

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 8, 2009  
SECOND 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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[www.increaseourfaith.org](http://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.

## EXPLORING THE WORD

## THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT

### GOSPEL REFLECTION

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop—setting up tents in honor of Jesus, Elijah, and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mold as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mold and creating a new vision, a new tradition—one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the "high" of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

### Have you thought? Mountaintop Moments

Throughout the Bible there are instances of important encounters with God on mountaintops. Even this week's first reading, the sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, occurs on a mountaintop. It is not the potential sacrifice, but the new relationship between God and Abraham that is a mountaintop moment. In modern language, we often speak about "peak experiences" - moments of exceptional clarity, intense emotion, or extraordinary accomplishment. Sometimes, like Peter, we are tempted to try to remain "in the moment", rather than using the peak experience as a motivator for when we go back down the mountain to our normal (if perhaps, changed) existence.

### Gospel Focus – A new vision

Part of Peter's mistake is to see the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus' ministry is taking. Jesus' new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.

### Questions for Children...

- Q. Why might Jesus have only taken three of his disciples up the mountain with him?
- Q. Why were the disciples frightened by what they saw?
- Q. Why might Jesus have warned the disciples to tell no one what they had seen?
- Q. Have you ever had a really pleasant experience that you wished could keep on going?
- Q. Why was it important for Jesus and the disciples to go back down the mountain?

### Questions for Adults...

- Q. Why is this transfiguration event regarded with such importance in the Church?
- Q. Why are the disciples portrayed as struggling to grasp the meaning of what they have seen?
- Q. Can you recall an experience of God that occurred to you at a mountaintop location?
- Q. Have you ever had the experience of not wanting to "go back down the mountain"?
- Q. Why is this reading chosen for use in the season of Lent?

### Is that *my* phone ringing?

We ask that you please **turn off** your cell phone and any electronic devices when coming into Church. We have discovered that even in the silent or vibrate mode these devices are interfering with the quality and volume of our sound system. Your cooperation will ensure that all may enjoy the Mass without this earthly distraction.

**Stations of the Cross** - You're invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Friday mornings at 8:45 AM. Please join us!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES - SECOND COLLECTION TODAY**

Catholic Charities CYO is one of the largest Social Service agencies in the Bay Area, serving 40,000 men, women, and children, many of whom are in urgent need and have nowhere else to turn. Catholic Charities is *not supported* by the Archdiocese or through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and relies on donor generosity and this **one** collection. Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION**

Large group meets **March 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM**, in Homer Crouse Hall.

**MISSION TRIP** - 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, further information is downloadable from our website at **www.pius.org** or you can pick up a hard copy at the Parish Center. This is open to high school age youth who have completed at least one year of high school. The **first team meeting** will be **March 17 at 7:00PM** in the Youth Ministry Room (Room 4 at St. Pius School).

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

Jack Brisco  
Anthony Boicelli

**TASTE OF THE PENINSULA - WOMEN'S CLUB**

This event is a culinary extravaganza where you can try a sampling of delicious food, wine and beer. There will be a raffle, music and dancing. Funds raised from this event will benefit St. Pius Women's Club and their programs.

This is on **Saturday, March 28th, 6 pm, in Fitzsimon Center.** Tickets are \$25.00 per person which includes 2 drink tickets and restaurant tastings. Please RSVP at 364-5204 by March 20.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 3/01/09 (new fiscal year)	
Last Sunday's collection	\$12,135.00
Cumulative total for year	\$372,629.30
Budgeted	\$382,630.66
Over/(Under) budget	(\$10,001.36)

**Parish Mission - March 9, 10, 11**

Deacon Jim Myers will be our presenter each day following the 8 am Mass in Homer Crouse, and each evening from 7-8 pm in the church. Join us for a dynamic, thought provoking mission! The theme is: Crossing the Bridge from Church to Everyday Life.

**Lenten Soup Suppers - Tuesday evenings on March 10, 17, 24, 31: 6-7pm in Homer Crouse Hall.**

The Soup Supper is an opportunity for parishioners to come together to share a simple meal. Supervised Lenten activities and crafts for children while adults have a table discussion on the weeks readings. Donations support our SVDP.

**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).

**ST. PIUS WOMEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT**

This retreat is **Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 15th.** The place is Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park. The moderator is Sr. Antonia Longo, ASC, who is wonderful. The price is \$220.00 per person for a single room and \$200.00 per person for a double room. To RSVP please call the Women's Club hotline at 364-05204.

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

John Smith	Bret Knopf	Sally Cody
Deacon Steve	Michael Pieretti	Bruce Faber
Tom Giannini	Justin Cranmer	Maryann Brandt
Elena Darling-Hammond		Nancy Goold
Mary Ellen Murphy		Lou Gambelin

**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.**

### **FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT - FOCA**

There are post cards at the three entrances of the church informing our Senators and Representatives of your opinion on this "Freedom of Choice Act", soon to be voted on in Congress.

### **FESTIVAL CORNER**

Newspaper Throw – New  
Pit Stop (BBQ)

Dice Game – New  
Jingle Board – kids and adults

#### **Silent Auction**

Can you donate something to our silent auction? How about a gift basket, a dinner party, tickets to a sporting event, or a golf outing? Please contact Betsy Bradford at 363-8455 or drop off your items at the parish center.

#### **Friendship Booth**

We're bringing back the friendship booth again this year and one of the items we need are small potted plants. Other items will be accepted too. Please drop them off at the parish center. Call any of our festival chairs if you can help.

#### **Other ways to donate...**

We're also bringing back our photo booth this year (an old favorite) – can you donate some photo paper or how about donating some wine to our wine booth?

#### **Website Coming**

We're updating our website this year to include a link for the festival. There will be dinner ticket information, raffle information, booth sponsorship information and a sign up sheet for the booths that need volunteers for the weekend.

**MORE INFORMATION COMING!**

### **ST. PIUS SENIORS**

We had a wonderful lunch with the 5th grade students last Friday. The food was great and the children and parents were wonderful. The Seniors will meet on Friday, March 13th, with the celebration of Mass. You are always welcome to bring a friend to our meeting.

### **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.

### **MASSES**

Sat.	Mar. 7	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
Mon.	Mar. 9	6:30	Norma Pinotti
		8 am	Margaret Martella
Tues.	Mar. 10	6:30	Kathryn Jones
		8 am	George Gaddi
Wed.	Mar. 11	6:30	William Lewellyn
		8 am	Jennifer Copeland
Thurs.	Mar. 12	6:30	Mary Sousa
		8 am	Dan Baldini
Fri.	Mar. 13	6:30	Frank Lambetecchio
		8 am	John Campos
Sat.	Mar. 14	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
		5 pm	Mike & Eileen Barling
Sun.	Mar. 15	8 am	Charles & Louise Fragulia
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Rose Ferrera

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL /CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

This Canned Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul will be: March 14th & 15th and March 21st & March 22nd, in front of the church. Please save some canned foods for those in need. Thank you for your generosity.

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

### **WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Elizabeth Anne Nguyen  
Emilia Gonzales

**MEN'S CLUB**

President: Tom Cortopassi  
Vice-President: 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  
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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