

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 1, 2009  
FIRST SUNDAY OF  
LENT**



## 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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## 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.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

## THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

### Gospel

**Mark 1:12-15**

*The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel!"*

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel this week need to be looked at together. In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In the short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start—a clean slate—for humankind. It is a clear indication of God's commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go—give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.

In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!

### Historical Context – The Wilderness

The Jordan Valley was a relatively fertile area. However, Jesus would not have had to travel too great a distance to find himself in very arid, desert-like wilderness. Crossing the River Jordan and climbing out of the Jordan Valley to the east, Jesus would have emerged onto the northern part of the Trans Jordan Plateau and the edge of the Syrian Desert. The area was not only geographically rough but it was also full of bandits and rebels. It was a dangerous place to be.

However, the desert wilderness holds great significance in the Bible as a place of preparation for a new stage of life or a new relationship with God.

### Living the Gospel – Change of heart

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another and with our world. To accept this call requires a change of heart and mind (a metanoia) and the adoption of a new orientation, a new worldview based on living the kingdom of God. This is a challenge to be counter-cultural - to go "against the flow" of the majority attitudes at times. It is certainly not an "easy option" that we are called to live. Jesus' call to "repent and believe" is a very appropriate call to begin the Lenten season..

### Questions for the week:

- Q. What does the image of the wilderness mean to you?
- Q. When have you felt that you were in a desert period of your life?
- Q. How do you prepare yourself for something that you know is going to be challenging?
- Q. In what areas of your life do you need to see someone or something with 'new eyes'?
- Q. What are the signs that the kingdom of God is still close at hand?

### Questions for Children:

- Q. How are we living your baptismal promises?
- Q. When people see us, are they reminded of Jesus and his love?
- Q. In what ways do I meet the "tests" that come my way: with anger? despair? trust? hope? patience?
- Q. What do I need to do to become a better disciple of Jesus?

**DAILY MASSES - MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

Daily Mass **during Lent** is 6:30 am and 8:00 am, Monday through Friday.

**CONFIRMATION**

Small groups meet March 2nd & 3rd. See website for details.

**MISSION TRIP - INFORMATION MEETING - THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST, 3:30 PM.**

Our Mission Trip this year will be to Salinas, California, June 15-20. 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 today. The experience is open to high school-age youth who have completed at least one year of high school.

**SAVE THE DATE!! LEADERSHIP RETREAT**

**for TEENS:** We have the opportunity to participate in a leadership development experience with a group of teens from the Archdiocese of San Francisco and the Diocese of Monterey, this summer, by attending a unique camp on **JUNE 29TH - JULY 3RD, in Aptos, CA.** Further details to follow.

**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 or call Bridget West at 366-4138. **THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MARCH 2ND.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 2/22/09 (new fiscal year)  
Last Sunday's collection \$8,7111  
Cumulative total for year \$360,494.30  
Budgeted \$371,699.77  
Over/(Under) budget (\$11,205.47)

**Lenten Soup Suppers – Tuesday evenings on March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

The time is **6-7pm in Homer Crouse Hall.** A Soup Supper is 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 SCHOOL - 6TH GRADE FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to everyone who has participated in the recycling drive for our 6th grade students. There will be one more collection, March 14th, 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.

**SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

On Friday, February 20th, we went to the Olive Garden for lunch. We had a wonderful time and delicious food. We will **not** have a meeting on March 6th. We'll have Mass on March 13th. We hope to see you there.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:**

Sebastian Moustirats

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

John Smith	Bret Knopf	Sally Cody
Deacon Steve	Patricia Kucker	Michael Pieretti
Madison Kitz	David Addiego	Tom Giannini
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**

Thanks to the parishioners who have already volunteered to chair a booth this year. We are still in need of a few more volunteers. Please let us know if you can help – the festival can't function without you!

### Booths for Kids

Newspaper Throw - New  
Soccer Kick - New  
Gold Fish  
Dice Game – New  
Jingle Board – kids and adults

### Food/Beverage Booths

Pit Stop (BBQ)

Or maybe you have your own idea for a booth – let us know!

**Call a friend and ask them to chair a booth with you!**

### 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**

## ANNIVERSARY MASS – March 29, 2009

All couples celebrating a Wedding Anniversary of 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years or greater, are invited to celebrate with the St. Pius Parish Community at 11:30 am Mass on March 29. Please call Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or email Maria@Pius.org by March 25, to join in this celebration.

**NEXT  
SUNDAY,  
MARCH 8**



**Daylight Saving Time.  
Set Your Clocks  
Ahead.**

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## MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 28	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
Mon.	Mar. 2	6:30	Bill & Steve Walsh
		8 am	Leo T. Englert
Tues.	Mar. 3	6:30	Lou Geenen
		8 am	Nello Lombardi
Wed.	Mar. 4	6:30	Leopoldo Lingenco
		8 am	Davide Gambelin
Thurs.	Mar. 5	6:30	Norma Pinotti
		8 am	Leo T. Englert
Fri.	Mar. 6	6:30	Isi Singson
		8 am	Lou Zanardi
Sat.	Mar. 7	8 am	Catherine Vogel
		5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Mar. 8	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Andy Dei Rossi
		11:30	Lily Lopez (INT)
		5 pm	Peggy Schabot

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

## Stay-at-Home Play Group

This group gathers monthly (first Friday of the month) to share their faith, meet other parents with similar values, and give their children an opportunity to play together. All parents and children are welcome! Call or email Laura at 361-1411 or laura@pius.org.

**Next Meeting: Friday, March 6th**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am, in the St. Pius Fitzsimon Center Community Room (future meetings: April 3rd, May 1st, and June 5th).

## 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\_members@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  
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**parishcouncil@pius.org**

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**

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Katie Stasun Rich Morton  
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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