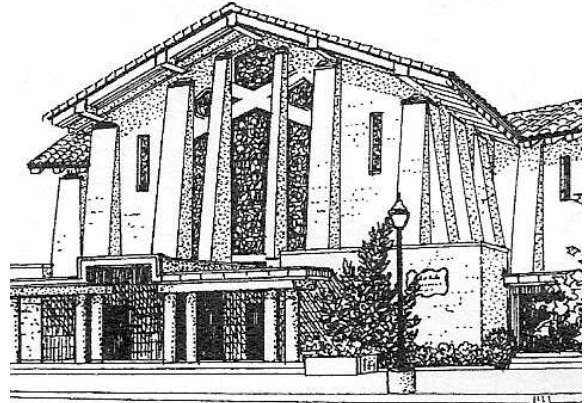


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 31, 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

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	<a href="mailto:jim@pius.org">jim@pius.org</a>
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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

### **Gospel Reflection** (Luke 4:21-30)

This week's gospel completes the event in Nazareth that began last week with Jesus' declaration of mission. The initial response of the crowd is one of astonishment and approval. However, the people have largely missed the point of Jesus' teaching. When he declared that he had come to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free, Jesus probably didn't expect his audience to just say, "Oh, that's nice!" The message he preached, and the message that flows throughout the Gospel of Luke, calls for a fundamental conversion of heart; a change to a life motivated by compassion for the lowly. When the people so obviously missed his point, Jesus virtually dismisses them by saying that "no prophet is ever accepted in his own country." To make his point even further, Jesus then cites instances where two of the great prophets of Jewish tradition responded to the needs of pagans from Sidon and Syria rather than the needs of Israel. The two people helped are also very significant. Widows held a special place in Jewish tradition: God entrusted all widows to the care of the whole town. Whenever widows are named as being in need, it is a comment on the society as a whole neglecting its duty of care. Lepers were regarded as absolutely unclean and outcast by virtue of their condition (something that perhaps has never really changed). For Jesus to remind the people of these events is a great reprimand to them. He is, in effect, saying to them, "if you can't accept my message I will take it to the pagans; the gentiles; and the socially unacceptable." Is it any wonder that they tried to lynch him on the spot?

### **Scriptural context – Salvation for all**

Luke is written for a predominantly non-Jewish (gentile) Christian community. Although it had been resolved that one did not have to become a Jew to become a Christian there was still a lingering doubt about preference being given to the Jews. The gospel writer goes to great lengths to reassure his audience community that the message of Jesus was for all people—gentile and Jew alike. This week's gospel is one of many passages that feature gentile people receiving God's acceptance and favor. It's a clear message that the salvation promised by Jesus is available to all who seek it.

### **Gospel Focus – They were astonished**

Jesus preaches the briefest of homilies, "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen," yet he wins the approval of all and the people were astonished by his gracious words! The reaction appears a bit overdone. However, the people

knew the significance of the first part of the text Jesus quoted, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me." They recognized that this language referred to the Messiah. When Jesus said that the text was being fulfilled as they listened he was laying claim to this status. Of course they were impressed!

### **Have you thought? – A summary**

The Nazareth event, described in last week's and this week's gospels, provides a "snapshot" or a summary of the whole of Luke's gospel. In an apparently simple episode, the gospel writer has captured the elements of the remainder of the gospel and laid them out as a foretaste of all that is to come. Jesus is clearly positioned as the one who fulfills the Messianic expectation of scripture. His message of release and acceptance of the poor, afflicted, and oppressed is put right up front and the hope of salvation is offered to all people—Jews as well as gentiles.

### **Questions for Adolescents**

- Q. Why might Jesus have chosen to return to Nazareth for his first public appearance?
- Q. What might the crowd have meant when they said, "This is Joseph's son, surely?"
- Q. Why did the crowd turn against Jesus and try to throw him off a cliff?
- Q. Have you ever been put down by people you know when you tried to take a new direction?

### **Questions for Adults**

- Q. What does the fact that Jesus read from scripture and preached in the synagogue tell us about him?
- Q. How does the initial approval and later rejection of Jesus reflect other events in his life?
- Q. What might be a modern parallel to the stories about Elijah and Elisha?
- Q. Have you ever been guilty of not accepting someone you knew who started on a new direction?

### **Questions for Children**

- Q. Can you think of someone you know who has the courage to stand up for others?
- Q. What sort of things would they stand up for?
- Q. Sometimes people are not liked when they stand up for others or for something that is right. Jesus wasn't liked in his hometown. Why do you think this happens?
- Q. What can we do next time someone speaks up for others or for what is the right thing to do?

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**Toddler Care** - available for children age 18 months - 4 years, during the 9:30 & 11:30am Masses. For more information call or email Pam Spencer at 368-0429 or Pam@pius.org.

**CONFIRMATION**

Small Groups meet Feb 9th, 10th, & 11th @ 7 pm.  
Next Large Group is Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm in Homer Crouse.  
**Youth Ministry** - "Shadows to Light" - Teens save the date of February 28<sup>th</sup> for a special Lenten mini-retreat with Bishop Justice sponsored by The Youth and Campus Ministries of the Archdiocese of SF. We will carpool from St. Pius at 12 noon and return by 5 pm.

**CRAB CIOPPINO DINNER - FEBRUARY 20TH**

The St. Pius I.C.F. is having their annual dinner on **Saturday, February 20th**. Cocktails begin 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 at 367-1142 or Jean at 368-5486.

**WOMEN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW - MARCH 20**

THE place to BE this spring is the St. Pius Women's Club Fashion Show, *Springtime in Paris*. The day will feature a delicious buffet luncheon, tempting raffle prizes, trendy fashion vendors, and our own St. Pius models representing over 15 clothiers. Mark your calendar for 11 am, **Saturday, March 20th**. For information regarding modeling, call Lisa Cortopassi at 364-7746 or email [lcorto4@yahoo.com](mailto:lcorto4@yahoo.com).

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

Mario Rosignuolo  
Moira Schoenstein

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2009-2010 as of 1/24/10	
Last Sunday's collection	\$ 9,893.50
Cumulative total for year	\$333,718.77
Budgeted	\$323,520.00
	\$ 10,198.77

**WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Zachary Moore  
Kristian Calcagno  
Kieleigh Calcagno

**Save the Date**

**2010 Festival Theme: Italian**

Dates: June 4-6, 2010  
Chairs: Russ Vavuris -650-368-6545 or [rusvavuris@aol.com](mailto:rusvavuris@aol.com) or Kim Velez- 650-368-6481 or [kimavelez2@yahoo.com](mailto:kimavelez2@yahoo.com)  
Grazie

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - FEBRUARY 15TH**

Grief Support is available to those in our parish community who are grieving. This Support Group is having nine sessions beginning Monday, February 15th, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, and will continue until Monday, April 12th, in the Chapel at the Parish Center. For more information call the Grief Support phone line at 361-0655 and leave your name and phone number or email [grief\\_help@hotmail.com](mailto:grief_help@hotmail.com). **ALL CONVERSATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER/DANCE - MARCH 6TH**

Please join us for an evening of great food, terrific entertainment and lots of laughs. Our St. Patrick's Dinner is on **Saturday, March 6th at 6 pm**. Bagpipes will lead our Irish Dancers and food will be catered by The Carvery from the Hof Brau. Tickets at \$35 each can be obtained by contacting the Parish Center at 361-1411. **The deadline is Friday, February 26th.**

**St. Pius Men's Retreat**

Sponsored by St. Pius Men's Club

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

Vallombrosa - Menlo Park - Led 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.

- The cost for the two nights and six meals is **only \$214.00.**
- Email Brad at: [zixnaylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zixnaylor@sbcglobal.net), or call 363-6168

**MUSICAL ACCOMPANIST NEEDED**

The 9:30 am choir is in need of a piano accompanist for the 9:30 am Sunday Mass. If you are interested please contact Bev Hilliard at 325-4399.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CARE-GIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Deacon Steve	Lou Gambelin	Gloria Cazavos
Margaret Rocchi	Madison Kitzi	Alice Sotto
Jackalynn Cronin	Mary Salino	Lisa Kitzi
Ferdinand Engesser	David Addiego	Steve Moore
Bill Beaton	Judy Marks	Ligaya Lim
Helen Parker	Martha Sullivan	Jean Merloe
Nicholas Denko	John Brennan	Mary Morton

**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. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION- 1/30 & 1/31**

This weekend, **January 30th and 31st**, is the fifth Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. We wish to thank all our parishioners for their generosity during the holidays. We were able to provide food, toys, and gift cards, to 48 families at Thanksgiving and for 40 families at Christmas. We have also provided assistance with rent and utilities, During the last 3 months we have paid \$11,000 to tide these families over.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week, the time each year when we share with the parish and community the many ways our school makes a difference in our community while educating students in an atmosphere of faith and values. We want to thank the families, parishioners and friends from St. Pius Parish who support us in our efforts to prepare young people for a life of love and service to their families, their communities and the Lord. We hope you will join us, immediately following the Sunday 9:30 am Mass, January 31st, for an Open House where you will see the Science Fair in Homer Crouse Hall, take a tour of the school, visit the classrooms and computer lab, and meet the teachers.

### **STAY-AT-HOME PLAY GROUP**

This group gathers (first Friday of the month) for faith sharing, friendship building and activities for the little ones. All parents and children are welcome! Call or email Laura at 361-1411 or [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org). **Next meeting: Friday, February 5th, 10-11:00 am** in the Fitzsimon Community Room.

### **ST. MATTHIAS PRESCHOOL - REGISTRATION**

The **Registration Meetings and Tours** are February 1st - February 12th, beginning at 9:30 am, for parents only. If you're interested in attending this meeting, please call the office at 367-1320.

### **MASSES**

Sat.	Jan 30	5 pm	Alfred Pfennig
Sun.	Jan 31	8 am	Ben & Mary O'Riordan
		9:30	Lauryn Catherine Grace Coelho
		11:30	Laura Annette Krawczuk
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Feb. 1	8 am	Fred Ledesma
Tues.	Feb.2	8 am	Ed Sarraille
Wed.	Feb. 3	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Thurs.	Feb. 4	8 am	Larry Baldini
Fri.	Feb. 5	8 am	Larry Baldini
Sat.	Feb. 6	8 am	Janet Cocconi
		5 pm	Jim Richter
Sun.	Feb. 7	8 am	Barbara Maher
		9:30	Andy Dei Rossi
		11:30	Albert Garofoli
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY-HOMES AVAILABLE**

If you're interested in buying a home from Habitat for Humanity you must attend a meeting to obtain an application. The meetings are:

**Saturday, February 6th, 10:00 am-12:00 pm** at Menlo Park Senior Center, 110 Terminal Avenue, Menlo Park or

**Monday, February 8th, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm** at Menlo Park Senior Center, 110 Terminal Avenue, Menlo Park.

You are eligible to buy a Habitat home if you are:

First-time homebuyers.

Wage earners who are legal permanent residents or U.S. citizens.

Families who work or live in San Mateo County (preference will be given to applicants who live or work in Menlo Park or Redwood City)

Households who have lived together for one year with an annual gross income within the range, defined by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.

For more information call (415) 625-1010 or email

[www.habitatgsf.org](http://www.habitatgsf.org)

## **LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES - "HOW ONE HOUR A WEEK CAN TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE"**

Tuesdays, **February 23rd, March 2nd & March 9th**, during Lent 2010

Morning session: **following 8 am Mass in Homer Crouse Hall**

or

evening session: at **7:00 pm** in the **church** (following the soup supper in Homer Crouse Hall @ 6:00 pm)

AND

## **PARISH MISSION 2010 - "MOVING FROM ANGER TO FORGIVENESS"**

**April 17th & 18th - special homilies at all Masses**

**April 19th & 20th - morning session following 8 am Mass in Homer Crouse Hall**

or

evening session **@ 7 pm** in the church

**MEN'S CLUB**      **[mensclub@pius.org](mailto: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](mailto: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

**GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS**

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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