

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,
November 30, 2008
First Sunday
of Advent**



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

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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.

FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PIUS

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalms — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

Question for Children: What special things do you do to get ready for a visitor at your house? What things can you do like that to get ready for Jesus?

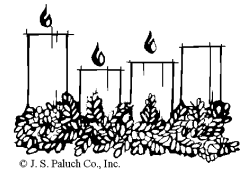
Question for Youth: What is one thing that you can do this week to help you remember that Jesus is coming?

Question for Adults: When you're getting ready to receive a guest, what are some things you do? How do you apply this to receiving Christ?

ST. PIUS MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Mark your calendars for the parish retreat for men to be held on **February 6th, 7th, & 8th** at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. Additional information to come in the bulletin soon.

ST. PIUS PARISH HOSTS



ADVENT :

A TIME OF WAITING -

Thursday, December 11th, 7 - 8:30 pm

The evening will include the following: music, reflections, table discussions, sessions for children, teens, and adults, prayer, dessert & more.

All are invited to this evening of prayer, reflection, and communal celebration at St. Pius Church.

To RSVP with the number attending and ages of children or for more information, please call St. Pius Faith Formation at 368-0429 or email Laura@pius.org

Confirmation

Our confirmation candidates were blessed by the community last Sunday during the 5PM mass. *Prayer cards* with their names on them will be available on the rail in Church at all masses this weekend so that each of you may take a card to pray for one of them during their formation journey, ending with the Sacrament on April 25th. Intercessory prayer is very powerful. It is a way that we can all minister to our candidates. We may never know the exact results of our prayer, but we trust that God is hearing us and responding, perhaps in the exact way we asked; or God's mysterious ways may act toward another good that is beyond our wisdom. But with prayer, we can be assured of success every time.

Sponsor Responsibility sheets as well as *Sponsor and Parent Handbooks* have been added to our website under Confirmation. See www.pius.org Copies are also available at the office along with *Know Your Faith Booklets* for candidates.

Youth Ministry

Helpful articles on parenting teens have been added to our website.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - 5TH SUNDAY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is having their 5th Sunday collection on **November 29th & 30th**, after all the Masses. Since our last collection in August we have provided assistance to 102 families, given over 240 bags of groceries (not including Thanksgiving), and paid rent to 15 families in the amount of \$5200.00.

Your assistance in the past helps us provide for those within our parish boundaries. We also ask for your prayers for those we assist and for the continuance of our work.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 11/16/08 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$10,676.89
Cumulative total for year	\$209,778.79
Budgeted	\$218,667.31
Over/(Under) budget	(\$8,888.52)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - SOUP DRIVE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs donations of canned soup for the holidays. Please help if you can and put your soup donations in the collection boxes located at the doors of the church. Thank you.

WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE

This annual event showcases many artisans and crafts vendors with gift ideas for the family, home or that something special just for you. There will also be entertainment, delicious food and a raffle with wonderful prizes! Admission is free! Please join us on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH FROM 10AM TO 5 PM**. This will be held at St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Road, Redwood City. For more information call 364-5204 or **email womensclub@pius.org**

ST. PIUS FRIENDSHIP SENIORS

Our next meeting is December 5th. We are always interested in new members. You are invited to come to the next meeting and bring a friend or neighbor.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The masses on **Monday, December 8th** are:
6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:10 and 6:30 pm

ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER AUDITIONS (SPYPT)

There will be a *mandatory* parent meeting on **Monday, January 5th, 2009, 7 - 7:45 pm**, in Homer Crouse Hall. A parent or guardian must be present in order for your child to participate in auditions on Thursday. There is a \$75.00 fee per child due at this meeting.

Auditions for SPYPT will be on **Thursday, January 8, 2009, 7 - 8 pm**, in the Fitzsimon Center gym. St. Pius Parish children in grades Third - Seniors in high school, are welcome. The performance will be **April 16th, 17th, 18th, & 19th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Meaghan Brennan at **x5brennans@yahoo.com** or 299-9310.

"GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS"

For those who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be difficult! St. Pius Grief Ministry is offering a **"GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS"** workshop **December 8 and 15, 2008, in the Parish Center at 7:00 PM**. Presenters are: Rich and Rita Morton and Sr. Suzanne Lassagne, *RSCJ*
for more information contact grief ministry: 650-361-0655 or e mail: grief_help@hotmail.com

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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| Dee Cereghino | David Addiego | Deacon Steve |
| Donald Theis | Nancy Goold | Patricia Kucker |
| Eddie Flores | Dave Tinsley | Chuck Byrns |
| Pat Dixon | Madison Kitz | Paul Spiker |
| Mary Ann Brandt | Mike Pieretti | Lloyd Knudsen |
| Sebastian Moustirats | | Sally Cody |

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Men's Club Tree Lot opens	November 28
Women's Club Boutique	December 7
Advent Penance Service	December 15, 11 am
	Mt. Carmel
Advent Penance Service	December 15, 7 pm
	(St. Pius)
Men's Club Crab Feed	January 24
ICF Crab Cioppino Dinner	January 31
Men's Club Retreat	February 6 - 8
Women's Club Retreat	March 13 - 15
Women's Club Fashion Show	March 28
Confirmation	April 25, 5 pm
Parish Festival	June 5,6,7

MARROW DONOR DRIVE - DECEMBER 7TH

Sebastian Moustirats is a 1 1/2 year old grandchild of one of our parishioners who was born with a rare immune deficiency syndrome and is in desperate need of a marrow transplant. In the next two months Sebastian will be getting multiple platelet transfusions weekly which help him stay alive until he finds his perfect marrow match. You only need to be between the ages of 18 and 60 and will get a small cheek swab sample. This is on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM, IN HOMER CROUSE HALL.** Monetary donations are needed and we ask for a donation of \$25.00 to enter the registry. For more information call Magda Silva at (510) 301-9512 or

1 (800) MARROW-2 or www.savsebby.com

OH, MY DARLIN' CLEMENTINE

The Sixth Grade is taking orders for Clementine Mandarin Oranges to raise funds for their Outdoor Education. Orders must be turned in by **Monday, December 8th, 1 box= 5 lbs for \$10.00.** Call the school at 368-8327.

RETROUVAILLE - LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

This program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover 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.

MASSES: THIS WEEK

Sat.	Nov. 29	5 pm	Albin Cwalina
Sun.	Nov. 30	8 am	Evelyn Gerth
		9:30	Ernie Falk
		11:30	Eric Schoenstein
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Dec. 1	8 am	Juan Carlos Camposeco
Tues.	Dec. 2	8 am	Ponciano Melo
Wed.	Dec. 3	8 am	Jean Goyhenetche
Thurs.	Dec. 4	8 am	Jennifer Copeland and Bud Thorpe
Fri.	Dec. 5	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Sat.	Dec. 6	8 am	Claire Sans
		5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Dec. 7	8 am	Nello Lombardi
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	Eric Schoenstein
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

SERRA HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE

Junipero Serra High School will have their Annual Open House Program for elementary school students, parents, and friends on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, at 7:00 pm.** The entrance exam will be given on **Saturday, January 10, 2009,** from 8:30 am to 11:50 am. Applications for next fall's freshman class are currently available on the school's website at www.serrahs.com Serra is located at 451 West 20th Avenue in San Mateo and the phone is 345-8207.

COAT COLLECTION - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Cooler weather has arrived. During December, St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting coats and jackets for the homeless men and women who come to the St. Vincent de Paul desk at the Fair Oaks Community Center. Last year's donations helped a lot of people stay warm. We ask for donations of coats for adult men and women only. Especially needed are men's large sizes (XL and XXL). Please place your donated items in the marked box at the entrance of the church.

COLLECTION OF YOPLAIT YOGURT LIDS

Collect your **pink Yoplait Yogurt lids** and save lives. Yoplait donates 10 cents per lid to the Susan B. Komen for the Cure (Breast Cancer). You can bring the lids to the Parish Center **until December 19th.** Thank you.

MEN'S CLUB

President: Tom Giannini
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Secretary: Brad Naylor
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey

WOMEN'S CLUB

President: Carolyn Moyer
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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, Chair Sharon Geenen
Mike Descalso, Co-Chair Joe Krauss
Arcie Eppler Tom Lunzer
Katie Stafford-Eady Bill McSweeney
Mel Sigona Sue Burns
Fr. Linh Nguyen Karen Chang
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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

FESTIVAL CHAIRS

Keith Hipsher Carol Sheetz