

NOTE FROM FR. JIM:

Summer is a time for moving from one home to another. I wish to welcome those families and individuals who have recently moved into St. Pius Parish. I invite you to become involved in our parish family. There are many active ministries and groups in our parish. Consult the bulletin for details and information. Registration forms for our parish can be picked up at the Parish Center behind the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

We're taking registrations for our classes that will begin in September. Students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 can attend classes on Wednesdays, 3:45 - 5 pm or on Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Classes for students in Grades 6 to 8 are in the process of being organized. We are in need of volunteer teachers and aides for our classes. If you want registration information or are able to help with the classes please call Sr. Mary at 368-0429. If we don't answer the phone please leave a message on the answering machine and we will call you.

NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

Where can you find over 300 young adults from across the United States in their 20s and 30s gathered to explore their relationship with God, their Catholic faith, and with their peers? You can find them at the 3rd National Young Adults Conference this **August 4th to 6th** at the University of San Francisco! It is a unique opportunity for Catholic young adults to gather in an environment which combines spirituality, learning, socializing, and reflection. There's a dinner and dance too! For more information call 415- 614-5595 or www.sfyam.org.

WOMEN'S TEAM BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The St. Pius Women's Bridge Club is calling all players to come and join a wonderful, fun loving group of women for the yearly tournament. We play September through April and have a great rewards luncheon and party in May. If you need help in finding a partner call Mary Lou Putnam at 851-8563.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - JULY 29 & 30

The St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection is **this weekend, July 29 & 30.** The money collected helps the less fortunate families and individuals who live in the parish boundaries. Since the last collection you have served over 60 families and over 160 individuals. You have provided over 200 bags of food, \$1,000 in food vouchers and \$2,610 in rent assistance. Thank you for your generosity.

ON THE WEB

The New American Bible can be found at www.usccb.org/nab. Prayers for morning, evening, and night can be found at www.universalis.com. Prayers, a cyberspace retreat, and many other things can be found at www.cptryon.org. Look at www.pecentral.com for developmentally appropriate physical education programs for children and youth. www.familyfun.go.com has many ideas for family fun and entertainment.

HOUSEBOUND, AWAY, ILL

We want to remind you that our bulletin can be accessed on our website each week at www.pius.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Anna Wessa
Ignacio Mendez-Diaz
Oretta Banducci

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

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| Juan Michael Zabalza | Steve Michaelson |
| Pauline Cunningham | Joe Genna |
| Tony Devincenzi | Charlotte Brewer |
| Susana C. Villagomez | Mary Healy |

ALL NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THIS LIST FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE CALL AFTER THAT TIME IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME TO REMAIN ON THE LIST, 361-1411. IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE A CALL THE NAME WILL BE REMOVED.

Teen Confirmation Registration 2006-07

Registration for the 2006-07 St. Pius Confirmation Program is now open. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors in high school are eligible for this year's program which runs from October 2006 - May 2007. Classes meet on Sunday afternoons twice per month from 3:30-6pm and include attending mass as a class. Candidates for Confirmation must also attend a weekend retreat (November 18-19) and participate in service projects. Registration forms and fees are **due by September 15th**. A registration packet with information, schedule and registration forms is available online at www.pius.org. If you do not have access to the internet, please call Kevin at 650- 365-0140 and we will mail you a registration packet.

SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

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| July 31- August 11 | 9:00 am - 12:00 noon |
| August 14 - 22 | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm |
| August 23 | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm |

GREAT AMERICA - DISCOUNT TICKET

If you are planning on visiting Great America this summer you can get \$14 off each general admission ticket (until August 20). The discount coupons are available in the Parish Center.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

The Jackson turn-a-round scheduled for August 18th has been cancelled. The next meeting is on August 4th. See you there.

**Children have more need of models
than of critics.** ----- Carolyn Coats

St. Pius Youth Ministry

SUMMER SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

Check out the *NEW* summer schedule and sign up for activities on our parish website www.pius.org.

Junior High Summer Activities

(Open to those entering 7th & 8th grade in Fall 2006)
Marine World (August 1); Picnic @ Stafford Park (August 17); Giants Game (August 21) - get all the details at www.pius.org

High School Summer Activities (Open to those entering 9th - 12th grade in Fall 2006)

Marine World in Vallejo (August 1), GIANTS Baseball Game (August 21), Pool Party (TBA) - get all the details at www.pius.org or 365-0140.

Got Faith?

The RCIA program prepares adults for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. If there is someone you know who would like to find out more about the Catholic Church, please call Kevin at 650-365-0140 or email kevin@pius.org.

RECYCLING BATTERIES & CARTRIDGES

Let us take care of your recycling! Put your cartridges and small household batteries in the box on the Parish Center porch. Please put cartridges and batteries in separate plastic or paper bags, if possible. We'll recycle the bags, too!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Men's Club Golf Day | October 14 |
| PTG Dinner/Auction | November 4 |
| ICF Polenta Dinner | November 11 |
| Christmas Tree Lot Opens | November 24 |
| Women's Club Boutique | December 2-3 |
| ICF Cioppino Dinner | January 27 |
| Parish Mission | February 26, 27, 28 |
| Women's Club Retreat | March 9, 10, 11 |
| ICF Anniversary Dinner | April 28 |
| First Communion | May 5, 6 |
| Parish Festival | June 1, 2, 3 |

FEEDING THE WORLD

With today's two accounts of feeding miracles and the psalm response about the Lord's hand feeding us, it is easy to gloss over the marvelous hymn in Ephesians. It is built around the most potent biblical numbers: one, three, and seven. The core of it is the word "one" expressed seven times. Three of these describe the church: one body, one Spirit, one hope; the next three are the foundations of the church: one Lord [Jesus], one faith, one baptism. All of these are bound up together in the one Father of all. While we might feel daunted by the prospect of duplicating the wonders worked by Elisha and Jesus in the feeding of multitudes, Ephesians gives us a more realistic way to live and "feed" others as the church: by living in humility and gentleness, by acting with patience, bearing with each other in love, and always seeking and striving to preserve unity through peace. Who among us cannot increase the way we "feed" the church and the world by living this way? We are always called upon to "feed" the world in the literal sense; but our mission as church tells us that others are also fed by the way we live and act each moment of each day.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — When they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalm — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Strive to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted (John 6:1-15).

SCHEDULED MASSES:

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| Sat. | July 29 | 5 pm | Charles Avanzino |
| Sun. | July 30 | 8 am | Louis & Louisa Gasparini |
| | | 9:30 | Istvan Bujtor |
| | | 11:30 | Beverly Jean Garcia |
| | | 5 pm | People of St. Pius |
| Mon. | July 31 | 8 am | Leo T. Englert |
| Tues. | Aug. 1 | 8 am | Aidan Anthony Shea |
| Wed. | Aug. 2 | 8 am | Stella Crosatto |
| Thurs. | Aug. 3 | 8 am | Dan Baldini |
| Fri. | Aug. 4 | 8 am | Sean Wilson (INT) |
| Sat. | Aug. 5 | 8 am | Joseph Sheehan |