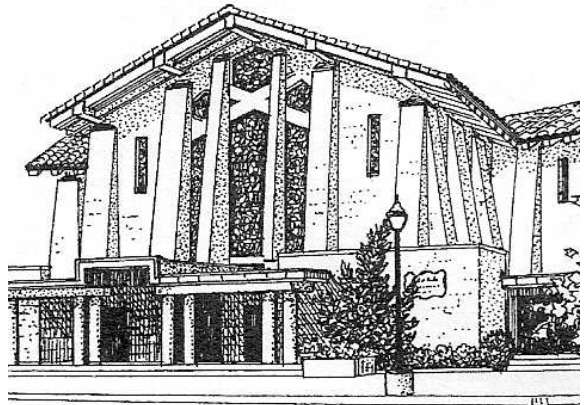


WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 9, 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.

Parish Staff

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FAITH FORMATION AT ST. PIUS

Gospel Reflection (John 14:23-29)

Just like last week's gospel, this passage also comes from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John. Again, although its original context was pre-crucifixion, the language works in the post-resurrection Easter season as we anticipate the celebration of the Ascension next week.

This double purpose language is, of course, no accident. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus and so the writer was consciously conveying the double meaning of "going away:" Jesus going to his death; and Jesus going back to the Father. But Jesus also promises his return in this speech. Continuing the double meaning, the gospel writer knew that Jesus had come good on his promise to return after his death and so conveys to the gospel audience, and to us, a sense of confidence and hope that the second promised return will also be fulfilled at the right time.

In the meantime, Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to the disciples and to the world. The Holy Spirit is to be the Advocate (the Paraclete) of the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit performs a dual purpose: firstly, to carry on the teaching; and secondly, to continue to remind the believers of all that Jesus said and did. The action of the Holy Spirit continues in the world today—inspiring and teaching those who are open to hearing, and keeping alive the memory of Jesus, his teaching and his compassion. We talk about being full of school spirit and team spirit but these feelings of loyalty and commitment are only a distant echo of what it is to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Historical Context – The time of absence

At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing—an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.

Gospel Focus – Advocate

In the text, Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the Advocate, sometimes translated as Paraclete. Both words have very similar meanings. Today when we describe someone as an advocate we usually mean that they stand up for and speak out for someone else or a particular cause. Advocate also has a legal meaning where the advocate bears witness and attests to the validity of another. The Holy Spirit is the Advocate of Jesus in that the action of the Holy Spirit continues to bear witness to the message of Jesus.

Questions for Children

- Q. Who are the people who you have to obey?
- Q. What sort of things are you asked to do?
- Q. What happens if you don't do them?
- Q. Why should you do the things that are asked of you?
- Q. Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to help us obey him. What sort of things does he ask of us?
- Q. How can we show our love for Jesus this week?

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. What is meant by, "If anyone loves me (they) will keep my word"?
- Q. How might the disciples and 1st century believers have understood Jesus' promise to return?
- Q. How is that 1st century understanding different from a 21st century understanding?
- Q. In what ways does the Holy Spirit act in the world today?
- Q. What is the peace of Jesus that "the world cannot give"?

Questions for Adults

- Q. How do you understand, "we shall come to (them) and make our home with (them)"?
- Q. In what way is the Holy Spirit an Advocate of Jesus?
- Q. How do people act on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit?
- Q. How can you strive to bring about the peace of Christ in your immediate community?

Thank you St. Pius Parish for your faithful support and prayers for our First Communicants as we welcome them to the Eucharistic banquet. Congratulations First Communicants!

LIFE AND DIGNITY SUNDAY - MAY 15TH/16TH

At the request of Archbishop George Niederauer, all parishes in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be focusing attention on our civic responsibilities by inviting interested parishioners to register for a newly created Catholic Legislative Network. It has been described as a "Voice for Life and Dignity in California." An explanation of this is on the insert in the bulletin. Please consider registering for the Catholic Legislative Network on May 15th and 16th.

BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010

As of 5/2/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offertory	463,712.00	469,175.40
Festival	90,000.00	80,300.00
Christmas	50,000.00	41,658.00
Easter	34,000.00	35,134.50
Total	637,712.00	626,267.90
Deficit		(11,444.10)

BLOOD DRIVE - ST. PIUS CHURCH - MAY 16TH

This is scheduled for **Sunday, May 16th, 8:30 am -1:30 pm**, in Homer Crouse Hall. Please schedule your appointment online at www.bloodheroes.com, click on "Donate Blood" and enter Sponsor Code: **stpiuschurch** or contact linda@pius.org or call the Parish Center at 361-1411. Thank you for giving "the gift of life".

BOOTH SPONSORS FOR FESTIVAL

The annual St. Pius Festival will be 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 call 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 Benetti, Dr. Joseph Krauss, DDS, Putnam Lexus, Dr. Gabby Thodas, The Morton Family, Masarie & Sons, Ironstone Metalworks Inc., Brendan Royer, Gray's Paint & Wallpaper, The Lawson Roofing Co. Inc., Engelhart Electric Co. Inc., Huguette Bartels and William R. Conklin.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

This *second collection* TODAY helps us connect the world with God's word. This collection funds media projects that spread the Good News through the Internet, radio, TV and print media. Thank you for your generosity.

MSGR. HAGGARTY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The family of Msgr. Jim Haggarty, to honor his memory, is offering a \$500 scholarship to a female 8th grader and a \$500 scholarship to a male 8th grader who will be attending a Catholic high school. In order to apply for this scholarship, the student needs to write an essay on **What can I do, in light of my Catholic faith, to make the community where I live a better place?** These essays must be submitted to Barbara in the Parish Center **by Wednesday, May 26, 2010**. If you have any questions please call Barbara at 361-1411.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We have received \$96,280 from 318 parishioners, toward our assessment of \$114,500. We have reached 84% of our goal. If you need an envelope just mark the outside of a plain envelope "**Appeal**", place your donation inside and drop it in the collection basket or take it to the Parish Center. Thank you to those who have contributed.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Elijah Avendano
Matthew Doyle

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.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Angela Arevalo	Chuck Byrns
Matthew Gonzalez	Michael Kuester	Alice Sotto
Ligaya Lim	Rozanne Southorn	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.

WOMEN'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Women's Club would like to announce its 2010 Scholarship Program. The Scholarship is open to any 8th grade parishioner (male or female) with a G.P.A. of 2.0 or higher and who is continuing their education at a Catholic High School. Applicants must submit an essay describing their interests, special talents and qualities along with how they will use these talents to enhance their Catholic high school experience, as well as references and report cards. Applications are available at the school office and the Parish Center. Applications must be received **by May 24th**. If you have any questions, please call the Women's Club Hotline at (650) 364-5204, or email : Carolyn.moyer@sbcglobal.net

ST. PIUS SENIORS

On Friday, May 21st, the First Grade class will host a luncheon for the Seniors.

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.

Grazie,

Your St.Pius Festival chairs ...

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Catechists needed for the 2010-2011 school year.

If you are an adult or high school student and wish to share your faith with elementary-age children (K-5), please contact Maria Cornell at 368-0429 or Maria@pius.org for more information, and to begin the process. Classes are held on Sundays from 10:30-11:30 am and on Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-4:45 pm. Training for new (and current) catechists will take place in August.

MASSES

Sat.	May 8	5 pm	Cortopassi Family
Sun.	May 9	8 am	Lina Tomalino
		9:30	Anthony Giraud
		11:30	People of St. Pius
		5 pm	Michael Verducci
Mon.	May 10	8 am	Moira Schoenstein
Tues.	May 11	8 am	Don Goold
Wed.	May 12	8 am	Mary Gonos
Thurs.	May 13	8 am	Betty Limcaco
Friday	May 14	8 am	Gratien Ocafrain
Sat.	May 15	8 am	Edna Heyeck
		5 pm	Jose Carlos Guzman
Sun.	May 16	8 am	Msgr. Peter Armstrong
		9:30	Mable May Girardot
		11:30	Margaret Rocchi
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

Women's Club - May News

All women are invited to attend the St. Pius Women's Club for the annual **Luau and General Meeting on Wednesday, May 13th** in Homer Crouse at 6:30 pm. The dinner, hosted by Karen Chang, will include delicious island fare, cocktails and surprises! Remember to wear your favorite aloha attire! Prices are \$15.00 for General Members & \$10.00 for Seniors. If this is your first General Meeting, it is free! Please **RSVP before May 11th** by calling the hotline at (650) 364-5204, or e-mail ktdel-selva@yahoo.com. Mahalo!

Before the Luau, you are invited to attend the 6 pm Mass, celebrated by Fr. Jim, to show our thanks and appreciation to the 2009-2010 Board Members and to welcome the new Board Members for 2010-2011.

FRIENDSHIP BOOTH

The St. Pius Women's Club is hosting this booth. We need volunteers to help run the spinning wheel and hand out prizes. We also need "gently used" or unopened household items. Someone's white elephant is another's treasure! And lastly, we need plants - a popular prize for this booth. Please bring your donated household items to the Parish Center clearly marked "**Friendship Booth**". We will take the plants the week before the festival. To volunteer, or if you have questions, please call: Yvette Gilardi @ 369-0138 or yvettegilardi@comcast.net, or Chris Swan @ 365-8511 or cswan94063@yahoo.com. Thank You!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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

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Vice-President: Brad Naylor
2nd Vice President: Tony Perazzo
Treasurer: Peter Dunlavey
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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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Karen Chang, Co-Chair	Tom Lunzer
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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