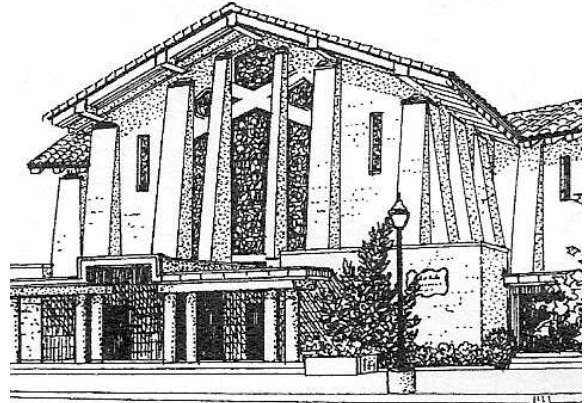


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 7, 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	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

Gospel Reflection *Luke: 1-11*

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of "being called." The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be "a man of unclean lips." As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, "Whom shall I send?" Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, "Here I am, send me!" This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies—"Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man." Like Isaiah, he recognizes that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, "Do not be afraid," and calls Peter to follow.

Questions for Adults and Teens

- Q. In what ways did Peter trust and place his faith in Jesus?
- Q. Have you ever, like Peter, acted against your instinct and experience and been proven wrong?
- Q. What does it mean to be "called"?
- Q. How do you try to listen to the voice of God in your life?
- Q. Do you feel called to take your life in a particular direction?

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

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

In the other two synoptic gospels—Matthew and Mark—the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples—they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, "Do not be afraid." This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible—depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

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Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quiet our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM:

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent begins on **February 17th**, which is **Ash Wednesday**. Lent is an opportunity for us as a community to recommit and focus on prayer. The Sunday Mass is "the source and summit" of our prayer life and what it means to be a Catholic. How well do we know the parts of the Mass and, more importantly, how well do we enter into each so that it transforms us to live our baptismal call in the real world?

As a community in the upcoming Lenten series, we'll have multiple ways to deepen our understanding of the Mass. During the first three Sundays of Lent the homilies/reflections will discuss the gathering rite, Liturgy of the Word, Thanksgiving and Communion, and finally the sending forth rite. Throughout Lent there will be bulletin reflections based on the different parts of the Mass to deepen our appreciation of each part of the Mass. Finally, the first three Tuesdays in Lent we'll gather as a community, either in the morning following the 8:00 am Mass in Homer Crouse, or in the evening at 7:00 pm in the Church. These gatherings will last about one hour and will delve deeper into the parts of the Mass through speakers, music and group sharing. In the evening there will be activities for the children and teens to help deepen their appreciation of the Mass. Please take advantage of these ways of enlivening our faith life both individually and as a community. We will have a **Parish Mission, April 17th - 20th**, with Fr. Tom Allender, S.J.

Pancake Breakfast - February 28th

Mark your calendars for a Pancake Breakfast in Homer Crouse Hall on **Sunday, February 28th**, after the 8:00 am and 9:30 am Masses. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$5 for Seniors. Proceeds go to the St. Pius School 6th Grade Outdoor Education trip. All are welcome, so please plan to join us after Mass for a hearty warm breakfast.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 1/31/10

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 10,470.50
Cumulative total for year	\$344,189.27
Budgeted	\$334,304.00
	\$ 9,885.27

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday, February 12th, we will go out to lunch. On Friday, February 19th, the 5th grade class and the parents will host a luncheon for the Seniors. We'll have a pot luck on Friday, February 26th, so bring some of your favorite dishes to share with everyone.

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. **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. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, call Bridget at 366-4138, or take it to the Parish Center with her name on it. Tickets at \$35 each can be obtained by contacting the Parish Center at 361-1411. **The deadline is Friday, February 26th.**

Women's Club Monthly Dinner Join us for a fun-filled evening of Bunco on **Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30 pm** in Homer Crouse. For experts and novices alike, you won't be disappointed! It's a fast-pace, *easy to learn*, fun dice game. This is a great way to meet new people. Cost is \$15 and includes a fabulous Taco Bar dinner; complimentary bar and prizes for the winners! Please, RSVP to Laurie Sacher at (650) 245-4562 or email at womensclub_members@pius.org. If anyone has a card table we could borrow, please let Laurie know!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONER WHO HAS PASSED AWAY:

Catherine Mary Strus

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

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

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.

CONFIRMATION

Small Groups meet Feb 9th, 10th, & 11th @ 7 pm.
Next Large Group is Feb 21st at 3 pm in Homer Crouse.
Youth Ministry - "Shadows to Light" - Teens save the date of February 28th 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.

Save the Date

2010 Festival Theme: Italian

Dates: June 4-6, 2010

Chairs: Russ Vavuris - 368-6545 or rusvavuris@aol.com or Kim Velez - 368-6481 or kimavelez2@yahoo.com Grazie

MEN'S CLUB SCHEDULE CHANGE: February's General Meeting & Dinner is **Tuesday, February 16th**. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. We changed the date due to Ash Wednesday. Please join us for an outstanding evening.

EMERGENCY BLOOD DRIVE-ST. PIUS CHURCH

This is scheduled for **Sunday, February 14th, 8:30 am -1:30 pm**. The **BLOODMOBILE** will be parked in front of St. Pius School.

Now, more than ever, due to the Haiti tragedy, it is imperative that we maintain our blood supply to the fullest. Although, civilian blood centers have not been requested to support the blood needs of the Haitian people at this time, there remains a critical need to be prepared with an adequate blood supply at all times. Our average blood supply only supports two days of patients here in Northern California and, as of this morning, we were 227 pints short of what is needed.

On this Valentine's Day, give the gift of love and life by giving blood! Your donation will be used for patients within one week.

Please schedule your appointment online at

www.bloodheroes.com and click on "Donate Blood" and enter Sponsor Code: **stpiuschurch** or contact linda@pius.org, or call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 6	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
Mon.	Feb. 8	8 am	Randy Cardellini
Tues.	Feb. 9	8 am	Eleanor Verini
Wed.	Feb. 10	8 am	Msgr. Fitzsimon
Thurs.	Feb. 11	8 am	Tony Parrinella
Fri.	Feb. 12	8 am	Alice Mueller
Sat.	Feb. 13	8 am	Jeanne Hueffed
		5 pm	Cortopassi family
Sun.	Feb. 14	8 am	Aurelio Granara
		9:30	Martin Etcheverry
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Eileen Schain (Int)

CRAB CIOPPINO DINNER - FEBRUARY 20TH

The St. Pius I.C.F. is having this 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.

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.

PARISH DIRECTORY - DEADLINE

If you would like to place an advertisement in the Parish Directory the **deadline is February 10th**. For more information please call Kit at 366-6371.

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**

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
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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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