

WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,
MARCH 30, 2008
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



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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POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY DISCUSSION

This will help assist clergy and lay leaders in preparing the faithful of the Archdiocese to vote with a well-informed Catholic conscience in the November 4, 2008 national election. The Speaker is Ms. Joan Rosenhauer and the Discussion Panel includes Rev. George E. Schultze, SJ, Rev. Msgr. Robert E. McElroy, and George Wesolek. This is **Thursday, April 3**, Cathedral of St. Mary, St. Francis Hall, **12 noon - 3 pm, 1111 Gough St., S. F.** To RSVP fax: 415) 614-5568 or email: publicpolicy@sfarchdiocese.org

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$85,006.00 from 273 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$127,900. This represents 66% of our goal. Thank you for your generous response.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults at St. Pius who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to participate in the Diocesan Confirmation program. The program involves an interview and one Tuesday evening and one Saturday class in April (Sat April 5 OR 26, and Tues. April 15 OR 30) Confirmation can then be received at St. Pius on April 23rd or on May 11th at the Cathedral. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Kevin Staszko at 650-365-0140 or Kevin@pius.org.

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, **Wednesday, April 30, at 6 pm.** After the reception the Seniors (without parents) will attend dinner in Homer Crouse Hall. **PLEASE CALL 361-1411 TO RSVP BY TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:

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SUNDAY COLLECTION

2007-2008 Fiscal Year as of 3/16/08
Budgeted \$401,923.34
Actually received \$419,921.34
\$17,998.00

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

This weekend is the 5th Sunday for the St. Vincent de Paul collection. Since our last appeal 3 months ago we have served 45 families, given out 140 bags of food and paid \$4,200 in rent. We have also assisted with furniture, clothes and PG&E. Your assistance in the past has helped us provide aid to the needy members of our Parish. We ask again for contributions and prayers to continue with our ministry. Thank you.

ST. PIUS PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

St. Pius is sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on **Sunday, April 27**, from **8:30 am until 1:00 pm.** There is a huge shortage of blood at our blood banks. Someone you know will need blood at least once during their lifetime. Call Barbara at 361-1411 or email barb@pius.org to make your lifesaving appointment. Please take the time to donate. We need to collect **30 pints** of blood. **One pint can save three lives!**

SAVE THE DATE - WOMEN'S RETREAT

This retreat is **April 11 - April 13**, at Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park. Guest speaker, Sister Patricia Bruno, writer of "Stories Seldom Heard", will take us on a journey celebrating women in scripture, remembering women in our lives. Registration forms are available. Call Kristine at 306-9766 or Carolyn at 368-2984.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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| Deacon Steve | Lana Vanderzyl | Helen Masarie |
| Eddie Flores | Su Pham | Frances Cleary |
| Dave Tinsley | Charlotte Kelley | David Addiego |
| Madison Kitz | Lina Tomalino | Jeanne Walsh |
| Richard Baraona | Rocky Manchester | Guido Zan |
| John Wesolowski | Alice DeBie | |

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!

PIE EATING CONTEST: Show off your sweet tooth by joining in the pie eating contest on Sunday, June 1st at 3:00pm. For only a \$5 entry fee, you can eat your heart out and possibly win all the prize money.

WE NEED YOU TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL A SUCCESS: Join in the fun, fill those service hours early and reconnect with old friends. We need volunteers now in order to commit to opening certain booths. The festival needs volunteers of all ages and skills in many areas, but we especially need people to step up to running the following booths: Nachos, Soda, Hair Wraps (we will not be able to bring this back this year, unless some one steps up), Merchandise (this person runs the "toy" room for the children to redeem their prize tickets), Ticket Sales for professional rides (this booth will be on the lawn, where you'll share the smiles from children anxious to get on our newest attractions), Children's Games (train for next year, shadow this year's Chairs). Help us keep these great items in the festival. 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.

ALUMNI: You should have received in the mail a personal invitation to come and get involved at this year's festival. What a great way to rekindle old friendships. Let us know if you have a group together and we'll give you a gathering place at the festival to meet and catch-up.

WOMEN'S CLUB IS SPONSORING THE FESTIVAL'S FRIENDSHIP BOOTH:

The Friendship Booth consists of donated items. Please consider donating any items you no longer use such as toys, games, stuffed animals, household goods or anything that is still clean and in like-new condition. We also need plant cuttings, potted plants or other garden items. This booth was always so popular in the past during the many years it was run by the Seniors. Let's keep it going. Your donations can make a huge difference. Volunteers are also needed. Please contact Carolyn Moyer at 299-1656.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

Our next meeting will be on Friday April 4th at the Senior Room. Please bring a friend. We welcome new members.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

www.increaseourfaith.org

Contact Kevin Staszko at

Kevin@pius.org or 365-0140

THEOLOGY BY THE GLASS

Join us each month for GREAT wine and an ENGAGING speaker at the Savvy Cellar, 2048 Broadway in Redwood City, www.savvycellar.com

Sunday, April 13th @ 7pm

Fr. Dan Danielson

Evangelization? Why Should I Care?

Sunday, May 18th @ 7 pm

Fr. George Schultze, SJ

HDJW: How Did Jesus Work?

DEEPEN YOUR FAITH

Join us in Homer Crouse Hall for an engaging speaker, and in-depth discussion.

Wednesday, April 30th @ 7pm

Anna Horen, What makes us Catholic?

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Kevin Staszko

Kevin@pius.org or 365-0140

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Tuesday, April 1, 15, 29, 6-7:30pm

Play Hard, Pray Harder

Video Game & Prayer Ministry

In the Rock House

HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

Sunday, April 13, 3pm-6pm

Confirmation Large Group Meeting

Meet in Church – Note Earlier Time

3-4pm Communal Penance Service

4-5pm Confirmation Rehearsal

5-6pm Mass

MISSION TRIP

Sunday, April 13, 10am-Noon

Mission Trip Meeting @ St. Pius

In Homer Crouse Hall.

For Adults & Students Attending Trip

A SEASON OF JOY

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers" (Acts 2:42). This first line of today's first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

Second Reading — God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

SCHEDULED MASSES

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| Sat. | Mar. 29 | 5 pm | Antonio Giovanzana |
| Sun. | Mar. 30 | 8 am | Nadine Franceschini |
| | | 9:30 | Andy Dei Rossi |
| | | 11:30 | Claire Crosse |
| | | 5 pm | People of St. Pius |
| Mon. | Mar. 31 | 8 am | Olivia Dei Rossi |
| Tues. | Apr. 1 | 8 am | Peter Granara |
| Wed. | Apr. 2 | 8 am | Cinquini Family |
| Thurs. | Apr. 3 | 8 am | Special Intention |
| Fri. | Apr. 4 | 8 am | Leo T. Englert |
| Sat. | Apr. 5 | 8 am | Alice Mitchell |
| | | 5 pm | Cortopassi Family |
| Sun. | Apr. 6 | 8 am | James Lucey |
| | | 9:30 | Denis Murphy |
| | | 11:30 | Alfred Pfennig |
| | | 5 pm | People of St. Pius |

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?

WOMEN'S CLUB APRIL GENERAL MEETING AND NETWORKING SOCIAL

The Women's Club invites you to participate in our Annual Women's Networking Social on **Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm**. Come share with our community products or services you offer, or any special interest or group affiliations. A limited number of display tables will be available. Contact Yvette Gilardi for more information at 650-369-0138 or e-mail her at

yvettegilardi@comcast.net. Also, during this meeting we will be holding election for the 2008-2009 Board. We will be serving a delicious Italian dinner, prepared by members Lisa Maskarich and Laura Vargas, along with cocktails. General member \$15, Seniors \$10. All 1st time attendees who RSVP by April 7th will receive their first dinner meeting free. Please **RSVP for the General Meeting by Monday, April 7th by calling the hotline at 650-364-5204 or email us at womensclub@pius.org**.

DIVORCE RECOVERY COURSE

This course provides a chance to understand the emotional journey begun with the loss of a relationship and to heal the pain from that loss. It will be held for *seven* Sunday evenings *beginning March 30* and will meet at **St. Bartholomew Church in the Spirituality Center in the Parish Hall, 600 Columbia Drive, San Mateo, 7 - 9 pm**. The cost of \$45 covers books and materials. Call Vonnie at 873-4236 or Toni at 367-9335.

FALL PREVENTION CLASSES

This **FREE** class is brought to you by **Sequoia Hospital Health & Wellness Center**. During each class they will discuss key risk factors for falls and how to reduce these risks. Each class also includes simple exercises designed to help increase balance, strength and coordination. Call 367-5991 to register.

MEN'S CLUB

President: Mike Descalso
mgd@greenechauvel.com
VP: Tom Giannini
Secretary: Mike Maskarich
Treasurer: Harry Bedigian

WOMEN'S CLUB

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Treasurer: Gina Clark 369-7072

PTG BOARD

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Treasurer: Bridget West

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

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| Tammy Finato | Sharon Geenen |
| Mike Descalso | Daniel Mendoza |
| Katie Stafford-Eady | Karen Elmore |
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| Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell | Mel Sigona |
| Mary Houweling | Katie Stafford-Eady |
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