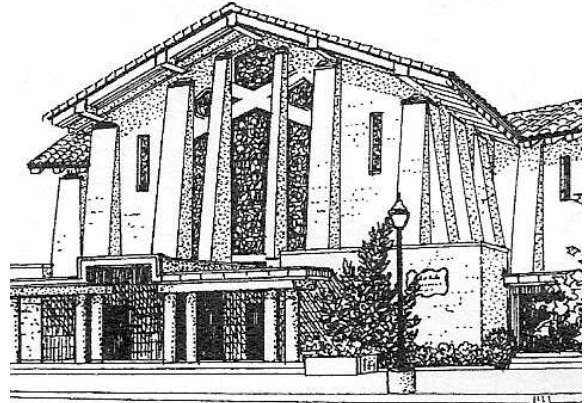


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Fifth Sunday of Lent March 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

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| Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor | 361-1411 | jim@pius.org |
| Rev. Honesto Gile, Jr., Parochial Vicar | 361-1411 | junior@pius.org |
| Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals | 361-1411 | |
| Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Our Special Associate | 361-1411 | |
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| Barbara E. Drake, Operations Manager | 361-1411 | barb@pius.org |
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| Elaine Rachko, Youth Minister | 365-0140 | elaine@pius.org |

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 John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Reflection

This entire scene is a conspiratorial 'setup' to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap! But where is the man with whom the woman was committing adultery? When he is not also brought forward for judgment as any legitimate accusation would demand, Jesus senses the trap being set for him. He realizes that those accusing the woman must have somehow been involved in setting her up so that she could be 'caught committing adultery'. In Jewish law, accessories to a crime were equally guilty and subject to the same penalty. When Jesus says to the gathering, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned ...,' he's letting them know that he's letting them know that he's aware of their part in this crime and what judgment is due them also! If they persist with their accusation, they'll also be tried as accessories! So they quietly walk away. Jesus' words to the woman sum up his message throughout the gospel: 'Neither do I condemn you, go away, and don't sin any more.' As with others in the gospels, Jesus recognizes that the woman has indeed sinned, but he does not condemn her for it.

By telling her not to sin any more he is calling her to conversion. He is saying, yes, you've made mistakes, but you can do better and I'm challenging you to try.

Gospel Focus - Restoring honor

When the accused woman is brought before Jesus for judgment he neither looks at the woman nor at the accusers. He bends down and writes in the dirt. When the accusers melt away, Jesus (still kneeling on the ground) looks up at the woman to speak to her. She has probably never been treated with this level of respect in all her life. With this action, as much as anything else, Jesus restores dignity and honor to the woman. No longer looked down upon, she can begin a new life.

Living the Gospel - Forgiven, not forgotten

The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us - not to forget about us - that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change.

Questions for Adults & Teens:

- Q. Why did the Pharisees see this incident as a test for Jesus?
- Q. What is achieved by Jesus bending down and focusing his attention on the ground?
- Q. What happened to the mob mentality when Jesus challenged them?
- Q. What's the effect of Jesus challenging the woman's actions rather than condemning them?
- Q. How is it possible to go against the tide and challenge group behavior or group thinking?
- Q. Why was it the eldest in the crowd who walked away first?

Questions for Children:

- Q. What happens when people accuse others who have done nothing wrong?
- Q. Jesus reminds us that we all are in need of forgiveness and asks us to sin no more.
- Q. How can we be more concerned about our own sins than other people's sins?
- Q. How can we show God's forgiveness to others?

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 and before you loan money to any individual please see me.

Anniversary Mass – Saturday, April 17th, at 5pm

Couples celebrating 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or 50+ years of marriage, are invited to celebrate and renew their vows with the St. Pius community! Please contact Tina Zanoni at TinaZanoni@aol.com or Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or Maria@pius.org to **RSVP by April 10, 2010.** We look forward to celebrating with you.

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$83,155 from 268 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 72% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

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.

BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010

| As of 3/14/10 | Budgeted | Actual |
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| Income | | |
| Offertory | 399,008.00 | 410,033.20 |
| Festival | 90,000 | 80,300.00 |
| Christmas | 50,000 | 41,658.00 |
| Total | 539,008.00 | 531,991.20 |
| Deficit | | (7,016.80) |

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

James Rudkin
Abigail Rudkin
Penelope Rudkin
Gabriel De Lira

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This collection is **March 20th & 21st.** You can provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies around the world through the *Holy Father’s Relief Fund.* To learn more about this collection email www.usccb.org/nationalcollections

Seasons of Growth and Gratitude

This is a mini-retreat for women presented by Dr. Ellen Six on **Saturday, March 27th,** from 8:30 am -1:00 pm, in the Parish Center. Cost: \$18 – includes lunch! Call Cheri Girardot to reserve a space, 704-0615, or email: cgoperal@yahoo.com

Attention Young Adults (20s & 30’s)!!

Are you ready to get a little down and dirty for Christ? On **Saturday, March 27th, from 9 am - 12 noon,** you are invited to participate in a Lenten service project. We will help the *Kelly Avenue Catholic Worker* of Half Moon Bay start a small farm and build a shed. They will use the fruits and vegetables from this farm at their weekly breakfasts, and then distribute to others in need. The *Kelly Avenue Catholic Worker* is a multi-service organization dedicated to serving the poor of Half Moon Bay and the surrounding area. If you are interested, please join us at the Coastside Lutheran Church in Half Moon Bay at 900 N. Cabrillo Highway (Highway 1). Please call or email Laura at 361-1411 or laura@pius.org, if you need more information.

Toddler Care at 9:30 & 11:30 am Masses!

Weekly activities, stories and crafts, connect our young children to the Gospel of the week. Visit the Fitzsimon Center Community Room on Sunday mornings to learn more about this amazing program for children age 1 1/2 to 4 yrs.

Soup Supper on Tuesday, March 23rd

at 6pm, in Homer Crouse Hall. Come enjoy a simple meal in good company!

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

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| Deacon Steve | Alice Sotto | Lisa Kitz |
| Margaret Rocchi | Sheri Kemp | David Addiego |
| Madison Kitz | Marie Martinez | Patrick Dixon |
| Ligaya Lim | Angela Arevalo | Dee Dee Hacker |
| Susana Villagomez | Steve Moore | 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

Our preparation program is nearing an end. Final interviews are underway. Our candidates will be confirmed on April 25th at the 5:00 pm Mass by Archbishop George Niederauer. The rehearsal for Candidates and their sponsors is Thursday, April 23rd from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

The 6th grade class will host a luncheon for the Seniors on Friday, March 26th. The Seniors really enjoy spending time with the students. We will *not* meet on Friday, April 2nd, as it is Good Friday. We will meet on Friday, April 9th, and have Mass.

Easter Egg Hunt & Candy Donations

Hop on over to the school lawn area following the 9:30 am Mass on **Easter Sunday, April 4th**, as the Women's Club hosts it's annual Easter Egg hunt for children **up to 12 years of age**. Bring their Easter baskets as they scour the lawn in search of goodies and fun. Should there be rain, the egg hunt will be in Homer Crouse Hall. Happy Easter!

We're asking for donations of candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off wrapped, **nut-free candy** to the Parish Center by **Thursday April 1st**. Please **no candy with nuts or peanut butter** (such as Butterfingers, Reese's, Snickers, etc.) Thank you!

MOTHERS IN LOVE + FATHERS IN LOVE = FAMILIES IN LOVE!

Your whole family deserves the love Mom and Dad will bring home from a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend!** Married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones, and focus on each other. Questions? Call Paul & Yvonne at 366-7093 or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org. The next SF-WWME Weekend is April 9-11, San Mateo.

Catholic Vacation Bible Camp – July 19-23,

Baobab Blast – God's Great Get-together!
This is for children entering Kindergarten - 5th grades in September, Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Camp Cost \$100. After-camp care available for an additional fee. Camp will be held in Fitzsimon Center, with leaders from St. Pius and St. Matthias Parishes. To register: <http://toolkit.thevbsplace.org/StMatthiasStPiusRedwoodCityCA>
This is a service opportunity for 6th -12th grade students. Call Maria Cornell at 368-0429.

MASSES

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| Sat. | Mar. 20 | 5 pm | Moira Schoenstein |
| Sun. | Mar. 21 | 8 am | Andrea & Delfin Chu |
| | | 9:30 | Cecile Berube |
| | | 11:30 | John Malinverno |
| Mon. | Mar 22 | 5 pm | People of St. Pius |
| | | 6:30 | Souls in Purgatory |
| | | 8 am | Leo T. Englert |
| Tues. | Mar. 23 | 8 am | Virginia Knight |
| Wed. | Mar. 24 | 8 am | Don Goold |
| Thurs. | Mar. 25 | 6:30 | Lou Geenen |
| | | 8 am | Marie Goyhenetche |
| Fri. | Mar. 26 | 8 am | Msgr. Haggarty |
| Sat. | Mar. 27 | 8 am | Don Pors, Sr. |
| | | 5 pm | Rosemary Smith |
| Sun. | Mar. 28 | 8 am | Olivia Comin Dei Rossi |
| | | 9:30 | Josephine Rusake |
| | | 11:30 | Faustyna Tuipulotu |
| | | 5 pm | People of St. Pius |

CENSUS 2010

Households across the country have either already received or will be receiving their census form. Census data is used to reapportion seats in Congress and ensure proper district representation in state and local governments. Please take a moment to fill out the census form and send it back to the Census Bureau, as it will determine the services and resources our state so desperately needs.

SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The *Women's Club* is looking for women who want to serve on the Women's Club Board for 2010-2011. Meetings are the **first Wednesday of the month**. Please call Lisa Maskarich at 644-5905, or email Lisa Maskarich lmaskarich@yahoo.com

Ciao!

Festival Corner

Dates June 4-6, 2010

The festival is approaching us soon and we are in need of some volunteers to chair our booths. They are: **Food:** Espresso, **Games:** Prize wall, Caterpillar crawl, Golf – New this year!

Grab a friend or two and consider co-chairing a booth; otherwise, we cannot make these booths available.

Please contact Kim Velez at 368-6481 or kimavelez2@yahoo.com or Russ Vavuris at 650 368-6545 or rusvavuris@aol.com

Grazie!

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

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| 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

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| 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 |