

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

We're taking registrations for our classes. Students in **Kindergarten through Grade 8** can attend classes on Wednesdays, 3:45 - 5 pm. The Wednesday classes will begin on September 13. Classes are also held Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 am, for students in **Kindergarten through Grade 5**. The Sunday classes will begin on September 10. Classes for students in Grades 6 to 8 on Sundays are in the process of being reorganized. We are in need of volunteer teachers and aides for our classes. If you want registration information or can 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.

**PHONE PROBLEMS - PARISH CENTER**

We apologize to anyone trying to call the Parish Center the last couple of weeks and hearing nothing but ringing and ringing on the other end. Our second line was out and is working now. Thank you for your patience.

**CYO CARITAS CREEK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

The new Caritas Creek Service Corps will employ 24 young people as assistant teacher naturalists, cabin leaders and lifeguards. You will also receive two weeks of training in CPR, lifeguard certification and child development. Applicants must have a passion for service and be committed to living in the Redwood Forest at CYO Camp for the Fall Season (September - December). The pay is \$200 a week, including room and board for the Monday to Friday sessions. Call 707- 874-0204 or email [kburlington@cccyo.org](mailto:kburlington@cccyo.org).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Collections last week totaled 11,727.00 Last year was \$9,810.00.

**If you can give your child only one gift,  
let it be enthusiasm.**

--- Bruce Barton

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - AUG. 15**

The Holy Day Masses for Tuesday, August 15th, are: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 12:10 and 6:30 pm.

There is no Vigil Mass.



**ST. PIUS PARISH BLOOD DRIVE**

St. Pius is sponsoring a **Blood Drive, Sunday, September 17, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm, in Homer Crouse Hall**. Please consider donating and invite your family and friends (must be 18 years of age) to give to this very worthy cause. More information will be available soon.

**MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The St. Pius Men's Club is accepting registration forms for its 4th Annual Fitzsimon Golf Classic, **Saturday, October 14th**. Golf will be at the Shoreline Links, with dinner and dancing at Fitzsimon Center that evening. Green registration forms are available at the back of the church. Please fill out the registration form and return it to the Parish Center by **September 30th** to ensure your spot. Everyone is welcome but space is limited so mail your form in **ASAP**. **We are looking for additional sponsors**. Questions? Call 365-6615 or 520-0266.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:**

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| Juan Michael Zabalza | Nancy Kelly Masiti      |
| Joe Genna            | Mary Healy              |
| Tony Devincenzi      | Patricia Small          |
| Susana C. Villagomez | Bernard Mouline         |
| Dave Tinsley         | Deacon Steve Michaelson |
| Pauline Cunningham   | Lou Geenen              |

**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](http://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:**

August 14 - 22            9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
August 23                8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
(First day of school)

## **ST. PIUS SENIORS**

Our next meeting is on Friday, Aug. 18th. We will not meet on August 25th. Please be at the meetings by 10:30 am. If you would like to join our group please call Adele for more details at 366-3646.

## **OMBUDSMAN SERVICES OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**

is seeking volunteers who have compassion for the elderly and would like to serve as an advocate in the long-term care facilities. Ombudsmen are trained to monitor facilities, receive, investigate and bring resolution to complaints on behalf of residents. Training begins on September 13 and involves 40 hours of classroom study over a 3-week period, followed by a brief internship. **Call 349-7008 for more information.**

## **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.

**THANK YOU** to the Good Samaritans who helped me up when I fell in front of church. I'll keep you in my

## **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](http://www.pius.org).

### **Junior High Summer Activities**

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

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

GIANTS Baseball Game (August 21), Pool Party (TBA)

## **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](mailto:kevin@pius.org)**.

## **HOUSEBOUND, AWAY, ILL**

We want to remind you that our bulletin can be accessed on our website each week at [www.pius.org](http://www.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**

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
Men's Club Retreat	February 2, 3, 4,
Parish Mission	February 26, 27, 28
Women's Club Retreat	March 9, 10, 11
ICF Anniversary Dinner	April 28
First Communion	May 5, 6

## THE BEGINNING OF EVERYTHING

Everyone recognizes the truth of good proverbs, and so they endure from generation to generation. The Russians have a surprisingly bold one that fits this Sunday's Gospel: "Bread is the beginning of everything."

Judging from the first reading, Elijah might have felt that it was too late for bread—too late for life itself. This great prophet was at the end of his rope and endurance. Then, not one, but two angels visit him. One offers food and drink. The other gives startling directions. For Elijah, this food from the angels is bread for his journey. On the strength of the heaven-sent gift of food, he walks to the mountain of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers himself, not just as bread for the journey, but as bread for life itself. He gives his flesh as life for the world. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48). He is the beginning of everything.

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## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water (1 Kings 19:4-8).

**Psalm** — Taste and see the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — Be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love (Ephesians 4:30 — 5:2).

**Gospel** — Jesus said, "I am the living bread; whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:41-51).

## SCHEDULED MASSES:

Sat.	Aug. 12	5 pm	The Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Aug. 13	8 am	Mary Bedford
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	Pete Rusake
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Aug. 14	8 am	Rose Wright
Tues.	Aug. 15	6:30am	Ponciano Melo
		8 am	Mary Ursino
		12:10	Oretta Banducci
		6:30pm	Stacey Vanni-Nelson
Wed.	Aug. 16	8 am	Eva Kenny Stowe
Thurs.	Aug. 17	8 am	John Fragulia
Fri.	Aug. 18	8 am	Joseph Glavich
Sat.	Aug. 19	8 am	Denis Murphy