

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 25, 2009
Thirtieth 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

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

This special Mass is Sunday, November 1st, at 11:30 am. We invite the family members and friends, of those whose funerals have taken place since October 1, 2008, to take part in this special celebration. During the month of November, we recall in a special way the dear ones who have gone before us to a life beyond our imagining. We rely upon their intercession to strengthen us. The "Communion of Saints" becomes a reality. At the same time, in the spirit of true Christian community, we ask all members of our parish family to remember our deceased parishioners as they remember their own loved ones.

Faith Formation between Sacraments – Many parish children are not continuing their faith formation between First Eucharist and preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is important that children attend faith formation, from Kindergarten through 8th grade, to be ready for preparation for Confirmation. If your son/daughter is not able to attend faith formation at the times we offer class, please contact our coordinator, Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or maria@pius.org. She will work with you to determine another class time for 3rd- 8th grade students.

St. Pius Scripture Study

Our next study is the *Gospel According to Luke*. Join us for great discussions and learn more about the compassion of Jesus and the universal nature of Jesus' mission. Additionally, Luke's focus on God's faithfulness will encourage you to trust! We will begin on **November 3rd** and will meet every other Tuesday evening, from 7-8:30 pm, in the Parish Center. Call or email Laura at 361-1411 or laura@pius.org for more information.

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.pius.org

DISASTER RELIEF

We had a special collection on October 11th for those affected by the typhoon in the Philippines, and the earthquakes and tsunamis in Indonesia, Samoa and American Samoa. If you were not prepared to donate at that time, you can still do so. Checks should be made out to St. Pius Church, and if you would like your **donation to go to a particular disaster, please make that notation on the memo line on your check.** You can put it in the collection basket or take it to the Parish Center, and make sure you have it in an **envelope marked "Disaster Relief"**. Thank you.

THE HOPE AND PROMISE OF REDEMPTION

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people.

Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.

Question for Children: What would you like to ask Jesus for?

Question for Youth: "Master, I want to see!" What do you most want to be able to "see" in your own life? How are you blind?

Question for Adults: What does it mean for you to "see"? Are there blind spots in your life?

WINTER COATS FOR THE HOMELESS

If you have winter coats and sweaters in your closet that you no longer wear, please consider a donation to St. Vincent de Paul. Last year St. Pius parishioners donated over 400 coats, which were given directly to those in need at the Fair Oaks Community Center. The shelters have long waiting lists, so please donate the gift of warmth. There will be boxes available at the main entrance to church, as well as the side entrances next weekend, **October 31st and November 1st.** Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 10/11/09

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 10,606.61
Cumulative total for year	\$169,951.04
Budgeted	\$172,544.00
Under Budget	\$ (2,592.96)

PARISH DIRECTORY

We are in need of a graphic artist and a printing company to help with the parish directory. If you are interested, please call Kit Fragulia at 366-6371.

WOMEN'S CLUB NEWS

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! The St. Pius Women's Club is very happy to announce that popular speaker, Sam Kaufman, will speak at our **Special Dinner Event, Wednesday, November 4th.** Spend an enjoyable evening with Sam as she presents, "The Outcast", a story of hope for women of all ages. This event is at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. We will have wine and cheese at 5:30 pm, and dinner at 6 pm, with wine, coffee and tea, followed by the presentation at 7:00 pm in the library. The cost is \$25 per person. Please RSVP to the Women's Club at 364-5204 or email at womensclub_members@pius.org.
We will have car pool transportation from St. Pius.



NEXT SUNDAY!!



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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 **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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Evelyn Davino
Thomas Rogalski

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.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Luca D'Amico
Marcello Cano

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Michael Richter	Deacon Steve	Justin Levers
Dee Cereghino	Sarah Kinsella	Lisa Kitz
Steve Masarie	Donna Cervelli	David Addiego
Voola Jameson	Madison Kitz	Sally Cody
Dorothy Rachko	Craig Toth	Judy Marks
Susie Villagomez		

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.

WOODSIDE PRIORY SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE

Prospective students and parents are invited to attend this **Open House, Saturday, November 14th or December 5th.** Please make reservations by calling 851-8223. The planned program starts at 10 am. The Priory is a Catholic Benedictine school serving grades 6-12, located at 302 Portola Road, Portola Valley. Applications are now being accepted for the freshman year of high school. The application deadline is January 14, 2010.

ST. FRANCIS CENTER - IN NEED OF FOOD

During these challenging economic times, we find that we are busier than ever trying to feed more with less. Our client load, for our food program, is up 42% over last year. **Please help families in your community by donating canned food items to the St. Francis Center, 151 Buckingham Avenue, in Redwood City.** The items listed below are ones we could really use: tuna, macaroni & cheese, cooking oil, ketchup, jelly, fruit, baby food, soup, canned meats, juice, cereal, and vegetables. Please ensure the items are non-expired and non-perishable. All canned items welcome.

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.

Young Adults Gathering

Gather with other young adults in their 20's and 30's for a Halloween-themed meeting **Sunday, October 25th!** We will have pizza, drinks, and games. Join us at 6 pm in the St. Pius Parish Center (located behind the church), or join a group of us before the meeting at the 5 pm Mass (we will gather at the back of the church before mass). Childcare is available for the meeting by reservation. Call Laura at 361-1411 or email laura@pius.org for more information.

MASSES

Sat.	Oct. 24	5 pm	Mary Ellen Murphy
Sun.	Oct. 25	8 am	Hermine Schattin
		9:30	Brian Murphy
		11:30	Mary Ellen Murphy
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Oct. 26	8 am	Nello Lombardi
Tues.	Oct. 27	8 am	Dennis Hopkins
Wed.	Oct. 28	8 am	Jean Berhan
Thurs.	Oct. 29	8 am	Desmond White
Fri.	Oct. 30	8 am	Matt Hannan
Sat.	Oct. 31	8 am	Norman Castellano
		5 pm	Randy Cardellini
Sun.	Nov. 1	8 am	Peter Bogdan
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	All Souls
		5 pm	Helen Marie Anzulewicz

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.

Learn About Your Faith

Interested in learning more about the mysteries of our faith? Want to know more about North American saints and how they lived this faith? Starting **Wednesday, November 4th,** Fr. Junior, Maria Cornell, and Laura Martin-Spencer will lead an informal discussion based on a study of the United States Catholic Catechism for adults. We will meet in the Parish Center around 8:45 am (after the 8 am Mass), every other week.

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.



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

President: Tom Cortopassi
Vice-President: Brad Naylor
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WOMEN'S CLUB

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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
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