

# WELCOME TO St. Pius Parish!

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November 15, 2009  
Thirty-Third  
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

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	<a href="mailto:jim@pius.org">jim@pius.org</a>
Rev. Honesto Gile, Jr., Parochial Vicar	361-1411	<a href="mailto:junior@pius.org">junior@pius.org</a>
Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	361-1411	
Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate	361-1411	
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Elaine Rachko, Youth Minister	365-0140	<a href="mailto:elaine@pius.org">elaine@pius.org</a>

## 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

**Archbishop George Niederauer has requested the following temporary liturgical modifications during flu season:**

- The distribution of Holy Communion from the Cup is suspended.
- Out of consideration, all are encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand.
- The Sign of Peace should be offered without shaking hands, with a smile or nod, and the words, "Peace be with you."
- The faithful are asked to refrain from holding hands during the Lord's Prayer. The "orans" posture – hands open with palms facing upward is an alternative.
- Eucharistic Ministers will cleanse their hands with an alcohol-based, anti-bacterial gel *before and after* administering the Sacrament.
- Holy water fonts will be cleaned thoroughly and refreshed on a weekly basis.

These changes are temporary preventative measures that are necessary to follow until the risks of flu season are past. We appreciate your assistance.

### 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. Our speaker this month will be Rabbi Shelley Waldenberg, who will discuss, "The Jewish and Christian Master Stories: Building Bridges of Understanding and Trust At Last." We will meet at Angelica's Bistro, in downtown Redwood City, at **7:00 pm on Thursday, November 19th.**

### "GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS"

For those who have lost a loved one, the holidays can be difficult! The St. Pius Grief Ministry is offering a workshop **December 7th and 14th, 2009**, in the **Parish Center, at 7:00 pm**. Presenters are: Rich and Rita Morton. *For more information contact grief ministry: 650) 361-0655 or e mail [grief\\_help@hotmail.com](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com)*

### SPY (St. Pius Youth) will team with BEAD FOR LIFE, Sunday, Nov. 22nd,

after all Masses. The bead workers are impoverished women in Uganda who are hardworking, intelligent, and strong in their desire to improve their lives. They make gorgeous hand-crafted paper beads from recycled paper and turn them into necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. All proceeds go to benefit sustainable opportunities for people to lift their families from the cycle of poverty. For more info see [www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org). Join the **Bead Circle** by purchasing and wearing these beautiful beads. Our youth will sell these beads in the Youth Ministry Room, # 4, at the school, after all Masses. They will make perfect Christmas gifts. Information and activities to raise awareness about poverty will be ongoing through the day.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers are needed to administer Holy Communion to the homebound of St. Pius Parish. This is a special ministry serving the needs of our brothers and sisters who are unable to receive the sacraments and attend Mass. Please call Nan or Frank Scarpino at 365-3062.

### Mark your calendars...

before your holiday schedule gets full!!!

On **Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**, from **7:00 to 8:30 pm**, we will have a special night of music, speakers, and fellowship, to help prepare us for the advent season.

This *Advent* **Night of Reflection** will give our entire parish, adults, children, and teens, an opportunity to prepare spiritually for the joy of Christmas. More details to come soon.

**Question for Children:** If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would you say? How would you act?

**Question for Youth:** If today was your last day, what would you be most thankful for? What would you regret?

**Question for Adults:** If today was your last, what would you do with it?

**FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM:**

Today is **Stewardship Sunday**. A member of the St. Pius Finance Council will speak after Communion, at all the Masses this weekend. In gratitude to God for the gift of faith, we are invited to share our time, talent, and treasure, so that we can carry out the mission that Our Lord has given to us. I am very grateful to all of you who already are good stewards. We appreciate your support so that the parish can provide ministry to our parish community. We do, however, need more of our parishioners to help support the parish.

There will be ***one*** Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th, at 9:00 am. Please join us in giving thanks for all the gifts we receive from God.

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2009-2010 as of 11/08/09

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 10,651.00
Cumulative total for year	\$200,627.04
Budgeted	\$204,896.00
Under Budget	\$ (4,268.96)

**WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**

There are some openings for vendors, and if you are interested, call Lisa at 644-5905. This Holiday Boutique will be held on **Sunday, December 6th, 10 am – 6 pm.** Shop early for the holidays and join us for a fun-filled event! No charge to attend – and we'll provide delicious food, entertainment, and gifts for your entire shopping list.

**Women's Club - Josie True Award Nominations**

Each year, the St. Pius Women's Club gives a special award to a woman in the St. Pius Parish who has demonstrated acts of charitable giving. Josie True was a member of St. Pius and a true Christian woman who embodied the spirit of charity. It is in her honor that we bestow this award each year, which will be announced at our annual

**Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 9th.**

If you would like to nominate a candidate for this award, please submit your nomination, in writing, **by November 20th**, to the Women's Club mailbox located in the Parish Center, or send it via e-mail to: carolyn.moyer@sbcglobal.net

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN-HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

For nearly 40 years, the Catholic campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has embodied Catholic social teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in **next week's second-collection, November 21st and November 22nd.**

**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 Fraglia at 366-6371.

**POINSETTIA PLANTS - ORDER FORMS**

Beautify your home and office with fresh, beautiful poinsettias! The 6-inch pots (standard plant) will be available in **red or white** for \$10.00, and the 8-inch pots (2 plants, 24-inch - 28-inch high) will be available in **red only**, for \$20.00. They make great gifts. The order forms are available in the Parish Center and the school office.

Please place your order **by Monday, November 23rd**, for delivery the week after Thanksgiving. Questions? Call Kristin Bright at 364-1768 or email at **krvbright1@yahoo.com.**

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

- Mina Marie Buhr
- Zachary William Briggs
- Paige Elizabeth Lambert
- Alexander Joseph Dujmovic

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Michael Richter	Deacon Steve	Justin Levers
Dee Cereghino	Steve Moore	Joslyn Cronin
Susie Villagomez	Bill Beaton	Judy Marks
Voola Jameson	Craig Toth	Dorothy Rachko
Donna Cervelli		

**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.**

### **ST. PIUS SCHOOL TOURS**

Please visit St. Pius School for a tour, and learn about our community, and the excellent education we offer. The tour will begin in the foyer of Fitzsimon Center at **8:30 am, on Wednesday, November 18, 2009.**

*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.*

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR SENIORS**

The Peninsula Hills Women's Club, is, once again, sponsoring the *Thanksgiving Day Dinner* for Seniors at the **Senior Center, 1455 Madison Avenue** in Redwood City. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS DINNER.** Please sign up at the Senior Center, or call 399-6561.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:**

Richard Harris  
Jose Carlos Guzman

### **MEN'S CLUB NOVEMBER DINNER**

Please come join us for dinner on **Wednesday, November 18th**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and dinner is served at 7:30 pm.

Congratulations to Larry Weber, the 2009 Ralph Lucchesi award winner. Larry, your hard work & dedication to the parish, and your family, is an inspiration to us all.

### **ST. PIUS SENIORS**

On Friday, November 20th, the 7th grade students and parents, will host a luncheon for the Seniors. Also, on that day, Brian Chapman will come and speak about the Senior Community. We will **not meet** on Friday, November 27th.

### **MASSES**

Sat.	Nov. 14	5 pm	Mary Ellen Murphy
Sun.	Nov. 15	8 am	Louise Fragulia
		9:30	Paulina Szuster
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Beverly Stancil
Mon.	Nov. 16	8 am	Richard Santana
Tues.	Nov. 17	8 am	Jean Berhan
Wed.	Nov. 18	8 am	Gail Firth
Thurs.	Nov. 19	8 am	All Souls
Fri.	Nov. 20	8 am	Rose F. Smith
Sat.	Nov. 21	8 am	Jean Berhan
		5 pm	John, Mary & Christopher Hietanen
Sun.	Nov. 22	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Mary Ellen Murphy
		11:30	Sue Burns
		5 pm	Paul Flanagan, Sr.

### **THE SPIRIT OF RUSSIAN CHRISTIANITY**

Father Kevin Kennedy will be presenting a lecture on Russian Christianity at the Daughters of St. Paul Bookstore on **Wednesday, November 18th at 7:00 pm.** The bookstore is located at 2640 Broadway, in Redwood City.

### **St. Pius Young People's Theater Try-outs**

Please mark your calendar! Auditions for Grades 3-7 will be on **December 8th, from 7:00-8:00 pm, in Homer Crouse.** Grades 3-7 **only have to do a quick 1-2 minute monologue.** Auditions for grades 8-12, will be on December 10th, 7:00-8:30 pm, in the Gym. Please come prepared to sing a song and do a 1-2 minute monologue. If you do not want to try out for a principal part, you still need to attend so I know you want to be in the play. All grades have practice on December 11th, from 7:00 -8:00 pm in Homer Crouse, at which time, you will receive your parts. We will begin practices on January 5th from 7:00-8:30pm.

If you have any questions please contact Meaghan Brennan at x5brennans@yahoo.com, or 299-9310.

### **WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Celebrate the Season! The Annual Christmas Dinner will be held in Fitzsimon Center, **Wednesday, December 9th,** and will feature a delicious sit-down dinner, prepared by Arguello Catering. Contact Norene Rusteen to RSVP – nfrusteen@comcast.net or call the Women's Club Hotline at 650-364-5204.

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

President: Tom Cortopassi  
Vice-President: Brad Naylor  
2nd Vice President: Tony Perazzo  
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey  
Secretary: Dave Swan

**WOMEN'S CLUB**

President: Dee Cereghino  
**womensclub\_members@pius.org**  
First VP: Lisa Maskarich  
Second VP: Julia Fex  
Third VP: Chris Swan  
Rec. Secretary: Barbara Cage  
Treasurer: Norene Rusteen

**PTG BOARD**

President: Kelli Crowley  
VP: Christine Healy  
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
Kit Fragulia	Bill McSweeney
Joe Krauss	Arcie Eppler
Katie Stafford	Jan Sullivan
Anthony Price	Al Zappelli

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**

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Katie Stasun	Rich Morton
Linda Beroldo	Rita Morton
Angela Brassinga	Pam Nehrenz
Patty Dana	Dorothy Rottinghaus
Mary Dickinson	Linda Hird
Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell	Mel Sigona
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