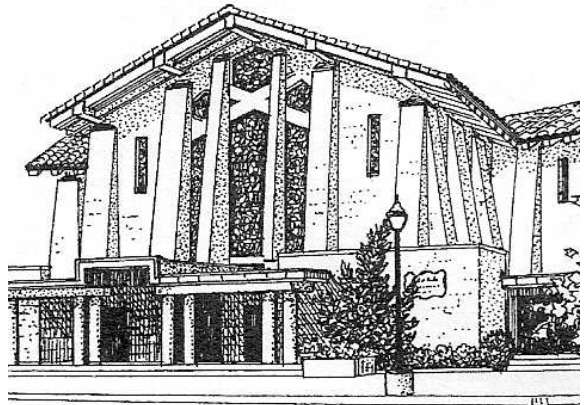


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Second Sunday of Easter April 11, 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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Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hospitals	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: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit". . .

Gospel Reflection

This passage can be seen as the gospel writer's version of the Pentecost that was previously recorded by the writer of Luke-Acts. As the account of Pentecost in the book of Acts was already in existence, the gospel writer felt no concern about alluding to it in his version of the gospel story. The inclusion of this event in the gospel of John adds a "completeness" to the gospel text—from the Word with God in chapter 1 through the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus to this moment of charging his disciples with the task of carrying on his work and breathing on them the Holy Spirit. It seems that the gospel writer wanted to bring the story to its conclusion. The idea of Jesus "breathing" the Holy Spirit onto the disciples is an interesting one. The Greek word *pneuma* carried two meanings: breath and spirit. So to deliberately breathe on someone was to share one's spirit with them. Jesus gives this act a greater meaning by declaring the spirit to be the Holy Spirit that will empower the disciples for the mission he is entrusting to them.

The disciple Thomas has received a pretty raw deal from history. The phrase, *doubting Thomas*, has found its way into our everyday language and condemns Thomas as the one who wouldn't take the word of his fellow disciples but wanted to see the Risen Lord himself. However, rather than remembering Thomas for his doubt, we should remember Thomas as the one who makes the extraordinary declaration of faith, "My Lord and my God!" It is Thomas, alone amongst all those who recognize the greatness of Jesus across the four gospels, who acknowledges Jesus as not just the Messiah, but God.

"Historical Context – My Lord and my God

By the time the Gospel of John was written—in the last decade of the 1st Century—there were already diverse beliefs about Jesus. As is recorded in the gospels, there were those who regarded Jesus as one of the prophets of Israel; others recognized him as the promised Messiah; others still had come to believe in

Jesus the Christ as the incarnation of God. That is certainly the theology expressed in the Gospel of John. Perhaps as a means to further his community's theology and correct other ideas, the gospel writer has Thomas declare, "My Lord and my God!"

Scriptural context – Holy Spirit

In the Gospel of John, during the Last Supper discourse, Jesus repeatedly assures his disciples that the Father will provide them with another Advocate to guide them. This advocate (or paraclete) is to be the Holy Spirit. Although "advocate" carries a certain legal meaning, the gospel writer uses it to mean one who represents the continued presence of Jesus, just as Jesus was the advocate or paraclete of God. In the Holy Spirit that Jesus breathes on the disciples we see the final element of the Trinitarian experience of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Questions for Children

- Q. Why do some people like you or are your friends?
- Q. What are the good times you have had together?
- Q. Have there ever been times when things did not go so well?
- Q. Jesus shares with us his peace and shows forgiveness. How can we also share peace and show forgiveness?
- Q. What can we do this week to pass on the peace and forgiveness that Jesus shares with us?

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why do you think Thomas was reluctant to believe what his friends told him about the Risen Jesus?
- Q. How might the other disciples have reacted to Thomas' unbelief?
- Q. Despite his earlier demand, why doesn't Thomas touch the wounds of Jesus?
- Q. What does Thomas' experience say to 21st Century Christians?
- Q. How do you respond to disbelief and doubt—within yourself or others?

Questions for Adults

- Q. Which phrase or word from this gospel passage particularly stands out to you? Why?
- Q. What understandings of the Holy Spirit emerge for you from today's gospel and reflection?
- Q. Why does Jesus particularly focus the mission of the disciples on the forgiveness of sins?
- Q. In what ways does Thomas personify elements of our own culture and society?
- Q. When do you feel like Thomas?

FROM THE DESK OF FR. JIM

Archbishop George Niederauer has appointed Fr. Honesto Gile as the Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish in Olema and St. Mary Magdalene in Bolinas. These two churches are in West Marin, which is part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco. He will begin his new ministry on July 1, 2010. I am very grateful to him for his continuing service to the people of St. Pius. The parish staff and parishioners of St. Pius will miss him. There will be a "going away" reception in the Parish Center patio after the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 27th.

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 12, 2010.**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$89,980 from 294 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 78% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

St. Pius Parish Hospitality Ministry Training & Formation for Ushers and Greeters

Where: St Pius Parish Center

When: Saturday, April 17th

Refreshments from 8:30 am - 9:00 am

Session from 9:00-10:00 am

All adults, teens and children, interested in
Hospitality Ministry.

Parents should accompany children in grades 3-5.

Sponsored by St. Pius Liturgy Committee

BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010

As of 4/4/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offertory	420,576.00	429,152.70
Festival	90,000.00	80,300.00
Christmas	50,000.00	41,658.00
Easter	34,000.00	32,986.00
Total	594,576.00	584,096.70
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ST. PIUS CHURCH WEBSITE

Please check out our website at www.pius.org

Women's Club General Meeting - April 14th

The Women's Club invites you to participate in our Annual **WOMEN'S NETWORKING SOCIAL** on **Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6:30 pm.** Come share the products and/or services you offer, or any special interest or group affiliations. A limited number of display tables will be available. Contact Yvette Gilardi for more information at (650) 369-0138 or Via e-mail: yvettegilardi@comcast.net.

We will be serving a delicious BBQ Chicken dinner, prepared by Armadillo Willys, along with cocktails. General members \$15, Seniors \$10. Please **RSVP by Monday, April 12th**, by calling or emailing Kate DelSelva: 327-2423/ ktdelselva@yahoo.com or email or call the Women's Club Hot Line: womensclub_members@pius.org/364-5204

First Eucharist Masses

These masses will take place on **Saturday, May 1st** at 5:00 pm for families of older children and **Sunday, May 2nd** at 9:30 am for children in Second Grade. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers during their final preparations.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

On Friday, April 16th the 8th grade students and parents will host the Seniors lunch. On Friday, April 23rd the 2nd grade students and parents will also host the Seniors lunch. We really enjoy these lunches with the children and appreciate the time we spend with them. On Friday, April 30th, we'll have a pot luck so please bring one of your special dishes for everyone to enjoy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Dorothy Weems
Ramon Escrito
Margaret Rocchi

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

Deacon Steve Pauline Truscelli Angela Arevalo
Susana Villagomez Dee Dee Hacker Chuck Byrns
Mary Sorenson Marie Martinez

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.

WELCOME DINNER FOR NEW PARISHIONERS

The Parish Council will host a dinner in Homer Crouse Hall following the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, May 15th, for all *new* parishioners. If you are a **NEW** parishioner and have not registered please call the Parish Center at 361-1411. **RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY!** Please call 361-1411 to make your reservations.

Ciao!

Festival Corner

Dates: June 4-6, 2010

The festival is approaching 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

CATHOLIC LOBBY DAY - 12TH ANNUAL

This is on April 27th, 9 am - 4 pm, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, 11th & K Streets, in Sacramento. For more information call (415) 614-5572 or (415) 614-5570, or email www.sflifeandjustice.org.

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.

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 Sundays to learn more about this amazing program for children from 1 1/2 to 4 yrs of age.

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

MASSES

Sat.	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
Mon.	April 12	8 am	Julia Rosasco
Tues.	April 13	8 am	Leo T. Englert
Wed.	April 14	8 am	Christopher
Thurs.	April 15	8 am	Ben Cremers
Friday	April 16	8 am	William Fedak
Sat.	April 17	8 am	Berni family
		5 pm	Cortopassi family
Sun.	April 18	8 am	Charles & Louise Fragulia
		9:30	Jean Berhan
		11:30	Moira Schoenstein
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

MASS AND 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 31 years of dedication to our Parish and School and to wish her much happiness in her retirement years to come.

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.

Confirmation

Our preparation program is nearing an end with final interviews 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 pm.

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