

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, JANUARY 4, 2009 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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**.

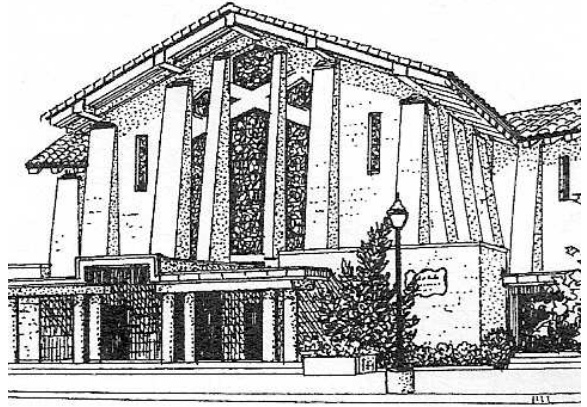
Mass Schedule

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'S PROMISE TO ALL PEOPLE

Today Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and that they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are coheirs, co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; New Year Blessing of the Home; National Migration Week
Monday:	St. John Neumann
Tuesday:	Blessed André Bessette
Wednesday:	St. Raymond of Peñafort; Orthodox Christmas



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YOUTH MINISTRY

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

THEOLOGY BY THE GLASS

Join us for our next *Theology by the Glass* gathering. Get to know others in the parish while enjoying a glass of wine and listening to an engaging speaker. This month Patrick O'Halloran, a psychologist and spiritual director, will speak about "Finding God in All Things." We will meet at **Angelica's Bistro** in downtown Redwood City at **7:00 pm on Thursday, January 15th**. Childcare is available for this event at St. Pius Fitzsimon Center from 5:30 - 9:00 pm, after reserving a spot for your child or children. Childcare space is limited and reservations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call Laura at 361-1411 for more information.

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

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** before auditions if the \$75 is an issue. I want all children who want to participate in the play to be able to do so.

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**.

St. Pius Men's Retreat.

The Parish Men's Retreat will be held on **February 6,7 and 8 at the Vallombrosa Retreat Center** in Menlo Park. All men in the Parish are invited. The cost for meals and a room is \$195 for a single or \$175 for a double room. In order to reserve your place, a deposit of \$50.00 is required. Please forward a check to the St. Pius Men's Club and note on the check that it is for the **Men's Retreat.**

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."

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

Have you Ever Thought About Becoming a

Catholic Priest? This Discernment Retreat will be on **Friday, January 16th, at 4:00 pm to 1:00 pm on January 18th, at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park.** You must be a single male, twenty-one years or older and sponsored by a parish priest or recommended by a Diocesan Vocation Director. All meals and lodging are provided at no cost. For further information call 415) 614-5684 or **mary.vertducci@stpatricksseminary.org** by **January 9, 2009.**

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 SCHOOL - 6TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

The 6th grade will be recycling bottles and cans to raise money for their week of outdoor education at CYO Camp. Please start collecting all your redeemable (items for which you pay a CRV) recycling over the holidays. The collection days are : January 17th, January 31st, February 14th, and February 28th. Please bring your recycling to the Field Kitchen area by Homer Crouse Hall, between 9:30 am and 10:30 am. Questions? Call Don West at 400-5043 (cell) or 366-4148 (home).

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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| Jim Cleary | Bret Knopf | Mike Pieretti |
| Deacon Steve | Donald Theis | Eddie Flores |
| Dave Tinsley | Mary Morton | John Smith |
| Dee Dee Hacker | Lloyd Knudsen | Lorrie Perruso |
| Fran LaCasse | Patricia Kucker | |

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We need strong men and women for home visits. We meet **twice a month, on Tuesday at 7:30 pm**, in the Parish Center. We especially need the able bodied to help pick up food at the Food Bank a few hours a week during the day. We need help delivering food, often upstairs. Once a month, on any **Fifth Sunday**, two members go to the Veteran's Hospital and bring the "Vets" to Mass. Some volunteers staff the Homeless Help desk at the Fair Oaks Center. In these difficult times your financial help is needed by those who have no food or shelter. We need you! Call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

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.

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.	Jan. 3.	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
Mon.	Jan. 5	8 am	Claire Sans
Tues.	Jan. 6	8 am	Oriana Simonetti
Wed.	Jan. 7	8 am	Eric Schoenstein
Thurs.	Jan. 8	8 am	Paul Aiello
Fri.	Jan. 9	8 am	Margaret Martella
Sat.	Jan. 10	8 am	James Lucey
		5 pm	John Gardetto
Sun.	Jan. 11	8 am	Tjogas family
		9:30	Josephine Moureu
		11:30	Aldo & Maria Caccia
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 12/28/08 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$11,469.00
Cumulative total for year	\$275,833.18
Budgeted	\$284,252.65
Over/(Under) budget	(\$8,419.47

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISH-IONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:

Faye Apostol

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
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Secretary: Brad Naylor
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey

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President: Carolyn Moyer
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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
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Arcie Eppler Tom Lunzer
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Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell Mel Sigona
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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