

WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

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

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 18, 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.

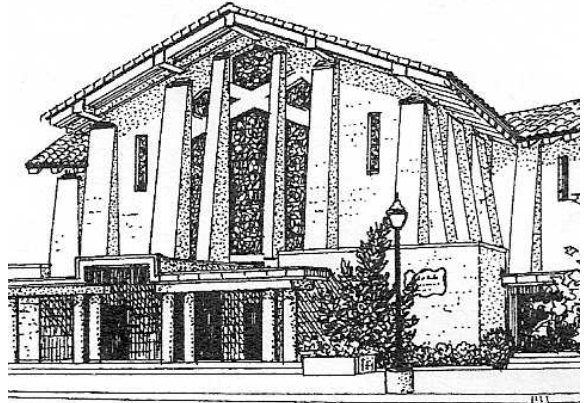
We hope that your **family** will join our parish family as we strive to love like Jesus and build God's kingdom here on **earth**.

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)

Parish Staff

Rev. Jim MacDonald, Pastor	361-1411	jim@pius.org
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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 Reflection Luke 10:38-42

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme was featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty—even in service of God—is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.

Scriptural context

It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbor. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbor whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbor is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

Different View – Feminist critique

Feminist theologian Elizabeth Schussler Fiorenza suggests that this story is less about an event in the life of Jesus than it is about events in the life of the early Church. In the first 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus, women played an equal role in leadership and ministry to the community. However, by the time of

Luke's gospel, men were becoming more dominant in the community. By portraying Jesus as admonishing Martha's active service and praising Mary's passive listening role, the passage can be interpreted as endorsing the relegation of women to less active roles.

Have you thought? – Action vs Reflection

This gospel is sometimes portrayed as a dichotomy between action and reflection. Many within the Christian tradition adopt the Martha approach of responding to Christ through service and action while others see Mary sitting at the feet of Jesus as a model for contemplation and reflection. The two different models have developed quite distinctly in the history of the Church and it must be said that the Martha approach of service and action has been in the ascendance for some time. However, action that is not grounded in prayerful reflection runs the risk of becoming well-intentioned busy-ness.

Questions for Children

- Q. Who do you like to come and visit you?
- Q. How do you make them feel welcome?
- Q. How can you make people feel unwelcome?
- Q. How can we welcome people like we would welcome Jesus?

Questions for Adolescents

- Q. Why might Martha have been frustrated with Mary?
- Q. In what way can Mary's actions be seen as the actions of a disciple?
- Q. How can a guest be seen as a gift to the host?
- Q. What implications arise for the way in which we treat newcomers to our community?

Questions for Adults

- Q. How would you characterize the different attitudes of Martha and Mary?
- Q. How does the theme of hospitality fit with another theme of this gospel: care for the outcast?
- Q. Why is it so important for Christian communities to be welcoming?
- Q. What conclusions could be drawn from a poorly-informed interpretation of this text?

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During my recent pilgrimage to Ecuador, our group was continually blessed by the hospitality of others. We were invited into the homes of families involved in the Working Boys Center, greeted with a song and lunch at a hospital for adults with Hansen's Disease, given a cool drink at Nuevo Mundo School, and given directions and assistance with the bus system when we were unsure. The ability to welcome a stranger is a true gift from God. May we share this gift with all we meet. Blessings, *Maria*

NOTES FROM FR. JIM:

I am happy to announce that Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Msgr. Robert W. McElroy, Pastor of St. Gregory Church in San Mateo, to be Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. He will be ordained on September 7th at 2:00PM at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco.

Bishop Elect McElroy is well known at St. Pius having served in the parish from 1989 to 1996. Please remember him in your prayers as he begins this new service to Our Lord and his people.

BUDGET REPORT 2009-2010

As of 7/11/10	Budgeted	Actual
Income		
Offertory	\$ 22,220.00	\$ 19,516.00
Festival	-	-
Christmas	-	-
Easter		
Total	\$ 22,220.00	\$ 19,516.00
Deficit		\$ (2,704.00)

Youth Ministry Information Night for Adults

This meeting is for parents of children in junior high or high school and adults who want to support the youth in our parish. We will discuss the opportunities for both junior high & high school students to be involved in the parish and have some fun! We will also discuss how the adults of the parish (parents and other adults) can support this important ministry. Please join us on **Tuesday, August 3rd at 7 pm in the Youth Ministry Room** (Room 4 of the school). Please contact Laura at 361-1411 or Laura@pius.org if you have any questions or ideas regarding Youth Ministry.

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED
Mason Wayne

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. Ed Grimes** will discuss the *rights and responsibilities of the laity* in the Catholic Church. We will meet at **Angelica's Bistro** in downtown Redwood City at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 28th**. Call or email Laura for more information at laura@pius.org or 361-1411.

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JIM

This past November, I apprised you of the fact that I requested the Archdiocese to perform a study of all our parish and school facilities to determine what repairs need to be made and the fact that the parish would need to conduct a capital campaign in order to pay for these deferred maintenance items.

I am now in receipt of their report which outlines the repairs, maintenance and upgrade to items (both major and minor) that require attention, the associated costs and a five-year schedule in which to complete the work.

After a thorough analysis of the Archdiocese's report by the Parish Finance Committee, it was decided to engage the services of CCS Fundraising Company, Inc., to perform a study on the feasibility of going forth with this campaign.

The feasibility study is now underway and I expect this process to take place over the next several weeks. Upon completion of this study, we will be in a better position to make a final decision whether to proceed with this undertaking.

In the meantime, if you are called to participate in CCS's study, I know that you will give them your time

CATECHISTS NEEDED for *Children's Liturgy of the Word* on Sunday mornings at the 9:30 am Mass, and for Children's Faith Formation on Sundays, 10:30-11:30 am, and Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45 pm. Training for catechists will be held on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings in August. Contact Maria Cornell for further information, Maria@pius.org.

SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

The school office is **closed until August 6th**. During that time, mail and messages will be checked.

August 9-August 13, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

August 16-20, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

August 23, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Pauline Truscelli	Mary Goold
Therese Buelher	Belinda Redington	Gene Clark

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.

Who are my neighbors?

Reflecting on the question of "Who is my neighbor?" and the Gospel of the Good Samaritan, last week, I am struck by the needs in our community and around the world. We are called by our Baptism to be priest, prophet and king; to spread the good news and to help those in need. I have just returned from a Pilgrimage to Ecuador and had the experience of being immersed in a culture very much aware of its neighbor and caring for one another.

Who are my neighbors? They are the parents of a newborn who live next door, the elderly couple across the street where the husband cares for his ailing wife, the woman who sits in the pew with me at mass and weeps because she has lost her mother to cancer or the couple with three young children who have taken in the children of a relative following a tragic accident. They live in tornado country and have lost everything except the clothes on their back, they live in war torn countries around the world and struggle to feed and care for their families. They attend mass at St. Pius parish each week and I have seen them for years and do not know their name. They shop at the same market, their children attend the same day camps, play the same sports, and take piano lessons from the same teacher as my children. They are always ready to lend an ear, to watch out for my children walking down the street or to sit with my mother while I run to the market. They repair the garage door during a storm when my husband is away.

We are bound to one another by our beliefs, our faith, and our God. Communication and sharing through language, internet, television, cell phones and travel have opened our lives to the world. My neighbor is a stranger, an acquaintance, a friend or a relative. They may live next door or half way around the world. The need is great, yet if we each do our part, the burden will be light. In the weeks to come, I will share my experience and offer suggestions for service involvement in our parish and Redwood City community. If you have questions, or ideas to share, please email Maria@pius.org or phone 368-0429.

RETREAT FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF ALCOHOLICS - VALLOMBROSA

This weekend, August 20 - 22, we will look at the tools and treasures of Al-Anon. We will have some conversations, some prayer, some quiet, and some time to rest and to share our experiences. The retreat begins at 4 pm on Friday and concludes on Sunday at lunch. For more information or to register call 325-5614 or www.vallombrosa.org

MASSES

Sat.	July 17	5 pm	Gredie Braun
Sun.	July 18	8 am	People of St. Pius
		9:30	Sue Burns
		11:30	Rosalie Longo
		5 pm	Noritka Symbatti
Mon.	July 19	8 am	Helen Mc Cracken
Tues.	July 20	8 am	Yolanda Salino
Wed.	July 21	8 am	Lina Tomalino
Thurs.	July 22	8 am	Don Goold
Friday	July 23	8 am	Dan Thorpe
Sat.	July 24	8 am	Amerigo & Mary Campile
		5 pm	David Drago
Sun.	July 25	8 am	Giuseppe & Tecla Luporini
		9:30	Ambrose Miles
		11:30	Michael Dixon
		5 pm	People of St. Pius

Attention All High School Youth:

Do you want to be a part of something that will make a difference in our world? Do you want to have some fun? Do you want to give back to the parish community? If you answered **YES** to any or all of these questions, we need your help!!! Join other high school teens on **Sunday, July 25th at 3:30 pm** in the **Parish Center** to discuss how to get more involved at St. Pius Church and establish a strong youth presence in the parish community.

YES (Youth Encountering Spirit) Training:

All potential high school leaders mark your calendars! On **July 31st & August 1st** (9 am - 5 pm both days), the Archdiocese of San Francisco is providing a two day training for high school leaders. St. Pius will provide the transportation and chaperones for all those interested in attending. Contact Laura at laura@pius.org for more information on costs and registration.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On Friday, July 23rd, we will have a picnic lunch in our Senior room. On Friday, July 30th, we'll have a pot luck lunch, so please bring a favorite dish to share.

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

President: Brad Naylor
Vice-President: Tony Perazzo
2nd Vice President: Dave Swan
Treasurer: John Cuneo
Secretary: Brian Cuneo

WOMEN'S CLUB

President: Julia Fex
womensclub@pius.org
First VP: Chris Swan
Corres. Secretary: Laura Vargas
Treasurer: Bobbie Day

PTG BOARD

President: Christine Healy
VP: Carolyn Reich
Secretary: Kelli Kellerman
Treasurer: Terri Bedel

ST. PIUS SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Adele Sanchez, Coordinator
Meets each Friday in the Senior Room at 10:00 am

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Karen Chang, Chair	Tom Lunzer
Kit Fragulia	Arcie Eppler
Joe Krauss	Bill McSweeney
Katie Stafford	Jan Sullivan
Anthony Price	Al Zappelli
Sharon Geenen	

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS

(361-0655)

Patty Dana	Rita Morton
Mary Dickinson	Pam Nehrenz
Mary Houweling	Dorothy Rottinghaus
Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell	Katie Stasun
Rich Morton	

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