

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 25, 2009
THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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**.

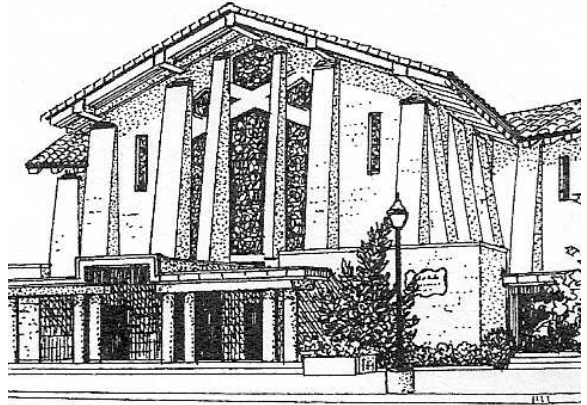
Mass Schedule

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

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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 DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Christmas is less than a month behind us, but today we are encountering readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus calls out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. Even though it is easy to misunderstand these Sundays called "Ordinary Time" as being commonplace, they are anything but that. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we will first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully in order to live out whatever vocation Christ has called us to. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested and imprisoned. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Ninevites turn from their evil way in response to Jonah's message (Jonah 3:1-5, 10).

Psalms — Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The world in its present form is passing away (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).

Gospel — Jesus proclaims, "Repent, and believe in the gospel." The new disciples abandon their nets and follow him (Mark 1:14-20).

Question for Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?

ST. PIUS TODDLER/CHILD CARE

We are so excited about our new **Toddler Care Program!** We've had wonderful interest in the program and would like to continue to watch it grow. We invite all families who have little ones between the ages of **1 1/2 - 3 years of age** to come by **Fitzsimon Center (Putnam Community Room) during the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays.** While your older children are taking part in "Liturgy of the Word", your little ones could be enjoying activities suited to their age. It has been an enjoyable experience for everyone involved!

CONFIRMATION

Thanks to all of you who prayed for us on our retreat. It was a blessed experience.

The following are the meeting dates for Confirmation candidates for the Catholicism 101 workshops:

Part I - Monday, January 26, 2009, Youth Ministry Room, 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Part II - Sunday, March 29, 2009, Youth Ministry Room, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Elaine Rachko

Confirmation Coordinator

Confirmation

Reminders for candidates:

First session of **Confirmation 101** Workshop is Monday, January 26th, in the Youth Ministry Room. Next **Small group** meetings are on February 2nd and 3rd.

"FOCUSED GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP"

This is a weekly **Support Group** for those who have recently lost a loved one. This is a nine session support group beginning **February 9, 2009**, in the Parish Center, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Registration is requested. To register, please call our Parish Grief Ministry Hot Line 361-0655 or email grief_help@hotmail.com

COLLECTION FOR CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The second collection this weekend supports training for seminarians and religious men and women, pastoral care of the sick, formation for lay leaders, family and youth ministries, and religious education for all age groups. Please help your fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean who are rich in spirit, but lacking in material resources, to participate more fully in the life of the church.

BREAK OUT YOUR GREEN!!!!!!

Please join us for an evening of great food, terrific entertainment and lots of laughs. Our St. Patrick's Dinner is on **Saturday, March 7, at 6 pm.** Bagpipes will lead our Irish Dancers, and food will be catered by The Carvery from the Hof Brau. Tickets at \$35 each can be obtained by contacting the Parish Center at 361-1411. **The deadline is Friday, February 27th.**

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

"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."

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Ranelle Richardson
Jean Berhan
Sharon Nefstad

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 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).

St. Pius Men's Retreat.

The Parish Men's Retreat will be held on **February 6, 7, and 8 at 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 St. Pius Men's Club and note on the check that it is for the **Men's Retreat.**

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

John Smith	Bret Knopf	Jerry Pribyl
Deacon Steve	Patricia Kucker	Fran LaCasse
Katy Masarie MacDonald		Madison Kitz
David Addiego		Lloyd Knudsen

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.

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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 1/18/09 (new fiscal year)
Last Sunday's collection \$9,375.50
Cumulative total for year \$308,493.69
Budgeted \$317,045.32
Over/(Under) budget (\$8,551.63)

WOMEN'S CLUB BUNCO NIGHT - FEB. 11TH

If you have not played this game, you won't be disappointed! It's a fast-paced, exciting dice game and it's a lot of fun. We'll be serving pizza, salad, cocktails and dessert. Please **RSVP BY FRIDAY, February 6th, to the Women's Club hotline at 364-5204 or email womensclubmembers@pius.org**

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at **www.pius.org**

AGE OF AQUINAS 5TH ANNIVERSARY DANCE

This is on **Saturday, January 31st, at 8:00 pm** at St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center, 1095 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301. Come join the festivities celebrating **Age of Aquinas' FIFTH year** to the tunes of **The Sharp Nines!** The price is still only \$10.00. **Email: Mabel m-ngo@sbcglobal.net** or call Tom at 408-298-2064. The Age of Aquinas is a Bay Area group for Christian singles 40+

MASSES

Sat.	Jan. 24	5 pm	Paul Cinquini
Sun.	Jan. 25	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Nick Papapietro
		11:30	Mary Ray & Frances Jacklin
		5 pm	Barbara Frediani
Mon.	Jan. 26	8 am	Winnie Cooper
Tues.	Jan. 27	8 am	Don Pars, Jr.
Wed.	Jan. 28	8 am	Mary & Davide Gambelin
Thurs.	Jan. 29	8 am	James Pidgeon
Fri.	Jan. 30	8 am	Peter Mussio
Sat.	Jan. 31	8 am	Peggy Schabot
		5 pm	Chris, John & Mary Hietanen
Sun.	Feb. 1	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	James Heuton
		11:30	Dalfa Giovannetti
		5 pm	Monica Woodward

ST. MATTHIAS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

This preschool is open to children who are 2 1/2 to 5 years of age. They are licensed for 90 children. Children must be potty trained. There are meetings and tours on February 2nd to February 13th, 9 - 10:30 am. For more information call 367-1320.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Seniors had a wonderful time with the Kindergarten children last Friday. Thank you for the great entertainment and we thank the parents for the delicious food. Please call Adele if you would like to join the group, 366-3646.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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	

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 Cortopassi
Secretary: Brad Naylor
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey

WOMEN'S CLUB

President: Carolyn Moyer
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Second VP: Lisa Maskarich
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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

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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