

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2008 SECOND 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

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[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.

## FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PIUS

### NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

**Psalms** — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

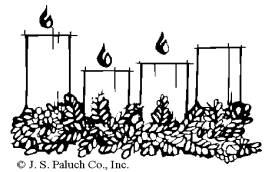
**Second Reading** — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

**Gospel** — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

Question for Children: How do you experience God taking care of you, even in times of trouble?

Question for Youth: John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week?

Question for Adults: When you hear Isaiah comfort the people by promising that God is like a shepherd who gathers the lambs into his arms, what is your response?



### A TIME OF WAITING

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**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](mailto:Laura@pius.org)

### **Christmas Eve Family Mass**

at **5:00pm** ...School age children K-3rd grades are invited to be angels and shepherds, students in 3-8 and high school 9-12 grades are invited to sing in the choir, adults are invited too! There are also opportunities for reading, gift bearers, ushers, greeters, and a few narration roles. Those interested, please phone Maria at 368-0429 or email [Maria@pius.org](mailto:Maria@pius.org).

**Rehearsal will take place at 3:30pm on Monday, December 22.**

### **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.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**The following are the Masses for December 8th:**  
6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:10 and 6:30 pm

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

The priests from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Pius will be available for confessions on **Monday, December 15th**. There will be a Communal Penance at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 11:00 am on **Monday, December 15th** and at **St. Pius Church at 7:00 pm on Monday, December 15th**.

**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](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com)

**ST. PIUS CRAB FEED**

This annual dinner is on **Saturday, January 24, 2009**. The doors open at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 8 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person, the same as last year. If you have questions or would like tickets call Mark at 365-4029.

**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.

**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](http://www.savsebby.com)

**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**.

**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.

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

Dee Cereghino	David Addiego	Deacon Steve
Donald Theis	Nancy Goold	Patricia Kucker
Eddie Flores	Dave Tinsley	Sally Cody
John Smith	Tony Sanchez	Ernie Perazzo
Dee Dee Hacker	Lloyd Knudsen	Madison Kitz
Sebastian Moustirats		

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 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.

**ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

*The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* tells us that "the people of God, as represented by the local Church, should understand and show by their concern that the initiation of adults is the responsibility of all the baptized. Therefore the community must always be fully prepared in the pursuit of its apostolic vocation to give help to those who are searching for Christ. In the various circumstances of daily life, even as in the apostolate, all the followers of Christ have the obligation of spreading the faith according to their abilities. Hence, the entire community must help the candidates and the catechumens throughout the process of initiation."

Let us pray for Annie Rathjen and Lisa Devine who begin their formal formation into the Catholic Church during the Rite of Welcoming this weekend at the Sunday 5:00 pm Mass. During this rite, the candidates, whom are already one with us in baptism, will publicly declare their intention to enter fully into our way of life through Eucharist and Confirmation. The Church represented by the St. Pius community will welcome the candidates and pledge to support them on their journey.

**CHRISTMAS TREE LOT**

The Men's Club invites everyone to come to the tree lot & select your tree. Our volunteers are here to assist you on weekends 9 am - 9 pm and weekdays 3 pm - 9 pm. We have several large trees available and we deliver. All proceeds benefit the parish community. If you can help please call Tom Giannini at 207-0017. Merry Christmas from the Men's Club.

**MASSES: THIS WEEK**

Sat.	Dec. 6	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
Mon.	Dec. 8	6:30am	Gilbert Samano
		8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
		9:30	Helen M. Anzulewicz
		12:10	Ernie Falk
		6:30pm	Marco & Lidia Roman (INT)
Tues.	Dec. 9	8 am	Margaret Martella
Wed.	Dec. 10	8 am	Gloria Saufley
Thurs.	Dec. 11	8 am	Helen Cady
Fri.	Dec. 12	8 am	Ernie Falk
Sat.	Dec. 13	8 am	Sharon Damato
		5 pm	Helen McCracken
Sun.	Dec. 14	8 am	Gilbert Samano
		9:30	Harmon Burns
		11:30	Eric Schoenstein
		5 pm	Vince McLorg

**SCHOOL TOURS**

Please visit St. Pius School for a tour and learn about our community and the excellent education we offer.

Tours will begin in the foyer of Fitzsimon Center at 8:30 am on December 10, January 14, January 28, and February 5.

*St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be a 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, athletic and other school administered programs.*

**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.

**MEN'S CLUB**

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

**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, 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

**parishcouncil@pius.org**

**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

**FESTIVAL CHAIRS**

Keith Hipsher    Carol Sheetz