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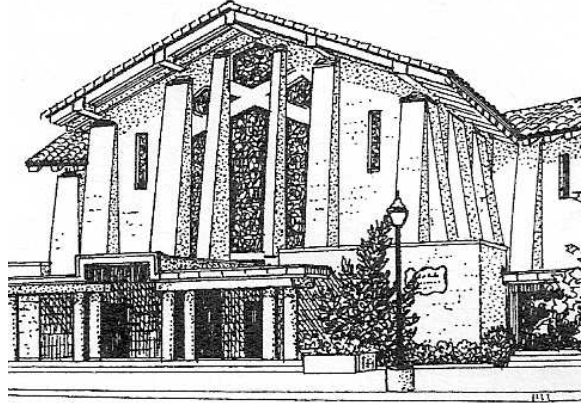
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COMMENTS:

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, DECEMBER 28, 2008 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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

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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

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-7,12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Live a life of heartfelt love; be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).



YOUTH MINISTRY

As part of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops charter for the protection of children and young people called **Promise to Protect, Pledge to Heal**, the Archdiocese of San Francisco has put new programs into place for teens in Catholic Schools and in parish Religious Education programs. We value the trust you put in us in placing your children in our care. Keeping them safe is of utmost importance to us. If your child is enrolled in a Catholic School, they will be getting this training there. If they are not, we ask you to have them take the following on-line course.

Grades 9-12: Teen Safety Online Training Course:

To access the course (you will need a PC or Mac and internet access) go to shieldthevulnerable.org. Choose 1st Time Diocese Signup. Choose San Francisco Archdiocese, and then continue. (Parents may screen the program as an Adult if you choose.) The course takes about 1 hour. Students can pause and resume anytime. Just remember your Login-ID and Password. Youth will learn to identify different types of harm, deal with physical and sexual violence, enforce personal boundaries, practice safe internet use, understand relationships with adults, reject negative media influences and know the importance of respecting the dignity of self and others. If you do not wish your child(ren) to participate in the program, please let us know. Email me at Elaine@pius.org

CONFIRMATION

Our **Confirmation Retreat** is **January 11, 2009** at St. Patrick's Seminary **9:30AM – 6:00PM**. Our guest musician will be Greg Walton (see below for more info about Greg). If you haven't paid yet, retreat fees (\$50) are due now! See our website for the complete schedule.

YOUTH MINISTRY

You are invited to a free Greg Walton concert on January 9th at 7:00 pm at St. Charles Parish in San Carlos. Greg is a recording artist with Spirit and Song, and has performed at Archdiocesan youth events. To find out more about Greg and to hear his music go to www.gregwalton.com. For more information contact Elaine@pius.org or **650 365-0140**.

YOUNG PEOPLES THEATER AUDITIONS
DRUM ROLL PLEASE...THIS YEARS PLAY WILL BE "BYE BYE BIRDIE"

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on **Monday, January 5th, from 7pm-7:45pm** in Homer Crouse hall. A parent or guardian must be present at the meeting in order for their child to participate in auditions on Thursday. There will also be a \$75 fee per child to participate in the play, due at the parent meeting. Please contact me at 650-299-9310 or x5brennans@yahoo.com. If the \$75 is an issue we will work something out. I want all children who want to participate in the play to be able to do so. Please contact me before auditions if this is an issue.

Auditions for SPYPT will be on **Thursday, January 8th, from 7pm-8pm** in the gym. St. Pius Parish children grades 3rd-12th are welcome. Performances will be April 16, 17, 18 and 19. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Meaghan Brennan at 650-299-9310 or x5brennans@yahoo.com.

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY

A committee is being formed to explore ideas for a new, updated Parish Directory. If you are interested in working on the design, development, or implementation of this project, please contact any member of the Parish Council or Bill McSweeney at 650-367-0405 or wfmcsweeney@gmail.com.

St. Pius School will be celebrating service during this year's national Catholic School's Week, January 25 - February 1. There will be an **Open House following the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 25**. Please join the teachers, staff and students to tour the school and learn more about the curriculum and student life. The school is currently accepting applications for the 2009-2010 school year. You may pick up an application in the school office or download one at 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."

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. Thank you.

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. Pasta will be available for those who do not eat crab. If you have questions or would like tickets call Mark at 365-4029.

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.

JOSIE TRUE RECIPIENT - PAULINE BERRY

St. Pius Parish congratulates Pauline Berry on winning the Josie True Award. Thank you, Pauline, for your work and dedication to St. Pius over the years. You are truly a worthy recipient.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Jim Cleary	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
Lorrie Perruso	Mike Pieretti	
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.

WALK FOR LIFE - JAN. 24 - SAN FRANCISCO

Join thousands of pro-life women, men, families and friends as they take to the streets of San Francisco proclaiming that 'Abortion Hurts Women' and 'Women Deserve Better than Abortion'. This begins at **11:00 am, Sat., January 24th, at Justin Herman Plaza lawn** at the Embarcadero and ends at the Marina Green. For more information call 415) 586-1576 or email:info@WalkforLifeWC.com

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S DAY

(not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Thursday, January 1st

Masses: 8:00 and 9:30 am

EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 3rd

Vigil for Sunday: 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 4th

Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO HAVE PASSES AWAY

Tony Sanchez
Ernie Perazzo

SENIOR PEER COUNSELING

Do you ever wish you had someone to talk to?

This counseling offers **free** confidential emotional support, guidance and empathy to older adults facing challenges such as loneliness, depression, grief, isolation from family and friends, and life changes. Counselors are trained older adults who share similar experience, values, wisdom and culture. These services are available to San Mateo County adults, age 55 years or older. Call 403-4300, ext. 4389.

MASSES

Sat.	Dec. 27	5 pm	Enrique Ledesma
Sun.	Dec. 28	8 am	Olga Cignetti
		9:30	Juan Alzugaray
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Tjogas Family
Mon.	Dec. 29	8 am	Albert Tomalino
Tues.	Dec. 30	8 am	Eric Schoenstein
Wed.	Dec. 31	8 am	Randy Cardellini
Thurs.	Jan. 1	8 am	Randy Cardellini
		9:30	Peace & Reconciliation (INT)
Fri.	Jan. 2	8 am	Salvatore Contreras
Sat.	Jan. 3	8 am	Romero Lagunera
		5 pm	Tjogas family
Sun.	Jan. 4	8 am	Gene Koch
		9:30	Ernie Falk
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Randy Cardellini

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 12/14/08 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$10,047.75
Cumulative total for year	\$253,517.18
Budgeted	\$262,390.87
Over/(Under) budget	(\$8,873.69)

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.pius.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Men's Club Crab Feed	January 24
ICF Crab Cioppino Dinner	January 31
Men's Parish 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

HOUSEBOUND, AWAY, ILL?

We want to remind you that our bulletin can be accessed on our website each week at www.pius.org

MEN'S CLUB

President: Tom Giannini
cptg1968@yahoo.com
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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
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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