

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' MINI-RETREAT

Please join us on **March 17, 9:30 am until noon**, for a morning of reflection for those who minister in preparation for and at our Parish Masses: Ushers, Altar Society Members, Musicians, Greeters, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. The retreat will be in Homer Crouse Hall.

Patrick Vallez-Kelly from the Archdiocesan Worship Office will lead the retreat. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to learn more about our ministries and to grow in our faith. Please **RSVP to Sr. Mary at 368-0429 by March 12** or call if you have any questions.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$30,045 from 56 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$126,000. This represents 23% of our goal. Thank you for your support.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards - "Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

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 fliers and on the altar rails there are Little Black Books and bookmarks for you to take. We hope you find this material helpful as you journey through Lent.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

The Parish Ash Wednesday Bulletin includes a calendar of Lenten activities. Be sure to take one home and refer to it often for information about the Parish Mission on February 26th to Feb. 28th, our Tuesday Soup Suppers, and many more activities designed to help us reflect on the meaning of Lent and to prepare for Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES - FEB. 21

On **Wednesday, February 21st**, we will have the following Ash Wednesday Masses:
6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30am, 12:10 and 6:30 pm.

ABSTINENCE

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS of Lent** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

FAST

Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

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 or call Kristine Ball at 306-9766 for more information.

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA

Pauline Books & Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, promises to transport you back in time to accompany Jesus on His way to Jerusalem. This five-part documentary film includes recent archeological discoveries with historical & cultural data. The dates: Feb. 27, March 13, March 27th, 9-10:30 am, and on Feb.22, March 1,15,22, 29th, 7-8 pm. For more information call 369-4230.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Deacon Steve	Dianne Peavler	Mary Ann Brandt
Jocelyn Maroun	Dave Tinsley	Mary Lou Putnam
Lana Vanderzyl	Cory Clifford	Elizabeth Sturken
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.

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

"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 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.

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 purchased at the Parish Center at 361-1411.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

We had a wonderful lunch with the 5th grade students last Friday, Feb. 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 24th at 5pm and Feb 25th 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

Lights! Camera! Faith! – "A Time To Kill" Tuesday, February 20th @ 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.

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 2/12/07

Budgeted \$349,411.92

Actually received \$351,523.14

\$2,111.22

Question Of The Week

For Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?

For Youth: We most often love those who love us back. How will you love someone you don't like?

For Children: Jesus says to treat everyone the way you want to be treated. How can I do what Jesus asks this week?

DO NO HARM

We listen quite a while before we get to the "punch line" of the first reading today: even though it would be an easy thing to do, David will not harm the anointed one of the Lord. We, of course, know that Jesus is the Messiah, the anointed one of God, but the Bible uses this term for many different people. It is scripture's way of indicating who has been chosen by God for a special place and mission in salvation history.

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents a greatly enlarged list of those who, as children of God, we should not harm, but love instead: our enemies, those who curse us or do us harm, those who owe us money, the ungrateful, the wicked. The point of Jesus' teaching is not to encourage these kinds of behaviors in others, but rather to form us in the image of our heavenly Father by increasing our opportunities to love unconditionally, expecting no return; to be merciful & forgiving, even when it would be easier not to.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — David found Saul in a deep sleep, but would not harm him (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — We shall bear the image of the heavenly Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45-49).

Gospel — Give to everyone who asks of you. Lend expecting nothing back (Luke 6:27-38).

SCHEDULED MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 17	5 pm	Reginald Xavier
Sun.	Feb. 18	8 am	Bill McGrath
		9:30	Antonette Shuster
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5:00	Albert A. Carey
Mon.	Feb. 19	8 am	Bernadette Larraburu
Tues.	Feb. 20	8 am	Nina Balsama
Wed.	Feb. 21	6:30	Anna Manchia
		8 am	Matilde Giovanzana
		9:30	Msgr. Fitzsimon
		12:10	Bridget Archbold
		6:30	Bridget Archbold
Thurs.	Feb. 22	6:30	Catherine Howe & Meggie Le
		8 am	Bill McGrath
Fri.	Feb. 23	6:30	John Gardetto
		8 am	Leo T. Englert
Sat.	Feb. 24	8 am	Terry Bode