

**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.

**WHAT IS THE PASCHAL MYSTERY?**

During this week we will remember the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul tells us that, "Through Baptism into His death we were buried with him, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life." Has Lent been a time for us to die to selfishness, greed, impatience, anger, and anything else that separates us from God? On Easter when we renew our baptismal promises we will, with Jesus, rise to new life in him.

**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 NEW DAY AND THE "GIFT" OF LIFE GIVEN TO US BY JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR. THANK YOU JESUS! WE LOVE YOU AND APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US. WE ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL. AMEN**

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

We have received \$108,856 from 355 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$126,000. This represents 86% of our goal. Thank you for your support.

**ST. PIUS SENIORS**

A big "Thank You" to the Kindergarten class for such a wonderful time and a delicious lunch on Friday, March 23rd. We may plan a turnaround to River Rock or Jackson in May. Please call Adele if you would like to join us, 366-3646.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Haezyl Mae Davis  
John Jay Malcolm

**HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER**

At the 6:30 pm Mass the collection will be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society to aide them in their work with the poor.

**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 11th.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

2006-2007 Fiscal Year as of 3/26/07  
 Budgeted \$412,941.36  
 Actually received \$411,261.64  
 Shortfall (\$1,679.72)

**ABSTINENCE**

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **GOOD FRIDAY.**

**FAST**

Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on **GOOD FRIDAY.** On this day, 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.

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

Deacon Steve	Dave Tinsley	Mary Lou Putnam
Helen Coccary	Lana Vanderzyl	Dave Tinsley
Keira Bowman	Parker Isom	Howard Lester
Charlotte Kelley	Joe Sauer	Rich Ferrari
Francisco Felipe Tesio	Arthur Ortiz	Ann Pierazzi

**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!!!**

**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, April 3rd, School PTG Board Meeting, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, 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.**



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### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

#### **Holy Thursday, April 5th**

No 6:30 am or 8:00 am Mass on Holy Thursday  
6:30 pm Mass of the Last Supper  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Fitzsimon Center until 10:00 pm

#### **Good Friday, April 6th**

No morning services  
12:15 - 1:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
1:00 - 2:15 pm Liturgy (Communion Service)  
Veneration of the Cross  
2:15 - 3:00 Confessions  
6:30 pm Good Friday Evening Service with Stations of the Cross and Communion

#### **Holy Saturday, April 7th**

There will be no 8 am or 5 pm Mass  
3:30 - 5 pm Confessions  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil  
Our first Mass of Easter: blessing of the Easter Fire, welcoming our new Catholics through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

#### **Easter Sunday Masses**

#### **Sunday, April 8th**

8 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am in Church  
Additional 9:30 am in Fitzsimon Center  
There will be no 5 pm Mass

### **ST. PIUS PARISH FESTIVAL - JUNE 1, 2 & 3** **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of chair people for the following activities...High Striker and Lawn Inflatable. These do not require set up or clean up. Please contact Danielle Ghiozzi at 364-0887 or [dannilg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dannilg@sbcglobal.net) or Anthony Bertolacci at 367-1919 or [abertolacci@comcast.net](mailto:abertolacci@comcast.net).

### **Questions of the Week**

**For Adults:** What way would you most like to share your time, your life, with your family this week?

**For Youth:** How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

**For Children:** What can I do this week to honor Jesus?

### **PASSION**

The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found at each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.

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### **TODAY’S READINGS**

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).

**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).

**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — The account of Christ’s passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).

### **SCHEDULED MASSES**

Sat.	March 31	5 pm	Leo T. Englert
Sun.	April 1	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Lou Geenen
		11:30	Michael Buffum
		5 pm	Michael Pieretti (INT)
Mon.	April 2	8 am	Bill McGrath
Tues.	April 3	6:30	Andrea & Delfin Chu
		8 am	Bill McGrath
Wed.	April 4	8 am	Denis Murphy