

WELCOME TO St. Pius Parish!

St. Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061, Fax 369-3641 – www.pius.org -- parish@pius.org

July 26, 2009
Seventeenth
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

Daily Mass: 8:00 am (M-Sat)

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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

WEEKLY MIRACLE

This week marks the beginning of a kind of “liturgical detour.” We have been listening to Saint Mark’s Gospel during this liturgical year (Year B). Today we begin to hear a long section from John’s Gospel, starting with the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. This miracle story is a prelude to the Lord’s statements that we will begin hearing in a few weeks, where Jesus refers to himself as the “bread of life.” Each week we witness a miracle at Mass. We do not see a multiplication of loaves before us. What our eyes of faith allow us to see is the miracle of the transformation of common elements—bread and wine—into the Lord’s body and blood. Once we have received the Lord, the multiplication begins, for in the Eucharist we are strengthened to multiply our efforts to feed the poor, shelter the homeless, and bring comfort to the despairing.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Elisha feeds a hundred men with twenty barley loaves made from firstfruits, and there are leftovers (2 Kings 4:42-44).

Psalms — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

Second Reading — Paul urges the Ephesians to live in a manner worthy of the call they had received: as a unified, faith-filled, hope-filled community (Ephesians 4:1-6).

Gospel — When Jesus feeds a large crowd with five barley loaves and two fish, they want to make him king. He withdraws alone to the mountain (John 6:1-15).

PAULINE BOOKS & MEDIA - FRIDAYS

Join us on **Fridays, at 6:30 pm, until August 28th**, for a summertime *Faith and Film series*. After viewing the movie, we will engage in a brief discussion of the themes and values present in the film and how they relate to our Christian lives. Admission and parking (after 6 pm) are free. For more information call Pauline Books and Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, 369-4230.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The hand of the Lord feeds us,” says the Psalmist, “He answers all our needs.” Both Elisha’s servant in the first reading and the disciples in the Gospel story who witnessed the feeding of the five thousand saw this happen and knew it to be true.

Stay-at-Home Play Group

This group gathers monthly (first Friday of the month) for faith sharing, friendship building, and activities for the little ones. All parents and children are welcome! Call or email Laura at 361-1411 or laura@pius.org, for more information.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 7th, from 10 - 11:00 am, in Fitzsimon Center Putnam Community Room.

SOS (SANDWICHES ON SUNDAY) NEEDS TOYS

SOS is a group of volunteers who meet every Saturday to make lunches for the homeless on Sunday, as that is the only day St. Anthony’s Dining Room is closed. They include a small toy in the bag lunch for the children. If you frequent McDonalds, Burger King, etc., and purchase children’s meals, they include a toy. We would appreciate your donations so we can continue this treat. Please bring the items to the Parish Center.

HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR - AUGUST 15TH

To help support our communities in this challenging economic environment, St. Matthew Catholic Church’s Local Organizing Committee (LOC), invites you to a **HOUSING RESOURCE FAIR**, on **Saturday, August 15th, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm**, at Serra High School, 451 W. 20th Avenue, San Mateo. Experts in housing, foreclosure prevention, mortgage payment solutions and legal issues will speak on many important topics. Free one-on-one counseling will be available at this event. **Be sure to bring your loan documents with you.** If you have any questions about this important event, please call 344-7622.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 7/19/09

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 9,087.00
Cumulative total for year	\$30,370.00
Budgeted	\$32,352.00
Over Budget	\$(1,982.00)

KID'S FILM FESTIVAL - PAULINE BOOKS

Are you looking for something fun and educational for your children this summer? Pauline Books and Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City, is hosting this **free** event, with refreshments, each **Saturday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**, until **August 22nd**. For more information call 369-4230.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$111,810 from 385 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$123,400. This represents 90% of our goal. We only have \$11,590 to go and we will meet our assessment, which means that anything over that amount stays at St. Pius parish. If you have not donated, any pledge amount will help. Thank you.

AGE OF AQUINAS-CHRISTIAN SINGLES, 40 +

On **Saturday, August 1, at 9:00 am**, there is a hike at Edgewood Park, and coffee afterwards. Look for the "**Age of Aquinas - Gather Here**" sign. The hike is about one hour and a quarter, and we will gather about 10:30 am, for coffee, brunch, or lunch. Call Josephine at 619-4024 or **age-of-aquinas@paloaltocatholic.org**

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

- Emily Lara
- Alexys Santos
- Luca Vergara
- Toby John Junkunc

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at **www.pius.org**

Attention Young Adults

If you are a young adult or know someone in their **late teens, twenties, or thirties**; single, married, divorced, widowed, with or without children, church-goers, or not, we want to hear from you!! This summer we will start gathering names of those who are interested, or might be interested, in meeting each month with others their age, to grow spiritually, and support each other in living their faith. We will focus on social and service-oriented gatherings. If you would like to help with these gatherings or want to know more about them once they begin, please contact Laura at laura@pius.org or 361-1411.

E-Contributions

This is just a reminder that contributions to St. Pius Church can be done online for those who might be interested. Log on to **e-Paluch.com** to register for this service. Currently, we only accept debits to your bank account. We are unable to accept credit cards. If you have questions please call Barbara at 361-1411.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday, July 31st, we will have a pot luck lunch, so please bring your own special dish so that everyone can enjoy. See you next Friday at 10 am.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

- Sue Burns
- Doris Lovazzano

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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| Michael Richter | Deacon Steve | Bill Gibbons |
| Sheri Bailey | Peter Danna | Judy Marks |
| Mary Anne Brant | Pat Dixon | Jon Belli |
| Roberto Sotto | | |

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.

SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed June 29 - August 7.
(Mail and messages will be checked during this time).

August 10-14	9:00 am -12:00 pm
August 17-21	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
August 24	8:00 am - 4:00 pm

FUNERAL FOR MIKE ALONSO

The obituary notice in the newspaper had the incorrect date for the Memorial Mass for Mike Alonso.

The correct date is **Saturday, August 15th, at 11:00 am** in St. Pius Church.

PARISH DIRECTORY

The St. Pius Parish Council will be working on a new Parish Directory this year. They plan on having it ready to be distributed in the spring of 2010. If you would like to help with this project or if you would like to place your advertisement in this new directory, please call Kit Fragulia at 366-6371, or Bill McSweeney at 367-0405.

NEW SYSTEM FOR HEARING IMPAIRED

Thanks to a very generous grant from the Danford Foundation, St. Pius Parish has been able to purchase an aid for the hearing impaired for use during our services. The system has been installed and requires the use of a receiver that we will provide to you. If you are interested in securing a device please call Barbara at 361-1411. Thank you.

HOUSING RESOURCES - SAN MATEO COUNTY

Do you have an extra room to rent out? Are you looking for a place to live? HIP Housing, a non-profit organization with 37 years of housing experience, is reaching out to the community to promote its **home sharing program**. In tough economic times with rising housing, utility, gas and other expenses, **home sharing** helps to reduce costs. This program is free to San Mateo County residents! For more information call: Laura Fanucchi, Associate Director at 348-6660 x 303 or lfanucchi@hiphousing.org

MASSES

Sat.	July 25	5 pm	Jean Berhan
Sun.	July 26	8 am	Sharon Thorpe
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	Michael Dixon
		5 pm	Alice Rossi
Mon.	July 27	8 am	Mary & Andy Gonos
Tues.	July 28	8 am	John Gutch
Wed.	July 29	8 am	Carol Galea
Thurs.	July 30	8 am	Rad Anton Guhit (INT)
Fri.	July 31	8 am	Frances Cleary
Sat.	Aug. 1	8 am	Michael Galea
		5 pm	Jean Berhan
Sun.	Aug. 2	8 am	Mary Gambelin
		9:30	Alice Rossi
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Frank Ambrose

NEW SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED

Would you like support while you travel the road through separation and divorce? The Archdiocese of San Francisco offers support for the journey. The Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of San Francisco (SDCASF) now have **TWO** ongoing support groups on the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. The one in our area is at St. Bartholomew Parish, 600 Columbia Drive, San Mateo, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 pm, in the Spirituality Center. The other one is at St. Stephen Parish, near Stonestown, San Francisco, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. Call Gail at 591-8452 or Joanne at 347-0701, 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. Call 415- 893-1005 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

It's not true that nice guys finish last.
Nice guys are winners before the game even starts.

MEN'S CLUB **mensclub@pius.org**

President: Tom Cortopassi
Vice-President: Brad Naylor
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Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey
Secretary: Dave Swan

WOMEN'S CLUB

President: Dee Cereghino
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Second VP: Julia Fex
Third VP: Chris Swan
Rec. Secretary: Barbara Cage
Treasurer: Norene Rusteen

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

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Kit Fragulia,	Sharon Geenen
Mike Descalso, Chair	Joe Krauss
Arcie Eppler	Tom Lunzer
Katie Stafford-Eady	Bill McSweeney
Karen Chang Co-Chair	Sue Burns
Fr. Linh Nguyen	Mel Sigona

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GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS

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Mary Houweling	Katie Stafford-Eady
Suzanne Lasseigne, RSCJ	

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Tuesday	8:30 AM - 4 PM
Wednesday-Thursday	8:30 AM - 8 PM
Friday	8:30 AM - 3 PM
Saturday	3 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday	9 AM - 2 PM