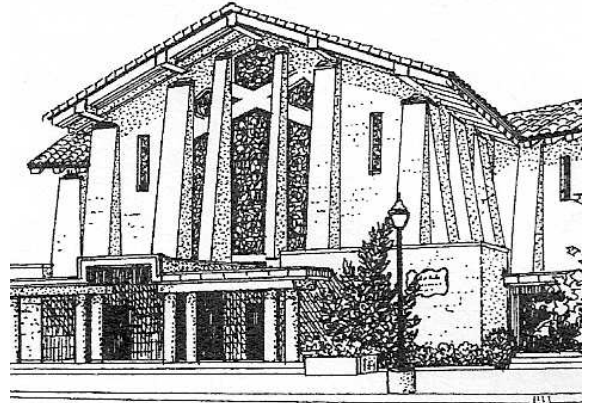


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Third Sunday of Lent March 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 Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices.

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!"

Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them— do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means!

But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.

Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

Reflection

When Jesus is asked about the deaths of some Galileans and some residents of Jerusalem, he seizes the opportunity to remind his audience that their obsession with the 'sin' of the victims is misplaced. He challenges all who are listening that unless they repent, they will all perish in a similar fashion. This would have been very confronting to those in the audience who were ingrained in the thinking that 'bad things only happen to bad people'. The purity codes of the day stated that if one maintained purity of action – obeying

the Law and respecting the prohibitions on certain actions – then one was fulfilling one's duty and maintaining right relationship with God. Jesus chastises the people for this attitude and tells them that they all must 'repent'. For 1st Century Jews, the word 'repent' had a greater depth of meaning than our current understanding. Rather than simply 'being sorry', to repent meant to completely turn life around – both individually and as a society. His injunction to repent would be seen as a challenge to question motives and actions and set a new direction.

To follow this up, Jesus tells his audience a parable about a fig tree that has not borne fruit after three years. There are many interpretations of this parable and it is often interpreted in isolation from the gospel passage that immediately precedes it. Given the challenge to 'repent' that is given so strongly, we can see the parable as an example to the listeners that their time for repenting is running out. The one year reprieve for the fig tree is an indication to the listeners that their change of heart and change of spirit had better take shape in the very near future.

Scriptural Context - Parables

The parable of the unproductive fig tree at the end of today's passage is not a straightforward story with a clear message. Indeed, this is a hallmark of the style of storytelling that we call 'parable'. A parable is deliberately open to interpretation at different levels. In the first instance, today's parable is a simple farming story. However, the original audience knew (as we know) that there had to be more to the story. Parables

use metaphoric and symbolic language that invites the listener or reader to explore deeper and find a meaning that lies beyond the literal.

Living the Gospel - Bad Things / Good People

Today's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

Questions for Adults

Q. In what way/s is today's gospel confronting to modern sensibilities?

Q. What social wrongs are justified by a belief that bad things happen to bad people?

Q. Why is the need for repentance presented with such urgency?

Q. Where in your life is there a need for "repentance"—a change of heart to one of compassion?

Questions for Adolescents

Q. What is the connection between the parable of the fig tree and the preceding conversation?

Q. What values underlie a belief that bad things only happen to bad people?

Q. How have "good" people you know coped with bad things happening in their lives?

Q. How would you answer someone who asked, "Why does God let bad things happen to good people?"

Questions for Children

Q. What do you like to do on weekends?

Q. What jobs do you have to do?

Q. Sundays are God's holy days. How do we make Sundays holy?

Q. God helps us grow in love for him through holy days. How can we make every day holy?

CONFIRMATION

Reconciliation Service for Candidates and their families will be **Wednesday evening, March 10th, from 7-8:30 pm.**

Candidates: Final interviews are being scheduled from March 24th through April 2nd. Be sure you contact Elaine to set up yours.

Large Group: March 21st, at 3 pm in Homer Crouse.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM :

It has come to our attention that, unfortunately, a parishioner you would never suspect has been making a habit of “borrowing” significant sums of money from parishioners and not paying them back. We urge extreme caution before you loan money to any individual.

SUNDAY COLLECTION

2009-2010 as of 2/28/10

Last Sunday's collection	\$ 9,714.00
Cumulative total for year	\$386,482.73
Budgeted	\$377,440.00
	\$ 9,042.73

Theology by the Glass

Join us at this month's *Theology by the Glass* gathering. Get to know others in the parish while enjoying a glass of wine and listening to an engaging speaker. This month Fr. Kevin Kennedy will be our speaker. We will meet at **Angelica's Bistro** in downtown Redwood City at **7 pm** on **Thursday, March 25th**. Call Laura at 361-1411 or email laura@pius.org for more information.

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

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Carol Sheetz ~ 365-2830 or

carol.sheetz@comcast.net

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS: March 9, 16, & 23
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.

Morning sessions will be held following the 8 am Mass in Homer Crouse Hall

DO YOU NEED SERVICE HOURS?

We need volunteers at the St. Pius Women's Club Fashion Show on **Saturday, March 20th**, @ 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.

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**.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$56,760 from 193 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 49% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

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

Mike Michaelson (father of Deacon Steve Michaelson)
Jacklyn Avila
Mary Brisco

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Morine Bisagno	Judy Marks
Margaret Rocchi	Mary Sorenson	Dee Dee Hacker
Madison Kitz	Pauline Truscelli	Patrick Dixon
Ligaya Lim	Angela Arevalo	Lisa Kitz
David Addiego	Alice Sotto	Sheri Kemp

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

MISSION 2010- It's confirmed! Another life changing experience coming up. Save the dates of July 5-12. We will be going to Salinas again to help run Camp St. Francis with the staff of Dorothy's Place. Camp St. Francis is a summer camp for children of migrant farm workers and other low-income families in the Salinas/Soledad area. We will also spend a couple of days working with the homeless at Dorothy's Place. If you are interested come to our information meeting next Sunday Mar. 14th, 4PM in YM Room #4 at the school or contact

Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic?

Please join us in the Parish Center on **Thursday, March 18th, 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.

DAYLIGHT



SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.

ST. PIUS WOMEN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW

This year's theme is *Springtime in Paris*. Join us on Saturday, **March 20th, at 11am in Fitzsimon Center**. Tickets are \$45 per person, or reserve your own table for 10 for \$400! See the invitation in the bulletin and make your reservation as soon as possible – the best tables go to those who sign up first! You can support the Women's Club in other ways. Send your best wishes to a fashion show model for just \$10, and your note will appear in the program. Messages should be 25 words or less. Please submit your text to mbilafer@gmail.com, no later than March 15th. Or be a special friend of the Women's Club by becoming a Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze donor, and your name will be in the program. Platinum: \$100 or more, Gold: \$50 or more, Silver: \$25 or more or Bronze: up to \$25. All checks should be made out to St. Pius, and sent to the Parish Center no later than March 15th. Join us on March 20th to say "au revoir" to winter and "bienvenue" to spring!

MASSES

Sat.	Mar. 6	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
Mon.	Mar. 8	6:30	Mario Rusignolo
		8 am	John Wright
Tues.	Mar. 9	6:30	Sr. Mary Francis
		8 am	Moira Schoenstein
Wed.	Mar. 10	8 am	George Gaddi
Thurs.	Mar. 11	6:30	Lou Geenen
		8 am	Jennifer Copeland
Fri.	Mar. 12	8 am	Dan Baldini
Sat.	Mar. 13	8 am	Hannah Mary Fleming
		5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	Mar. 14	8 am	Ward & Iris Taylor
		9:30	Danny Fitzgerald
		11:30	Alice Rossi
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

ST. PIUS SENIORS

On March 12th we'll have Mass with lunch to follow. On Friday, March 19th, we will meet and play Bingo and go out to lunch. On Friday, March 26th, the **Senior Companions at Home** will be here to teach us ballroom dancing. Lunch will follow.

MEN'S CLUB MARCH MEETING will be held on **Wednesday, March 17th**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm with drinks & appetizers, and dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. It is St. Patrick's Day and a non-traditional dinner will be served (sorry, no corned beef & cabbage), but you will be disappointed if you miss this dinner. RSVP at mensclub@pius.org or with Tom at 594-2627.

ST. ANTHONY'S CLOTHING CENTER

The Clothing Distribution Center at St. Anthony's is in need of gently used jackets, sweaters, and shirts for men. You may drop your donations off behind the Dining Room at St. Anthony's Church, Monday through Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Only clothing is accepted. Your donations are appreciated.

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.

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: Lisa Maskarich
womensclub@pius.org
First VP: Julia Fex
Second 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**grief_help@hotmail.com**

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