

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,
FEBRUARY 22,
2009
SEVENTH 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

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

FORGIVEN

The people of Israel, even in New Testament times, thought of God in a very personal, intimate, and relationship-oriented manner. In our modern times, we have inherited categories about God from Greek philosophy: God as all-knowing, all-powerful, all-present. Not that God isn't these things, but if we think of God primarily that way, when we get to the end of Isaiah today ("your sins I remember no more"), we are a bit confounded. How can an all-knowing God forget anything? Isaiah's listeners would have been more inclined to rejoice at what a wonderful, loving relationship God had with them. God—who had the power to forgive their sins—forgave sins, and then completely forgot them! Jesus, in today's Gospel, is also more interested in the paralyzed man knowing that wonderful, loving, healing presence of God than he is in satisfying the scribes' pre-conceived notions about God. How often it is we, not God, who remain paralyzed by our past sinfulness, even when we have been forgiven by God and reconciled with others. Let us, instead, give God glory by picking ourselves up from our paralyzed past, and journey on as disciples of Jesus.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — It is I who wipe out, for my own sake, your offenses (Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25).

Psalms — Lord, heal my soul, for I have sinned against you (Psalm 41).

Second Reading — Jesus Christ was not yes and no, but yes has been in him (2 Corinthians 1:18-22).

Gospel — The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins (Mark 2:1-12).

Question for Children: How does the Church help us see that Jesus forgives our sins?

Question for Youth: When have you experienced forgiveness from God or others? What does forgiveness feel like to you?

Question for Adults: What powerful signs have you seen that God forgives us and heals us?

CONFIRMATION

Next large group meeting is February 22nd in Homer Crouse Hall at 3:30PM.

YOUTH MASS

Our young people will lead the congregation in celebration at our next Youth Mass **at 5:00 PM on February 22nd**. If there are youth who are interested in ministering at that mass, please contact Elaine.

MISSION TRIP - IMMERSION EXPERIENCE - JUNE 15-20, 2009

Our mission trip this year will be to Salinas, California. We will have the opportunity to help run a summer camp for children of migrant farm workers and to work with the homeless at Dorothy's Place. Dorothy's Place is run by the Franciscan Workers of Junipero Serra. If you are interested, please attend our information meeting on **Sunday, March 1, at 3:30 pm**, in the Youth Ministry Room (Rm 4 at the School). The experience is open to high school age youth who have completed at least one year of high school.

Parish Mission : March 9,10,11

Crossing the Bridge from Church to Everyday Life.

This follows the 8am Mass in Homer Crouse and each evening at 7 pm in the church. This is presented by Deacon Jim Myers, a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Children in Pre-K through 5th grade, with parents participating in the Mission, may join in their own Lenten Mission activities each evening. Childcare will be available for 1.5 -3 year olds.

All children must be registered by Thursday, March 5. To register contact Pam and Maria at 368-0429 or email: Pam@pius.org or Maria@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 **every Monday, until April 6**, 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**

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 25TH

Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses: 6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:10 and 6:30 pm.
Daily Mass during Lent is 6:30 am and 8:00 am.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Our parish assessment is \$123,400. Those parishioners who still have Appeal envelopes here in the Parish Center will receive their envelopes in the mail. Thank you for your generosity.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE - MARCH 7TH

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.**

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Fifth Grade students and parents will serve us lunch on Friday, February 27th. Please come and visit our Senior Group. Call Adele at 366-3646 for more information.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2008-2009 as of 2/8/09 (new fiscal year)
Last Sunday's collection \$8,450.00
Cumulative total for year \$351,783.30
Budgeted \$360,768.88
Over/(Under) budget (\$8,985.58)

ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER

Do you play an instrument? The directors are looking for volunteer band members for the production of **"BYE BYE BIRDIE"**. They need individuals who can play piano, guitar, and drums. Ideally, volunteers should have experience playing music for children. Students are welcome!
Production dates are April 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th.
Practice for the band begins Monday, March 23rd. If you're interested please call Meaghan Brennan at x5brennans@yahoo.com, 299-9310 or Tori Burns at 867-2043, taburns78@yahoo.com.

ABSTINENCE

Everyone fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY**, the **FRIDAYS of Lent** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

FAST

Everyone eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY**.

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

ST. PIUS SCHOOL - 6TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the recycling drive for our 6th grade students. There will be two more collection dates, February 28th and March 14th, both from 9:30 - 10:30 am, at the Field Kitchen. If you cannot bring your items we will gladly pick them up. Any redeemable (items you pay a CRV) such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles (including wine and liquor) are welcome. Questions? Call Don West at 400-5043 cell or 366-4138 home.

ST. PIUS SCHOOL - CAR WASH ON SUNDAY.

St. Pius School's sixth graders will be hosting a car wash **on Sunday February 22nd from 8:30 - 11:30 am** to raise money for their upcoming trip to CYO Camp. Bring your dirty cars over to Homer Crouse Hall and we will make them shiny again!!

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
Nancy Goold	Maryann Brandt	Lou Gambelin
Elena Darling-Hammond		Justin Cranmer
Mary Ellen Murphy		

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.

FESTIVAL CORNER

2009 Festival Theme: Hawaiian

Dates: June 5-7, 2009

ALOHA and welcome to this year's Festival Corner. Plans are already underway for our annual festival. And yes...we need your help to make it a success. Not only are we bringing back the rides but we are also adding many new booths this year. We need your help with the following:

Booths for Kids

Prize Wall - New
Newspaper Throw - New
Soccer Kick - New
Gold Fish
Karaoke
Dice Game - New

Food/Beverage Booths

Nachos
Soda
Pit Stop (BBQ)
Or maybe you have your own idea for a booth - let us know!

So, call a friend and ask them to chair a booth with you - it's way more fun when you have someone to share it with. And don't forget your Hula skirts and Hawaiian shirts!

MAHALO, Your festival chairs...Carol Sheetz - 650-365-2830 or carol.sheetz@comcast.net

Keith Hipsher - 650-367-1277 or hip1@pacbell.net

Kim Velez - 650-368-6481 or kimavelez2@yahoo.com

Russ Vavuris - 650-368-6545 or rusvavuris@aol.com

Sue Boragno - 650-364-2300 or smb-
ragno@gmail.com

Tom D'Orsi - ttoilet@aol.com

Soup Suppers - Tuesday evenings on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

The time is 6-7pm in Homer Crouse Hall. Soup Suppers are an opportunity for parishioners to come together to share a simple meal. Supervised Lenten activities and crafts will be available for children when they have finished eating. The Soup Supper evenings will be a time of remembering families and individuals in our community and the world who do not have a warm meal to eat or a community with which to share fellowship.

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.pius.org

MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 21	5 pm	Rose Tognoli
Sun.	Feb. 22	8 am	Ernie Falk
		9:30	Antoinette Shuster
		11:30	Geno Tolari
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Feb. 23	8 am	George Cereghino
Tues.	Feb. 24	8 am	Renziano Ferrari
Wed.	Feb. 25	6:30	Mike Richert (INT)
		8 am	Fred Merino
		9:30	Paul Semler
		12:10	Jerry Taylor (INT)
		6:30	Richard Behrens
Thurs.	Feb. 26	6:30	Nan Komo
		8 am	Eric Schoenstein
Fri.	Feb. 27	6:30	Ryan Morrison (INT)
		8 am	Raymond Coscarat
Sat.	Feb. 28	8 am	Ernie Perazzo (INT)
		5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Mar. 1	8 am	Maria Mussio
		9:30	Young K. Baek
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	James Steffen

ADULT PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

On **March 1st**, the adults who are preparing for Baptism and full reception into the Catholic Church at St. Pius will journey to St. Mary's Cathedral for the *Rite of Election*. This rite formally recognizes that they are called by God to receive the sacraments at the upcoming Easter Vigil. Please keep Gary, Gordon, Jamie, Lisa and Annie in your prayers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

William Stevenson
Marina Stevenson
Megan Hohl

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

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GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS

grief_help@hotmail.com

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