

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, MARCH 2, 2008 FOURTH 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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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are very grateful for the generous response we have received to our Appeal so far this year. We have received 184 pledges for a total of \$57,430, towards our goal of \$127,900. Thank you very much.

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.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2007-2008 Fiscal Year as of 2/24/08
Budgeted \$370,192.55
Actually received \$383,033.84
\$12,841.29

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Josefina Hussussian
Cory Cattaneo, Jr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:

Otto Berg

MEN'S CLUB RETREAT - MARCH 28 - 30TH

Mark your calendars for the 25th Annual Retreat for the men of St. Pius. This is at Vallombrosa Retreat Center on **March 28th, 29th & 30th.** The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends after 11am Mass on Sunday. The retreat master is Sr. Jose' Hobday who has degrees in Architecture and Space Watch as well as American Literature and Theology. Call John Clardy at 369-1620 for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY



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OMBUDSMAN SERVICES/SAN MATEO COUNTY

This organization needs volunteers who have a compassion for the elderly and would like to serve as an advocate in the long-term care facilities. Ombudsmen are trained to monitor facilities, receive, investigate and bring resolution to complaints on behalf of residents. **Training begins on March 12, and involves 40 hours of classroom study followed by a brief internship.** Call 349-7008 for more information.

MISSION TRIP SEEKS DONATIONS

This year, 40 high school students and adults from our parish will travel on mission to San Antonio, TX to serve the poor. The neighborhood we will be helping to revitalize has an average household income of only \$9000 per year. We kicked off our fundraising efforts for the trip with a collection after masses on February 23 & 24 and we could use your support. It costs about \$750 per person for the trip (including airfare), so our fundraising goal is \$30,000. One third of the money comes directly from the families attending the trip, one-third from support letters mailed to friends and family, and one-third from our parish fundraising efforts. Please consider supporting our efforts financially. Pick up an envelope at the entrances to church, in the pews, or mail donations payable to St. Pius (with MISSION TRIP in the memo line) to St. Pius MISSION TRIP, 1100 Woodside Rd, Redwood City, CA 94061. Call Kevin Staszko for more information at 650-365-0140 or Kevin@pius.org

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all St. Pius parishioners and friends for all your prayers and good wishes during my time of illness. Thank you so much.
The Eggleston, Patterson, and Cassetta Families

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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| Deacon Steve | Tran Van Trung | Tony Sanchez |
| Guido Zan | Eddie Flores | Terry Chadha |
| Dave Tinsley | Betty Stevenson | David Addiego |
| Madison Kitz | Bob Bergstrom | Nick Isom |
| Melanie Conroy | Rocky Manchester | Dolores Hacker |
| Dee Dee Hacker | Frances Cleary | |

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!

RIDES! FAST AND FUN! You asked for it – we got it! THE KIDS WILL GO WILD WITH THESE NEW ATTRACTIONS or maybe you want to rediscover the kid in you? There will be professional rides for all ages and loads of fun. Plan now to come every day.

PIE EATING CONTEST: New this year is a pie eating contest. Show off your appetite for the sweet stuff.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need NOW of key festival helpers. We need enthusiastic people to chair the following booths: Pizza, Soda (2), Face Painting, Hair Wraps, Frog Jump, Vegas. Get together with a friend and help make this happen. Never volunteered or chaired a booth before? No problem, we'll walk you through it. Please call or email today if you would like to volunteer or know of someone who could help out. 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.

KICKOFF DANCE – Friday, May 30th from 8:30 – 11:30pm with BUSTA GROOVE:
A parish favorite, this fantastic group will get your body movin'. Tickets are \$25.

RIB DINNER – Friday, May 30th, 6:00pm:
Break out of the ordinary this year with a new rib recipe. The ribs are smoked and barbecued to fall off the bone. Rob Hunt and Mark Engelhart are sharing their secret recipe with us.

AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED: We would love to get some fabulous items for the silent auction 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.

PAST FESTIVAL PICTURES NEEDED: We need pictures of past festivals to include on the website and also in print flyers. We would love to get pictures showing the great times you've had at the festival in the past. Please call Martha Traynor at (650)367-1250 or email her at traynormartha@comcast.net to make your little ones, or big ones, a star!

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY & ADULT FAITH FORMATION

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Tuesday, March 11, 6-7:30pm

Play Hard, Pray Harder

Video Game & Prayer Ministry
In the Rock House

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday, March 9, 3:30-6pm

Confirmation Large Group Meeting

Homer Crouse Hall

Sunday, March 16, 6:30-8pm

Mission Trip Meeting @ Mt. Carmel

In the church. For Adults & Students Attending Trip

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

www.increaseourfaith.org

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. Mar 3, 10:30-12:30

Second Scrutiny (11:30am Mass)

Sunday, Mar 10, 9:30-11:30am

Third Scrutiny (9:30am Mass)

*For more information on these events, check out our
parish website at www.pius.org or contact Kevin*

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

“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, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. This will be a wonderful afternoon with models from the parish and school showcasing various clothiers’ fashions. A buffet lunch and refreshments will be served. Proceeds for this event will benefit the Women’s Club programs. **Tickets are \$45.00 per person or a table of ten for \$400.00**. 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. Questions? Call the Women’s Club hotline at 364-5204.

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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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.	Mar. 1	5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Mar. 2	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	D'Anne Quinton Spolter
		11:30	Ignatius & Madeline Fauci
		5 pm	Rose Field
Mon.	Mar. 3	6:30	Catherine Lo Grasso
		8 am	Maria Baek (INT)
Tues.	Mar. 4	6:30	Raymond Moynihan
		8 am	Davide Gambelin
Wed.	Mar. 5	6:30	Ana Vrljic
		8 am	Leo Englert
Thurs.	Mar. 6	8am	Lou Zanardi
Fri.	Mar. 7	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Sat.	Mar. 8	8 am	John Wright
		5 pm	Gerald Murphy
Sun.	Mar. 9	8 am	Margaret Martella
		9:30	Andy Dei Rossi
		11:30	Eric Schoenstein
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

Question for Youth: Jesus helped a blind man see—and he helps each of us see the world differently. How do you see differently because you believe?

Question for Adults: Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward

Psalms — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Gospel — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

JOSIE TRUE AWARD

Congratulations to Marilyn Enderson, this year's recipient of the Josie True Award. Marilyn is truly an inspiration to us all and well deserving of this recognition to a woman of dedication and service to St. Pius Parish. I would like to thank Tina Zanoni for coordinating the event and the members of the nominating and brunch committees, Barbara Drake, Barbara Mosso, Liz Philpott, Rita Morton, Adele Sanchez, Belinda Redington, Jane Hirsch, Barbara Parada, Martha Traynor and Mercedes Reshke. Lastly, thank you to Father Jim for his continued support of the Women's Club.

WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING & SKIN CARE PRESENTATION

Please join us at our next Women's Club meeting, **Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30 PM** in Homer Crouse Hall. Parishioner and registered nurse Kathy Wright, having over 20 years of experience, will be sharing a presentation on skin care techniques and the proper way to care for our skin including acne and anti-aging tips. The evening will include cocktails and dinner prepared by Ernie Falk and his crew from the Men's Club. General Members \$15, Seniors \$10. Please **RSVP by Monday, April 7th** by calling the hotline at 650-364-5204, or email us at womensclub@pius.com

MEN'S CLUB

President: Mike Descalso
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 8 PM
Friday 8:30 AM - 3 PM
Saturday 2 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday 9 AM - 2 PM

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Tammy Finato	Sharon Geenen
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