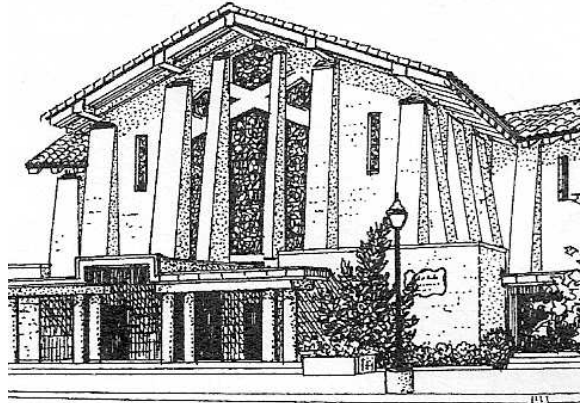


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

December 20, 2009 Fourth Sunday of Advent



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
Rev. Honesto Gile, Jr., Parochial Vicar	361-1411	junior@pius.org
Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	361-1411	
Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate	361-1411	
Rita Carroll, Principal, St. Pius School	368-8327	saintpiusschool@hotmail.com
Barbara E. Drake, Operations Manager	361-1411	barb@pius.org
Maria Cornell, Liturgy & Children's Faith Formation/ CCD	368-0429	maria@pius.org
Spanish-speaking CCD	368-0429	Reled@mountcarmel.org
Adele Sanchez, Senior Adult Coordinator	361-1411	
Laura Martin-Spencer, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA	361-1411	laura@pius.org
Elaine Rachko, Youth Minister	365-0140	elaine@pius.org

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY– 4:15 PM

“ONE STARRY NIGHT” - Our children will present the story of the Nativity, accompanied by music and song from the children and youth choirs, in preparation for our celebration of the Eucharist at 5 pm. Plan to arrive early to fully participate in the Christmas Eve Liturgy!

You can take part in this Mass. All children and teens, Kindergarten—12th grade, are invited to take part. Email Pam@pius.org with child’s name, grade, phone number, email, and names of parents, **by December 16th.** All participants will be contacted on December 18th with details. Plan to arrive at church on Christmas Eve at 3:30 pm. To contact Maria call 678-3545.

Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot

Once again, the Men's Club has received a beautiful shipment of Noble Fir and Douglas Fir trees from Oregon & Washington. We also stock garland, wreaths, and mistletoe, to help in completing your decorations. On Saturday & Sunday our hours are 9 am - 9 pm, while during the week we are open 3 pm - 9 pm. Come pick out the perfect tree and we will either tie it to your car or deliver to your home.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars for the Young Adult Christmas party!!! This party will be on **December 20th, at 6pm**, in the Parish Center. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the season, meet new friends and reconnect with old ones. This event is for those who are between the ages of 21 and 39. We look forward to an evening of fun!

CAN YOU HELP A FAMILY IN NEED?

Would you like to adopt a family for Christmas? Help St. Vincent de Paul help the many families in need this Christmas. Some ideas are presents for the children and help with rent or utilities for mom and dad. Call the Parish Center, Monday to Friday, before 3 pm, 361-1411.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 12/06/09	
Last Sunday's collection	\$ 13,569.00
Cumulative total for year	\$246,939.05
Budgeted	\$248,032.00
Under Budget	\$ (1,092.95)

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.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

There is no meeting on December 25th, Christmas Day. The Seniors wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. See you in January. Please call Adele, at 366-3646 if you would like to join our Senior Group. We meet every Friday at 10:00 am.

ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE - JAN. 22

The anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), is January 22nd, 2010. This is a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. It is also a day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Madison Kitz	Deacon Steve	Mary K. Parks
Dee Cereghino	Catherine Strus	Justin Levers
Sheri Bailey	Richard Hall	
Lisa Kitz	Ferdinand Engesser	
Bill Beaton	Marilyn von Emster	

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.

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.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC MISSION

Members from Bethlehem Catholic Mission will be visiting St. Pius Church **Sunday, December 13th**. They will be selling handmade olivewood crafts, rosaries, holy water, and crosses, in the vestibule of the church. Helping them is helping our brothers and sisters in the HOLY LAND.

“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 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*

Confirmation

Next Large Group meeting is December 20th, at 3 pm ,in Homer Crouse Hall.

Youth Ministry

The Youth Mass is December 20th at 5pm.

AGE OF AQUINAS - CHRISTIAN SINGLES 40 +

We have our ***Shoreline Park Hike & Coffee***, every Saturday at 9 am. Meet at Lakeside Café in Mountain View's Shoreline Park, near the breezeway between the café and the Aquatic Center at 9 am. We gather at the café around 10:00 am for coffee or brunch. Questions? Call (408) 739-2881.

MASSES

Sat.	Dec. 19	5 pm	Edward Paczkowski
Sun.	Dec. 20	8 am	Charles & Louise Fragulia
		9:30	People of St. Pius
		11:30	Mary Ellen Murphy
		5 pm	Ignacio Mendez
Mon.	Dec. 21	8 am	Giovanni Salino
Tues.	Dec. 22	8 am	Tom Meyer
Wed.	Dec. 23	8 am	Dora Torres
Thurs.	Dec. 24	5 pm	Norma Zan
		10pm	Aldina Corradetti
Fri.	Dec. 25	8 am	Rich Herbst
		9:30	Martin Etcheverry
		11:30	Randy Cardellini
Sat.	Dec. 26	8 am	Mary Kocir
		5 pm	Julie Galiata
Sun.	Dec. 27	8 am	Dolores Gendotti
		9:30	Sue Burns
		11:30	Paul Cinquini
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

SLEEPING BAG APPEAL/ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We all want to be warm and dry on these frosty nights. Think of how the homeless feel when they are sleeping in their cars, on park benches, etc. etc. You can help by donating \$25 for a special sleeping bag for very cold weather. Last year we gave away 786 of these “camping grade” sleeping bags to our Homeless Help Centers. If you can help, you can do this online at www.svdp-sanmateo.org, or mail a check to SVDP Sleeping Bag Appeal, 50 North B Street, San Mateo, CA 94401.

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	

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