

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,**  
**September 7, 2008**  
**Twenty-Third**  
**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](http://www.increaseourfaith.org)

## Parish Staff

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	<a href="mailto:jim@pius.org">jim@pius.org</a>
Rev. Linh Nguyen, Parochial Vicar	361-1411	<a href="mailto:linh@pius.org">linh@pius.org</a>
Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	361-1411	
Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate	361-1411	
Rita Carroll, Principal, St. Pius School	368-8327	<a href="mailto:saintpiusschool@hotmail.com">saintpiusschool@hotmail.com</a>
Barbara E. Drake, Operations Manager	361-1411	<a href="mailto:barb@pius.org">barb@pius.org</a>
Maria Cornell, Liturgy & Children's Faith Formation/ CCD	368-0429	<a href="mailto:maria@pius.org">maria@pius.org</a>
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Adele Sanchez, Senior Adult Coordinator	361-1411	
Laura Martin-Spencer, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA	361-1411	<a href="mailto:laura@pius.org">laura@pius.org</a>
Elaine Rachko, Youth Minister	365-0140	<a href="mailto:elaine@pius.org">elaine@pius.org</a>

## 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.

**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 during the 9:30am Mass.

**Volunteers are needed** to support the parents of our parish children. 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.

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Lena Rose Argenti

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 8/31/08 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$9,232.50
Cumulative total for year	\$89,345.40
Budgeted	\$98,427.52
Over/(Under) budget	(\$9,082.12)

**RETROUVAILLE - LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE**

This program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It will give you the opportunity to re-discover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulties including disillusionment and deep misery. Call 415) 893-1005 or email:SanFrancisco@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Our next Blood Drive will be held next **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. Drop-ins are also welcome. 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](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:**

- Linda Giannini
- Dave Gaggero

**ADULT SCRIPTURE STUDY COMING SOON!!**

This study is meant to accommodate the beginner as well as challenge those well versed in Scripture to discover even more about God's revelation found in Scripture. Let us learn together as we reflect on God's word. Join us in the Parish Center either every other Tuesday evening from 7-8:30 pm (starting Sept. 16th) or every other Thursday afternoon from 2-3:30 pm (starting Sept. 25th). We will use the book "A Catholic Guide to the Bible" to assist us in an overview of the Bible which you can purchase on the first day of our study. Questions? Call Laura at 361-1411.

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

Cathy Malabirade	Paul Spiker	Deacon Steve
Bob Arshakuni	Pia Cocco	Lorrie Perruso
Patricia Kucker	Walt Luthi	Eddie Flores
Dee Cereghino	Alice DeBie	

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 - 361-8295

(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 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 in 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of the month, 7 p.m.

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

### **To St. Pius Parishioners:**

Do you play the keyboards, guitar or any other instrument? Please consider sharing your gift with the community. Contact Cathy Yee at 650-361-8295 for information.

### **OMBUDSMAN SERVICES OF SAN MATEO**

Are you a volunteer who has compassion for the elderly and interested in serving as an advocate in the long-term facilities? Ombudsmen are trained to monitor facilities, receive, investigate and bring resolution to complaints on behalf of residents. Training begins on September 10, 2008 and involves 40 hours of classroom study followed by a brief internship. Call 349-7008 for more information.

### **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](http://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.”

### **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

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy!

Call Paul & Yvonne at 366-7093 or go to [sf.lovemoredeeply.org](http://sf.lovemoredeeply.org). **Next SF-WWME Weekend: Nov. 7-9, San Mateo.**

### **ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE**

Please check out our website online at

[www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)

## GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchmen placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us.

How desperately difficult it is to be honest with oneself. It is much easier to be honest with other people.

## MASSES:

Sat.	Sept. 6	5 pm	Richard Hilton
Sun.	Sept. 7	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
		9:30	Louis Geenen
		11:30	David Crevelt
		5 pm	Michale Forcari & Reuben Losada
Mon.	Sept. 8	8 am	Olga Cignetti
Tues.	Sept. 9	8 am	Young K. Baek
Wed.	Sept. 10	8 am	Margaret Martella
Thurs.	Sept. 11	8 am	Maria & Fritz Hackel
Fri.	Sept. 12	8 am	Paul Jones
Sat.	Sept. 13	8 am	Jean B. Goyhenetche
		5 pm	Cortopassi family
Sun.	Sept. 14	8 am	J.B. Moore & Christine Reese
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	Norma Pinotti
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

Question for Children: What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

Question for Adults: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.

## SPECIAL MASS AT ST. MARY'S

This mass at St. Mary's, **Sunday, October 26th**, at 3:30 pm is for anyone of all ages who has been victimized in any way through crime, abuse, and violence. It is also for secondary victims, the families and friends of those traumatized and voiceless.

Contact Patricia Ribeiro at [ribeiro@sfarchdiocese.org](mailto:ribeiro@sfarchdiocese.org) or 415)614-5570 for more information.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Warn the wicked, trying to turn them from their ways (Ezekiel 33:7-9).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Owe nothing to anyone, except mutual love (Romans 13:8-10).

**Gospel** — If two agree about anything for which they pray, it shall be granted to them (Matthew 18:15-20).

## SENIOR SERVICES - TRIP PROGRAM

This program is in need of volunteer drivers. Would you like to help Seniors who no longer drive meet their transportation needs? Rides are provided at no cost to the Seniors and drivers are reimbursed \$.052 per mile, while transporting a qualified Senior. For more information call 780-7540 or 780-7546.

## RECRUITMENT FOR ST. MARY'S CHOIR

September is recruitment month for the St. Mary's Cathedral Choir of boys and girls. The choir is free of charge and open to any boys or girls in grades 3 through 8. Prior experience is not necessary. Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at the cathedral, where the choir also sings about twice a month for Masses and various special events. For more information all Dr. Christoph Tietze at 415)567-2020, ext. 213.

**MEN'S CLUB**

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

**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

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

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

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**

**[grief\\_help@hotmail.com](mailto: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

**PTG BOARD**

President: Siobhan Surraco  
VP: Kelli Crowley  
Secretary: Amy Reynolds  
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

**ST. PIUS SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB**

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

**FESTIVAL CHAIRS**

Keith Hipsher Carol Sheetz