

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.

THANK YOU TO THE ST. PIUS PARISHIONERS

A **HUGE** heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you who made the **St. Pius Blood Drive** a very successful one! We collected fifty-four pints of blood for the community. When blood is broken down to its components each pint collected has the ability to help three lives. This means that your generosity may provide another tomorrow for 162 people in the Bay Area! We receive daily reports from our hospitals about patients whose lives were affected - even saved - by blood donations. We are sincerely grateful to all of you. You are true heroes!

GRIEF MINISTRY WORKSHOP CHANGE

We apologize for changing the date on such short notice. Please note that the **new date** for the Grief Ministry Training will be held on **Friday, January 5th and Saturday, January 6th, 2007**. If you are interested in attending this workshop or have any questions, please call the Parish Center, 361-1411. Thank you.

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Notre Dame faculty, students and parents will host guided and self-guided tours, **10:00 - 4:00, Sunday, October 22nd**. There will be presentations on curricular and co-curricular programs.

Eighth grade students can now reserve an appointment to visit the school on a regular school day. Sign up online or call NDB to participate in the Shadow Program. Questions? Call 595-1913, x 320 or 315.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Joseph Brady
 Bernard McCavitt
 Robert Schauer
 Helen Breitenstein

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

The second collection this weekend, **Sept. 23 & 24**, is for the Archdiocesan priests on their retirement from the priesthood. 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:

Cole Warren-Burke	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	Tony Sanchez
Mary Lou Putnam	Meem Pruss	
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 an upcoming meeting: **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.

WOMEN'S CLUB

The St. Pius Women's Club is looking for women in the St. Pius Community to share with us any special interests, group affiliations, products or services that you offer during our October General Meeting, **Wednesday, October 11**, at 6:30pm. For more information or to sign-up, contact Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138, or email us at womensclub@pius.org.

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.

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), 3s and 4s. Parents are required to participate in the classroom. Please call Dawn Rollandi, 367-7570 or Kelli Kellerman, 367-1289.

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.

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.

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.

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, on Broadway in Redwood City. For more info call 365-0140 or email 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

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
First Communion	May 5, 6
Parish Festival	June 1, 2, 3

'TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

The Shaker hymn describes a circular journey from innocence to innocence with characteristic brevity:

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free.

'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.

This journey is easier sung about than done. It takes humility and time to recover a second innocence. Titles, positions of honor, money, and power are not requirements of the kingdom of God. Jesus says and demonstrates in today's Gospel that members of God's kingdom must hold in their embrace the most inconsequential of persons, for that person is identified with Jesus. This attitude ran counter to the intuition of the world of Jesus' time, as it does in ours.

The simplicity set forth by Jesus requires the shedding of unnecessary, unimportant, false, and burdensome attachments that earthly power demands. Membership in the kingdom is light enough to put a song in our heart.

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

Collections last week totaled \$9345.50. Last year was \$10,557.50.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

SCHEDULED MASSES:

Sat.	Sept. 23	5pm	Bud Gendotti
Sun.	Sept. 24	8 am	Norma Zan
		9:30	Genoveva Dris
		11:30	Ruth Waddingham
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Sept. 25	8 am	Rita Maciel (INT)
Tues.	Sept. 26	8 am	Odilio Dei Rossi
Wed.	Sept. 27	8 am	St. Pius St. Vincent de Paul Families
Thurs.	Sept. 28	8 am	George Thorpe
Fri.	Sept. 29	8 am	Alberto Tomalino
Sat.	Sept. 30	8 am	Linda Spurlock