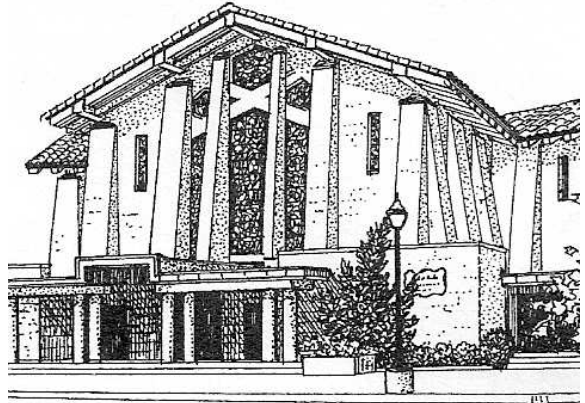


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 25, 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

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)

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.

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FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PIUS

Gospel Reflection (Jn 10:27-30)

Shepherds in the first century did not have a particularly good reputation. Whilst the task itself was a responsible one, it was usually undertaken by hired help—usually young men or even boys. Being hired help, they had little allegiance to the flock and were generally regarded as basically untrustworthy and often accused of illicitly selling off the sheep's milk and even the occasional lamb. They lived for months at a time out in the hills with the sheep; often risking their lives in defense of their flock, yet still regarded with suspicion. Shepherds were held in such low regard that they could not appear in court as a witness. Yet, despite this grim picture of shepherds, Jesus described himself as the *Good Shepherd*. With that one word, he acknowledged the reputation of shepherds but utterly dismissed it by describing himself as a shepherd—but a good shepherd. He chose to describe himself as the worst of all occupations but raised the status to unimpeachable heights.

In describing himself as the good shepherd, Jesus joined a distinguished list of biblical shepherds: Abraham, his son Isaac, and grandson Jacob were all shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, when God appeared to him in the burning bush and revealed God's name; and the great King, David, began life as a humble shepherd-boy. So, despite the poor reputation of shepherds in Jewish society, some of the greatest leaders of the Jews began life as shepherds.

Today's gospel passage follows the famous "good shepherd" passage in the gospel of John and continues on the image. The passage portrays Jesus as "claiming" his flock; guaranteeing them not only safety but also eternal life. This oath of loyalty and commitment is all the stronger and more remarkable in light of Jesus' rehabilitation of the status of shepherds.

Scriptural context—The Father and I are one

The final sentence of today's passage has Jesus declaring, "The Father and I are one." It seems a fitting way to finish the gospel reading for liturgical use in the Easter season. However, the passage in John's gospel continues on. Immediately upon hearing these words, the listening crowd grab rocks and are about to stone Jesus to death! They were horrified by his apparent blasphemy—claiming to be one with God. Such a bold declaration of oneness with the Father was no doubt used by the gospel writer to try to eradicate emerging questions about the divinity of Jesus.

Have you thought? Why John?

You may have noticed that during the Easter season, we have been hearing exclusively from the gospel of John. But aren't we in Year C of the liturgical cycle—the year of Luke? Well, yes, but ... The gospel of the year is predominantly proclaimed during Ordinary Time. However, there is no Year of John. This gospel is read during the Easter season and at other specific feasts and seasons. As the synoptic gospels focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, the theological and metaphoric nature of John's gospel is much more suited to the post-resurrection season of Easter.

Gospel Focus— Eternal life

In the gospel passage, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, "I give them eternal life." He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an "eternal" quality to eternal life. The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

Questions for Children

Q. Do you know of anyone who has been lost?

Q. Who was worried?

Q. How was that person found?

Jesus says to us that we can never really be lost for he knows each of us and will always care for us.

Let us pray that we may know and love Jesus more closely.

Questions for Adolescents

Q. Why has the image of the "good shepherd" been such an enduring and significant one in Christianity?

Q. Why might Jesus have chosen such a "controversial" image to describe himself?

Q. What are the positive and negative implications of describing faithful people as "sheep"?

Q. What message of hope for people today can be found in this short passage?

Questions for Adults

Q. What phrase from today's reading carries special significance to you? Why?

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.**

GRADUATING SENIORS MASS AND DINNER

All high school Seniors who live in St. Pius Parish and are graduating from high school this year are invited to a special Mass and reception with their parents here at the Church and the Parish Center, **Monday, May 3rd at 6 pm.** After the reception the Seniors (without parents) will attend dinner in Homer Crouse Hall. **PLEASE CALL 361-1411 TO RSVP BY MONDAY, APRIL 26TH.**

BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010

As of 4/4/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offertory	442,144.00	448,971.40
Festival	90,000.00	80,300.00
Christmas	50,000.00	41,658.00
Easter	34,000.00	35,039.50
Total	616,144.00	605,968.90
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BOOTH SPONSORS FOR FESTIVAL

The annual St. Pius Festival will be held from June 4th through June 6th. In an effort to underwrite the expenses, we are seeking sponsors for each of our booths. Sponsorships are \$150.00 and your name or business will be displayed on a booth. If you are interested, please contact Mercedes Reshke, Booth Sponsor Chairperson at 367-8349.

Thank you to those who have already sponsored: Pribuss Engineering Inc., Eric L. Barrett from Barrett Insurance Services, The Saddle Room, Dennis & Stephanie Durkin, Copymat, David Sawyer, The Hannig Family, Crippen & Flynn Woodside Chapel, Redwood Chapel, Kelley Bennett, Dr. Joseph Krauss, DDS, Putnam Lexus, Dr. Gabby Thodas, The Morton Family, Masarie & Sons, and Ironstone Metalworks Inc.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

This year the Appeal has turned its focus on Youth Ministry. In Youth Ministry programs, young Catholics grow in faith and gain valuable leadership skills. Without this Appeal poorer dioceses in the United States cannot sustain vital youth programs. This collection is **THIS week, April 24th and 25th.** Thank you for your generosity.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

Annie Scheepe
Ferdinand Engesser
Mark Severi

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$93,930 from 311 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. This represents 82% of our goal. Thank you to those who have contributed.

ST. PIUS SENIORS

On Friday, April 30th, we'll have a pot luck lunch so please bring one of your special dishes for everyone to enjoy.

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.

ATTENTION: ALL USHERS

If you are an usher and involved in the collection at the masses please email Maria with your name, phone #, email address, and usual mass attended to: maria@pius.org

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

Deacon Steve	Pauline Truscelli	Angela Arevalo
Matthew Gonzalez	Alice Sotto	Chuck Byrns
Ligaya Lim	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.

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.

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

The St. Pius Festival will soon be here. The Silent Auction committee is now soliciting donations from parishioners and/or businesses.

Our wish list includes: tickets to sporting events (Giants, Sharks, 49ers), certificates for merchandise/restaurants, donations of themed baskets (a Summer Beach basket, Gardening basket, Back-to-School backpacks), themed dinners/parties, or items for the home. Any donation, no matter how large or small, is greatly appreciated. To be included in our Auction Program, the donation must be received **by May 15, 2010**. For more information, or to arrange for item pick-up/delivery, please contact Mary Vavuris at 368-6545.

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 if you are interested in helping.

Grazie,

Your St. Pius Festival chairs ...

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MASSES

Sat.	April 24	5 pm	Young K. Baek
Sun.	April 25	8 am	Rich Herbst
		9:30	Helena Pysna
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Andrea & Delfin Chu
Mon.	April 26	8 am	Irvin Merrifield
Tues.	April 27	8 am	Young K. Baek
Wed.	April 28	8 am	Moira Schoenstein
Thurs.	April 29	8 am	Ted Pruss
Friday	April 30	8 am	Ted Pruss
Sat.	May 1	8 am	Juan De Los Santos
		5 pm	Hilda Gerard
Sun.	May 2	8 am	deceased Zan family
		9:30	John Garibaldi
		11:30	Virginia Armstrong
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

CONFIRMATION

The Parish Community of St. Pius is pleased to submit our candidates for Confirmation to Archbishop George Niederauer at the 5:00 pm Mass this Sunday. We thank the community for keeping them in your prayers.

Lauren Arshakuni, Sarah Bance, Olivia Bertolacci*, Brian Bligh, Connor Bloomquist, Hogan Bradford, Alexis Chamorro, Claire Cremers, Mary Data, Emma Davenport, Matt Del Selva, Patrick Engels, Patrick Fau, Nicole Fava, Ariana Finato*, Bianca Gomez, Adam Gruber, Michelle Hagen, Danny Healy, Rachel Krauss*, Justin Lazaruk, Rickey McConnell, Danielle McFadyen*, Ashley Morton*, Katie Nehrenz, Jordann Ojeda*, Brittany Patterson, Ben Peterson, Rebecca Pirayou, Kristina Razon, Neiko Sigona, Jared Vargas, and Robert Yapp.

*These candidates were confirmed last Sunday at Nativity.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Please join us in the Parish Center on **Thursday, May 6th, at 6:30 pm**, and find out how to become Catholic or how to receive the sacraments as an adult. At this short meeting we will discuss the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, the 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.

MEN'S CLUB **mensclub@pius.org**

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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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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