

WELCOME TO St. Pius Parish!

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

November 22, 2009
Our Lord
Jesus Christ
The King



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

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM:

I am sad to announce the death of Msgr. Peter G. Armstrong, the second pastor of St. Pius Parish, (July 1979 - June 2001). He passed away on Tuesday, in San Rafael. The Vigil Service will be on Monday, November 23rd, at 7:00 pm in the church, and the Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, November 24th, at 11 am, with a reception to follow in Fitzsimon Center.

The burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma following the reception.

Msgr. Armstrong had a long history of serving the people of St. Pius. He was stationed in the parish as the Assistant Pastor, from 1954 - 1959, as well as being the Pastor for twenty-two years. Please remember him, his family and his friends in your Masses and prayers.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS - NOVEMBER 26TH

Our Mass is at **9:00 am, Thursday, November 26th**. Celebrate the Eucharist and give thanks with the St. Pius Community before you gather for your family Thanksgiving celebration. Bring along the bread you will share at your meal to be blessed during the Mass, along with non-perishable food to share with the needy in our community.

World Poverty - Want to make a difference???

Find gifts that keep on giving. COME TO BEAD FOR LIFE today, Sunday, Nov. 22nd, after all Masses.

Our **Bead Party**, hosted by our youth, will be in the Youth Ministry Room, # 4, at the school. Information and activities to raise awareness about poverty will be available.

"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** 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*

Mark your calendars...

before your holiday schedule gets full!!!

On **Wednesday, December 2nd**, 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

We will have the Anointing of the Sick at the **5 pm Mass** on **Saturday, December 5th**, and **all the Masses** on **Sunday, December 6th**.

Who may receive the Anointing of the Sick?

Anyone who is suffering from a serious illness, preparing for surgery, or in a weakened condition even though no serious illness is present, may receive the sacrament. Please take this opportunity to bring your loved ones who are in need of this sacrament and may not be able to attend Mass on a regular basis. The faithful may receive the sacrament more than once if they recover from an illness and then become ill again. To receive the sacrament at another time, call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

Question for Children: Is it difficult or easy for you to tell the truth? How does Jesus help you?

Question for Youth: Today we celebrate Christ the King. How much do you let the Jesus' truth rule your life? How difficult is it for you to follow Jesus?

Question for Adults: What is the truth for you? How do you live the truth everyday?



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 with a smile or nod, without shaking hands, 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 cooperation.

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 this week's **Second Collection**, November 21st and November 22nd.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - 5TH SUNDAY

There will be a **SECOND COLLECTION, November 28th and 29th**. Recently, we provided assistance to a mother with two children, whose husband had abandoned her. She has worked for 13 years, making minimum wage, and we helped her with rent and food from Second Harvest Food Bank. This is typical of the many families we visit. Many are single mothers, some have husbands who have lost their jobs, many are on disability with a decline in income. Many are always in need. Your generosity has always helped us to continue with our work, and we are extremely grateful. We ask for your prayers for those who are having difficulties at this time. St. Pius St. Vincent de Paul

WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

There are some openings for vendors. 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.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 11/15/09	
Last Sunday's collection	\$ 9,261.00
Cumulative total for year	\$209,888.04
Budgeted	\$215,680.00
Under Budget	\$ (5,791.96)

WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER

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. Please RSVP to Norene Rusteen by e-mail nfrusteen@comcast.net, or call the Women's Club Hotline at 650-364-5204.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER POINSETTIAS!!!

Orders are due **Monday, November 23rd!!** Poinsettias will be available for pickup on **Thursday, December 3rd**. Order forms are available in the Parish Center and school office. They make great gifts! Any questions, please contact Kristin Bright at 364-1768 or e-mail krvbright1@yahoo.com.

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
Craig Toth	Donna Cervelli	Mary K. Parks
Dorothy Rachko	Martha Sullivan	Sheri Bailey
Marilyn von Emster		

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.

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.

St. Pius Young People's Theater Try-outs

Please mark your calendar! Auditions for Grades 3-7 will be **December 8th from 7:00-8:00 pm in Homer Crouse.** Grades 3-7 **only have to do a 1-2 minute monologue.** Auditions for grades 8-12 will be 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 lead part, you still need to attend so that 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 and you'll receive your parts. We will begin practices on January 5th, from 7:00-8:30pm. Questions? Please contact Meaghan Brennan at x5brennans@yahoo.com or 299-9310.

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 entrances to church. Thank you.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

As you can see, our Pope John XXIII stained glass window is being removed for repair. The window had deteriorated to the point of being dangerous so it needed to be taken care of immediately. After Thanksgiving the full window will be removed for a few months and will be reinstalled in February. We ask for your understanding and patience during this time.

MASSES

Sat.	Nov. 21	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.
Mon.	Nov. 23	8 am	All Souls
Tues.	Nov. 24	8 am	Michael Alonso
Wed.	Nov. 25	8 am	Thanksgiving
Thurs.	Nov. 26	8 am	Randy Cardellini
Fri.	Nov. 27	8 am	Anastacia Dabu
Sat.	Nov. 28	8 am	Mary Landers
		5 pm	Albin Cwalina
Sun.	Nov. 29	8 am	Francis LaCasse
		9:30	Lilas Miles
		11:30	Donald Theis
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

HEALING RETREAT - NOVEMBER 28TH & 29TH

This Healing Retreat is **8:00 am - 5:00 pm**, at the South San Francisco Conference Center, 255 South Airport Blvd., South San Francisco. The speakers are: Fr. Michael Barry, SSCC, and Fr. Kevin Kennedy, a priest at St. Pius Church. For more information call (800) 456-4197, or srm.inc@juno.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Julie Galiata
Monsignor Peter G. Armstrong

ST. PIUS SENIORS

We will **not meet** on **Friday, November 27th.** The Seniors wish you a "Happy Thanksgiving".

PARISH DIRECTORY

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

ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.pius.org

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**grief_help@hotmail.com**

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