seventy-five years.

From our humble beginnings at Providence College, You have built us into a strong, generous community of faith.

You have gifted us with teachers and preachers from Saint Dominic’s family.

We are privileged to praise Your Name in a church that proclaims Your glory and the dignity of Your people.

You gave us Saint Pius V as our patron saint.

He united the Church in His day. Through His prayers may we, in this anniversary year, continue to come together as we renew our dedication to Christ.

O loving God, in Your gracious kindness, continue to grace our future with Your divine presence. Make our parish a true reflection of Your compassion:

help us to welcome all who seek You;

help us to serve those who are in need;

help us to witness to Your power in our world.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Mother, help us to proclaim the love of Jesus and to come one day to the gift of everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

And apply them to new areas of knowledge: pre-algebra, computer education and a foreign language. Basic English grammar and writing skills are reinforced. Junior high students are challenged at more advanced levels in the areas of religious education, social studies and science. The goal is to prepare our older students academically, religiously and socially for that giant step into high school. The St. Pius “upper classes” take pride in their special stature within the school. Seventh and eighth graders are very helpful to the faculty and staff and serve as role models for the younger students.

The teaching staff includes two Dominican sisters from Blauvelt and the teachers with undergraduate and graduate degrees from colleges and universities throughout the United States. The Dominican priests serving the parish teach a weekly class in religion.

Recently, the St. Pius Parish Ministry has been enriched through the services of a new music director, David Martinez, Martinez and his wife Teresa, who

February 18, 1993

The St. Pius School tradition begins with pre-kindergarten. Three- and four-year-olds are welcomed into the St. Pius family with a sensitive introduction to learning. Licensed instructors guide the children through a daily routine that includes creative play, singing, letter and number games, and learning to be a friend. Pre-kindergarten attendance may be full or part-time.

At the next step, St. Pius offers a full-day kindergarten where the fun and informal atmosphere of pre-kindergarten prevails, but the learning experience reaches a new level. Kindergarten instruction focuses on the development of five-year-olds’ skills so the school day is more structured and the approach is more task-oriented than that of pre-kindergarten.

The curriculum in grades 1-6 revolves around the fundamentals: religion, reading/language arts, math academic projects. We have had wonderful performances of new music directed by David Martinez. Martinez and his wife Teresa, who

recently established a new choir that’s hard to beat! Since they have come to St. Pius, we have a youth choir, a bell choir group and presently we are organizing a junior high school choir. This has enriched the overall development of the students at St. Pius School and has made it an even greater place to receive an education.

ST. DOMINIC DE GUZMAN
Celebrating 75 Years...

In 1993 the parish celebrated its 75th Anniversary with a variety of activities. Great weather blessed a Bay Queen Cruise in June. Participants celebrated Mass aboard the Bay Queen as it made the trip from Warren to Newport. Parishioners had a great time and got to know each other better.

On Wednesday, October 27th, the parish celebrated with a 75th Anniversary Mass, with Bishop Louis Gelineau as the principal celebrant. The photo above to the right was taken during the reception that followed and shows Fr. Ken, Pastor, Dr. David Vito, Parish Trustee, Sr. Shirley Jeffcott, Principal, Bishop Gelineau, Mr. Joe Zannini, Parish Trustee, and Fr. Joe Escobar, Associate Pastor.

Friday, October 29th witnessed a Dinner Dance at the Rhodes on the Pawtuxet. The week ended with an Alumni Mass and Open House at the school.
St. Pius V School in Providence
is like belonging to a family

PROVIDENCE - St. Pius V School is a Dominican parish school located on Elmhurst Avenue in Providence, adjacent to Providence College.

In 1917, at the invitation of Bishop Matthew Harkins, the Dominican Order founded Providence College and St. Pius V Parish. Ten years later, the Dominican Sisters from Blauvelt, N.Y., opened St. Pius V Elementary School.

Providence College is part of the St. Pius V School extended campus. They share a common heritage and a common commitment to education. College faculty and student teachers participate in the St. Pius V School curriculum. This relationship with the Dominican Order provides vision, mission and resources for Providence College and St. Pius V Parish.

St. Pius V School offers a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment dedicated to the pursuit of truth, high academic standards and the embrace of diversity. The educational atmosphere of the school is a reflection of the Gospel spirit of acceptance and love.

Living Christian values

St. Pius V School strives to instill Christian values that enable students to become contributing members of society. Students from Kindergarten through Grade 8 are engaged in a variety of community service projects designed to encourage students to serve those with special needs. St. Pius V students and faculty engage in numerous ongoing projects in conjunction with the Feinstein Youth Hunger Brigade and have been recognized as award winners for three consecutive years.

Classes from St. Pius V School make regular goodwill visits to nearby nursing homes; students assist at the Smith Hill Center, McAuley House, The Genesis Center, Smith Hill Nursery and the Family Outreach Center. Students collect clothing, make food baskets, raise money and help meet the needs of the community in which they live, whenever and however they can. Giving to others in the Christian spirit of love has always been part of the St. Pius V School philosophy.

Partners in education

St. Pius V School opens its doors to pre-practicum students from Providence College, to students from La Salle Academy and seniors from Bishop Hendricken High School and to community people who have special gifts to offer to students.

Providence College pre-practicum students work in classrooms and in the Math/Science Center helping small groups of students with math, science, English and social studies concepts. Working with math manipulatives and the latest teaching techniques, the PC students bring vitality and enthusiasm to their weekly visits throughout the year. High school students work with younger students, helping with difficult tasks, encouraging and guiding productive playtime and giving individual attention to many. Students from Catholic high schools in the state fulfill their service obligations while interacting with students at St. Pius V School in a variety of activities.

St. Pius V School is fortunate in having a pool of parental and parishioner talent that works on special projects with the school population. The parents of St. Pius V School are a dedicated group who are energetic and committed to Catholic education. The Parent Teacher Organization is a vital force in supporting funding for educational conferences for teachers, school assemblies, field trips and seasonal activities for the school.

A recent communication from a parent stated: "Being in St. Pius V School has been a wonderful experience... My child feels as though he is part of a family which is a tribute to all of you." St. Pius V School welcomes all who wish to be a part of our family.
Soon after Sr. Shirley came on board, the Diocese began to suggest that its schools go through an accreditation process with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. Sr. Shirley was among the first to accept this monumental project.

In 1995 the first Veritas Award was given to a former student of St. Pius V School, Dr. John O. Pastore, Jr., Class of 1955. The award is given to a graduate for witnessing to the truth of the Gospel in their personal and professional life.

In 1997 parishioner and future St. Pius kindergarten teacher Pam Lemoi was instrumental in raising funds and installing a playground for the students. This project was a labor of love and a community building experience as well.

Faith sharing groups encouraged people to take their faith more seriously. As a result, many ministries grew. In 1997 Fr. Ken was able to commission 35 Eucharistic Ministers for the homebound. Fr. Ken also formed the first Parish Council.

Another first in 1997 was the 5K Road Race, which has become an important part of the Harvest Festival.

A parish Cross Country Team began for grades 4 through 8 in 1997. At that time basketball was the only team sport available. Outdoor activities seemed to blossom and parishioners organized the first Bocce League on the grass school playground the following year.

In 1997 the accreditation process was completed. It was a joyous occasion and a time to celebrate. The entire school staff had worked together for this goal.
In June 1998 Sr. Shirley was recognized at Mass, and a reception was held in her honor for her many years of service to the parish and school. Sr. Shirley is seen here with Fr. Ken and Brother Daniel Casey, FSC, Diocesan School Superintendent. Some Dominican sisters from the Blauvelt community remained at the convent and school until 2000.

In May 1999 a new carillon in the bell tower began sounding bells in the neighborhood. Some visitors said it reminded them of towns in Europe.

In June Fr. Ken received a new assignment to St. Gertrude Parish in Ohio. The parish celebrated his time here and this gathering coincided with Fr. Ken's 25th Anniversary of ordination. Fr. Vincent G. DeLucia, O.P., succeeded Fr. Ken as the pastor.

In October, near the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the parish held its first blessing of the animals in the schoolyard. It proved to be a fun and memorable occasion. At the Harvest Festival that year, the tradition of having *Angels on the Fence* to memorialize deceased loved ones began.

January of 2000 brought heating problems, and repairs were needed. The result was not as drastic as the winter of 2015 would prove to be, but the cost was significant.

To mark the feast of St. Pius V that April, the Music Ministry presented Marty Haugen's *Agapé: The Stories and The Feast*. Fr. Gabriel Pivarnik, O.P., one of the assistant pastors, had the lead role in this presentation and the choir, bell choir, and dancers all shone in their roles. The following page has photos of this beautiful, moving production.
On Saturday, May 13, 2000, Club Dominicana held its final gathering. The following month, on June 18th, parishioners gathered to celebrate the legacy of the Blauvelt Dominican Sisters who would be leaving in August. It was a sad time for parishioners.

One happy event at this time was the completion of the church hall ramp which now made this area accessible to all. Unfortunately, the project was significantly over budget. The parish dedicated the ramp to Brother Denis.

In a cost-saving move, parish staff reductions were necessary. The boiler repairs and other expenses were placing a strain upon parish resources and Fr. DeLucia felt obligated to relieve that strain. As a consequence, key staff positions had to be eliminated, impacting the Youth Ministry program and the Music Ministry. A decline in parish membership and offertory was another result, further depleting the financial resources available to the parish.

In April, Fr. DeLucia celebrated the feast of St. Dominic with an encouraging first for the parish: a Prayer Walk in the Elmhurst neighborhood. In May 2000 the parish celebrated Armand Batastini’s 50 years of coaching for St. Pius.

As the autumn of 2001 arrived, the parish held a farewell Mass for Fr. DeLucia. In October a farewell Mass and celebration for Brother Denis followed. It had become necessary for Brother, after 30 years of service, to enter a nursing home. This year was one of sadness and many losses. These photos are from Brother’s visit to the Harvest Festival.

In December the parish received word of the assignment of a new pastor. On January 13, 2002, the parish welcomed Fr. Michael A. Ciccone, O.P., as its new shepherd.

One of Fr. Michael’s projects was to clean the baldachino and other high and hard-to-reach areas in the church. By December of 2002, he also rethought the uses of the various parish spaces, prompting the experiment of moving the parish offices into the former convent.

In 2003 the Liturgy Committee instituted coffee and donuts in the church hall after the 10 am Sunday Mass. The hope was that it would help build community. The “Donut Ministry” continues to this day.

On April 20, 2004, Fr. Michael announced that the Dominican Sisters of Nashville had committed themselves to teach in the school, beginning the following school year. The parish welcomed this news wholeheartedly. The Blauvelt Dominicans had departed a few years before, and the community missed their presence. Parishioners knew from experience that having Dominican Sisters again would do much to further build up the school.

By September the Nashville Dominicans had arrived. Since the former convent was then in use as church offices, the sisters lived in a rented apartment on Elmhurst Avenue.
Dominican sisters bolster parish’s, school’s spirits

PROVIDENCE - Three women religious recently arrived in the city’s Elmhurst neighborhood and their activity caused quite a stir. They stand outside St. Pius V School wearing white robes greeting students every morning.

Dominican Sisters Marie Blanchette, Mary Rachel and Mary Sheila were welcomed this year when they joined the staff of St. Pius.

"It is a tremendous blessing for us," said Dominican Father Michael A. Ciccone, pastor of St. Pius V Church. "We have been fortunate to have a top-notch and deeply dedicated faculty. The sisters are the perfect complement to the fine teachers we have. Together, they are a formidable team."

While the arrival of the three nuns has created an immediate increase in good feelings at the school, the process by which they came did not happen overnight.

At a parish meeting in September 2003, parish leaders began writing a strategic plan for the school. Person after person spoke about the desire to strengthen its Catholic identity and about ways to recapture its Dominican character. Other comments addressed the vital connection to the Dominican order that founded and staffed St. Pius and neighboring Providence College.

Father Ciccone listened intently that night, and later the germ of an idea became a hope and a plan. He knew of a group of Dominican sisters dedicated to prayer, community life and Catholic education: the Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation.

Established in 1860 and widely known as the "Nashville Dominicans," these sisters have a long history of staffing schools in Tennessee and surrounding states. In recent years, they also have experienced significant growth, with an average of 13 women joining their community each fall. The median age of the sisters is 36.

"I knew that they were receiving invitations from around the United States to serve in schools," the priest said, adding, however, that he knew that St. Pius V had an advantage. "We could go to these religious sisters as family... We were Dominicans asking Dominicans to share our mission in the spirit of our founder, St. Dominic."

One of the goals of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia is "to provide the students with the freedom of a liberal arts education so that with the development of skills and a strong academic foundation, they may fulfill their God-given vocation." While the order staffs schools in Colorado, Minnesota, Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Virginia and Maryland, when the Providence invitation was accepted, St. Pius V became the religious order's first foundation in New England.

"They are a remarkable group of women - highly educated, dedicated and joyful. Whoever meets them is struck by their joy," said Father Ciccone.

Sister Marie Blanchette was hired as principal. She is from Chicago and recently served as principal of a school in Virginia. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education, a master's in educational administration and a master's in theology.

Sister Mary Rachel is from Pittsburgh and teaches seventh grade. She has a degree in elementary education and is currently working on a master's in educational administration.

Sister Mary Sheila is from Santa Clara, Calif., and teaches third grade. She has a degree in elementary education.

For some parishioners accustomed to seeing Dominican priests walking in the neighborhood in their habits, the presence of the sisters is a welcome, if not unfamiliar site. "We are used to seeing those white robes walking the neighborhood around Providence College," said Elissa O'Brien, a life-long parishioner and mother of a St. Pius first-grader.

Parishioners and parents are now concluding the writing of the strategic plan, hoping it will continue to help the school offer the finest Catholic education in the Dominican tradition. Having the Nashville Dominicans in Providence goes a long way toward making that plan become a reality.
A Providence Visitor Stewarship article from September 9, 2004, featured Mary and George West, then our stalwart Catholic Charity Fund Appeal chairs. The piece opens: “Every June, George and Mary West promise themselves, ‘This will be our last year - definitely - there is no doubt about it.’ Then, the telephone rings. ‘Yes Father, we would be happy to serve as chairmen for this year’s Catholic Charity Fund Appeal.’” George and Mary both faithfully served the parish in many ways for more than thirty years.

On August 26, 2005, Brother Denis died. Though he had been in a nursing home for five years, he was still very much at the heart of the parish. Hundreds of current and former parishioners attended his funeral at St. Pius V Church.

In April 2006, Crossroads RI honored Agnes Chretien with its Volunteer of the Year Award for her work with the Soup Ministry in the parish.

In June 2006 Father Ciccone announced a Capital Campaign to fund church and school repairs and to also build a parish center. Pledges amounted to about $777,000 when the campaign ended in 2007. After then-Provincial, Fr. Dominic Izzo, O.P., met with parishioners the ambitious goals of the Capital Campaign were modified and subject to an evaluation regarding feasibility, need, and the desires of the parish and Diocese.

A difficult moment in the history of the parish occurred in 2007 when Fr. Aaron Joseph Coté, O.P., assistant pastor for two years, was accused of sexual abuse of a minor in a previous assignment. Fr. Coté was immediately removed from the parish and active ministry in the province. Parishioners were naturally very concerned about the fact of Fr. Coté’s assignment to the parish, and the manner by which it occurred. Especially relevant was the issue of who knew of Fr. Coté’s previous accusations. In November and December Fr. Izzo spent several days in the parish to listen to people’s concerns. Brother Ignatius Perkins, O.P., another provincial representative trained for situations such as this, moved into the priory for a month to meet with parishioners expressing their fears and concerns. A Renewal and Reconciliation Dialogue was held in 2008 between Fr. Izzo and parish members.

In 2007 the Harvest Festival tried something new: a real outdoor Pumpkin Patch aspiring to sell over 1,000 pumpkins to neighbors, friends and school families. The aspiration went unrealized as even for days after the festival, several hundred remained and could not even be given away. Predictably this was a magnet for mayhem, and some of the remaining pumpkins were smashed and tossed around. Principal Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P., had to order a truck to come and take away the remains. Simply put, the “having real pumpkins” experiment was not repeated on nearly the same scale.
A NEW BEGINNING...

In the spring of 2008 Fr. Kenneth R. Letoile, O.P., returned as pastor to St. Pius V. On April 27th he was installed as pastor by Msgr. John Darcy. During the installation Fr. Ken was presented with a St. Pius School basketball jacket, a gift that he would put to good use.

Also in April, the Girls’ Grammar basketball team won State and New England Championships despite having only 7 players on the team.

In July 2008 the building at 30 Elmhurst returned to its use as a convent. The parish offices moved back to the priory. In August, after a three-year absence, David Martinez returned to a warm welcome as the Director of Music.

In July of 2009 Father Ken and the Parish Planning Committee presented a strategic plan for the parish and school to guide future capital improvements. This plan became an influential document in the coming years. In September, the parish established a Bereavement Ministry.
On April 18, 2010, the parish held a memorial Mass for Fr. Charles Farrell, O.P. Fr. Farrell was a member of the school’s Class of ’37 and a son of the parish. A World War II veteran, he was also the pastor at St. Pius from 1970-76.

July and August of 2010 were busy months in the school gym. Parish volunteers gave it a makeover, painting it and installing new wall cushions and a new floor.

In December 2011 Fr. Ken left for a new assignment at the Dominican House of Studies. On February 19, 2012, Fr. Augustine Judd, O.P. was installed as pastor. Fr. Augustine had been at St. Pius V as a student brother and deacon in the summer of 1995.

In 2012, Sr. Catherine McDermott, CND, Class of ’45, received the Veritas Award at the annual St. Pius V Catholic School Week Mass. Sr. Catherine had returned to St. Pius, her home parish, to do outreach to the sick and elderly. The community has greatly missed Sr. Catherine since her departure in 2013. Sr. Catherine is shown here with Mary Ellen and Francis Smith.

In 2012 and 2013, there was a series of talks given on Vatican II documents in light of the fiftieth anniversary of the council. Parishioners who are PC professors presented these talks.

In 2013 Fr. Augustine revived a long-standing Catholic tradition, the Corpus Christi Procession. Most years the weather cooperated fully as the procession walked in prayer through the neighborhood streets following the canopy under which was the Most Holy Eucharist. A picnic at the school playground took place after the procession. The Corpus Christi photos here and on the opposite page are from 2014.

To make the Sacrament of Confession as available as possible, in his second year at St. Pius V, Fr. Augustine began offering all-day availability for confession on the Wednesday of Holy Week. He invited priests from Providence College to hear confessions as they were able and those in the house helped as well. This tradition continues and each year many people come, some who have been away from the church for years.
Beginning in the 1990s with Tom Toomey as St. Nicholas, **Breakfast with St. Nicholas** has become an annual event, bringing lots of families with young children together. The morning starts with Mass, and includes a homily directed to the children and follows with breakfast and story-telling and games.

Vacation Bible School began at St. Pius in the summer of 1998. Younger children pair up with older leaders for song, crafts, games, and learning about Jesus. In 2017 and 2018 it was a joint effort of St. Pius and St. Augustine parishes.
In 2014 the associate pastor Fr. Hyacinth led an effort to purchase new tables and chairs for the church hall. Donations readily came in for this much-needed purchase.

On January 20, 2015, the original church boiler finally succumbed to old age after almost 50 years and stopped working. Naturally this happened in the dead of winter and Fr. Augustine was on retreat with the Trappists in Spencer, MA. It was a bit of a shock for Fr. Augustine to see a monk come in with a message that the St. Pius maintenance person was on the phone for him. Experts determined that no repairs could be made so plans needed to be addressed quickly. Parish leaders hoped Providence College would have space and time for our Masses. They did. It was a return to our roots. Weekday morning masses were held in the very cozy priory chapel.

In February of 2015, Francis Smith, a force for good in the Smith Hill community, founder of the Elmhurst Boys, and active in St. Pius parish, succumbed after a lengthy illness. Due to the lack of heat in our church building, Francis’ funeral took place at St. Augustine’s Church with Fr. Ken presiding.

Throughout January and into the Lenten season, parishioners, while welcomed at Providence College, felt as if they were in exile. The decision was reached to be back in our church by Holy Week. That year’s Palm Sunday Procession had extra significance as parishioners attending the ten o’clock Mass processed from St. Dominic’s Chapel to St. Pius V Church. Parishioners continued to come to Mass bundled up with extra layers since it would be a while before the new boiler began to function. The boiler was finally up and running by November.

In May 2015 the Elmhurst Boys revitalized the annual parish golf tournament with a First Annual Charitable Golf Tournament at the Metacomet Country Club.

A Capital Campaign commenced in late 2015 to address the cost of replacing the boiler. Pledges amounted to a little more than three-quarters of a million dollars.

The year 2016 marked the 800th Anniversary of when St. Dominic founded the Order of Friars Preachers. There is a tradition among Dominican and Franciscan friars that, on their respective founders’ feast day, someone from the other order is invited to preach. Fr. Augustine thus reached out to a Franciscan, as others pastors have also done. On this occasion, August 8, 2016, the Franciscan preacher was well-known to us: His Excellency Seán Cardinal O’Malley, O.F.M., Cap.

School plays have remained popular at St. Pius V School throughout many years. The professional quality and setting of recent performances have added to the students’ experience. This photo is from the 2018 production of *Mary Poppins*, staged at the renovated Bishop McVinney Auditorium.
June 2017 saw the construction of the first permanent Bocce Court, under the direction of parishioner John Thurston, located on the school playground near the jungle gym. Here Bob Barry works on the court.

In October 2017, the Boys’ Middle School Cross Country Team won their Division Championship. This year marked the 20th year of a Cross Country program at St. Pius V. It should be noted that the Diocesan Cross Country Program started three years after and was influenced by the St. Pius V program.

On October 14, 2017, Fr. Ken Letoile, former pastor and Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, celebrated the opening Mass of our Centennial Year. His homily from this day can be found on page 86-87.

A special visitor in 2017 was the Most Reverend Bruno Cadoré, O.P., the Master of the Dominican Order. Father Cadoré was in Providence in December for visits with the Dominican brethren and was able to add a visit to St. Pius V parish on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. He concelebrated at the Mass and blessed our newly installed painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The school children were present along with many parishioners and friends of the parish.

On June 18th, Agnes Chretien was presented with the *Lumen Gentium Award* by the Diocese of Providence in recognition of her community outreach and service to the parish. Agnes has been a driving force in the Soup Ministry, Jesse Tree, and is the head of the parish’s newly reestablished St. Vincent de Paul chapter. Of course, she can also be found at the Harvest Festival under the guise of “Sr. Agnes” as she sells Irish coffee!

**Celebrating our 100th Anniversary...**
The following few pages have groups or events that have continued through many years.
On the last pages of this book - pages 88 to 108 - you will find photos of some important Centennial events:

- The Called & Gifted Workshop which took place on April 14.
- The new playground which was built by volunteers from the parish and Providence College on April 21st. Fr. Patrick dedicated the playground on May 9 with school students and Friars from Providence College in attendance.
- The 100th Anniversary Dinner Dance which was enjoyed by many at the Venus de Milo. A great mix of parishioners past and present attended.
- The 100th Anniversary Mass and Reception which was celebrated on October 28th.

**The story of St. Pius V Parish continues...** and you have a part to play!

May God continue to shower His graces on our parish as we begin our next 100 years.
The Harvest Festival... has existed for many years in some form. In earlier years there was an Italian dinner in the church hall to end the day. For the last ten or so years, the church hall is transformed into a flea market chock full of interesting items. Most recently there has been a food tent filled with an amazing assortment of food choices. Entertainment has included *The Bad Habits* accompanied by the resident talented Dominican musician! No matter what the activities, the annual Harvest Festival is one of the most popular community events in the parish. These photos are from a variety of years.
Our Youth Minister and bundle of energy, Kerry O’Connell, was always in the middle of the action when kids were involved. Her faith and example touched many lives. Many parishioners, especially parents of teens, were upset when parish financial difficulties led to the elimination of her position in 2000.
The St. Pius V Young Adult Group is dedicated to prayer, personal faith formation and charitable works accompanied with fellowship.

Don’t forget to check out the Centennial Events which wrapped up our 100th Anniversary Celebration!

The St. Pius V Choir ... has had many members in the 25 years that David and Teresa have been a part St. Pius. Traditional, contemporary, schola, strings, brass, bells, young and old participating. All making a joyful sound to the Lord!