

**NOTES FROM FR. JIM:**

A week ago you received 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. **This weekend** 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.

**PARISH EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Many thanks to the Eucharistic Ministers who returned the survey a few weeks ago. We had over 75 responses. In addition to the ministers who serve at the Parish Masses there are 28 ministers who take communion to people in their homes, in care facilities, in the county jail, and in the area hospitals. We are most grateful to these dedicated people who give so generously to those in need.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

This is the **second weekend** of the Appeal. We have received \$8,050 from 26 parishioners toward our assessment of \$126,000. Thank you for your support.

**GETTING READY FOR LENT**

Lent is just around the corner. It is the hope of our Parish Liturgy Committee that, as a community, we can enter into this holy time prepared and expectant. This weekend, on the purple-covered tables at the entrances, we have placed a flier that we hope will help you get ready for Lent.

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

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| Deacon Steve         | Candace Cain   | Alec Dini         |
| Dave Tinsley         | Lana Vanderzyl | Elizabeth Sturken |
| Marie Morin & Family | Madison Kitz   | Mary Lou Putnam   |
| Mel & Patty Prichard | Dianne Peavler | Mary Ann Brandt   |

**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.

**MASS FOR BISHOP JOHN C. WESTER**

Congratulations to Bishop John Wester who was appointed Bishop of Salt Lake City. There is a special Mass of Thanksgiving, **Tuesday, February 20, at 5:30 pm, at St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco.** This Mass, with a reception following, will commemorate Bishop Wester's long service to the people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

**SAVE THE DATES - WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The Women's Retreat is **March 9, 10, & 11.** Join us for a wonderful weekend with our fabulous moderator, Sr. Monica Miller. A weekend of camaraderie, socials, reflection, abundant food, prayer, laughter, Mass.....Register at [www.vallombrosa.org](http://www.vallombrosa.org) or call Kristine Ball at 306-9766 for more information.

**BE IRISH FOR AN EVENING**

Please join us for an evening of great food (*your choice of corned beef or chicken*), 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.



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### 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 Tuesday, 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).

### 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)

### "CASINO ROYALE" SPONSORSHIPS

The Women's Club is hosting a "**Casino Royale**" fundraiser, **Saturday, April 21st, at 6:30 pm.** Would you like a fun way to get high visibility of your company's name to a large group of people? If you're a sponsor you are mentioned in our marketing materials & have a sign indicating your sponsorship at a prime spot on a gaming table. Proceeds support our parish and the Women's Club programs. If you're interested in being one of the key businesses highlighted at this event, please call Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138, or email [womensclub@pius.org](mailto:womensclub@pius.org) Look for detailed information regarding this event coming soon!

### GAMBLING/GAMING RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED!

Are you doing your Spring cleaning and getting rid of things you don't need? We're looking for bar accessories, "gambling related" items, entertainment gifts, liquor, or gift cards to put in baskets for raffle prizes at the Women's Club "**Casino Royale**" fundraiser. Luxury items such as jewelry and trips would especially be appreciated. A donation "thank you" letter will be given out for each donation. Drop items off at the Parish Center or School with your name and phone number or call Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138 for pick up.

### ST. PIUS SENIORS

We'll have lunch with the 5th grade students on Friday, February 16th. On the 23rd of February we are going over to the Senior Center on Madison Street for lunch.

### **Parish Mission 2007: Questions Jesus Asked February 24-28, 2007 – St. Pius Parish**

Join noted speaker Fr. Mark Wiesner for a unique look at the message of Jesus by taking the time to listen and reflect on the tough questions Jesus asked throughout his ministry. How do these questions still challenge us as Christians today?

*Fr. Mark will preach at all the masses Feb 24<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 8, 9:30, 11:30 & 5pm. He will then give three follow-up talks twice each day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:30am in Homer Crouse Hall and 7pm in the church. For more information, please call the Parish Center at 361-1411 or email [Kevin@pius.org](mailto:Kevin@pius.org)*

### **Lights! Camera! Faith! – "A Time To Kill" Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm in Room 4 of the school.**

Who says movies have nothing to do with your faith? Join us for a movie and discussion. For more information contact [Kevin@pius.org](mailto:Kevin@pius.org).

### **Do Something Intentionally Each Month To Grow In Your Faith 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.

### ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS CENTER PARTY

This annual lunch, auction, raffle, & entertainment is for a good cause. "**SPRING IS IN THE AIR**" will be held on **SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 11:00 AM, at St. Patrick's Seminary**, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park. Please send your donation of \$50 to St. Francis Center Auxiliary with seating preference to Gerri Beasley, 1055 Deanna Dr., Menlo Park, 94025, 854-1262.

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

2006-2007 Fiscal Year as of 2/5/07

|                   |              |              |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Budgeted          | \$338,823.68 |              |
| Actually received | \$337,726.64 |              |
| Shortfall         |              | (\$1,097.04) |

**Question for Adults:**

How and when were you able to trust in God recently?

**Question for Youth:**

How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

**Question for children:**

How did I show my love for others last week?

**BLESSED**

When we think of the word “Beatitude” we think of today’s discourse from Luke’s Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins “Blessed are the poor in spirit . . .”). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John’s Gospel, Christ proclaims, “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed” (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the *Beati*, the “Blessed,” for they are the ones who lived the “blessed” life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** — Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

**SCHEDULED MASSES**

|        |         |       |                    |
|--------|---------|-------|--------------------|
| Sat.   | Feb. 10 | 5 pm  | Cortopassi Family  |
| Sun.   | Feb. 11 | 8 am  | Martin Etcheverry  |
|        |         | 9:30  | Barbara Frediani   |
|        |         | 11:30 | People of St. Pius |
|        |         | 5:00  | Mary Twomey        |
| Mon.   | Feb. 12 | 8 am  | Leo T. Englert     |
| Tues.  | Feb. 13 | 8 am  | Don Goold          |
| Wed.   | Feb. 14 | 8 am  | Luigi Mussio       |
| Thurs. | Feb. 15 | 8 am  | Mary Twomey        |
| Fri.   | Feb. 16 | 8 am  | Bill McGrath       |
| Sat.   | Feb. 17 | 8 am  | Aurelio Granara    |