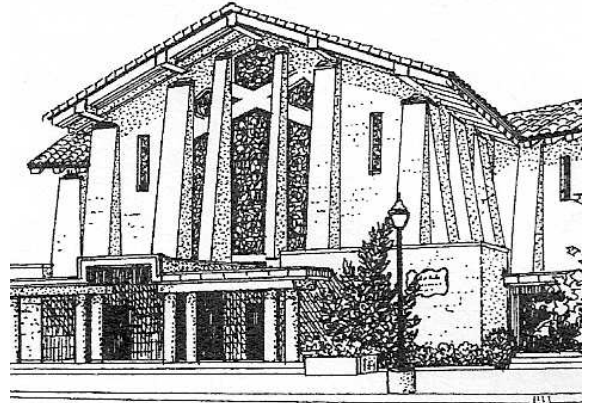


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 14, 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 6:17, 20-26)

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are "blessed" because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on "a piece of level ground." This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being "blessed," they are to be "happy." It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning, or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel, and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry, and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favored of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favored. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy, and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!

Scriptural context – Message for all Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people—not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognized the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon

Questions for Adults & Teens

- Q. What is the significance of Jesus "fixing his eyes on his disciples" before beginning his sermon?
Q. Why does Jesus regard the poor and rejected as being favored by God?
Q. What implications does this gospel have for people with riches and success today?

Questions for Children

- Q. Have you known anyone who has felt sad?
Q. What can you do if someone is feeling like that?
Q. God looks after us, no matter what happens, even when people are unkind to us. How can we look after others the way God looks after us?

Surrounding Parishes

2010 Lenten Mass Schedule

St. Anthony

Daily 8:30 am Monday-Friday
Ash Wednesday 8:30 am & 7 pm,
Ashes only @ 7:30 am, 3 pm and 5 pm

Mt. Carmel

Daily 6:30 am & 8 am, Monday-Friday
Ash Wednesday 6:30, 8:30, 10 am, & 12:10 pm
and a Bi-lingual Mass at 7 pm

St. Charles

Daily 6:30 am, Monday-Thursday and
6:30 am and 8:30 am on Fridays
Ash Wednesday 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am, and 7 pm

St. Denis

Daily 8 am
Ash Wednesday 8am, 12 Noon & 6 pm

St. Matthias

Daily 8:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
Ash Wednesday 7:30 am and 7:30 pm (No 8:30 am)

St. Raymond

Daily 8 am Monday-Saturday
Ash Wednesday 8:10 am only

Nativity

Daily 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Monday-Friday;
8am Saturday, Ash Wednesday 7:30 and 9 am, 5:30 and
7:30 pm

YOUTH MINISTRY

From Shadows to Light: A Lenten Mini Retreat for Youth with Bishop Justice and lots of teens from around the Archdiocese, Sunday February 28th, 1-3 pm

at St. Cecilia's Parish, San Francisco, CA.
If you can attend contact Elaine@pius.org. We will carpool from St. Pius at 12 noon. **This is free! (Bring a snack to share)** *The Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind and Lazarus invite us into continuing conversation and reconciliation with our God and one another. Through youth led reflection, song, prayer and ritual, our young people will be invited to enter the Journey this Lenten season. This gathering is geared for Confirmation aged youth, grades 8 and above.*

The **National Catholic Youth Choir** in Collegeville Minnesota is seeking high school singers, grades 10-12. Go on tour with a great choir and meet new friends from around the country. June 15 - 29th 2010. To apply go to www.CatholicYouthChoir.org.

CONFIRMATION

The large group meeting is 3 pm, Sunday, February 21st. Reconciliation Service for candidates and their families will be Wednesday, March 10th, 7-8:30 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17TH

Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses:
6:30 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 12:10 pm and 6:30 pm

ABSTINENCE

Everyone *fourteen years of age and older* is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRI-DAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY.**

FAST

Everyone *eighteen years of age and older but under the age of sixty* is also bound to fast on **ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.**

On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted.

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.**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 2/07/10

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 12,053.46
Cumulative total for year	\$356,242.73
Budgeted	\$345,088.00
	\$ 11,154.73

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

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 a favorite dish to share with everyone.

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

Deacon Steve	Lou Gambelin	Gloria Cazavos
Margaret Rocchi	Mary Sorenson	Alice Sotto
Jackalynn Cronin	Jean Merloe	Mary Morton
Nicholas Denko	Pauline Truscelli	John Brennan
Morine Bisagno	Judy Marks	Ligaya Lim
Helen Parker	Dee Dee Hacker	Patrick Dixon
Mike Michaelson	Ryan Spencer	

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.

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, the following day. Please join us for an outstanding evening.

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME - FEB. 28TH

PLEASE JOIN US on Sunday, February 28, 2:00 - 4:30 pm, at Notre Dame High School, Belmont. The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Community is hosting an afternoon of reflection and celebration in honor of Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND. Sr. Dorothy was murdered in 2005 as a result of her ministry with the rural workers and peasant farmers of the Amazon rainforest.

Questions? Please call 486-2181 or go online at www.dorothystang.org. All are welcome.

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.



Happy Valentine's Day

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - TODAY

Our parish assessment is \$114,500. All dollars in excess of this assessment will be returned to the parish to meet our needs. **This is the last weekend** we are taking pledges in the Parish Center after all the Masses. Through the Appeal we join with other parishes and the Archbishop in ministering to youth, Seniors, families, and the sick and disadvantaged.

RETROUVAILLE - LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE

This program helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It will give you the opportunity to re-discover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped many couples experiencing marital difficulties including disillusionment and deep misery. Call 415- 893-1005 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

PARISH DIRECTORY - LAST CHANCE

If you would like to place an advertisement in the 2010 Parish Directory please call **ASAP** as we have a few spaces available. Call Kit at 366-6371.

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.

MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 13	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)
Mon.	Feb. 15	8 am	Luigi Mussio
Tues.	Feb. 16	8 am	Angelita Tabar
Wed.	Feb. 17	6:30	Jean Berhan
		8 am	Don Goold
		9:30	Anna Manchia
		12:10	Josh Riggerio
		6:30	Lou Geenen
Thurs.	Feb. 18	8 am	Evelyn Rosa (Int)
Fri.	Feb. 19	6:30	Margaret Rocchi (Int)
		8 am	Frances Kirk
Sat.	Feb. 20	8 am	Matilda Giovanzana
		5 pm	Joan O'Keeffe
Sun.	Feb. 21	8 am	Ben & Mary O'Riordan
		9:30	Antonette Shuster
		11:30	Virginia Armstrong

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.

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, or call 363-6168.

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
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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