

**NOTES FROM FR. JIM:**

This week you will receive a letter from me concerning the 2007 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Funds raised by this Appeal provide support for necessary services to individuals and parishes. The assessment for St. Pius Parish is \$126,000. On the next two weekends you will have an opportunity to pick up your pledge cards in the Parish Center after all the Masses. I ask you to please join me in making a pledge to the 2007 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The St. Pius Parish Pastoral Council is a planning body that examines, considers and recommends the improvement of parish ministries. It makes a recommendation to the pastor and the parish staff. Last year the Parish Pastoral Council recommended that the parish train people to help those who have lost family members. Three weeks ago there was a two-day training course given to sixteen members of the parish on how to support those who are grieving. You will soon be learning more about how this ministry is going to be activated at St. Pius. This year the Parish Council is examining how the parish welcomes new members and how we minister to the needs of young families with pre-school children. If you have ideas or input call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: Jan. 28 - Feb. 3**

Catholic schools offer children a Christ-centered foundation and academic excellence. Sunday, Jan. 28, will mark the beginning of the national Catholic Schools Week observance, the time each year when we celebrate Catholic School's excellence and honor everyone who contributes to its success. Please join the teachers, staff, and students of St. Pius School to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We'll begin with the 9:30 am Mass on today. Following Mass there will be an Open House from 10:30 am until noon with opportunities to view the Science Fair in Homer Crouse Hall, visit the classrooms and computer lab and meet the teachers to learn more about curriculum and student life. There will be a Book Fair in Room 5. Come and hear about the "Good News in Education".

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

Deacon Steve	Candace Cain	Alec Dini
Dave Tinsley	Nancy Geenen	
Marie Morin & family	Madison Kitz	Mel & Patty Prichard

**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.**

**Mission Trip 2007**

The annual high school mission trip to Mexico will take place June 9-16, 2007. The trip is open to students who will be in 10-12th grade in September 2007. **Mission Trip Registration form and \$100 deposit are due NO LATER THAN February 15th.** Download form and information from our website at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org). Contact Kevin at [Kevin@pius.org](mailto:Kevin@pius.org) or 365-0140.

**ST. Pius Men's Retreat**

The Annual St. Pius Men's retreat will be held at Vallombrosa Center on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, beginning at 5:30 PM and ending at noon on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. The Retreat Master will be Fr. Dave Pettingill. The cost for a single room and all your meals is \$195.00, for a double room and all your meals the cost is \$170.00. Scholarships are available to assist with the fees. Mail your deposit of \$25.00 to: Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025-3218. Deposits must be received at Vallombrosa by tomorrow, January 29, 2007, to guarantee your room. Questions? Call John Clardy at 369-1620. Come join in the weekend and invite a friend.

**YOUNG FAMILIES COMMITTEE**

The Parish Council is forming a committee involving parents interested in getting together with other young families in the parish. This would be for children who are pre-school & younger. The purpose is to have fun and meet other families here at St. Pius. If you are interested please call Paul Kirincich, 322-8899 or Tammy Finato, 556-1334. Watch the bulletin for date of meeting.

**BE IRISH FOR AN EVENING**

Please join us for an evening of great food, terrific entertainment and lots of laughs. Our St. Patrick's Dinner is on Saturday, March 3, at 6 pm. Bagpipes will lead our Irish Dancers, an Irish tenor will croon, and food will be catered by The Carvery from the Hof Brau. Dance the night away! Tickets at \$35 each can be obtained by contacting the Parish Center at 361-1411.

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

Marilyn (McGrath) Fancher  
 Florence Tafoya

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

2006-2007 Fiscal Year as of 1/22/07  
Budgeted \$317,647.20  
Actually received \$313,614.25  
Shortfall (\$4,032.95)

### ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER GROUP

The Young People's Theater will be holding auditions for this year's musical production of **BAD DAY AT BLACK FROG CREEK, Monday, January 29, in Fitzsimon Center Gym, from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.** All parish children from third grade to high school are welcome. If you want to participate, but cannot come to the auditions, please let me know before the audition date. Questions? Call Karen at 366-0115. The performance dates are April 12, 13, 14, & 15th.

### SAVE THE DATES - WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Women's Retreat is **March 9, 10, & 11.** Register early & enter a drawing to win a prize. Call Kristine Ball at 306-9766 for more information. If you have never been on this retreat, you're in for a surprise.

### ST. PIUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION

St. Pius School is accepting registration for new students for the 2007-2008 school year on **Tuesday, January 30, from 8:00 am - 10:30 am,** in Room 5. There is a non-refundable application/testing fee of \$35.00 per student. Please bring your child's birth and baptismal certificates, social security number and also copies of the most recent report cards for students entering grades 1-8. Students applying for Kindergarten must be five years of age by September 1, 2007. St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Pius School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, sex or disability in the administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Applications for grades 1-8 will be accepted on an ongoing basis.

## **IF WE ARE WHAT WE EAT... THEN LET'S "DO EUCHARIST"**

**Wednesday, January 31st @ 7pm**

Join Fr. Kevin Mullins, OSA, for a discussion of the who, what, where, when and why of Eucharist. Bring your questions! Bring a friend! Deepen your faith!

**DEEPEN YOUR FAITH SPEAKER SERIES**

Contact: [Kevin@pius.org](mailto:Kevin@pius.org) or 365-0140

**WOMEN'S CLUB FUN** Join us for an evening of fun, laughter and a lucky roll of the dice at the Women's Club **Game Night/Bunco on Tues February 13th at 6:30 pm** in Homer Crouse Hall. Pizza & cocktails will be served for \$10 seniors & \$15 members. The Board Nominating Committee will also be elected then. RSVP before Feb. 12th to 364-5204 or email: [womensclub@pius.org](mailto:womensclub@pius.org).

### **ANNIVERSARY MASS - ST. MARY'S**

All married couples in the S.F. Bay Area celebrating are invited to join Bishop John Wester on **Saturday, Feb. 10th, at 10:00 am** for the annual Anniversary Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. For more information go to [www.sfcatholic.com/cfm](http://www.sfcatholic.com/cfm) or email [info@sfcatholic.com](mailto:info@sfcatholic.com)

### **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION**

**Do Something Intentionally  
Each Month To Grow In Your Faith  
GET THEOLOGICAL!**

**Five Great Catholic Ideas** By Edward Wm. Clark  
*Monday Evenings - Jan 22, 29, Feb 5, 12 @ 7pm*  
Why are you Catholic? Join us for a four evening discussion of your faith in the chapel in the Parish Center. Discussion will be lead by Seminarian Michael Cox. Book available in the parish center for \$15. Please come prepared to discuss Ch. 1.

### **GET HISTORICAL!**

**Church History w/ Fr. Jim MacDonald**  
*Monday Evenings - Mar 5, 12 & 26 @ 7pm*  
Join Fr. Jim as he presents church history by developing three important themes: Leadership, Freedom & Liturgy. Three Monday evenings in March in the Chapel.

### **"GET FAITHFUL IN 2007"**

**Adult Faith Formation**

Contact Kevin 365-0140 \* [Kevin@pius.org](mailto:Kevin@pius.org)

### **FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION**

We are looking for donations. Do you have any items you would like to donate to June's Silent Auction? Would you like to help out with the auction? We would love to hear from you. Contact Kika Kilmartin at 367-6698 or [mck092488@comcast.net](mailto:mck092488@comcast.net)

**Question for Adults:**

What is a way you show members of your family your love for them?

**Question for Youth:** Who are the people in your life who mean the most to you? How do you show them how important they are to you?

**Question:** Do I do the right thing even if my friends make fun of me?

**THE GREAT HYMN TO LOVE**

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD (Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19).

**Psalm** — I will sing of your salvation (Psalm 71).

**Second Reading** — If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Corinthians 12:31 — 13:13).

**Gospel** — No prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown (Luke 4:21-30).

**SCHEDULED MASSES**

Sat.	Jan. 27	5 pm	Chris Hietanen
Sun.	Jan. 28	8 am	Dan Pors, Jr.
		9:30	Lou Geenen
		11:30	Joe Giordano
		5:00	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Jan. 29	8 am	Alberto Tomalino
Tues.	Jan. 30	8 am	Peter Mussio
Wed.	Jan. 31	8 am	Anna Lacrouts
Thurs.	Feb. 1	8 am	Bernadette Larraburu
Fri.	Feb. 2	8 am	Ed Sarraille
Sat.	Feb. 3	8 am	Thomas Hartigan