

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,
August 24, 2008
Twenty-first
Sunday of Ordinary
Time



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

Daily Mass: 8:00 am
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

Parish Staff

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	jim@pius.org
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Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	361-1411	
Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate	361-1411	
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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Religious Education Classes (CCD) will begin the first week in October on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45 pm and on Sundays following 9:30 am mass from 10:30-11:30 am. **Registration will take place during the month of September** after all weekend masses. All registrants must have a baptismal certificate on file, or baptismal date if baptized at St. Pius Church.

Catechists are needed to assist in classes for K-5 and Middle School. Call Maria @ 368-0429 or email maria@pius.org to volunteer and for training.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Sacramental Preparation for all parish children will begin in October and continue through the first week of May 2009. Registration for will take place during September.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin once again in September. The program will be available for 3-5 year old and 5-11 year old children during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass.

Toddler Program for 18 month - 3 year old children will begin in September also during the 9:30am Mass.

Volunteers are needed to support the parents of our parish children with these programs. Adults and high school students who are interested in assisting with this program may call Maria Cornell @ 368-0429 or email maria@pius.org Training will be offered in late August and September.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 8/3/08 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$9,772.13
Cumulative total for year	\$70,931.63
Budgeted	\$76,565.74
Over/(Under) budget	(\$5,634.11)

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2008

Join a beach, creek or bay cleanup! Pick a site. Show up. Clean up. (Trash bags and gloves provided.) Saturday, September 20, 2008, 9 am to noon. Over 30 cleanup locations to choose from in San Mateo County. Visit www.flowstobay.org for a list of beach, creek and bay cleanup locations.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FIFTH SUNDAY

The **weekend of August 30th & 31st** is the 5th Sunday collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Since our last appeal in June we have served approximately 54 families, given out 165 bags of food and paid \$1000 to Lucky stores in food vouchers. We have also paid \$1800 for rent assistance to nine families and furniture vouchers for approximately \$1000 to the St. Vincent de Paul store for 8 families. Your assistance in the past has helped us provide for those in need within our parish boundaries, and we ask again for your donations.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be held on **Sunday, September 14, from 8:30 - 1:30.** Please mark your calendars. If you wish to donate please either call Barbara at 361-1411 or email barb@pius.org As always, thank you for saving lives by your generosity. Donating blood is truly an heroic act.

ST. PIUS GRIEF SUPPORT - FALL SESSION

The Grief Support Group will meet on **Mondays, September 15th - November 17th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**, in the Chapel in the Parish Center. Call St. Pius Grief Ministry at 361-0655 or grief_help@hotmail.com

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Caitlyn Mingo
Shane Kinsella
Adam Kinsella

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Cathy Malabirade	Paul Spiker	Deacon Steve
Dolores Hacker	Dave Gaggero	Kathryn Jamieson
Madison Kitz	Dee Dee Hacker	Pia Cocco
Karen Conaway	Walt Luthi	Paula Sanders
Dolores Gendotti	David Addiego	Alice DeBie
Dee Cereghino	Bob Arshakuni	

ALL NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THIS LIST FOR ONE MONTH. PLEASE CALL AFTER THAT TIME IF YOU WOULD LIKE A NAME OF A PARISHIONER TO REMAIN ON THE LIST, 361-1411. IF WE DO NOT RECEIVE A CALL THE NAME WILL BE REMOVED.

ST. PIUS MUSIC MINISTRY

The St. Pius Choirs will return from their summer break beginning in September. If you are interested in becoming a member of one of our choirs, please contact one of the directors

9:30 am Sunday - Bev Hilliard - 325-4399

(bvhill77@comcast.net) Returning September 7th
1st rehearsal - Thursday, September 4th, at 7:30 pm

11:30 am Sunday - Kathleen Martin - 856-7727

Returning - Sunday, September 14th
1st rehearsal - Tuesday, September 9th, at 7:30 pm

5:00 pm Sunday - Cathy Yee - 361-8205

(catnapy@yahoo.com)
Returning - September 14th
1st rehearsal - Tuesday, September 9th, at 7:00 pm
Be sure to watch for further Music Ministry notices for more information. Welcome back returning members!

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.org

“St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities, generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Pius School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs.”

St. Pius Music Ministry - Children & Youth

Join the fun and come to sing praises to the Lord! We will sing at one Mass a month. Practice starts Sept. 9 at the Fitzsimon Music room. See you there!

Children’s Choir - Tuesdays, 6 p.m.

First Mass - October 5, 2008, 9:30 a.m.

High School Youth Choir -

Tuesdays before 3rd Sun. of the month, 7 p.m.

First Mass - September 21, 2008, 5 p.m.

To St. Pius Parishioners:

Do you play the piano, guitar or any other instrument?

Please consider sharing your gift with the community.

Contact Cathy Yee at 650-361-8295 for information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Women’s Club Dinner/Meeting September 10
- Blood Drive September 14
- Men’s Club Dinner/Meeting September 17
- ICF Polenta Dinner October 18
- Men’s Club Golf Tournament October 25
- Flu/Pneumonia Shots October 26
- PTG Auction November 22
- Men’s Club Tree Lot opens November 28
- Women’s Club Boutique December 7
- Men’s Club Crab Feed January 24
- ICF Crab Cioppino Dinner January 31
- Women’s Club Fashion Show March 21

Small Christian Communities

All individuals and families interested in joining a small Christian community, please remember to fill out the yellow form (available in Parish Center) and return it as soon as possible. If you would like more information about the small Christian communities now forming at St. Pius, call or email Laura at 361-1411 or laura@pius.org.

CUB SCOUT SIGN-UP MTG. - TUES. SEPT. 2ND

St. Pius Cub Scout Pack 110, is having an information and sign-up meeting for all new Cub Scouts, **Tuesday, September 2nd, 6:30 pm, in Homer Crouse Hall.** St. Pius Cub Scouts is open to all school and parish boys in grades 1 through 5. Some of the activities for this year include the annual campout at Boulder Creek, the Pinewood Derby, an overnight stay on the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier, sports activities, and various arts and crafts. Annual fees are \$62.00. For more information or an application, please contact Jim Bujtor, Chairman, at jbujtor@comcast.net or 368-8818 or Larry Weber, Cub Master, at 369-1302.

BE A ROCK

Peter's history as a follower or friend of Jesus is a bit spotty. It might be natural to wonder if Jesus, in giving him the keys to the kingdom, didn't feel a bit like a parent giving a teenager the keys to the family car. But it was at the moment when God's power and presence broke through everything else to raise up Peter's great profession of faith in Christ as Messiah that Jesus chose to establish the bond between the loving, forgiving mercy of heaven and our vocation to be witnesses of that love, mercy, and forgiveness on earth.

Like any parent, Jesus no doubt foresaw the failings, the irresponsible maneuvers or impaired senses, the collisions that the church would be headed for. But, most importantly, he also saw us at that moment as God prefers to see us: capable of manifesting great faith, with a willingness to remain at the feet of Christ to understand what it truly means to be Messiah and Christ. As the letter to the Romans points out to us today, we have not known the mind or the wisdom of God, but God knows us and still chooses to manifest the reign of justice, joy, beauty, and peace through us. Let this be our vocation. Let us always strive to be solid ground on which the church of Jesus Christ can be founded and on which it can continue to be built.

First Reading — Eliakim is destined by God to be a father to those who live in Jerusalem (Isaiah 22:19-23).

Psalm — Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — How deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! (Romans 11:33-36).

Gospel — Jesus asked the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:13-20).

MASSES:

Sat.	Aug. 23	5 pm	Louis Geenen
Sun.	Aug. 24	8 am	Visconti Family
		9:30	Joseph Paalua
		11:30	Ted Pruss
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Aug. 25	8 am	Joseph Jorajuria
Tues.	Aug. 26	8 am	Aldina Corradetti (INT)
Wed.	Aug. 27	8 am	Benjamin Ledesma
Thurs.	Aug. 28	8 am	Alberto Tomalino
Fri.	Aug. 29	8 am	Leo Englert
Sat.	Aug. 30	8 am	Charles Fragulia
		5 pm	Mariano Corradetti
Sun.	Aug. 31	8 am	Livia Granara
		9:30	Special Intention
		11:30	Ted Pruss
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

Question for Children: What are three things you know about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Today's Gospel is about identity & the revealing of Jesus' true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

Question for Adults: If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?

GET READY TO VOTE!

Are you looking for some guidelines as you make your own decisions regarding the upcoming November election? The following conferences are 7:00 - 8:30 pm:

In Spanish:

September 19, Our Lady of Mount Carmel
300 Fulton Street, Redwood City

In English:

September 24, St. Bartholomew, 300 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo

SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED

Would you like support while you travel the road through separation and divorce? The Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of San Francisco now have **TWO** ongoing support groups on the 1st and 3rd week of each month. There is one in the area, St. Bartholomew's Parish, 600 Columbia Drive, San Mateo, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, at 7 pm in the media center. The other is at St. Stephen Parish, San Francisco, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:30 pm. Call Gail at 591-8452, or Joanne at St. Bart's 347-0701, for more information.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

On Friday, August 29th, we are having **a Pot Luck** luncheon. If you would like to join us please bring some food for the lunch and come to the meeting at 10:00 am. We welcome new members!

MEN'S CLUB

President: Tom Giannini
cptg1968@yahoo.com
 First VP: Tom Cortopassi
 Secretary: Brad Naylor
 Treasurer: Peter Dunlavy

WOMEN'S CLUB

President: Carolyn Moyer
womensclub@pius.org
 First VP: Dee Cereghino
 Second VP: Lisa Maskarich
 Rec. Secretary: Barbara Cage
 Treasurer: Michelle Ortiz

PTG BOARD

President: Siobhan Surraco
 VP: Kelli Crowley
 Secretary: Amy Reynolds
 Treasurer: Bridget West

ST. PIUS SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Adele Sanchez, Coordinator
 Meets each Friday in the Senior Room at 10:00 am

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Kit Fragulia, President	Sharon Geenen
Arcie Eppler	Daniel Mendoza
Katie Stafford-Eady	Tom Lunzer
Mel Sigona	Bill McSweeney
Fr. Linh Nguyen	

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**grief_help@hotmail.com**

Katie Stasun	Rich Morton
Linda Beroldo	Rita Morton
Angela Brassinga	Pam Nehrenz
Patty Dana	Dorothy Rottinghaus
Mary Dickinson	Linda Hird
Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell	Mel Sigona
Mary Houweling	Katie Stafford-Eady
Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ	

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