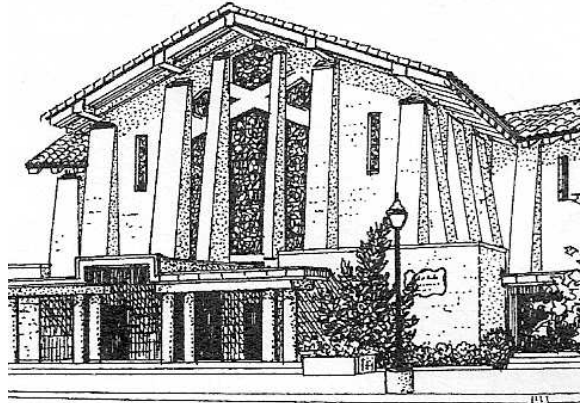


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord April 4, 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
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	
Rita Carroll, Principal, St. Pius School	368-8327	saintpiusschool@hotmail.com
Barbara E. Drake, Operations Manager	361-1411	barb@pius.org
Maria Cornell, Liturgy & Children's Faith Formation/ CCD	368-0429	maria@pius.org
Spanish-speaking CCD	368-0429	Reled@mountcarmel.org
Adele Sanchez, Senior Adult Coordinator	361-1411	
Laura Martin-Spencer, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA	361-1411	laura@pius.org
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 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Reflection

On this, the most important celebration in the Christian calendar, it is a shame that the reading chosen for the Lectionary is something of a let down. Certainly, within the gospel reading we have the discovery of the empty tomb by Mary of Magdala; the disbelieving disciples running to find things exactly as Mary had described; and the dawning realization of what Jesus had meant when he so frequently spoke about rising from the dead. However, if the editors of the Lectionary had chosen to also include the next nine verses of the gospel we would have also heard the magnificent encounter between Mary and the risen Lord, confirming that it was a woman, Mary Magdala, who was the first witness to Christ's resurrection. As it is, we never hear this account as part of the cycle of Sunday readings. The discovery of the empty tomb – although so simply told – is an astounding event that completes the Paschal Mystery: the passion, death AND resurrection of Jesus. While Christ's willingness to go to his death on the cross was an extraordinary statement of God's love for humankind, it is his rising again from death that offers all Christian people hope. It is the second disciple – the one whom Jesus loved – who is the first to grasp the meaning of what has happened inside the tomb. The gospel tells us that upon entering the tomb and seeing Jesus' burial cloths lying there, 'he saw and he believed'. Unlike the later encounters with the risen Lord, this disciple recognized the truth and significance of what he saw in the empty tomb. He didn't need to see the risen Lord to believe.

Perhaps it is he that we today can best identify with. Not in a position to physically encounter the risen Christ, we are capable of seeing the signs of his resurrection and continuing presence in the world and choose to believe.

Historical Context – Mary Magdalene

Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala, plays an important role in the gospel accounts of the resurrection. She was obviously a significant follower of Jesus, being named as a witness to the crucifixion, discovering the empty tomb and the first to encounter the risen Christ. One would think that she would hold a prestigious place in the Church, but for many years she was confused with another character identified in the gospels and was portrayed as a prostitute and sinner. Mary is named in each of the four gospels and not once is it indicated that she was a sinner or prostitute. She has been a victim of mistaken identity for 2000 years.

Gospel Focus – The disciple Jesus loved

In this week's gospel we see reference to a disciple as "the one Jesus loved." It is generally agreed that this disciple is John. There is some suggestion that the disciple, John, is in fact the John ascribed as the author of this gospel. If this is so, to describe himself as the disciple Jesus loved is merely a means of avoiding using a personal pronoun—I or me. Just as Jesus described himself as "the Son of God" or "the Son of Man" rather than say "I", John uses the same convention to avoid naming himself. It is not to suggest that Jesus didn't love his other disciples.

Questions for Children

Q. What do you have that is new? Q. How do you feel when you have something new? Q. Today, Easter Sunday, is exciting because we celebrate Jesus' rising and living among us.

Q. How can we show that Jesus lives within us in a new way?

Questions for Adolescents

Q. What emotions do you think Mary might have experienced upon discovering the tomb? Q. Why did the gospel writers portray the disciples' initial disbelief and doubt about the resurrection? Q. In what ways does the account of Jesus' resurrection inspire hope in Christians? Q. In what ways is Jesus still present in the world?

Questions for Adults

Q. Why is the passion, death and resurrection central to Christian belief? Q. What message do you take from the beloved disciple who "saw and believed." Q. Does the significance of the Easter events receive proper recognition in society today?

Q. Why do you think the cross became the symbol of Christianity, rather than the empty tomb?

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 \$89,055 from 288 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 77% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

ST. PIUS SCHOOL OPENINGS

St. Pius School has been providing a Catholic education to students in Kindergarten through Eighth grade for over 50 years. Students graduate as active Christians, responsible citizens and educated people. If you are interested in providing a Catholic education for your child, please consider St. Pius School. There are openings in some grade levels for the 1010-2011 school year. Applications are available in the school office or the web site, www.stpiusschool.org.

BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010

As of 3/28/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offeratory	420,576.00	429,152.70
Festival	90,000.00	80,300.00
Christmas	50,000.00	41,658.00
Total	560,576.00	551,110.70
Deficit		(9,465.30)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Edith Cronin
Rosalie Longo

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

Easter Egg Hunt & Candy Donations

Hop on over to the school lawn area following the 9:30 am Mass on **today** as the Women's Club hosts its 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!

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.thevbplace.org /StMatthiasStPiusRedwoodCityCA](http://toolkit.thevbplace.org/StMatthiasStPiusRedwoodCityCA)

This is a service opportunity for 6th -12th grade students. Call Maria Cornell at 368-0429.

RECEPTION FOR BARBARA

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 23rd, following the 9:30 am Mass,** to attend our reception honoring Barbara Drake who will be retiring at the end of May. The reception will be held in the Parish Center patio. Please join us in thanking Barbara for her many years of dedication to our Parish and School and to wish her much happiness in her retirement years to come.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Raymaya Martinez-Soito
Alyiah Martinez-Rodriguez

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

Deacon Steve	Alice Sotto	Pauline Truscelli
Margaret Rocchi	Sheri Kemp	Mary Sorenson
Marie Martinez	Ligaya Lim	Chuck Byrns
Susana Villagomez	Dee Dee Hacker	Angela Arevalo

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

We will meet on Friday, April 9th, and Father will celebrate Mass. Happy Easter to everyone!

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 **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 368-6545 or rusvavuris@aol.com

Grazie!

FAMILY CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

There are three workshops/sessions scheduled for **April 12th, 19th, and 26th**, for *family members* caring for a spouse, parent, or sibling with memory loss and confusion. You are welcome to enroll in all the workshops and they are all **free**. These sessions are at the San Carlos Adult Day Services, 787 Walnut Street, San Carlos. They are funded by a generous grant from the Sequoia Healthcare District. Please **RSVP by April 6th**, by calling 592-9325.

AGE OF AQUINAS - CHRISTIAN SINGLES 40+

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 unstructured, confidential and safe. You don't need a reservation. There is no cost - it's **free**. The meetings are held at St. Thomas Aquinas Pastoral Center, 3290 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Questions? Call (408) 739-2881 or email: transitions@paloaltocatholic.org.

MASSES

Sat.	Apr. 3 (Vigil)	8 pm	Helen Goodhugh
Sun.	Apr. 4	8 am	Martin Etcheverry
	Church	9:30	Michael Verducci
	Fitzsimon Center	9:30	Randy Cardellini
		11:30	People of St. Pius

There is no 5 pm Mass

Mon.	Apr. 5	8 am	Geraldine Hopkins
Tues.	Apr. 6	8 am	Denis Murphy
Wed.	Apr. 7	8 am	Andy Dei Rossi
Thurs.	Apr. 8	8 am	Jim McCracken
Fri.	Apr. 9	8 am	Liz Hickey
Sat.	Apr. 10	8 am	Rev. Brendan Smith
	Apr. 10	5 pm	Guadalupe Borgo
Sun.	Apr. 11	8 am	James Lucey
		9:30	Marge Woodley
		11:30	Stephanie Berg
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

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 - Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. **Only clothing is accepted. Thank you.**

"MARRIED SINGLES" LIFESTYLE

This *Married Singles Lifestyle* describes couples who may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates.

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. Call (415) 893-1005 to sign up for the next weekend, April 23-25 or email SF@retroCA.com.

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.



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