

# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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**SUNDAY,  
MARCH 22, 2009  
FOURTH 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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## Parish Staff

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Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate	361-1411	
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Elaine Rachko, Youth Minister	365-0140	<a href="mailto:elaine@pius.org">elaine@pius.org</a>

## 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.

**GOSPEL** JN 3:14-21**GOSPEL REFLECTION**

To fully understand this week's gospel passage, it is important to take the first reading into consideration as well. The account from 2 Chronicles describes the way in which the people began to neglect their relationship with God. Despite prophets and messengers being sent to them, they turned their backs on God. At about this time the Israelites were conquered, the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed and the survivors taken into exile in Babylon. For many, this was seen as a punishment from God because of their neglectful and selfish behavior. But the reading demonstrates God's infinite patience with humankind. God gives the people another chance and calls on them to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. God is willing to wipe the slate clean and start afresh. It is in this context that we must understand the gospel passage. In yet another attempt to demonstrate love and forgiveness, God's only Son—the Word made Flesh—is sent into the world to lead the people from darkness to light. Despite the many, many attempts by God to demonstrate love and foster a relationship with humankind, the people have repeatedly rejected the relationship with God and preferred to live a life of selfishness and darkness. Yet we see through both of these readings the unquenchable nature of God who keeps giving humankind one more chance.

In our day to day relationships, it is true that we often seek to test the limits of the love that is expressed. Young people in particular often test the boundaries of their parents' love and the boundaries of others who care for them. It is often a test to reassure themselves of this love—will you still love me, even if I do this? Today's readings portray the people of God as adolescents constantly testing out the limits of God's love. In a remarkable act, God's own Son is sent into the world to die as a sign of the lengths to which God will go to assure humanity of the love that is theirs for the taking.

**Have you thought? God in popular culture**

Think for a moment of the last time you saw or heard a reference to God on a television program, in a song, or some other popular medium. Chances are, the reference was one of a judging, vengeful, punishing God. This sort of image plays particularly well with a modern audience. It's easier to dismiss God as irrelevant if we can paint God in that sort of image. TV sitcoms do it particularly well with thunderclaps, bolts of lightning and booming, disapproving voices from above. It's much harder to dismiss a God of love who will go to extremes to demonstrate that love.

**Gospel Focus – Not to condemn ...**

The gospel passage tells us that God's Son was not sent into the world to condemn it, but rather, "so that through him the world might be saved." It also tells us that whoever refuses to believe "is already condemned." God does not condemn the world, nor individuals within it. Indeed, God is absolutely determined to save the world. However, we do sometimes condemn ourselves. When we turn our back on love; when we hide from relationships; when we wallow in selfishness—we shut ourselves off from relationship with God and condemn ourselves. We only have to open our eyes to see the alternative!

**Children:**

Q. Can you think of a time when you were worried about being in trouble for something you did?

Q. Have you been forgiven much easier than you expected?

Q. When someone forgives you they show you mercy.

Q. How do you feel when someone shows you mercy?

Q. Who are some people you know who are merciful?

**Teens and Adults**

Q. Why might the Israelites have turned away from God in the time before the coming of Jesus?

Q. In what way did Jesus coming into the world bring "light" to the darkness?

Q. In what ways have you sometimes "tested the boundaries" with those who care about you?

Q. How might you reassure those you love that you do love them?•

Today's Gospel reading speaks about people and actions that are "of the darkness" and "of the light." What are some actions in our world today that are "of the darkness" and "of the light"? What are some actions "of the light" that we can take on that would make a difference in other people's lives?

- Make a list of relationships in your life that "need some attention." What actions can be taken during this Lenten season to get things back on track?

**EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

If you're interested in learning about Catholicism, come to the Parish Center, **Thursday, March 26th, at 6:30 pm.** This short meeting will discuss the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. Bring your questions. Call **Laura at 361-1411 or Laura@pius.org.**

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 22**

In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the agriculture industry and economy. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from **CRS**. When you donate to the **Catholic Relief Services**, you give hope. Thank you.

**Lenten Soup Suppers – Tuesday evenings on March 24th & 31st, at 6-7pm, in Homer Crouse Hall.** The Soup Supper is an opportunity to come together to share a simple meal. Donations support our SVDP.

**MEN OF ST. PIUS - FRIDAY FOCUS EVENING**

The topic is: **COMMUNICATION WITH THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN OUR LIVES.** This begins at 5 pm, followed by dinner, and a discussion/lecture with Susan Davis, PhD, and Father Kevin Gaffey. This is at **Vallombrosa Retreat Center, Friday, March 27th.** The cost is \$40.00. To RSVP call 594-2627.

**ST. PIUS YOUNG PEOPLE’S THEATER**

Enjoy the Theater, but want to shine behind the scenes? Then we have the job for you! **We are in need of volunteers to assist with stage crew for this year’s production of “Bye Bye Birdie”.** You must be able to lift/move heavy objects, and be a true team player! Please be available starting Monday April 6th through Sunday April 19th: times and days may vary (and of course no commitment during the holy days before Easter). Please call Meaghan Brennan at [xbrennans5@yahoo.com](mailto:xbrennans5@yahoo.com) or Tori Burns at [t-burns78@yahoo.com](mailto:t-burns78@yahoo.com).

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

This Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul is: March 21st & March 22nd, in front of the church. Please save some canned foods for those in need.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2008-2009 as of 3/08/09 (new fiscal year)  
Last Sunday’s collection \$12,345.55  
Cumulative total for year \$306,189.85  
Budgeted \$404,492.44  
Over/(Under) budget (\$8302.59)

**CONFESSIONS AND PENANCE SERVICE -3/24**

You are invited to attend a Communal Penance Service on **Tuesday, March 24th.** There will be a Penance Service at **St. Pius Church at 11:00 am**, and at **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church at 7:00 pm.** Priests from both parishes will be available for Confession at both churches.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION - 5TH SUN.**

This **5th Sunday** Collection is **March 28th and 29th**, after all the Masses. During the months of January and February, we served 75 families. Our total income for those 2 months was \$4,854. Direct aid which includes rent assistance, PG&E, and vouchers for groceries, totaled \$9,677. We ask for your prayers and donations to help us continue helping those in need. Thank you.

**ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

We have received \$81,320 from 274 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$123,400. This represents 66% of our goal. Thank you for your generous response.

**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 at the 11:30 am Mass on March 29. **Please call Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or email [maria@pius.org](mailto:maria@pius.org) by March 25,** to join in this event.

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Madison Paige Mosso

**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	David Addiego
Lou Gambelin	Madison Kitz	Nancy Goold
Norman Miller	David Tinsley	Elena Darling
Jerry Pribyl		Hammond

**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...June 5-7, 2009**

### The Rides are Back!

Our carnival rides were such a success last year that we're bringing them back. Look for the Berry-go-round, the Bunny Hop and much more out on the lawn.

### New Booths this Year

The photo booth, newspaper throw, and prize wall are among some of the new booths we will have this year and yes, you heard it here first...the Won Ton is back! We will have a Won Ton booth (sans the chicken & beef teriyaki) with everyone's favorite side dish...the Chinese Salad.

### Open Booths – We need your help chairing one of these booths

Newspaper Throw – New, Jingle Board, Slide & Wine

### 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, [betsybradford@yahoo.com](mailto:betsybradford@yahoo.com) or drop off your items at the Parish Center.

### Other ways to donate...

Sponsor a booth by contacting Mercedes Reshke at 367-8349, [mreshke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mreshke@sbcglobal.net). Donate some wine to our wine booth or some photo paper to our photo booth. Do you have any Hawaiian decorations you can donate?

### Dinners

We're bringing back our old favorites...Rib Dinner on Friday, Pasta Dinner on Saturday and Chicken Dinner on Sunday. Tickets will be sold soon.

### Mahalo! Your festival chairs...

**Carol Sheetz – 650-365-2830 or [carol.sheetz@comcast.net](mailto:carol.sheetz@comcast.net)**

**Keith Hipsher – 650-367-1277 or [hip1@pacbell.net](mailto:hip1@pacbell.net)**

**Kim Velez – 650-368-6481 or [kimavelez2@yahoo.com](mailto:kimavelez2@yahoo.com)**

**Russ Vavuris – 650-368-6545 or [rusvavuris@aol.com](mailto:rusvavuris@aol.com)**

**Sue Boragno – 650-364-2300 or [smboragno@gmail.com](mailto:smboragno@gmail.com)**

**Tom D'Orsi – [ttoilet@aol.com](mailto:ttoilet@aol.com)**

## WOMEN'S CLUB BOARD POSITIONS

The St. Pius Women's Club needs new members for the 2009-2010 Board. There are a number of positions available and each is vital to a successful Board and the Women's Club. If you are interested, let us know. The elections are at the General Meeting on April 8th. Call Carolyn Moyer at 299-1656 or email: [Carolyn.moyer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Carolyn.moyer@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

## MASSES

Sat.	Mar. 21	5 pm	Jack Bookie
Sun.	Mar. 22	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Paul Flanagan
		11:30	Eric Schoenstein
Mon.	Mar. 23	5 pm	Lilia Mansueto Berni
		6:30	William Lewellyn
		8 am	Virginia Knight
Tues.	Mar. 24	6:30	Lou Geenen
		8 am	Don Goold
Wed.	Mar. 25	6:30	Andrea & Delfin Chu
		8 am	Marie Goyhentche
Thurs.	Mar. 26	6:30	Jean Berhan
		8 am	Rosemary Smith
Fri.	Mar. 27	6:30	Msgr. James Haggarty
		8 am	Don Pars, Sr.
Sat.	Mar. 28	8 am	Holly Sigona
		5 pm	Albert Boragno
Sun.	Mar. 29	8 am	Mary Alves
		9:30	Nello Lombardi
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Antonio Giovanzana

## TASTE OF THE PENINSULA - CANCELLED

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your refund, call Lisa Maskarich at 743-4728

## EASTER EGG HUNT - WOMEN'S CLUB

The Women's Club will host an Easter Egg hunt on the lawn area after the 9:30 am Mass, April 12th. Have the children bring their Easter baskets to gather candy.

We need **donations of wrapped candy, without** nuts or peanut butter, and small Ziploc bags. Donation can be dropped off at the Parish Center or School, **labeled "Easter Egg Hunt"**. Thank you.

## St. Pius Toddler Care

We are so excited about the program on Sundays, at the 9:30 am Mass, that we are **expanding it to include the 11:30 a.m. Mass** on Sundays!

Please come to an **Open House, Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** after the 9:30a.m. and 11:30a.m. Masses. We'll have cookies and juice and meet in the **Community Room at Fitzsimon Center**. Pam Spencer, 368-0429 or [pam@pius.org](mailto:pam@pius.org)

## SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The 3rd grade students will treat us to lunch on Friday, March 27th. We're joining other Senior groups for some day trips. Please call Adele at 366-3646 to join our Senior Group.

**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  
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