

WELCOME TO St. Pius Parish!

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

September 13, 2009
Twenty-Fourth
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)

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

Children's Faith Formation (CCD)

Classes for children in grades K-8 will begin on **Wednesday, September 23rd, and Sunday, September 27th**. Families may choose from classes on **Sunday morning, following the 9:30 am Mass, from 10:30-11:30am**, or **Wednesday from 3:45-4:45pm**, in the school building near the lawn. Faith Formation classes offer children the opportunity to learn about their faith while reinforcing what is being taught at home and at mass. The children participate in a three-part program including *The Call to Faith*, content-centered catechesis, based on Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Students and their parents participate quarterly in intergenerational catechesis during class time, and families will put their faith into action through our monthly community service/outreach collections, and learning about Catholic Social teachings. Registration materials and calendars for the 2009-2010 school year are available on the St. Pius website – “Download Registration Materials Below: Religious Education for Children Registration packet”.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

The wide spectrum of ministries for parish children would not be possible without our volunteers. Are you an adult or teenager who enjoys working with children and has some time to spare? If you need more information, please call Maria Cornell, 368-0429, Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation, or email maria@pius.org, or Pam Spencer, Childcare Coordinator, and Faith Formation assistant, pam@pius.org.

LISTENING AND RESPONDING

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God, day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

Teen Confirmation!

If you are a high school - age youth, and in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade, this Fall –

Registrations are due NOW!

Our Orientation for candidates and parents:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th
3:00PM - 6:00PM.

Registration materials and schedules are available on our website at www.pius.org. If you need a hard copy of the registration materials, please stop by the Parish Center or call and we will mail them to you. Call Elaine (650) 365-0140 to schedule your entrance interview! **Or email elaine@pius.org**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:30 am Mass:

Thanks to a group of dedicated moms, we are able to offer Children's Liturgy of the Word year round! The children in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade, hear and discuss the readings in a way that they can understand. The children are able to truly grasp the message and put Jesus' message into action. Remember to ask your children what they heard in the readings and to decide as a family how you can live out the message during the coming week. The questions of the week are provided to begin your discussion.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong? (Isaiah 50:5-9a).

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Faith, if it does not have works, is dead (James 2:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” (Mark 8:27-35).

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: What do you think it means for you to follow in Jesus footsteps?

Question for Youth: Who do you say that Jesus is? Who is Jesus in your life?

Question for Adults: What is the cross that you carry today? How do you follow Jesus in the workplace and at home?

**GRIEF SUPPORT "NEW SESSION
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 21, 2009:**

This is a weekly support group, made up of nine sessions, for those who have recently lost a loved one. Sessions are held in the Parish Center, facilitated by Sr. Suzanne Lassagne, RCSJ, and Mary Dickinson. Meetings are from 7:00 P.M - 8:30 PM. Registration is requested. To register, please call our Parish Grief Ministry hot line at 361-0655 or e-mail grief_help@hotmail.com.

ST. PIUS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children of all ages are invited to join the St. Pius Children's Choir. Rehearsals are every Tuesday, starting September 15 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm in the Fitzsimon Music Room. We welcome our new pianist, Joe Strus, and look forward to another year of singing praises to God. For any questions, please contact Cathy Yee at (650) 361-8295. See you at practice!

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 9/6/09

Last Sunday's collection	\$12,429.67
Cumulative total for year	\$106,428.67
Budgeted	\$107,840.00
Under Budget	(\$1,411.33)

We appreciate your continued support and generosity.

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.

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.pius.org

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND - 9/19 & 9/20

For more than 156 years, priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco have served the Catholic faithful well. Our priests have selflessly given to us, and now we can return this gift through our support. We'll have a **second collection next weekend, September 19th and 20th.**

MEMORIAL MASS FOR CHILDREN - SEPT. 19

Parents, families, and friends, are invited to a Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy, in memory of babies and young children who have died, before, during, and shortly after birth, from any cause, at the Rachel Shrine, in Holy Cross Cemetery, **Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 11:00 am.** Bishop William Justice will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. For more information call (415) 614-5572. Holy Cross is located at 1500 Mission Road, Colma. Signs will be posted at the entrance.

Theology by the Glass

Join us at this month's *Theology by the Glass* gathering. Get to know others in the parish while enjoying a glass of wine and listening to an engaging speaker. More details about the speaker and topic to come soon. We will meet at Angelica's Bistro, in downtown Redwood City, at 7:00 pm, on **Thursday, September 24th.**

WIDOWED, SEPARATED, AND DIVORCED

This weekend program is **OCTOBER 23-25, at Vallombrosa Retreat Center,** in Menlo Park. For information, and a brochure, contact La Verne at 355-3978, Helen at (415) 388-9651, or Ward at (415) 821-3390, or email: SJBeginExp@aol.com or see our website: <http://www.geocities.com/sanjosebe/>

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Michael Richter	Deacon Steve	Gene Clark
David Addiego	Armella Wahl	Steve Moore
Marilyn Scranton	Theresa Hannig	
John Wesolowski	Debbie Garibaldi	

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are kicking off a high school *Youth Ministry* program this year!!! Our next leadership meeting is **Sunday, September 13, from 3-5pm, in the Youth Ministry Room, (# 4 at the school).**

Contact Elaine for more information, 365-0140 or elaine@pius.org

Archdiocesan Youth Mass

September 26th, 7 pm, @St. Anne of the Sunset in SF— a joint effort of *Campus Ministers and Youth Ministers of the Archdiocese*. We are celebrating the beginning of the year! If you would like to attend, contact Elaine right away at 365-0140 or elaine@pius.org. We have been offered space on a bus, free of cost, with youth from another parish.

MASSES

Sat.	Sept. 12	5 pm	Maria & Fritz Hackel
Sun.	Sept. 13	8 am	J.B. Moore & Christine Reese
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	Laurie Gibson
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Sept. 14	8 am	Rose Zanardi
Tues.	Sept. 15	8 am	Patrick Maher
Wed.	Sept. 16	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Thurs.	Sept. 17	8 am	A. Capovilla (INT)
Fri.	Sept. 18	8 am	Fran LaCasse
Sat.	Sept. 19	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
		5 pm	Jean Berhan
Sun.	Sept. 20	8 am	Katherine McMillan (INT)
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	Mary Ellen Murphy
		5 pm	Al Hajovsky

MEN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING & DINNER

Join us for the first Men's Club **General Meeting** of the year, **Wednesday September 16th**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Doors open at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:30pm. Welcome to all men of the parish!

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Natalie Lyssand
Zachary Lyssand

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

When you care enough to love the very best in your marriage, treat yourselves to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The last one in 2009 will be **November 6-8, in San Mateo**. Call Paul & Yvonne at 366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org.

DID YOU LOSE A RING?

Thank you for your food donations of canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul a couple of months ago. One of the volunteers found a ring in one of the grocery bags. Please call 361-1411.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday, September 18th, a speaker from PG&E will come to speak to us, and, on Friday, September 25th, the Third Grade mothers and students from St. Pius will come and treat us to lunch. Please come and support our meetings. Thank you.

SENIOR PEER COUNSELING

Do you ever wish you had someone to talk to? This counseling offers **free** confidential emotional support, guidance and empathy, to older adults facing challenges, such as loneliness, depression, grief, and isolation from family and friends. Counselors are trained, older adults, who share similar experiences, values, wisdom and culture. These services are available to **San Mateo County adults, age 55 years or older**. Call 403-4300, ext. 4389.

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.

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

President: Tom Cortopassi
Vice-President: Brad Naylor
2nd Vice President: Tony Perazzo
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey
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WOMEN'S CLUB

President: Dee Cereghino
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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

Mike Descalso, Chair	Sharon Geenen
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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