

WELCOME to St. Pius Parish!

St. Pius Parish, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, CA 94061, 361-1411, Fax 369-3641 – www.pius.org – parish@pius.org

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 5, 2012

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

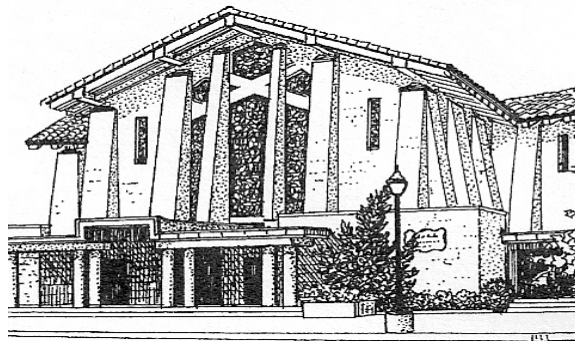
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30,
11:30 am & 5:00 pm
Daily Mass: 8:00 am (M-Sat)
Holy Days: 8:00, 9:30 am, 12:10 & 6:30 pm

Devotions

Daily Rosary: Monday - Saturday 7:30 am
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
1st Friday of the month immediately following
8:00 am Mass

Parish Staff

Rev. Paul Rossi, Pastor
Rev. Wade Bjerke, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Kevin Kennedy, Chaplain, Sequoia & Kaiser Hosp.
Rev. Gerald D. Coleman, S.S., Vice-President, Corp.Ethics, Daughters of Charity Health System
Rita Carroll, Principal, St. Pius School
Linda Armanino, Operations Manager
Maria Cornell, Liturgy Coordinator
Sr. Norberta Villasenor, O.S.F. Children's Faith Formation
Spanish-speaking CCD
Adele Sanchez, Senior Adult Coordinator
Laura Martin-Spencer, Adult Faith Formation, RCIA Confiirmation
Beverly Hilliard, Music Director



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. Please call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

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 at 361-1411.

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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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Annually at this time throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco (Counties of Marin, San Francisco and San Mateo), all parishes are required to begin the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (AAA). I realize that last year our parish was in the midst of a major capital campaign, *Preserving Our Past--Investing In Our Future*. With grateful recognition for the anticipated generous response by the parish to this important campaign and not wanting to overburden our community, the decision was made by Fr. MacDonald and the capital campaign committee to include the assessment for the 2011 AAA into the capital campaign. Thus, the 2011 AAA of \$119,400 was paid with funds from the capital campaign, a decision agreed upon and shared with the parish at that time.

However, this is a new year and **TODAY** we have the opportunity to fulfill our responsibility to the larger local and universal Church by kicking-off the AAA for 2012. The assessment for our parish is \$119,900. This annual invitation to join our brothers and sisters in the other parishes of the Archdiocese is always a unique sign of our "catholic" (universal) identity. We are aware that our Church is greater and far more diverse and inclusive than any one parish, and that only together can we provide the life-giving spiritual, psychological, and physical nourishment people need for this journey of life as disciples of Christ. We also realize that no one parish can by itself fulfill the many pastoral needs and responsibilities for its people. As individual parishes, we turn toward the Archdiocese for the necessary support to fulfill the many and various needs that no one parish can address merely on its own.

I will be explaining the AAA at all Masses today. At the conclusion of the homily, you will receive this year's AAA brochure describing the various ministries, programs and services which the Archdiocese offers and which your financial gifts help fund. You will also see how your financial gifts are shared within the budget of the Archdiocese. We will take a few minutes after the homily to distribute the brochures and pens in order for us to make a pledge, which can be paid over the next ten months, or a one time offering. If you wish to take home the brochure and reflect upon the amount of gift you would like to offer, please, do so. I ask that you return your commitment form to the parish as soon as possible. Today, and in the Sundays to come, you simply can drop the return envelope with your financial commitment into the collection basket along with your regular Sunday envelope/offering. You can also mail it to the parish or drop it off at the Parish Center. You will notice that you can also donate online. All registered parishioners will be receiving in the mail a letter from me and a brochure explaining the AAA. In this way, all parishioners have an opportunity to participate as faithful and responsible stewards to the AAA this year.

In my experience over the years, the key to a successful Appeal is broad participation by **ALL PARISHIONERS!!** The amount of your one-time gift or pledge is not as important as your participation. By all of us participating as one parish family, the responsibility is shared together and not merely by a generous few. We share our responsibilities as one community--this is being Catholic!

All funds raised over our assessed goal remain with our parish to be used for our local parish ministries, programs and plant improvements and renovations.

As pastor, I am required to pay our assessment by Dec. 31, 2012. Any amount short of the goal I will have to pay from either our parish savings or operating budget, according to the recommendation from our parish finance council.

I believe that a pastor always should fulfill what he urges the parishioners to do. Thus, I have always given a gift to the AAA in the past and this year is no exception. My gift will be \$1000 paid over the next ten months (only \$100 a month). I am asking everyone to join me with a gift reflecting your own financial situation at this time. I thank you for your generosity and willingness to be actively involved parishioners, faithful stewards and disciples of Christ. Your gift, no matter the amount, is a beautiful sign of your desire to unite with others in responding to the needs of many throughout the larger Church. By your gift, you are answering the request of Jesus when he urged his disciples; "Give them some food yourselves." (*Mark 6:37*). Thank you in anticipation of your participation and generous gift!!

We are celebrating next Sun., Feb. 12, at the 9:30 AM Mass, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Given that next Sat. is the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of the Sick, it seems timely that we offer our prayerful support for all those in our parish who are in need of this sacrament of healing. I refer you to the accompanying article in today's bulletin explaining the sacrament and who is called to celebrate it. Please, extend this invitation to those in our parish who will benefit from this sacrament.

Lastly, Ash Wed. is Feb. 22. The ashes we receive are the palms from last year's Palm/Passion Sunday, which are burned and then blessed and distributed at the Ash Wed. Masses. It is customary for parishioners to bring their palms from the past year to the church for us to burn and use for our Ash Wed. celebration. In the next couple of weeks, there will be baskets at the various doors of the church where you can leave your palms from this past year.

Thank you and bless you,
Fr. Paul Rossi

CELEBRANTS* FOR MASSES - FEB. 11TH & 12TH

Sat., February 11	5:00 pm	Fr. Kevin Kennedy
Sun., February 12	8:00 am	Fr. Gerald Coleman
	9:30 am	Fr. Paul Rossi
	11:30am	Fr. Wade Bjerke
	5 pm	Fr. Paul Rossi

***subject to change as necessary**

A BUSY 24 HOURS FOR JESUS...

BY GREGORY SUNTER



He
healed
many

This week's gospel follows directly on from last week's reading and, as is typical with Mark's gospel, the events occur on the very same day. The urgency of the gospel is obvious in this week's reading; Jesus had a very busy 24 hours! Having launched his public ministry in the synagogue earlier that day, Jesus accompanies his new disciples to meet some of their family and have a meal. However, on arriving at the home of Simon and Andrew, they find Simon's mother-in-law is sick. Unlike the public displays of his healing power that preceded and will follow this episode, Jesus does not say anything but simply takes the woman by the hand and helps her up. Her response of beginning to wait on Jesus and his disciples is a faith response and a recognition of who Jesus is. A theme that runs through this gospel is that the disciples never fully understand who Jesus is. Here, a woman who has just met him recognizes him as the Messiah and begins to serve him.

Still on the same day, we see the expansion of Jesus' healing ministry. On this one day he has cast an unclean spirit out of a possessed man in the synagogue, healed Peter's mother-in-law of a fever and then healed the crowds of people who came to the door. The next morning he announces that they will take the ministry to the whole region of Galilee. In a very simple way, the gospel of Mark has described the growth of Jesus' ministry from very humble isolated examples to a deliberate reaching out to the people of an entire region.

Children: In today's gospel what did Jesus do when sick people were brought to him? Jesus showed compassion to those who were in need. What does "compassion" mean? Who should we show compassion to? We pray that we will think of others before ourselves this week and show compassion to others.

Adults & Teens: What is the significance of Jesus healing by touch alone? Why might people like Simon's mother-in-law recognize Jesus as the Messiah when the disciples don't? Where and when do you find prayer most powerful? How can you better follow Jesus' example of using prayer in the busy times?

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick February 12, at 9:30 am Mass

This Sacrament is offered for those who are seriously ill, have a chronic disease, a physical or psychological ailment, are advanced in age, or preparing for surgery.

We invite you to bring your family & friends who are in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick to Mass on this day so that we as a community can pray with and for them.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

The St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance will be held on **Saturday, March 10th, at 6 pm.** Bagpipes will lead our Irish Dancers, and food will be catered by The Carvery from the Hof Brau. Tickets are \$35 for adults, and \$25 for young adults, 21 - 30 years of age. You can purchase your tickets at the Parish Center at 361-1411.

The deadline is Monday, March 5th.

MASSES

Sat. Feb. 4	5 pm	Ben & Louise Cremers
Sun. Feb. 5	8 am	People of St. Pius
	9:30	Antonete Shuster
	11:30	Larry Baldini
Mon. Feb. 6	5 pm	Louise Cremers
	8 am	Barbara Maher
Tues. Feb. 7	8 am	Al Garofoli
Wed. Feb. 8	8 am	Randy Cardellini
Thurs. Feb. 9	8 am	Janet Cocconi
Fri. Feb. 10	8 am	Msgr. Fitzsimon
Sat. Feb. 11	8 am	Marie Daly
	5 pm	The Cortopassi Family
Sun. Feb. 12	8 am	Henrietta Mac
	9:30	Jack Hacker
	11:30	Anita Atangan
	5 pm	People of St. Pius

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Deacon Steve	Al Habeeb	Bob Fansler
Belinda Redington	Jack Schutz	Ken Woods
Caroline Hansen		

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.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

St. Pius Church now accepts electronic donations.

St. Pius Church relies on the financial support of its parishioners and the electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our Parish.

To give electronically, visit the Church's website at www.pius.org and locate the link for St. Pius Online Donations below the picture of the Church. Thank you!

Youth Mass & Celebration - Sunday, February 12



St. Matthias & Mt. Carmel will join us for the 5 pm Mass & an activity to follow. **High School Youth** will meet in Homer Crouse for "Don't Waste Your Love On Pizza!" Come and participate... We will have pizza, games, Jeopardy, and more. **Middle School (6-8th graders)** will meet in Room 4 for "Share the Love!" Bring a can of food, enjoy pizza, dancing, games and more. Questions? Call Laura@pius.org or Maria-Cornell@hotmail.com

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - EIGHT SESSIONS

The St. Pius Grief Ministry will facilitate the eight week sessions, in the Parish Center Chapel, **on Monday, February 27th**, and continue through Monday, April 16th.

For more information please call the Grief Support Hotline at 361-0655 and leave your name and return number or email griefministry@pius.org. **Everything is CONFIDENTIAL.**

WOMEN'S CLUB UPDATE

Our "Mardi Gras" is **Saturday, February 11th**. If you have any gift cards you're not using please bring them to the Parish Center as we will have a "grab bag" as raffle prizes. We need help with decorating, raffle sales, etc. etc. To sign up please go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A48ACAD2-mardi/2834687>

ST. PIUS MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL RETREAT

This weekend getaway is **March 2nd - 4th, 2012**, at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. The speaker is Fr. Nathan G. Castle, O.P., Director of the Catholic Community at Stanford University and the retreat is centered on his book "And Toto, Too", "The Wizard of Oz", as a Spiritual Adventure. The cost is \$225 per person, which includes double occupancy and meals.

Questions? Call the Parish Center at 361-1411 or email Brad Naylor, blclgtt@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1 st - Jan. 29, 2012 (goal)	\$339,000.00
July 1 st - Jan. 29, 2012 (actual)	\$322,485.71
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 Weekly Goal	\$11,300.00

Christmas (goal)	\$45,000.00
Christmas (actual)	\$47,600.00

Thank you for your generosity

St. Pius Women's Club Fundraiser

Join us at the dinner buffet for Mardi Gras on Saturday February 11th. The fun begins at St. Pius with our "Mardi Gras" beads, cocktails and dinner. Cable car trolleys will take us to downtown Redwood City, where the fun continues with St. Gabriel's Celestial Brass Band, and more festivities, from 6 pm to 11 pm. The Grand Marshall ticket, which includes dinner, trolley ride, and two drink tickets, is \$60, and the ticket for dinner, only, is \$30.

Please call Chris Swan at 365-8511, or Michelle Ortiz at 364-6966. You can email stpiuswomensclub@gmail.com.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATRE - "ANNIE"

The St. Pius Young People's Theater presents "**ANNIE**". Performance dates are Friday, Feb. 17th at 7:30 pm, Saturday, Feb. 18th at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, Feb. 19th at 1:00 pm. Tickets for general seating will be sold at the door 45 minutes prior to each performance. Prices are \$6/adults, \$4/seniors, students and children. Reserved seating tickets are available and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Prices are \$10/adults, \$8/Seniors, students and children. For reserved seating tickets, please call Karen Elmore at 207-7682 or Meaghan Brennan at 208-5272. Please come and support the children of our parish and school.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY:

George J. Conway
Maryhelen Macpherson
Dominic Davino

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP GROUP

On Friday, February 17th, the Fifth grade students and parents, are hosting a lunch for the Seniors. Call Adele at 366-3646 if you have questions about the Senior Group.

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

President: Tony Perazzo
 Vice-President: Dave Swan
 2nd Vice President: Christian Fex
 Treasurer: John Cuneo
 Secretary: Brian Cuneo

WOMEN'S CLUB

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

PTG BOARD

President: Carolyn Reich
 VP: Lisa Maguire
 Secretary: Kelli Kellerman
 Treasurer: Jenny Cuneo

ST. PIUS SENIOR FRIENDSHIP CLUB

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

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Anthony Price, Chair	John Buonocore
Kathy Lazaruk, Vice Chair	Mike Descalso
Al Zappelli	John Clardy
Kit Fragulia	Karen Chang
Joe Krauss	Bill McSweeney
Katie Stafford	Jan Sullivan
Sharon Geenen	Maria Cornell

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTERS

(361-0655)	Tina Zanoni
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Elizabeth Rowan-Mitchell	Michele Sweeney
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday	8:30 AM - 4 PM
Saturday & Sunday	Closed

When you are traveling...

You can find Mass times of the Catholic Church in the area by calling 1 (800) 627-7826. You'll need the zip code of the area you are visiting.