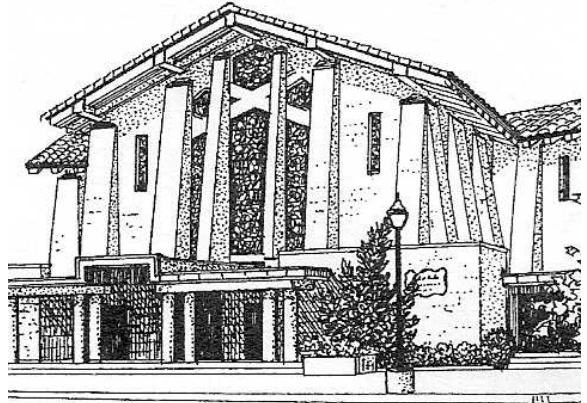


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

St. Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061, Fax 369-3641 – www.pius.org -- parish@pius.org

**SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 17, 2008
SECOND SUNDAY
OF
LENT**



Our Mission

The mission of Saint Pius Parish is to develop and nurture a faith filled, prayerful, generous and caring community rooted in the testimony of the gospel and the tradition of our faith.

We hope that your family will join our parish family as we strive to love like Jesus and build God's kingdom here on earth.

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30,
11:30 am & 5:00 pm

Find Out How To Grow In Your Faith:
www.increaseourfaith.org

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30-4:30 pm
(Contact a priest if you wish to receive the sacrament on another day.)

Baptism: Baptisms are normally held on the second and fourth Sundays at 1:00 pm. Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance. Parents must attend baptismal instruction before the baptism of their child. This preparation may be done before the birth of the child.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made by the prospective bride and groom at least six months in advance. The parish marriage preparation program is required of all couples.

Communion in the Home: Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass. Please call the Parish Center.

Anointing of the Sick: This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously sick or scheduled for surgery. Please call the Parish Center. For those in the hospital, contact the chaplain's office at that hospital.

Parish Staff

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DAILY MASSES DURING LENT

In addition to the daily 8 am Mass, Monday through Friday we have a **6:30 am Mass during Lent.**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish assessment is \$127,900. All dollars donated in excess of this assessment will be returned to the parish to meet our needs. Two weeks ago, all parishioners should have received a letter from Fr. MacDonald and a brochure that explain the programs and services funded by the Annual Appeal. Through the Appeal we join with other parishes and the Archbishop in ministering to youth, seniors, families, and the sick and disadvantaged. We help train priests and deacons and we care for our retired priests. The Annual Appeal also helps the Archbishop provide seminary tuition assistance, hospital chaplains, and Archdiocesan services and ministries that benefit every parish and mission.

JOSIE TRUE AWARD BRUNCH

This special event is **Sunday, February 24th,** following the 9:30 am Mass. We will honor a woman in the parish who has demonstrated acts of charitable giving and service. The winner will be announced at the 9:30 am Mass, followed by an excellent brunch in Homer Crouse Hall. To make your reservation for this brunch please write your check to "St. Pius Women's Club" for \$15.00 and bring it to the Parish Center. The **deadline is February 19th.**

SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S RETREAT

This retreat is **April 11 - April 13,** at Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park. The guest speaker is Sister Patricia Bruno, writer of "Stories Seldom Heard". She will take us on a journey celebrating women in scripture, remembering women in our lives. If you have any questions please call Kristine Ball at 306-9766 or Carolyn Reich at 368-2984.

DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL - TUESDAY EVENING

You are invited to a Lenten "Cinema Divina" or prayerful listening to the Word of God as it's expressed through film clips touching upon the mysteries of our redemption. This **is Tuesday, February 26th,** at Pauline Books & Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, CA 94063. For more information call 369-4230.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have an hour to spare helping our neighbors in need? You are invited to the next St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Orientation to learn about the many opportunities available to assist the poor in our community. Volunteers are needed to answer the help line, give general office assistance, as well as to serve lunch at the various Homeless Centers. Call Lisa Rapaszky at 373-0623 for more information.

9:30 CHOIR

The 9:30 Choir always welcomes new members. We would like to encourage you to join the choir during this season of Lent/Easter. Instrumentalists as well as singers are welcome. For information please call Bev Hilliard, choir director, at 325-4399. **NO AUDITION NECESSARY.**

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our new website online at **www.pius.org**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Pierre Hondagneu
Rose Scalise
Timothy Mellor

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2007-2008 Fiscal Year as of 2/10/08
Budgeted \$349,038.69
Actually received \$364,251.34
\$15,212.65

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Lana Vanderzyl	Alice Mitchell
Dave Gaggero	Eddie Flores	Dolores Hacker
Dave Tinsley	Betty Stevenson	Josie Vanos
Otto & Betty Berg	Dee Dee Hacker	Bob Bergstrom
Melanie Conroy	Terry Chadha	Bev Eggleston
Madison Kitz	David Addiego	

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 CORNER

2008 Festival Theme: FUN!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Now is the time to step up and help us with the festival. We are moving forward quickly and need over 250 volunteers to make this event happen. Please be a part of this major fundraiser for the parish. Please contact Carol Sheetz at 365-2830 or email her at Carol.Sheetz@comcast.net or Keith Hipsher at 367-1277 or email him at hip1@pacbell.net to volunteer today.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: We're already taking reservations for the hilarious comedy event – Late Night Catechism 2. So, if you want the best seats in the house, RESERVE TODAY!

Comedy Entertainment - Late Night Catechism 2 – Sunday, June 1 at 2:00pm

Ticket prices \$60 – General - Reserved seating with a chicken lunch or dinner.

\$55 – General Play Only – Reserved seating, play only.

\$45 – Senior Citizen (60+) - Reserved seating with chicken lunch or dinner.

\$85 – VIP Package VIP seating, chicken lunch or dinner, 2 free drink tickets and 2 free raffle tickets

Please contact Elizabeth Krebs at 364-2766 for more information or pick up an order form at the school or parish office.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: We would love to get some fabulous items for the silent and live auctions this year. Clean out your gift closet, design a great party, or put on your shopping shoes. Your donations directly help the parish meet our financial goals. Please drop items by the parish center or school office.

Get involved and be in on the FUN! Make OUR festival one of the best this year! We need YOU to help make it successful.

BREAK OUT YOUR GREEN!!!!!!

Please join us for an evening of great food, terrific entertainment and lots of laughs. Our St. Patrick's Dinner is on **Saturday, March 1, at 6 pm.** Bagpipes will lead our Irish Dancers, and food will be catered by The Carvery from the Hof Brau. Tickets at \$35 each can be obtained by contacting the Parish Center at 361-1411. **The deadline is Friday, February 22nd.**

YOUTH MINISTRY & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Tues., Feb 26 & Mar 11, 6-7:30pm

Play Hard, Pray Harder
Video Game & Prayer Ministry
In the Rock House

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

February 23 & 24

Mission Trip Collection
After ALL Masses

February 24, 6:30-8pm

Mission Trip Meeting @ Mt. Carmel
For Adults & Students Attending Trip

March 9, 3:30-6pm

Confirmation Large Group Meeting
Homer Crouse Hall

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

www.increaseourfaith.org

PARISH MISSION

Sat.-Wed., February 23-27
Fr. Dave Pettingill

"Embracing A Church With Warts"
Preaching at masses Feb 23-24

Feb. 25 @ 8:30am & 7pm

"Putting Skin on Jesus Christ"

Feb 26 @ 8:30am & 7pm

"Living the Easter Cycle of Jesus' Own Life"
Feb 27 @ 8:30am & 7pm

"4 Ingredients of a Healthy Catholic Life"

SPEAKERS

Sunday, March 9 @ 7pm

Theology By the Glass @ The Savvy Cellar
Fr. Gerald Coleman

"Knocking on Heaven's Door"
the Church & the Terminally Ill

*Join us for great wine and an engaging speaker
at the Savvy Cellar www.savvycellar.com.*

RCIA

Sun., Feb 24, 8-10:00am

First Scrutiny (8am Mass)

Sun. Mar 2, 10:30-12:30

Second Scrutiny (11:30am Mass)

Sun., Mar 9, 9:30-11:30am

Third Scrutiny (9:30am Mass)

For more information, check out our parish website at

www.pius.org or contact Kevin Staszko

Kevin@pius.org or (650)365-0140

THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering—or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

ST. PIUS SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

St. Pius School is now accepting applications for new students for the 2008-2009 school year. Our web site is: www.stpiusschool.com, or you may call the office at 368-8327 for more information.

SCHEDULED MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 16	5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Feb. 17	8 am	Joe Mannina
		9:30	Antonette Shuster
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Pietro & Maria Gregori
Mon.	Feb. 18	6:30	Duane Keller
		8 am	Netta Fraser
Tues.	Feb. 19	6:30	Josephine Johns
		8 am	Mike Price
Wed.	Feb. 20	6:30	Melanie Conroy (INT)
		8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Thurs.	Feb. 21	6:30	Donna Pengel
		8am	Leo T. Englert
Fri.	Feb. 22	6:30	Nadine Franceschini
		8 am	Carmen Perruquet
Sat.	Feb. 23	8 am	Aurelio Granara
		5 pm	Jerry Murphy
Sun.	Feb. 24	8 am	Sofia Rosmo
		9:30	James Steffen
		11:30	John , Anna & Mary DiMarco
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

Question for Children: Share about a time when you felt especially close to God or Jesus.

Question for Youth: Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience where you felt exceptionally close to God? How was your life changed by that experience?

Question for Adults: Perhaps this reading calls us, not to cling to the familiar, but to leave the comforts of the parish and reach out to the world around us. In your neighborhood or community, who is waiting to hear the Good News?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

ST. PAT'S RAFFLE

One of the many enjoyable aspects of the annual St. Patrick's Dinner Dance is the raffle prize drawing. If you have an item you could contribute to this event we would very much appreciate it. If you wish to donate, please send/deliver the item to the Parish Center C/O Barbara Drake prior to February 19th. We thank you in advance for your support and hope to see you on March 1st.



Mirror, Mirror: Reflections of the Latest Fashion"

Please join the St. Pius Women's Club as they host a Fashion Show on **Saturday, March 15, 2008** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This will be a wonderful afternoon with models from the parish and school showcasing various clothiers' latest fashions. A buffet lunch and refreshments will be served. Proceeds for this event will benefit the Women's Club programs, scholarship fund and the parish community. Tickets are \$45.00 per person or a table of ten for \$400.00. Also, please consider sponsoring the event by advertising in our catalogue. Sponsorships are available for full-page, half-page, quarter-page or a one line "best wishes" greeting. For information, call the St. Pius Women's Club hotline at 650-364-5204.

MEN'S CLUB

President: Mike Descalso
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PTG BOARD

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Mel Sigona	Bill McSweeney
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