

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. Please **RSVP to Sr. Mary at 368-0429 by March 12.**

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

At Easter we will renew our baptismal promises. Each week during Lent we are invited to reflect on these promises and how we are living them. Do I believe in God, who trusts me, forgives me, guides me, and loves me unconditionally? How do I reflect these qualities in my relationships with people and all of creation?

LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

As a way for us to help the needy during Lent, the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting canned goods. There are boxes at the entrances of the Church for your donations.

A MESSAGE FROM DEACON STEVE

Dear St. Pius Community,

It is with great sadness that I write this letter to all of you. Due to my struggles with Hepatitis C and liver disease I have been advised by my doctor not to return to work. My doctor feels that the stress and travel would not be good for me. So after discussion with my wife and doctor, I will not be returning and have put in my resignation to Fr. Jim and the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

I will miss you all and miss my duties there as well. You have been so supportive of me and my ministry. I have wonderful memories of my 12 years as a deacon at St. Pius, as well as my 25 years as a parishioner. Cherie and I plan to visit in the near future.

I would love to hear from you. My home address and email are listed below. My treatment will end in June. I thank the children, adults and Seniors of the parish for your prayers and fellowship throughout the years. May God grant each of you the blessings of Lent and the joy of the Easter Season.

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 17,18

This Second Collection is **next weekend, March 17 & 18.** Many Catholics do not realize the extent of the overseas' relief and development work of the Church. This ministry is often the only source of hope for millions of people around the world. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30 pm, Women's Club Dinner & Meeting, Homer Crouse Hall.

SOUP NIGHT

Don't forget *Soup Suppers* on **Tuesdays, 6-7 pm** in Homer Crouse Hall. Soup will be served on March 13, 20 and 27. Join us for soup, bread, and good conversation.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

2006-2007 Fiscal Year as of 3/5/07	
Budgeted	\$381,176.64
Actually received	\$381,812.14
	635.50

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$90,061 from 295 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$126,000. This represents 71% of our goal. Thank you for your support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:

Raymond Moynihan

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Mary Ann Brandt	Betty Nince
Dave Tinsley	Joe Sauer	Jocelyn Maroun
Lana Vanderzyl	Cory Clifford	Elizabeth Sturken
James Steffen	Deborah Baca	Wendy McLean
Scott G. Buchanan	Steve Alonso	Jillian Geenen
Madison Kitz	Dianne Peavler	Anne Lindley
Charlotte Kelley		

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

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Women's Club is looking for women who want to share their talents in serving on the Board for the year 2007-08. Meetings are the **first Wednesday of the month**. Please call our hotline at 364-5204, or email Candace Zix Naylor at zixnaylor@yahoo.com with any questions or recommen-

CASINO ROYALE, APRIL 21....SAVE THE DATE

Our 2007 fundraiser is coming! Casino Royale will include professionally staffed gaming tables, a Texas Hold'em tournament, exciting prizes, dinner and music! Detailed information and ticket sales coming soon. We still have room for sponsors and prize donations. Please call Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138 for details.

WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER, MARCH 14th

Join us at our next Women's Club meeting on **Wed., March 14th, at 6:30 pm, in Homer Crouse Hall.** We'll have a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner including corned beef and cabbage with boiled potatoes and carrots, dessert and drinks too! Casino Royale tickets will be available for purchase. RSVP by March 12 by calling the hotline at 364-5204 or email

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

Church History w/ Fr. Jim MacDonald

Monday Evenings – Mar 12 & 26 @ 7pm

Join **Fr. Jim** as he presents church history by developing three important themes: Leadership, Freedom & Liturgy. Two Monday evenings in March in the Parish Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Women's Club Retreat	March 9, 10, 11
Confirmation	April 21
Women's Club Casino Night	April 21
ICF Anniversary Dinner	April 28
First Communion	May 5, 6
Parish Festival	June 1, 2, 3

ST. PIUS PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

St. Pius is sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on **Sunday, April 29**, starting at **8 am**. There is a huge shortage of blood at our blood banks and they are desperately in need of donations. Someone you know will need blood at least once during their lifetime for such events as open heart surgery, caesarean deliveries, hip replacement surgery, some bone fractures or shock trauma due to burns, puncture wounds or accident. More information will follow.

ST. PIUS SCHOOL BOARD SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Applications for new members will be for the 2007-2008 school year. The Board's primary purpose is to establish goals and define policies which govern the operations of St. Pius School in conjunction with both the pastor and principal. Experience with marketing, web development, grant writing or facilities management would be particularly beneficial, but a strong commitment to Catholic education and St. Pius School and enthusiasm in ensuring its ongoing success are the most important skills to be successful in this position. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Polek at 650) 299-9362.

ST. PIUS MEN'S CLUB invites all men of the parish to attend our monthly General Meeting on **Wednesday, March 21**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Cocktails begin at 6:30pm with dinner to follow. The cost is free to first time attendees. This is a great opportunity to see some old friends and make some new ones! If you have any questions, please contact Mike Maskarich at 650) 369-5158.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

The Kindergarten lunch with the Seniors will be on March 23rd. If you would like to join the Senior Group please call Adele for more information, 366-3646.

Questions of the Week

Questions for Adults: What can you do this week to really spend time alone with God, listening with your heart?

Questions for Youth: How does trusting in God make a difference in your life?

Questions for Children: This week how can I tell people about Jesus?

“I AM”

Kindness and mercy are what the enslaved people of Israel needed, and they came in the form of deliverance. They came through a leader, Moses, who was once plucked from the Nile River and was now herding his father-in-law’s sheep in the land of Goshen. The bush that burned but was not consumed shows us that God is inexhaustible mystery.

Moses’ awe and deference are mixed with a touching conversational tone as he seeks to learn God’s name. And God sweetly responds. The somewhat abstract “I AM” distinguishes the God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob from the minor gods in the territory who “are not.” They are helpless, powerless, and useless. Moses is to step out into an amazing future, and God will be there with outstretched arm. Just go and see, God seems to say.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — “I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have come to rescue them”
(Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15) *or Exodus 17:3-7.*

Psalm — The Lord is kind and merciful (Psalm 103) *or Psalm 95.*

Second Reading — Those who think they are standing secure should take care not to fall (1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12) *or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.*

Gospel — I shall cultivate the ground around the fig tree and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future (Luke 13:1-9) *or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].*

SCHEDULED MASSES

Sat.	March 10	5 pm	Cortopassi family
Sun.	March 11	8 am	Jennifer Copeland
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	Mary Twomey
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	March 12	6:30	John Gardetto
		8 am	Dan Baldini
Tues.	March 13	6:30	Lawrence Hart
		8 am	Leo Englert
Wed.	March 14	6:30	Vincent Faber
		8 am	Mary Twomey
Thurs.	March 15	6:30	Fr. Jack Penebsky
		8 am	Alberto Tomalino
Fri.	March 16	6:30	Marilyn McGrath
			Fancher
		8 am	Daniel C. Labitan, Jr.
Sat.	March 17	8 am	Colleen Mary McGrath