

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
September 14, 2008  
Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross**



## 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

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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.

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM:**

**Next Sunday is Ministry Sunday** for St. Pius Parish. Parishioners will have an opportunity to learn more about our parish ministries and organizations. Members of the various organizations will be found outside of Church and will offer you information and an opportunity for you to sign up, as they need help to continue their service to the parish and the secular community.

Those who are already active in St. Pius parish have had opportunities to deepen their faith and make new friends. Doing something for others and for the community is a great way to feel at home in the parish and to form deep friendships.

Father Andrew Greeley, in a recent article in Commonweal magazine, identifies friendship networks among Catholics as one of the signs of life and hope in our present day Catholic Church. He writes:

“Friendship networks among Catholics are strong manifestations of Catholic community. In my current study of the Archdiocese of Chicago, I have discovered that 44% of Catholics say their five best friends are also Catholic, an almost tribal manifestation of community. There is evidence of this phenomenon in other dioceses. Being Catholic correlates positively with loyalty to the church, Mass attendance, sympathy for the clergy and respect for leaders, agreement that Catholics should listen to papal teaching on war, activity in the parish and other measures of affiliation, and financial contributions. Andrew Greeley, “Signs of Life, a Sociologist looks Ahead” Commonweal, August 15, 2008, p.19.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Blood Drive is this **Sunday, September 14, from 8:30 - 1:30.** Come over after all the Masses on Sunday (except the 5 pm). Drop-ins are welcome. We need more donors!

**MEN’S CLUB GENERAL MEETING/DINNER**

The St. Pius Men’s Club invites all men of the parish to attend our first monthly meeting. This dinner/meeting will be held on Wednesday, **September 17th**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 pm, with dinner to follow. Questions? E-mail Mike Desccalso at: mgd@greechauvel.com

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 9/7/08 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday’s collection	\$12,153.00
Cumulative total for year	\$101,498.40
Budgeted	\$109,358.41
Over/(Under) budget	(\$7,860.01)

**PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND-SEPT. 20 & 21**

We have 74 retired Archdiocesan priests living in the area. During active ministry, priests receive a salary, room and board. Once retired they begin receiving a pension from the Archdiocese reflecting their years of service, along with a Social Security check. Pension and Social Security together may not equal the amount they earned in active years. Thank you for your support.

**Youth Ministry**

**I was recently hired to coordinate the Youth Ministry and Confirmation programs here. I will be at all masses this weekend to introduce myself.**

Our first **Youth Mass** will be **September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00PM.** We hope to lead the parish in a vibrant celebration. We’re looking for junior and senior high school teens to participate. There are many ways to be involved. Call me if you can be here. If you would like to sing in our youth choir, the next practice is **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m.** in the Fitzsimon music room.

The purpose of Youth Ministry is for the Christian community to respond to the needs of the young people and the sharing of the unique gifts of those youth with the larger community. To advance youth ministry here at St. Pius, I would love to meet with those interested in ministry to youth to vision together (youth, parents, others). If ministry to teens and their families is important to you, please come **September 29<sup>th</sup>, to Homer Crouse at 6:30PM.** There are many opportunities to grow in faith while sharing your own. I welcome your ideas and input.

Please join with me in prayer for a ministry that engages, inspires, and empowers youth for discipleship and active membership in the church.

Peace and Blessings, Elaine Rachko  
650-365-0140 and Elaine@pius.org

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

Lloyd Knudsen	Paul Spiker	Deacon Steve
Bob Arshakuni	Pia Coco	Lorrie Perruso
Patricia Kucker	Walt Luthi	Eddie Flores
Dee Cereghino	Alice DeBie	Karen Conaway
Dave Tinsley	Dee Dee Hacker	Dolores Hacker

**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.**

**FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN (CCD)**

**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 to volunteer.

**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** The program will be available for 3-5 year old and 5-11 year old children during the 9:30 am Sunday Mass and begins Oct. 12.

**Toddler Program** for 18 month - 3 year old children will begin in October 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 on September 28, at 10:45 am in Room 5.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

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 28

**RUN THE GOLDEN GATE & HELP A CHILD BEAT CANCER**

Join the St. Jude Heroes team - a nationwide group of everyday athletes with a common goal of finding cures and saving children. Whether you're a runner or a walker you can join the St. Jude Heroes team and cross the Golden Gate Bridge in the US Half Marathon on November 2nd! To register or for more information, please call 1(800) 701-4443 or visit [www.stjudeheroes.org](http://www.stjudeheroes.org)

**"Come and See,  
and they left their nets and followed"** Matthew 4:18-20

**Attention!  
High School Youth**

- You are invited to "come and see" by joining with other young people preparing to celebrate Confirmation
- Confirmation welcomes us, deepens our friendship with God, and strengthens us for
  - our mission as disciples.
- Youth will be learning and growing as they join together to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament
- The preparation program will begin October 19<sup>th</sup> with an orientation for candidates and their parents
- Registration materials are available on our website

• [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)

For more information call Elaine 650 365-0140 or email Elaine@pius.org

**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.

**ST. PIUS SENIORS (FRIENDSHIP GROUP)**

On Friday, September 19th, we are going to Harry's Hofbrau for lunch. Please call Adele at 366-3646 if you would like to join us. On Friday, September 26th, the 1st grade class is hosting lunch for the Seniors. We are very fortunate to have some of our lunches with the students of St. Pius because we really enjoy being with the children.

## CHRIST'S HUMILITY

Our age has been called the Age of Entitlement. We seem to have lost the ability to distinguish between needs and wants. Advertisers frequently urge consumers to grasp at more and more goods because "you deserve it." Our expectation of reward seems to be disproportionately high for the effort we put forth to earn it. Certainly everyone deserves the basic rights of human life: food, clothing, shelter, freedom, and peace. But this language of deserving doesn't seem to be applied to these things. It is inevitably appended to the desire for luxuries, honors, and riches. It seems to be designed to appeal to our greed rather than our need.

In that context, Paul's simple statement about the humility of Christ stands in stark contrast: "Christ Jesus . . . did not regard equality with God something to be grasped" (Philippians 2:6). And how did he humble and abase himself? By becoming human, one of us. What could we possibly think ourselves entitled to?

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, they lived (Numbers 21:4b-9).

**Psalms** — Do not forget the works of the Lord! (Psalm 78).

**Second Reading** — Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped (Philippians 2:6-11).

**Gospel** — God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that those who believe might have eternal life.

## MASSES:

Sat.	Sept. 13	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
Mon.	Sept. 15	8 am	Rose Zanardi
Tues.	Sept. 16	8 am	George Gaddi
Wed.	Sept. 17	8 am	Aldina Corradetti (INT)
Thurs.	Sept. 18	8 am	Don Goold
Fri.	Sept. 19	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Sat.	Sept. 20	8 am	Thomas Lundie
		5 pm	Robert Eggleston
Sun.	Sept. 21	8 am	Jean B. Goyhenetche
		9:30	Mariano Corradetti
		11:30	Andy Dei Rossi
		5 pm	Angelina Caviglia

Question for Children: What sacrifices do you make for your friends and family whom you love?

Question for Youth: Jesus challenges us to forgive. Who needs your forgiveness? From whom do you need to ask forgiveness?

## SPECIAL VICTIMS 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.

## Where Can 4 Million Displaced Persons Find Homes? The Iraqi Refugee Crisis

The Western Dominican Justice Promoters invite you to join them on Saturday, October 4, 9 am to 4 pm for a day of study and action at St. Mary Magdalen Parish, 2005 Berryman St. in Berkeley. Speakers include Sr. Arlene Flaherty who traveled to Syria and Lebanon with a Catholic Relief Services delegation and met with Iraqi refugees, two Iraqi Dominican sisters, and Fr. John Morris, professor of theology at St. Mary's College in Moraga. Cost: \$20. Bring your lunch. For further info or to RSVP, contact Sr. Stella Goodpasture (510) 261-2349 or [stellamsj@igc.org](mailto:stellamsj@igc.org)

## 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  
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**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**WOMEN'S CLUB**

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**PTG BOARD**

President: Siobhan Surraco  
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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

**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