

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.

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.**

DINNER FOR EIGHT

---(or nine or ten). This is our third year. Singles and couples are invited. We take turns meeting for dinner in our homes about four times a year. It's a great way to get to know more people in our parish. There is a pot-luck planned for **Sunday, September 10**. Interested men & women are invited; past members also. Call Joyce Wickstrom for more information, 365-5957.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

In Commemoration of the Fifth Anniversary of the events of 9/11, you are invited to join in **A PRAYER FOR PEACE** at the Cathedral of St. Mary, San Francisco. This is **Monday, September 11, at 7:30 pm**. **Bishop John C. Wester, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco is presiding.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION - AUG. 26TH & 27TH.

There is a special second collection for the **re-building of the Archdiocese of New Orleans and the Diocese of Biloxi** requested by Archbishop Niederauer. This will be taken up on **August 26th and August 27th**, the weekend closest to the one year anniversary of the hurricane. Thank you for your generosity.

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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 17 years of age) to give to this very worthy cause. **Please call Barbara at 361-1411 to make appointments**, which begin at 8 am and continuing every 15 minutes until 1:00 pm. We would like to receive at least 30 pints so please help us if you can. Thank you !

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collections last week totaled \$8546.00. Last year was \$8750.

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 THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Juan Michael Zabalza	Nancy Kelly Masiti
Joe Genna	Mary Healy
Lou Geenen	Pauline Cunningham
Susana C. Villagomez	Bernard Moulina
Dave Tinsley	Deacon Steve Michaelson
Deborah Baca	Meem Pruss
Cole Warren-Burke	Madison Kitz

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.

MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

The St. Pius Men's Club is accepting registration forms for its 18th 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're looking for additional sponsors**. Questions? Call 365-6615 or 520-0266.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

We will *not* meet on August 25th. Ann Traykill will come speak to us on **Health Issues**, September 22nd. Please be here by 10:30 am for our Friday meetings.

HISTORY

Write the bad things that are done to you in sand, but write the good things that happen to you on a piece of marble.

-- Arabic proverb

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

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)

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)

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

SDCASF PICNIC

This is Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The date is **Sunday, August 27, 12 noon**, San Bruno City Park, Site # 9, Crystal Springs & Oak Avenues (Call for directions) and bring your family and a favorite picnic dish or snack to share. The cost is \$3 per person. To **RSVP** or for more information call Vonnie at 873-4236 or Gail at 591-8452.

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

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AT THE TABLE

In today's first reading, Wisdom is imagined as a woman rich in poise and grace. She moves smoothly and confidently about her temple-like home. She doesn't flutter about, nervous with worry. Wisdom sends her maidens to invite all to her open house. The guests do not possess any particular genius or insight. They need only be a people of good will and common sense. They are summoned to leave behind foolishness and to find for themselves a place at Wisdom's table. There they may and can eat and drink deeply.

Today's Gospel draws us back to the table of the Eucharist. Jesus addresses those who seek to understand his words and, sadly, those who seek to avoid them. As people born of God, we are called and equipped to seek God's will and act on it.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Wisdom has built her house; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table (Proverbs 9:1-6).

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

Second Reading — Be filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always and for everything (Ephesians 5:15-20).

Gospel — I am the living bread that came down from heaven (John 6:51-58).

SCHEDULED MASSES:

Sat.	Aug. 19	5 pm	Jim Gannon
Sun.	Aug. 20	8 am	Lou DeAngelis
		9:30	Carole DiGeronimo
		11:30	Jerry Kocir
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Aug. 21	8 am	Msgr. Jack O'Hare
Tues.	Aug. 22	8 am	Oretta Banducci
Wed.	Aug. 23	8 am	Michelle Cook
Thurs.	Aug. 24	8 am	Madeline Wallace
Fri.	Aug. 25	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Sat.	Aug. 26	8 am	Mary Gambelin