

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 1, 2009  
FOURTH 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

Find Out How To Grow In Your Faith:  
[www.increaseourfaith.org](http://www.increaseourfaith.org)

## Parish Staff

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Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	361-1411	
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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

### TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice, the Holy One of God. There are, no doubt, both false and true prophets around us today. The whole history of our church is filled with both. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of church authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you" (Deuteronomy 18:15-20).

**Psalm** — If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading** — Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties (1 Corinthians 7:32-35).

**Gospel** — The people were astonished at Jesus' teaching; he taught them as one having authority (Mark 1:21-28).

Question for Children: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that needs Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

### ST. PIUS TODDLER/CHILD CARE

We are so excited about our new **Toddler Care Program!** We've had a lot of 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!

### CHILDREN'S MASS

There is a Children's Mass next **Sunday, February 8, at 9:30am.** Please join us!

Our children's choir, directed by Cathy Yee, and accompanied by our young musicians and teen pianist, will lead us in song. The children will be our lectors, ushers, gift bearers and the homily, given by Fr. Jim MacDonald, will be geared towards them.

### PARENTS NIGHT OUT

We are expanding our program to include childcare for **older** children. Children who are 4 to 12 years of age are invited to a night of fun, activities, and games in Fitzsimon Center on **Thursday, February 19th, from 5:30 - 9:00 pm.** Come and join the fun for children of all ages! God bless.

Pam Spencer,

Toddler/Child Care Coordinator

Call 368-0429 or email: [pam@pius.org](mailto:pam@pius.org)

### "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](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com)

**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.**

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

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

We will meet on Friday, February 6th. We'll have Mass on Friday, February 13th. The 5th grade students and parents will serve us lunch on Friday, February 27th. We meet every Friday at 10:00 am.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 1/25/09 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$10,277.50
Cumulative total for year	\$318,771.19
Budgeted	\$327,976.21
Over/(Under) budget	(\$9,205.02)

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Bianca Verber  
Stella Verber  
Nathan Sperduto

**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)

**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.**

**DEDICATION - MEMORY OF ERNIE FALK**

Donuts and coffee will be served after the 9:30 am Mass this weekend at the field kitchen where the dedication of the kitchen in memory of Ernie Falk will take place. All are invited.

**ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE**

Please check out our website at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)

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

John Smith	Bret Knopf	Jerry Pribyl
Deacon Steve	Patricia Kucker	Michael Pieretti
Madison Kitz	David Addiego	Lloyd Knudsen
Alice Rossi		

**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.**

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Join us for a special Mass in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes including: Anointing of the Sick, Blessing of the Caregivers Hands, and Blessing with Lourdes Water. Archbishop George Niederauer is the principal celebrant on **Saturday, February 7, at 12 noon** at **Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption**, 1111 Gough Street, S.F. For more information call 415-788-4550.

### 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](mailto:wfmcsweeney@gmail.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.

### AGE OF AQUINAS - GROUP FOR SINGLES

This is a Bay Area group for Christian singles, 40 plus. There is a drop-in support group for those who are undergoing the **transition** from couple-hood to single-hood on **Wednesday, February 4th, at 7:30 pm** at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Call Randy at 408) 739-2881 for more information.

### RETROUVAILLE - LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

This program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover 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. The next weekend is **March 6 - 8**. Call 415- 893-1005 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

### MASSES

Sat.	Jan. 31	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
Mon.	Feb. 2	8 am	Ed Sarraile
Tues.	Feb. 3	8 am	Angelina Marie Ciucci
Wed.	Feb. 4	8 am	Larry Baldini
Thurs.	Feb. 5	8 am	Larry Baldini
Fri.	Feb. 6	8 am	Paul Cinquini
Sat.	Feb. 7	8 am	Gotelli Family
		5 pm	Al Garofoli
Sun.	Feb. 8	8 am	Barbara Maher
		9:30	Ernie Falk
		11:30	Randy Cardellini
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PARISH CENTER

We need volunteers to help with our parish mailings, affixing labels and inserting contents, in your own home, approximately 6 times a year. If you can help please call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

### 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.

### VOCATION RETREAT DAY - YOUNG WOMEN

This is a special retreat day scheduled at Nazareth House, 245 Albion Way, San Rafael, on **Sunday, March 29th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**. If you need more information or would like to register for the day, please call Sr. Margaret Clare at 415) 479-8282 or Sr. Fintan at 310) 216-8170.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Men's Club Retreat	February 6 - 8
St. Patrick's Day Dinner	March 7
Women's Club Retreat	March 13 - 15
Women's Club Fashion Show	March 28
Confirmation	April 25, 5 pm
First Eucharist (9:30 am)	May 3
Parish Festival	June 5,6,7

**MEN'S CLUB**

President: 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

**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  
Katie Stafford-Eady Bill McSweeney  
Mel Sigona Sue Burns  
Fr. Linh Nguyen Karen Chang

**parishcouncil@pius.org**

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**

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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