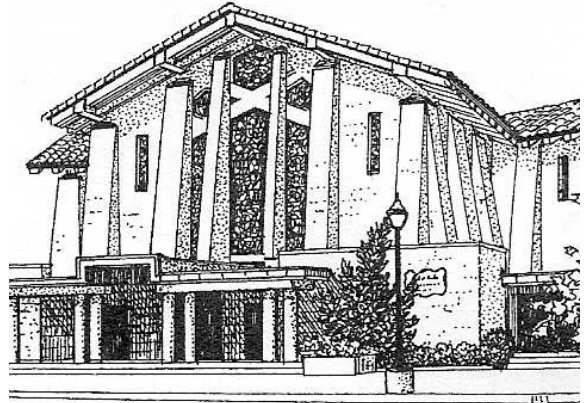


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2010



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

The Baptism of the Lord

These days there are some young Catholic parents who wonder whether baptism is the proper thing for them to seek for their children. One argument they sometimes offer is that it would be better to defer baptism until their child reaches adulthood and then he or she has the opportunity to choose it. As appealing as this argument might seem on the surface, the problem is that the reasoning behind it is so inconsistently applied.

Young Catholic parents do not give their children any choice about eating vegetables, learning to read or write and living out a moral code. They enforce these things because they know that nutrition, literacy and ethics are essential for adulthood. If we recognize that, from birth, a child has spiritual as well as educational, moral and physical needs, it strikes me as inconsistent to relegate this constitutively otherworldly element of a child's character to a "must be decided on later" category.

Baptism is not brainwashing. Adults can come and go from the practice of their faith as they feel drawn. Sadly for us, they can even choose against belief. To grow up, however, with no religious foundation or no basis on which to make spiritual choices seems to limit freedom rather than promote it. In our culture baptism of infants by their parents is an entirely proper thing to do.

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan because it was "the proper thing to do."

We hold very strongly, to the idea that God always does the "proper thing." It's called "appropriateness" in theology. We believe, for example, that God decided it was proper to become incarnate when he did, how he did and where he did. Over the centuries there's been endless debate about what would've happened if the Word had come to us as a woman, in another era, on another continent. While these are interesting enough matters on which to speculate, they are not what God thought proper—or what, in fact, happened.

In line with the right action of God, Jesus does the proper thing in being baptized by John's baptism of repentance, even though he had nothing of which to repent. Jesus is not baptized, however, simply because it was expected of him, just a fulfillment of his duty. Jesus' experience of baptism starts with John's baptism as an admission of guilt and then reveals that baptism is primarily about the Father's love. To this day our baptismal ritual holds these two realities in a healthy tension. When we are baptized in Christ, we acknowledge both Original Sin and Original Grace. God's love comes alive in us even though we are

aware of how far from that love we stray. The Baptism of Jesus and every baptism done in his name ever since, is the moment when we hold together the greatness of God's love, that calls each of us by name to be his son or daughter, with the reality of our human frailty. What more appropriate way of welcoming anyone into the world than having a community of frail, human believers initiate its members by reminding them that Original Sin does not have the last word. For those of us baptized in Christ, the Father's love always and everywhere has the final, appropriate, say on every matter.

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent de Paul homeless help desk at Fair Oaks wishes to thank the St. Pius parishioners for the many fine winter coats they donated in November and December. It is fair to say that many homeless people are staying warm this winter because of the generous parishioners at St. Pius.

If you have clothing or other items you would like to donate, you can take them to the St. Vincent de Paul store at 2406 El Camino Real, in Redwood City. There is a "donation area" in back of the store on Linden Street.

Question for Children: What are some things you can do to please God?

Question for Youth: "With you I am well pleased." What are you doing right now that is pleasing to God? How does it feel to live that way?

Question to Adults: Name a time when you felt your actions were pleasing to God

SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

We'll have special preparation classes starting soon for adults who are baptized Catholic, raised in the faith, have received First Communion, and now wish to receive Confirmation, as well as, for baptized Christians from other traditions who want to learn about the Catholic faith or become Catholic. The classes are starting this February and an initial meeting with Laura, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, is necessary. For more information or to schedule a meeting call 361-1411 or laura@pius.org.

CONFIRMATION:

Our teen candidates for Confirmation are on retreat at St. Patrick Seminary all day Sunday. Please pray that the grace of God be awakened in them in a special way. Also, hold the confirmation team in your prayers, that they be influential examples of faith.

MEN'S CLUB CRAB FEED-JANUARY 23RD

This annual event is **Saturday, January 23rd**, in Fitzsimon Center. Get your tickets early! The price is \$35.00 per person. There will be pasta for those who do not eat crab. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Call Mark Engelhart at 365-4029 for tickets.

WOMEN'S CLUB DINNER

Mark your calendar for the Women's Club dinner on Wednesday, January 13th. Now that the crazy, frantic, mad rush holidays are over, take some time to relax with good friends and great food! RSVP at **womensclub_@pius.org**, or call the hotline at 364-5204.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

Our next meeting is Friday, January 15th. Why not start the year off by joining the Seniors. Call Adele at 366-3646 for more information.

CRAB CIOPPINO DINNER - FEBRUARY 20TH

The St. Pius I.C.F. is having their annual dinner on Saturday, February 20th. Cocktails will be starting at 6:00 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. Each adult dinner is \$42.50 per person. To purchase tickets call Romano Zan at 367-1142 or Jean Tomatis at 368-5486.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 1/3/10	
Last Sunday's collection	\$ 13,660.00
Cumulative total for year	\$303,184.76
Budgeted	\$291,168.00
	\$ 12,016.76

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:

Robert Spencer

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 January 15, 2010.**

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.

St. Pius Men's Retreat

Sponsored by St. Pius Men's Club

All men are welcome! **February 19-21, 2010,**
Vallombrosa - Menlo Park

Lead by Spiritual Director of St Patrick Seminary,
Rev. Dr. George Schultze, SJ

Topic: Trusting in the Lord, Got Peace?
Time for escape, good food, reflection and connection.

Email Brad at: zixnaylor@sbcglobal.net or call 363-6168

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Luca d'Errico

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Lou Gambelin	Gloria Cazavos
Chris MacDonald	Madison Kitz	Justin Levers
Jackalynn Cornin	Mary Salino	Lisa Kitz
David Addiego	Steve Moore	

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.

ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE - JAN. 22

The anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade (1973), is January 22, 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.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – BASKETBALL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

This Free Throw Championship will be held on **JANUARY 18TH, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm**, at Junipero Serra High School gym. This event is open to all boys and girls, from age 8 up to 14 years of age. The winners (ages 10 and up) will go on to the District, and possibly the Regional and State levels of competition. Contact Clinton Ward at 261-9273

PRO-LIFE MASS & PRAYER WALK

A Pro-Life Mass at St. Nicholas Church in Los Altos on Friday, January 22nd at 11:30 am, will mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion. Following the mass, a silent Prayer Walk will proceed eight blocks to the Los Altos City Hall at 12:30 pm. St. Nicholas Church is located two blocks south of Main Street on the frontage road, west of Foothill Expressway. Questions? Call Hubert Lipinski at (650) 493-3156.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Are you worn out from the holidays? How about a special weekend for the two of you? Register for a Worldwide weekend! For more information call Paul & Yvonne at 366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org

MASSES

Sat.	Jan. 9	5 pm	The Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Jan. 10	8 am	Ben & Mary O’Riordan
		9:30	Charles Pearce
		11:30	Silvio Forcari
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Jan. 11	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Tues.	Jan. 12	8 am	Linda La Fauci
Wed.	Jan. 13	8 am	Eddie Flores
Thurs.	Jan. 14	8 am	Linda La Fauci
Fri.	Jan. 15	8 am	Don Goold
Sat.	Jan. 16	8 am	Linda La Fauci
		5 pm	Eddie Flores
Sun.	Jan. 17	8 am	Jean Berhan
		9:30	John Gardetto
		11:30	Michael Forcari
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

SAN MATEO PRO LIFE

Our next meeting will be:
Thursday Jan 14, 2010 @ 7:30PM
St. Gregory’s Womer Center
138 28th Ave, San Mateo (corner Hacienda)

Topics: Law & Order

- prolife episode presented

- **Walk for Life:** busses, transportation, signs, groups going, etc. discussed

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Announcing our new NFP teachers: Now we have teachers available to teach married and engaged couples the scientific, safe, reliable and Church-approved Billings Ovulation Method of family planning.

For more info: Call Jessica at 650-572-1468.

ANNIVERSARY MASS-ST.MARY’S CATHEDRAL

Bishop William Justice cordially invites all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, to a Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on **Saturday, February 27th, at 12 noon.** This renewal of vows is at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco. Special honor will be shown to those celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+, Wedding Anniversaries. For more information call (707) 552-3394.

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@pius.org
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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

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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