

**FROM FATHER JIM**

The liturgy invites us to spend time in prayer after receiving Holy Communion. We do this either by listening to a meditation song or spending time in personal prayer. This time for prayer is often interrupted by the second collection. **The second collection from now on will be taken up after the first collection.** At the conclusion of the General intercessions the priest will announce for whom the second collection is being taken up.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

We are taking registrations for our classes for students in **Kindergarten through Grade 8. Sundays 10:30-11:30 am, or on Wednesdays, 3:45 - 5 pm.** Please call Sr. Mary at 368-0429 if you would like information. If we don't answer the phone please leave a message on the answering machine and we will return your call.

**SUNDAY, 5:00 PM CHOIR**

All are welcome from high school on up. If you sing or play an instrument, come & join us. No auditions! **Rehearsals are every Tuesday, 8 - 9 pm,** in the music room in Fitzsimon Center. We REALLY need your voices. We want to add percussion and guitar. If you can help out, call Karen Elmore at 361-1411.

**ST. PIUS PARISH CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The St. Pius Children's Choir will begin rehearsals on **Tuesday, Sept. 26, 7 - 8 pm,** in the Music room in Fitzsimon Center. There are no auditions and all parish children from 3rd Grade through 8th grade are welcome. Call Karen Elmore at 361-1411.

**MEN'S CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The St. Pius Men's Club is accepting registration 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.** Mail your form in **ASAP.** Questions? Call 365-6615 or 520-0266.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:**

John Gardetto  
Arthur Chavez

**PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND**

The second collection next weekend, **Sept. 23 & 24,** is for the Archdiocesan priests when they retire. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confused About Catholicism?** - Let's Figure It Out

Together! - Sunday Mornings in October 10:30 - 11:30AM. No matter who you are or what your experience with the Catholic Church, you probably have questions. Bring your questions and your opinions to this open discussion of the book: The Complete Idiot's Guide To Understanding Catholicism, 3rd Edition by Bob O'Gorman and Mary Faulkner. Everyone must obtain their own copy of the book and come to the first session prepared to discuss Part I: What's A Catholic. There are a limited number of copies available in the parish center for \$15. Books are also available at Barnes & Noble and amazon.com. Sundays in October (Oct. 1,8,15,22,29) from 9:30-10:30am in the St. Pius Parish Center after the 9:30am mass. For more formation call 650-365-0140 or email Kevin@pius.org.

**ST. PIUS SCHOOL AUCTION**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 4th,** for "My Big Fat Greek Auction" We also need volunteers, donations and underwriting assistance. Get a last minute 2006 deduction! Donor forms and wish lists can be found in the school office. Checks made payable to St. Pius PTG can be sent to the attention of Jeannette Burns at 366-7472. Thank you in advance for your support of this very important school fundraiser!

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

Nancy Kelly Masiti	Madison Kitz	Betsy Boston
Joe Jenna	Amil Toscanelli	Lou Geenen
Dianne Peavler	Charlotte Brewer	Sindi Helm
Jim Steffan	Charlotte Kelley	Dottie McHugh
Dave Tinsley	Joe Putnam	
Deborah Baca	Meem Pruss	
Cole Warren-Burke	Deacon Steve Michaelson	

**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.**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The leadership team for youth ministry at St. Pius is forming for this year. The team is responsible to advise and plan all high school youth ministry activities in the parish, including the Mission Trip. We have two upcoming meetings: **Monday, September 25th, at 7pm**, the leadership team will meet in the Rock House. Our goals at this meeting are to get to know each other, come up with a name for high school youth ministry, and set a general schedule for the year.

**RSVP/Information at 365-0140 /kevin@pius.org.**

**CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

Registration is now open. Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors in high school are eligible for this year's program which runs from October 2006 - May 2007. Registration forms and fees are **due by September 15th**. A registration packet is available online at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org). If you do not have access to the internet, call 365-0140.

**ST. PIUS MEN'S CLUB**

The St. Pius Men's Club will hold the first General Meeting of the year on **Sept. 20th** at 6:30pm in Homer Crouse Hall. **All men** of the parish **are invited**.

**ST. PIUS PARISH YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER**

This group for children from 3rd grade through high school, will be holding auditions on **Thursday, January 8, 2007, for the coming musical**. Watch the bulletin and school newsletter for more details. Call Karen Elmore, 361-1411, for more information.

**GRIEF MINISTRY**

Training is **Friday, Sept. 22nd and Sat., Sept. 23rd**, from 9 am - 3 pm. This workshop will be facilitated by Barbara Elordi. For those of you who did not attend the meeting last Spring but are interested in this ministry, call the Parish Center.

**7th & 8th GRADERS: LEADERS WANTED**

St. Pius Junior High Leadership Team is forming for the 2006-07 school year. The leadership team is responsible for planning and leading socials, topic meetings and service projects at St. Pius Parish for 7th and 8th grade students. No experience necessary. If you are a responsible, organized, fun and enthusiastic 7th or 8th grader, please join us for our **first meeting on Tuesday, September 19th**, from **6-7:30pm in the Rock House**. We are looking for **representatives of all the junior highs in our parish boundaries**. RSVP 650-365-0140 or [kevin@pius.org](mailto:kevin@pius.org).

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Parent Book Club**

All parents are invited to join us for an open discussion of **Madeline Levine's new book "The Price of Privilege."** **Wednesday mornings in October (10/4,11,18,25)**. Hospitality at 8am, discussion 8:30 -9:30am. Everyone must obtain their own copy of the book & be prepared to discuss Part I at the first meeting. RSVP 365-0140 or [Kevin@pius.org](mailto:Kevin@pius.org).

**Deepen Your Faith - Speaker Series**

Challenge yourself and grow in your faith. Join us in the parish center for an engaging speaker, delicious food, and in-depth discussion. Offered once per month, September-May. For more information call 650-365-0140 or email [kevin@pius.org](mailto:kevin@pius.org).

**Tues., Sept. 26 @ 7pm - Learning How To Live In Gratitude - Fr. Dan Danielson**

**Wed., Oct. 25 @ 7pm - Social Justice: Why Should I Care? - Fr. Jon Pedigo**

**Tues., Nov. 28 @ 7pm - Fr. Gerald Coleman - The Stem Cell Research**

Future Dates: 11/28/06, 12/20/06, 1/31/07, 2/26-28/07 (Parish Mission), 3/21/07, 4/25/07, 5/23/07

**Lights, Camera, Faith!**

Who says the movies have nothing to do with your faith? **Join us on the third Tuesday of every month starting in October** in the Rock House (room 4 in the school) at 7pm for a current movie and discussion. This series is sponsored by Pauline Books and Media Store located on Broadway in Redwood City. For more info call 365-0140 or email [kevin@pius.org](mailto:kevin@pius.org). 10/17 - Simone, 11/21 - Bruce Almighty, 12/19 - Tuesdays With Morrie, 1/16 - Ordinary People, 2/20 - A Time To Kill, 3/20 - American Beauty, 4/17- Glengarry Glen Ross, 5/15 - Liar, Liar

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Collections last week totaled \$9781. Last year was \$11,967.50.

**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
Men's Club Crab Feed	January 13
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

## **SERVANT**

Sometimes the hour and the person meet. Sometimes, when a task or mission is set upon our shoulders, we know we must meet our responsibilities and we are ready. These are heady and invigorating times. The first reading and the Gospel proclamation today are intimate glimpses of a commencement, an inauguration of a challenging future. In both readings, a sense of gravity prevails.

The first reading is from the mysterious Servant Songs from the book of Isaiah. The person is steadfast and brave. His courage and bravery are not located in his stout heart, but in God. We are reminded, "The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear" (Isaiah 50:4), so the servant understands the mission. And twice, "The Lord GOD is my help" (50:7, 9), so that the servant can endure the coming struggle.

## **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

**Psalm** — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

**Second Reading** — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

**Gospel** — Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:27-35).

## **SUNDAY PRESCHOOL & NURSERY 2005-2006**

Registration for the Sunday Pre-School will be Sunday, September 24th in the Parish Center, after 9:30 Mass. The program starts on Oct. 1st and is offered at the 9:30 Mass. There are three classes available: Nursery (1 yr-2yr), 3's and 4's. Parents are required to participate in the classroom. Please call Dawn Rollandi, 367-7570 or Kelli Kellerman, 367-1289.

## **SCHEDULED MASSES:**

Sat.	Sept. 16	5pm	The Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Sept. 17	8 am	Louis & Louisa Gasparini
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Genevieve Ringstaff
Mon.	Sept. 18	8 am	Christopher
Tues.	Sept. 19	8 am	Consuelo Castiglioni & Enzo Nugnes
Wed.	Sept. 20	8 am	Rita Maciel (INT)
Thurs.	Sept. 21	8 am	Mary Gambelin
Fri.	Sept. 22	8 am	Hermina Schattin
Sat.	Sept. 23	8 am	Dan Baldini