

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009 BAPTISM 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**.

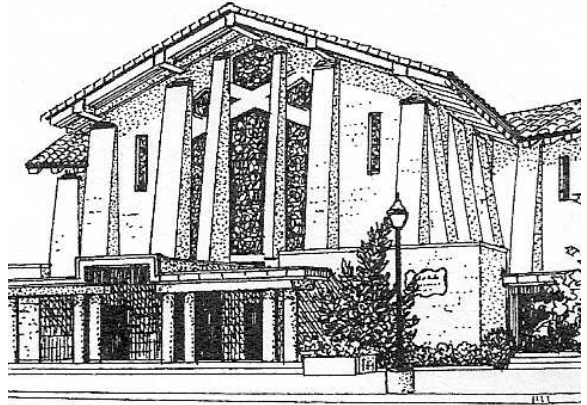
### Mass Schedule

**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](http://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

## THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

When new sod is put in, it needs constant saturation with water. Landscapers say that this “knits” the sod to the soil. The same when a branch is grafted onto a tree: the poultice that joins them at the splice must be kept wet at all times. Water is the stuff that binds the very cells of our bodies together. No wonder religions throughout all times and cultures have used it so prominently. When Jesus stepped into the Jordan for baptism, he “knit” himself to what had come before him. By going to the Jordan, he made himself one with the people of Israel who had crossed it into their Promised Land. With John the Baptist, Christ wove himself into the prophetic tradition that heralded the coming reign of God. He had become fully human in the waters of Mary’s womb, and by partaking in the rite of the baptism of repentance, Jesus identified himself with our sinful, frail humanity. It is through the waters of baptism that Christ continues to graft new members onto his Body, the Church; through these waters we are cleansed from sin and filled with the promise of grace, given our destiny for eternal life. For us, as for Jesus, it is also the waters of baptism that inaugurate our mission to proclaim the Good News.

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## TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Behold my servant with whom I am pleased; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) *or* Isaiah 55:1-11.

**Psalm** — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) *or* Isaiah 12:2-6.

**Second Reading** — God anointed him with the Holy Spirit; he went about doing good (Acts 10:34-38) *or* 1 John 5:1-9.

**Gospel** — You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased (Mark 1:7-11).

Question for Children: Why does Baptism make you special?

Question for Youth: You were baptized as a member of the Christian community. What does it mean to you to belong to this community? How is it a support in your life?

Question for Adults: What meaning does your Baptism have for your everyday life?

Question for Children: Why does Baptism make you special?

## 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. Children 4 to 12 years of age are invited to a night of fun, activities, and games, in the Fitzsimon Center from 5:30 - 9:00 pm. Please reserve a spot for your child or children. Call Laura at 361-1411 for more information.

## CONFIRMATION

Please pray that our teens who are on their **Confirmation Retreat** today (Sunday, January 11, 2009 at St. Patrick’s Seminary) will be touched in a special way by the power of the Holy Spirit. If you took a name card of one of the candidates a few weeks ago, please pray especially for your secret candidate.

## 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**, we hope to have all teens in **Grades 9 - 12** take the following online course:

Teen Safety Online Training Course: To access the course (you will need a PC or Mac and internet access) go to **[www.shieldthevulnerable.org](http://www.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 to participate in the program, please let us know.

Email me at **[Elaine@pius.org](mailto:Elaine@pius.org)**

### **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.

### **FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - THANK YOU**

The members of St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank the parish for their generosity throughout the year but especially at Christmas time. We were able to serve 35 families with groceries and with gifts for the children. Your support enables us to help those in need.

### **MEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING**

This is **Wednesday, January 21st**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Come at 6:30 pm and enjoy snacks and cocktails, and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Come join men from St. Pius Parish - for food, beverages and camaraderie in the New Year.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK: JAN. 25 - JAN. 31**

Sunday, January 25, will mark the beginning of the national Catholic Schools Week observance. We will celebrate Catholic education and its contribution to communities and the nation, and honor those who contribute to the success of Catholic schools. Please join the teachers, staff, and students of St. Pius School to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We'll begin with the **9:30 am Mass** on **Sunday, Jan. 25.** Following Mass there will be an Open House from 10:30 am until noon. There will be an opportunity to view the Science Fair in Homer Crouse Hall, visit the Book Fair in Room 5, tour the classrooms and meet the teachers to learn more about curriculum and student life. Applications for Fall 2009 will be available at the Open House or on line at [www.stpiusschool.org](http://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](mailto:mary.vertducci@stpatricksseminary.org) by **January 9, 2009.**

### **CRAB CIOPPINO DINNER - ICF, BRANCH 130**

This annual event is in Fitzsimon Center on **Saturday, January 31st**, with cocktails at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. The dinner consists of crab cioppino, pasta, antipasto, salad, bread, dessert, wine and coffee. The price for adults is \$40.00 and \$15.00 for children, under 12yrs. of age. For reservations please call Guido Zan at 369-8972 or Romano Zan at 367-1142. There will be a fantastic raffle. The **deadline is January 26.**

### **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 collect all your redeemable (items for which you pay a CRV). 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:**

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

**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.

**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 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. The retreat master is Rev. Dominic Briese. 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*.

**MASSES**

Sat.	Jan. 10	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
Mon.	Jan. 12	8 am	Dave Gaggero
Tues.	Jan. 13	8 am	Dolores Gendotti
Wed.	Jan. 14	8 am	Rose Zanardi
Thurs.	Jan. 15	8 am	Don Goold
Fri.	Jan. 16	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Sat.	Jan. 17	8 am	Olimpia Barbieri
		5 pm	John Gardetto
Sun.	Jan. 18	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Anna Bettini
		11:30	Tjogas family
		5 pm	Angelo Pieretti

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

We are starting a new year with the Senior Friendship Group. If you would like to join, please call Adele for more information at 366-3646. On Friday, January 16th the Kindergarten class is hosting the Seniors with a luncheon. We always look forward to our time with the children.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:**

- Charlotte Kelley
- William Lewellyn
- Matthew Johnson

**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](http://www.pius.org)

**MEN'S CLUB**

President: Tom Cortopassi  
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

**FESTIVAL CHAIRS**

Keith Hipsher Carol Sheetz

**MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Kit Fragulia, Chair Sharon Geenen  
Mike Descalso, Co-Chair Joe Krauss  
Arcie Eppler Tom Lunzer  
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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