

WELCOME TO St. Pius Parish!

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

October 4, 2009 Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi Co-patron of the Archdiocese and San Francisco



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

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	jim@pius.org
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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

HE EMBRACED THEM AND BLESSED THEM

Today Jesus stresses how children embody the reign of God. They are trusting and loving and have hearts that are open to love. They are joyful when they are made aware of God's love for them, and are eager to return that love. This is the model Jesus holds out to us if we want to welcome the reign of God. We need to have open, loving hearts. We must drop our defenses, however we came by them, and welcome Christ's love for us with joy. This is impossible for us on our own. Only the grace of God will enable us to do this, but that grace is freely and generously given. We have only to accept it.

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Liturgical Ministries: Are you being called?

On September 20 the St. Pius community commissioned our liturgical ministers. Many of our parishioners are involved in these ministries, yet more are needed! Liturgical ministries include: altar servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar society & environment, greeters and ushers. Do you have the gift of proclaiming the Word of God? Do you have a desire to distribute the Body and Blood of our Lord? Are you gifted with plants, flowers, decorating, etc.? Are you a natural "welcomer"? To learn more about these ministries, please consult the St. Pius website: www.pius.org then email: Maria@pius.org or call Maria Cornell at 368-0429, to see how you, too, can be a part of Liturgical Ministries here at St. Pius.

Children's Faith Formation (CCD) for children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade have begun! If you are interested in registering your child(ren), please call Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or email: Maria@Pius.org.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Small Groups are meeting this week, October 6th, 7th, and 8th, depending on your assignment.

YOUTH MINISTRY - SPY: Mission Impossible

All High School Teens are invited to the Rock House (Room 4) for our **Kick-off on OCTOBER 25TH from 3-5 PM**. We will have free pizza, karaoke, and mural painting. Come find out what's planned for the year.

BLESSING OF THE PETS - ST. PIUS

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, there will be a special blessing on **Monday, October 5th, at 12:00 noon**, at the school. All are welcome to bring pets to be blessed.

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.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Question for Children: When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

Question for Youth: What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

Question for Adults: How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?

CHILDREN'S MASS

We will have this special mass on **Sunday, October 11th**, at 9:30 am. Please join us.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 9/20/09

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 7,461.00
Cumulative total for year	\$136,683.43
Budgeted	\$140,192.00
Under Budget	\$ (3,508.57)

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

Cub Scout Pack 110 is looking for some adventurous boys who want to join the local Cub Scout troop. This endeavor will positively change them because they will learn survival skills, camping skills, life preserving skills, and enjoy field trips and games with fellow classmates/parishioners. From first grade through fifth grade, this is a great opportunity to join a well established, and long-standing boys club. The cost is \$70.00 for the year.

Please contact Cub Master Terry Clark at 369-7072 for membership details.

OCTOBER MASS COUNT

Each year, during the month of October, we are required to take a mass attendance count during every mass. You will notice this being done during each week for reporting to the various dicasteries in Rome.

MONTHLY WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER

Join us for a fun-filled evening of Bunco, **Wednesday, October 14th, at 6:30 pm**, in Homer Crouse. For expert and novices alike -- you won't be disappointed! It's a fast-pace, *easy to learn*, fun dice game. This is a great way to meet new people, socialize with friends, and enjoy an evening out. The cost is \$15, and includes a spaghetti dinner, complete with salad, garlic bread and dessert, complimentary bar, and prizes for the winners!

Please,RSVP to the Women's Club hotline at 364-5204 or email at womensclub_members@pius.org. Additionally, if anyone has a card table we could borrow, please contact Laurie Sacher at 245-4562.

Christmas Boutique

This annual Christmas event will take place on **Sunday, December 6th**, in Fitzsimon Center. We are currently accepting vendor applications. Contact Lisa Maskarich at 644-5905, or email womensclub_members@pius.org, if you would like a table to display your crafts.

MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS: OKTOBERFEST

Dinner / Dance ! October 24th, 2009

Fitzsimon Center will be transformed with live German music, authentic Oktoberfest food & a biergarten, in a celebration that is worthy of its namesake.

Registration forms are available at the back of church and at the Parish Center. You may also secure tickets by contacting mensclub@pius.org Tickets are \$40 and need to be purchased in advance.

ST. PIUS SCHOOL TOURS

Please visit St. Pius School for a tour, and learn about our community, and the excellent education we offer. Tours will begin in the foyer of Fitzsimon Center at 8:30 am, on October 14th, November 18th, December 10th, January 15th, and February 5th. The **Open House is January 31st**, with tours beginning at **10:30 am**.

St. Pius School, mindful of its mission to be a witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at this school. St. Pius School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, and national and/or ethnic origin, age, gender or disability in administration of educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school administered programs.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Michael Richter	Deacon Steve	Gene Clark
Martha Sullivan	Sarah Kinsella	Steve Moore
Roberto Cervantes	Judy Marks	David Addiego
John Wesolowski	Debbie Garibaldi	
Donna Cervelli	Dorothy Rachko	
Lisa Kitz	Madison Kitz	

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.

Family Caregiver Workshops Offered By Catholic Charities CYO

Catholic Charities CYO is offering **three workshops** that are **FREE** for **primary family caregivers** who are caring for an older adult with memory loss and confusion. Family caregivers are welcome to enroll in one, two, and/or all three workshops in this series. This is an opportunity to get some respite and relaxation while refreshing caregiver skills. **Workshops are not for professional care-givers.** Workshops are funded by a generous grant from the Sequoia Healthcare District to provide support for primary family caregivers and support Aging in Place.

The sessions will be offered in **San Carlos, on Thursdays, October 15th, 22nd, and 29th, from 4:00-5:30 pm.** For more information or to obtain a registration brochure, call Michael Vargas, MSW, 592-9325, or email mvgargas@cccyo.org

MAKE YOUR KIDS HAPPY - LEAVE THEM FOR THE WEEKEND!

On a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**, married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, phones, and focus on each other. You'll like the difference a WWME weekend can make! The **last** one for **2009** will be **November 6-8 in San Mateo.** Call Paul & Yvonne at 366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org.

LISTEN TO ITALIAN MUSIC AND HELP ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

You're invited to the Columbus Day Italian-American Heritage celebration, **Saturday, October 10th, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm**, at the Old San Mateo County Court House, 2200 Broadway, Redwood City. You can purchase tickets for \$20.00 at the event, or call Lisa at 373-0623. The ticket includes hearty hors d'oeuvres, wine, soft drinks, bottled water, and a raffle. This year's event will honor Paula Uccelli, and St. Vincent de Paul is the recipient of the net proceeds.

LOST AND FOUND - AT SATURDAY 5 PM MASS

A flash drive was found in the church after the 5 pm Mass, on Saturday, September 26. Please call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

MASSES

Sat.	Oct. 3	5 pm	Jean Berhan
Sun.	Oct. 4	8 am	Fran LaCasse
		9:30	Joanna Guhit (INT)
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	John Vitelli
Mon.	Oct. 5	8 am	Sue Burns
Tues.	Oct. 6	8 am	Don Goold
Wed.	Oct. 7	8 am	Theresa Ortiz
Thurs.	Oct. 8	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Fri.	Oct. 9	8 am	Margaret Martella
Sat.	Oct. 10	8 am	Martin Etcheverry
		5 pm	Cortopassi family
Sun.	Oct. 11	8 am	Elisa & John Mancarti (INT)
		9:30	Barbara Frediani
		11:30	Mary Ellen Murphy
		5 pm	Brendan Hackett

OPEN HOUSE - ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

This Open House at St. Francis High School, 1885 Miramonte Avenue, Mountain View, is on **Sunday, November 1st, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**, for parents and students. Tours leave from Raskob Gym every 15 minutes and last approximately 1 1/2 hours. You are welcome to join when it is convenient. Questions? Call 968-1213.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

On Friday, October 9th, we'll have pizza for our lunch. On Friday, October 16th, we are going to the Macaroni Grill at Hillsdale, for lunch. On Friday, October 23, Ann Traylkill will come and speak to us on a health issue. On Friday, October 30th, we'll have a pot luck for our lunch.

VOCATION RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN

If you are a single Catholic woman, age 18 or older, and considering a religious vocation as a Sister of Nazareth, this retreat day is for you. This is **Sunday, November 8th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**, at Navareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael. Please call Sr. Linda (415) 479-8282 or Sr. Fintan (310) 216-8170.

POSSIBILITIES

Faith makes all things possible—it does not make them easy.

—Anonymous

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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PTG BOARD

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 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

Mike Descalso, Chair	Sharon Geenen
Karen Chang, Co-Chair	Tom Lunzer
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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