

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM:**

The priests from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Pius are hearing confessions for the Penance Service on **Thursday, March 29th**, at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church and 7:00 pm at St. Pius Church. There will be a priest who speaks Spanish at each of the Penance Services.

**DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT?**

At Easter we will renew our Baptismal promises. Each week during Lent we are invited to reflect on these promises. In giving us the Holy Spirit, Jesus gives us the breath of his divine life. This life is within each of us and within the community of the church. Because of this life we are forgiven and we can forgive. Because of this life we believe that we, like Jesus, will rise to new life at the end of the world. The life of the Spirit is given to us so that we may give it to others.

**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.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

We have received \$106,691 from 343 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$126,000. This represents 84% of our goal. Thank you for your support.

**TEEN MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO COLLECTION**

This summer from **June 9-16**, over 80 members of St. Pius & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishes will be in Tijuana, Mexico, building houses for people in need. **This weekend at all masses, March 24th & 25th**, students and adults who attended last year's trip will be sharing their experiences with the parish and will be collecting donations to support this year's trip. It costs about \$600 per person for the trip. Please consider making a donation. Please make checks payable to St. Pius and put "Mission Trip" on the memo line of the check. Thank you.

**PALM SUNDAY**

At each Mass on Palm Sunday we will have **10 people carry large palm branches** as part of the entrance rite. If you would like to carry a branch please be at the main entrance of the church 15 minutes before Mass.

When you come to Mass on Palm Sunday, April 1, please be sure to **pick up your palm branch before Mass begins**. Palms will be at the entrances of the Church.

**GRADUATING SENIORS MASS AND DINNER**

All high school seniors who live in St. Pius Parish and are graduating from high school this year are invited to a special Mass and reception with their parents here at the Church and the Parish Center, **Thursday, April 19, at 6 pm**. After the reception the Seniors (without parents) will attend dinner in Homer Crouse Hall. **PLEASE CALL 361-1411 TO RSVP BY WED., APRIL**

**SOUP NIGHT**

Don't forget our last Soup Supper on March 27 at 6-7 pm in Homer Crouse Hall. Join us for soup, bread, and good conversation.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

2006-2007 Fiscal Year as of 3/5/07	
Budgeted	\$402,353.12
Actually received	\$400,641.14
Shortfall	(\$1,711.98)

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Deacon Steve	Anne Lindley	Jillian Geenen
Mary Lou Putnam	Helen Coccary	Lana Vanderzyl
Keira Bowman	Parker Isom	Jocelyn Maroun
Charlotte Kelley	Joe Sauer	Steve Alonso
Arthur Ortiz		

**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 [kmck092488@comcast.net](mailto:kmck092488@comcast.net)

**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! Tickets are on sale now. We still have room for sponsors and prize donations. Please call Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138 or email to [womensclub@pius.org](mailto:womensclub@pius.org) for tickets.

**SHOP & SUPPORT ST. FRANCIS CENTER**

\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 \$25 Sale. **Clothing Sample Sale at Saint Pius (Homer Crouse Hall) -- All proceeds go to support the St. Francis Center!!!**  
**March 30, 5-8pm, March 31 and April 1st, 10am-4pm.** Designer gowns, dresses, shirts, pants, skirts, shoes. **ALL CLOTHES ARE NEW!** Presented by the St. Pius Youth Ministry. For more information, call 365-0140.

**YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE #124 SCHOLARSHIP**

YLI #124 is again offering the Valda Britschgi Scholarship to any boy or girl in the 8th grade (public or parochial school) who desires to attend a Catholic high school. This is a one-year scholarship. The usual award is from \$100 to \$300. Applications are available at the CCD Office or at the School office. Applications must be returned by May 1, 2007.

**The St. Pius Men's Club** invites all men of the parish to attend our monthly general dinner meeting on **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner to follow. The cost is free to first time attendees. If you have any questions, please call Mike Maskarich at (650)369-5158.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. PIUS**

Wednesday, March 28, 7:15 pm - Women's Club Board Meeting, in the Parish Center.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**On May 19 at the 5 p.m. Mass we will be celebrating the anniversaries of parishioners who have been married for 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 years. There will be a reception after the Mass. After 50 years you are invited to celebrate with the parish every year! If you are going to attend the Anniversary Mass please call Barbara Drake by May 1st at 361-1411.**

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

**Church History w/ Fr. Jim MacDonald**  
***Monday Evening – March 26 @ 7pm***

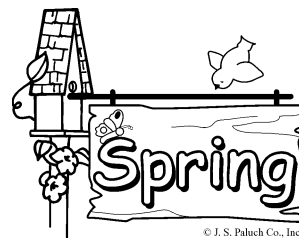
Join **Fr. Jim** as he presents church history by developing important themes: Leadership, Freedom & Liturgy. This Monday evening talk is in the Parish Center.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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 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.



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### Questions of the Week

**For Adults:** Who among your family and friends do you need to ask forgiveness from so that you can experience true freedom?

**For Youth:** What is one thing you will do during Lent to become more open to God in your life?

**Question for Children:** How can I share Christ's life with people this week?

### **STRAIGHT LINES**

"God writes straight with crooked lines," the saying goes. The power of Paul's testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. "Can't you see it?" we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can't beat this kind of good news.

### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** —Remember not the events of the past; see, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) *or Ezekiel 37:12-14.*

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) *or Psalm 130.*

**Second Reading** — I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) *or Romans 8:8-11.*

**Gospel** — Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) *or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].*

### **SCHEDULED MASSES**

Sat.	March 24	5 pm	Helen Giudicelli
Sun.	March 25	8 am	Marie de Angelis
		9:30	Marie Goyhenetche
		11:30	Bernard Mouline
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	March 26	6:30	Albert A. Carey
		8 am	Rosemary Smith
Tues.	March 27	6:30	Eric Schoenstein
		8 am	Don Pors
Wed.	March 28	6:30	Holly Sigona
		8 am	Oliva Dei Rossi Comin
Thurs.	March 29	8 am	Alberto Tomalino
Fri.	March 30	8 am	Antonio Giovanzana
Sat.	March 31	8 am	Peter Granara