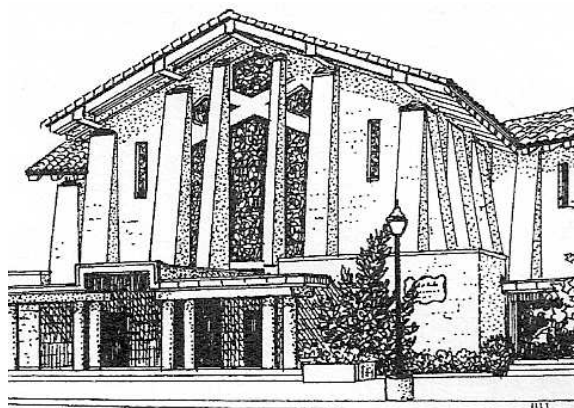


# WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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## Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 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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### 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 9:28-36**

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

### **Reflection**

In all three versions of this Transfiguration event that appear in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the context in which the event occurs is identical. That's a little unusual with these three gospel writers who like to put their own spin on events and often play with the chronology or settings of events. However, in this case, all three writers report the Transfiguration event as taking place immediately after a particular sequence of events. Jesus has asked the disciples who they think he is and Peter has made his confession of faith by declaring that Jesus is the Messiah. This declaration is followed by Jesus teaching about the demands of discipleship and then the account of the Transfiguration. Furthermore, all three versions are directly followed by an account of a man who brings his possessed son to Jesus for healing after the disciples have tried and failed to cast out the demon. When all three of the synoptic gospels use the same story with little variation and all three retain the same context around the event then there are some pretty clear signals that this was a commonly accepted sequence of events and their sequence holds significance. The core message of this sequence of stories is about the faith of the disciples. Whilst Peter declares Jesus to be the Messiah, he and the others don't really yet know what this means. In the Transfiguration, they are given the clearest possible indication of Jesus' identity and yet they're half asleep and we're told Peter doesn't know what he's saying when he starts talking about building tents. The following failure by the disciples to cast out a demon shows that they still haven't understood fully who and what Jesus is. What a great reading for the season of Lent!

### **Living the Gospel - 'Listen to him!'**

God's voice from the cloud claims Jesus as his Son, the Chosen One and then goes on to instruct those present – and we, the readers – to 'Listen to him!' For the disciples, this was a message not to get carried away with their own ideas about the Messiah but to listen to what Jesus was saying about the suffering he must endure and to what he was saying about true discipleship. Jesus tells us that to be a follower of his involves sacrifice, hardship and often unpopularity. It is this message we must listen to as much as the promise of salvation.

### **Gospel Focus - Asleep again?**

It seems that at crucial points in the gospel where Jesus' true identity and mission are revealed, the disciples are falling asleep! The gospel of Luke is unique in suggesting that the disciples were sleepy at the Transfiguration. They managed to fight off sleep in this instance, but were fast asleep at the Mount of Olives as Jesus prayed in agony. The sleepiness of the disciples at these crucial times is indicative of limited grasp of what Jesus is about. They are wearied by all that he asks of them, rather than energized by it, and consequently they're not ready to witness great events when they come along.

### **Questions for Adults and Teens**

- Q. What is the significance of Moses and Elijah appearing with Jesus?
- Q. Why do you think the disciples are portrayed as being sleepy at this important event?
- Q. What message did the Transfiguration hold for the three disciples who witnessed it?
- Q. What message does the event hold for us today?
- Q. Why does it seem important for the gospel writer to specify that Peter did not know what he was saying?
- Q. What does the command, "Listen to him" mean for you in your life?

### **Questions for Children**

- Q. What are your favorite quiet places?
- Q. What sort of things do you like to do in your quiet place?
- Q. Quiet places can be very good for praying. Take a moment to think of when you can go to your quiet place this week.
- Q. What or who can you pray for?

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: March 2, 9, 16, & 23 at 6 pm in Homer Crouse Hall.**

Join us each **Tuesday evening** when a simple soup supper will be hosted by one of our parish groups: PTG, Men's Club, Women's Club, I.C.F., and Faith Formation. Soup will be served immediately following our meal blessing.

Followed by **the LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES – "HOW ONE HOUR A WEEK CAN TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE"** at 7 pm in the church.

**SAVE THE DATE...**

All couples celebrating a wedding anniversary of 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years, or more, are invited to our Anniversary Mass celebration on **Saturday, April 17th**, at the **5 pm Mass**.

***Ciao!***

*2010 Festival Theme: Italian*

*Dates: June 4-6, 2010*

*Thank you to the parishioners who have already volunteered to chair a booth this year. We are still looking for volunteers.*

*Please contact one of the chairs:*

*Grazie,*

*Your St. Pius Festival chairs ...*

*Russ Vavuris ~ 368-6545 or  
rusvavuris@aol.com*

*Kim Velez ~ 368-6481 or  
kimavelez2@yahoo.com*

*Quetzal Grimm ~ 299-0773 or  
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*Laura Vargas ~ 365-8027 or laura@pinc.org*

*Keith Hipsher ~ 367-1277 or  
hip1@pacbell.net*

*Carol Sheetz ~ 365-2830 or  
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**ST. PIUS SENIORS**

We will meet on Friday, March 5th. On Friday, March 26th, we'll have a lunch hosted by the 6th grade students. If you're interested in joining the Seniors please call Adele at 366-3646.

**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 Monday, March 1st.**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION**

2009-2010 as of 2/21/10

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 10,399.00
Cumulative total for year	\$376,768.73
Budgeted	\$366,656.00
	\$ 10,112.73

**LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS?**

We need volunteers at the St. Pius Women's Club Fashion Show on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**, @ 10:45 am. Help is needed clearing plates for the caterers and for clean-up after the show. Please contact Julie Luttringer at 369-9461 or jluttringer@mac.com, or Tammy Nurisso at 364-8407 or tammy@broadwaymechanical.com, if you are interested.

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

Edith (Dee) Cereghino  
Soledad Santos

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:**

Deacon Steve	Morine Bisagno	Judy Marks
Margaret Rocchi	Mary Sorenson	Dee Dee Hacker
Nicholas Denko	Pauline Truscelli	Patrick Dixon
Mike Michaelson	Angela Arevalo	Lisa Kitz
David Addiego	Madison Kitz	

**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.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### FOOD FAST 2010 - SATURDAY, MARCH 6<sup>th</sup>

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 7<sup>th</sup> grade through high school. This is Sponsored by CRS & Youth Ministers of the Archdiocese of SF. Location: St. Peter's, Pacifica. Car-pool 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 7- 8:30 pm.**

## **Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?**

Please join us in the Parish Center on **Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm,** to find out how to become Catholic or how to receive the sacraments as an adult. This short meeting will discuss the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) process. Please bring any questions or doubts you may have. For more information, please call Laura at 361-1411 or email Laura@pius.org.

## THANK YOU - FEBRUARY 14TH BLOOD DRIVE

Thank you to those who donated blood on Sunday, February 14th. Your donation helped treat 54 patients. You have positively impacted the lives of others!  
JoEllen from the Blood Centers of the Pacific.

## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Do you need a vacation? 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](http://sf.lovemoredeeply.org). The next SF-WWME Weekend is April 9-11, San Mateo.

## MASSES

Sat.	Feb. 27	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
Mon.	Mar. 1	6:30	Dora Torres
		8 am	Young K. Baek
Tues.	Mar. 2	8 am	Raymond Moynihan
Wed.	Mar. 3	8 am	Luke Om
Thurs.	Mar. 4	6:30	Davide Gambelin
		8 am	Nello Lombardi
Fri.	Mar. 5	6:30	Virginia Armstrong
		8 am	Leo T. Englert
Sat.	Mar. 6	8 am	Lou Zanardi
		5 pm	Angelo & Alma Zan
Sun.	Mar. 7	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
		9:30	Marge Woodley
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Debbie Minter

## 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;

### **Transitions Support Group - March 3, 7:30 pm**

*Transitions* is a *drop-in* support group for those who are undergoing the *transition* from couple-hood to single-hood. The meetings are informal and safe.

**Cost:** Free! **Location:** St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto. **Email:** Randy, transitions@paloaltocatholic.org, or call (408) 739-2881.

## ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at [www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)

**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)**  
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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Katie Stasun	Rich Morton
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