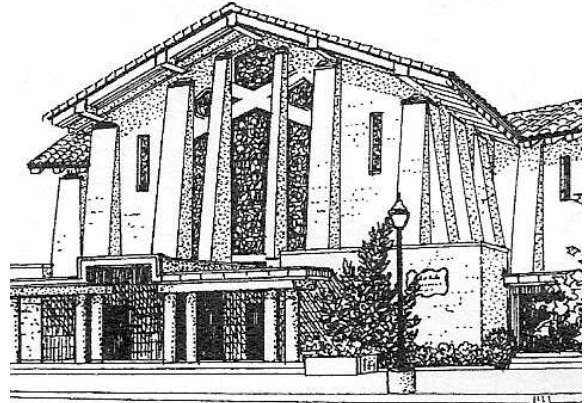


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 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 Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.*" Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*"

When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Reflection

The wilderness, or desert, is used repeatedly throughout the Bible as a place of special encounter with God and preparation for a new direction or a new ministry. The 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness immediately followed his baptism in the Jordan where his status as the beloved of God was confirmed. He is led by the Spirit to go out into the wilderness for a period of fasting, prayer and preparation before entering into his public ministry. In fact, the event that immediately follows this passage is the episode in Nazareth where Jesus reads from the scroll of Isaiah and declares the intent of his ministry. It is presented as if, having spent his time in preparation and overcoming the temptations before him, Jesus strode out of the wilderness and laid out what he had decided. The episode of the temptations is a clear indicator of the humanity of Jesus – he experienced doubt, uncertainty and fear just as we do. If the gospel intended to emphasize the divinity of Jesus, none of these temptations would have been an issue. We are told that Jesus was indeed tempted, not just pestered by the devil. The opportunities laid before Jesus were actually tempting to him. They challenged his resolve. They made Jesus question the sort of Messiah that he was to be: the all-conquering, powerful Messiah that the people expected; or the servant to the poor who will be tortured and put to death. Jesus is tempted to use his power to make his task easier or to display his authority to others. Had he chosen to do this, surely it would have been easier to get people's attention – and that was the temptation: to take the easier path or stick to the more subtle, more personal, more difficult path.

Scriptural Context - The Temptations

The three temptations Jesus faces all focus upon the nature of his mission and ministry. The first temptation is to miraculously feed himself - is his ministry to be about himself or others? The second is to take power and

authority over all the world – to fulfill the human expectations of what a Messiah ought to be or fulfill God's plan of service, rather than domination? The third temptation is about grandstanding – to make a spectacular declaration of his arrival or to minister to the lowly and reveal himself in that way?

Have you Thought? The Devil

The personification of 'the devil' is sometimes difficult to contemplate. The one who tempts Jesus in the wilderness is referred to in this passage as 'the devil'. Devil is the English translation of a Greek word, diabolos. As the gospel of Luke was originally written in Greek, we can assume that diabolos was the word used. Diabolos has several meanings: the accuser; the slanderer; the one who separates. It is the purpose of the temptations to 'separate' Jesus from God and from his intended approach to his ministry. The temptations we face are often those that 'separate' us from what we know to be right.

Questions for Children:

Why did Jesus go into the wilderness?

What did the devil try to tempt Jesus to do?

What did Jesus say to the devil?

In Lent we also have to make some choices. We prepare for Easter by praying and doing good works.

What are some of the things you would like to do in these next weeks of Lent?

Questions for Teens and Adults:

Q. Why is it significant that Jesus was able to be tempted?

Q. In what ways can 'the devil' be seen as a personification of Jesus' own doubts and fears?

Q. How do you respond to the idea of 'the devil' as a being?

Q. Why might the account of the temptations immediately follow Jesus' baptism?

Q. How might we interpret the fact that Jesus was "led by the Spirit" through the wilderness?

Q. What temptations have you had to confront?

Q. How do you try to resist these temptations

ABSTINENCE

Everyone *fourteen years of age and older* is bound to abstain from meat on **ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS 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 - MONDAY EVENING

Grief Support is available to those in our parish community who are grieving. This Support Group is having nine sessions that began **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.**

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 are 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.

Transitions Support Group - March 3, 7:30 pm

Transitions is a *drop-in* support group for those who are undergoing the *transition* from couplehood to single-hood. The meetings are informal, confidential and safe. **Cost:** This is free. **Location:** St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto, 94306. **Email:** transitions@paloaltocatholic.org, or **call (408) 739-2881.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Andres Lakatos
William Oke

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.

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. Just 12 days away!!!**

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 2/14/10	
Last Sunday's collection	\$ 10,127.00
Cumulative total for year	\$366,369.73
Budgeted	\$355,872.00
	\$ 10,497.73

**Surrounding Parishes
2010 Lenten Mass Schedule**

- St. Anthony**
Daily 8:30 am Monday-Friday
- Mt. Carmel**
Daily 6:30 am & 8 am, Monday-Friday
- St. Charles**
Daily 6:30 am, Monday-Thursday and 6:30 am and 8:30 am on Fridays
- St. Denis**
Daily 8 am
- St. Matthias**
Daily 8:30 am Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
- St. Raymond**
Daily 8 am Monday-Saturday
- Nativity**
Daily 7:30 am and 5:30 pm Monday-Friday;

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

Deacon Steve	Gloria Cazavos	Nicholas Denko
Margaret Rocchi	Mary Sorenson	Patrick Dixon
Jackalynn Cronin	Jean Merloe	Judy Marks
Mike Michaelson	Pauline Truscetti	John Brennan
Morine Bisagno	Helen Parker	Dee Dee Hacker
Ryan Martin 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.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$25,690 from 76 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 22% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

VOCATION RETREAT DAY - YOUNG WOMEN

If you are a young woman and interested in a religious vocation, you're invited to this special day on Sunday, March 14th, from 9:00 am - 2:30 pm. This retreat will be at Nazareth House, 245 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael. Please call Sr. Fintan at (310) 216-8170 or Sr. Linda at (415) 479-8282.

YOUTH MINISTRY

From Shadows to Light: A Lenten Mini Retreat for Youth with Bishop Justice and lots of teens from the Archdiocese, **Sunday February 28th**, 1-3 pm at St. Cecilia's Parish, San Francisco. 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). This gathering is geared for youth, 8th grade and above.

FOOD FAST 2010 - SATURDAY, MARCH 6th

Make a difference in our world: Learn why hunger & poverty persist. Live your faith in solidarity with the poor. Challenge yourself to fast for 8 hrs. This service experience is open to teens 7th grade through high school. This is Sponsored by CRS & Youth Ministers of the Archdiocese of SF. Location: St. Peter's, Pacifica. Carpool from St. Pius at 8:15 am and return around 6 pm. Contact Elaine@pius.org for more details.

CONFIRMATION

A Special Reconciliation Service for candidates and their families will be on **Wednesday, March 10th, 7- 8:30 pm.**

MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 20	5 pm	Joan O'Keeffe
Sun.	Feb. 21	8 am	Ben & Mary O'Riordan
		9:30	Antonette Shuster
		11:30	Virginia Armstrong
		5 pm	People of St. Pius
Mon.	Feb. 22	6:30	Tom Hayes
		8 am	Arthur Ortiz
Tues.	Feb. 23	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Wed.	Feb. 24	8 am	Andrea & Defin Chu
Thurs.	Feb. 25	6:30	Lou Geenen
		8 am	Chris Ober
Fri.	Feb. 26	8 am	Moira Schoenstein
Sat.	Feb. 27	8 am	Moira Schoenstein
		5 pm	Guadalupe Borgo
Sun.	Feb. 28	8 am	Maria Mussio
		9:30	Nello Lombardi
		11:30	Joseph Giordano
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

OFFICE HOURS AT PARISH CENTER

Parish 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, please make arrangements to pick it up before that time at the Parish Center.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We have a change of plans for lunch on Friday, February 26th. We will go to lunch at the Senior Center on Madison in Redwood City.

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
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Anthony Price	Al Zappelli

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Mary Dickinson	Linda Hird
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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