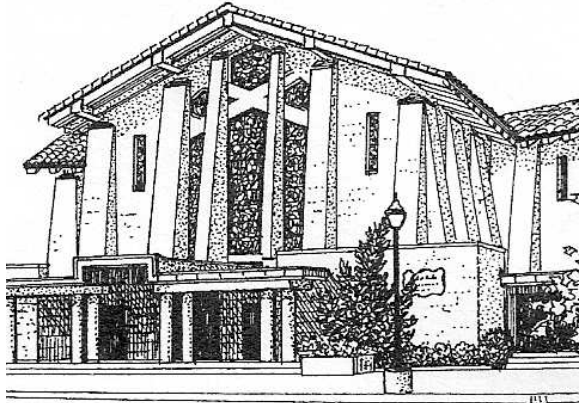


WELCOME TO St. Pius Parish!

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

September 20, 2009
Twenty-Fifth
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.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is “the wicked one” and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Inter-parochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the “Mother School” of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in “national parishes,” were established to preserve the culture and language of the “old country,” and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded “separate schools” were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wicked say: With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20).

Psalm — The Lord upholds my life (Psalm 54).

Second Reading — The wisdom from above is full of mercy and good fruits (James 3:16 — 4:3).

Gospel — Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me (Mark 9:30-37).

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

Question for Youth: Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others? What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

Question for Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Please join us in the Parish Center, **Thursday, October 1st at 6:30 pm**, to find out how to become a Catholic, or how to receive the sacraments as an adult. This short meeting will discuss the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. Please bring any questions or doubts you may have. For more information, please call Laura at 361-1411 or email at Laura@pius.org.

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 P.M. Registration is requested. To register, please call our Parish Grief Ministry hot line at 361-0655 or e-mail grief_help@hotmail.com.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 9/13/09

Last Sunday's collection	\$14,507.76
Cumulative total for year	\$120,936.43
Budgeted	\$118,624.00
Over Budget	\$2,312.43

We appreciate your continued support and generosity.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING

Come meet other young adults in their 20s and 30s! We will gather the last Sunday of the month to plan and participate in various activities. Come be a part of something bigger than yourself – give back and feel a sense of belonging in your Church, **Sunday, Sept. 27th**, 6 pm (following 5 pm Mass), in the Parish Center, located directly behind the church. Child care is available by reservation. For more information please contact Laura at 361-1411 or laura@pius.org.



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Fall Festival

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 this weekend, September 19th and 20th.**

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.**

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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NEW HOURS AT PARISH CENTER

As of **July 1st** the new office hours are:

Sunday	9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Monday-Tuesday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday-Thursday	8:30 am to 8:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday	3:00 pm to 6:30 pm

If you have a scheduled event & need a key on a day we close at 4 pm, you'll have to make arrangements to pick it up before that time at the Parish Center.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Michael Richter	Deacon Steve	Gene Clark
David Addiego	Armella Wahl	Steve Moore
Roberto Cervantes	Theresa Hannig	
John Wesolowski	Debbie Garibaldi	
Martha Sullivan		

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

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. 19	5 pm	Jean Berhan
Sun.	Sept. 20	8 am	Katherin McMillan(INT)
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	Mary Ellen Murphy
		5 pm	Al Hajovsky
Mon.	Sept. 21	8 am	Mary Frances Dyer
Tues.	Sept. 22	8 am	Hermine Schattin
Wed.	Sept. 23	8 am	Dan Baldini
Thurs.	Sept. 24	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Fri.	Sept. 25	8 am	Grace Southward
Sat.	Sept. 26	8 am	Fran La Casse
		5 pm	Norma Zan
Sun.	Sept. 27	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	St. Vincent de Paul members & families
		11:30	Carlo Carrara
		5 pm	Anthony Giraudo

St. Pius Children's Choir

Children in ALL GRADES are invited to join the Children's Choir and sing praises to the Lord. We will be singing, once a month, at the Sunday 9:30 am Children's Mass. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays, from 6 to 7 pm, in the Fitzsimon Music Room. For more information, please contact Cathy Yee at cathy@pius.org or (650) 361-8295.

MODERN FAMILY PLANNING - TRAINING

SEMINAR on the Billings Ovulation Method, which is Church approved, is **October 30 - November 2**, at Seton Medical Center, Daly City. When you attend this 3 1/2 day seminar you can become a Natural Family Planning teacher. The deadline to sign up is October 15th. Call for more information, 868-3090 or www.boma-usa.com

"SPIRIT OF EMPOWERMENT" MASS

The Ministers of Light, and Pastor Arturo Albano, invite you to a special Bilingual Mass for Domestic Violence, with Bishop William Justice, **Friday, October 2**, at **Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th, S.F.**, at 7:00 pm. There will be music, and a cupcake reception to follow. This is a safe space for victims and survivors. Security will be provided. There will be parking in the Mission Dolores School parking lot. Questions? Go to www.ministersoflight.org

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 School will come and treat us to lunch. On October 23rd, Ann Traylkill, from the Veteran's Administration Hospital, will come and talk to us. Please come and support our meetings. Thank you.

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.

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.

The best way to cheer yourself up is
to cheer everyone else up.

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

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ST. PIUS SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Adele Sanchez, Coordinator
Meets each Friday in the Senior Room at 10:00 am

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

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