

March 19, 2010  
Feast of St. Joseph

Dear Parents,

The basketball season came to an end last Friday night when the 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys Eagles team, Southern PPSL Champs, played the Northern Division winner Our Lady of Angels from Burlingame. Congratulations to the St. Pius Eagles team who won a very close game and are now the league champions.

Many thanks to Mrs. Brand, Mrs. Yee and the first graders for planning today's liturgy and leading us in prayer and song to honor St. Patrick. This is a special day for the St. Pius Shamrocks, and I always find myself thinking of Monsignor Fitzsimon, our founding pastor. Special thanks to Father Junior for celebrating this liturgy with us.

Today we attended Stations of the Cross prepared for us by the teachers and students in grades 6, 7 and 8. These stations were based around the theme of peace. Next Friday we will attend the Stations for the final time this Lenten season.

Many thanks to Bridget West, Siobhan Surraco and the PTG Board for the wonderful treats they provided to the faculty and staff on St. Patrick's Day. The faculty room looked like it belonged in Ireland. We are all very grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Next week, our eighth graders will be on their class retreat. This is a culmination of their years of religious education. Please keep them in your prayers as they learn more about themselves, each other and their God.

I hope you will be able to attend Tuesday evenings PTG General Meeting. The PTG Board has arranged for a speaker on nutrition for children. Childcare is available.

There will be a Parish Penance Service next Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00PM. This is another opportunity for your family to prepare for Easter.

With the nice weather this week, the students are looking forward to wearing uniform shorts. They may do so beginning April 12<sup>th</sup>, when we return from our Easter vacation. Please remember that uniform shorts must be purchased at Dennis Uniform Company or call the Uniform Exchange Chairperson, Kristin Bright at 364-1768, for availability of sizes from the Uniform Exchange.

This has been a difficult week for many students to get to school on time. I think the time change and Wednesdays free dress may have added to the tardies. There were 29 students tardy on Tuesday and 26 tardy on Wednesday. It is difficult for everyone when

students are tardy, teacher, office staff, classmates and especially the tardy child. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time and ready to begin the day.

Important dates for this coming week are:

Saturday, March 20	Women's Club Fashion Show - 11AM
Monday, March 22	12:45PM Dismissal
Tuesday, March 23	Soup Night, 6:00PM PTG General Meeting, 7:00PM
Wednesday, March 24	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Leaves for Retreat St. Pius Parish Penance Service, 7:00PM
Thursday, March 25	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
Friday, March 26	Stations of the Cross, 2:15PM 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Returns from Retreat

I hope many of you are planning to attend the Women's Club Fashion show tomorrow. Lots of work has gone into this Spring event and I hope it is a huge success.

Blessings on your weekend.

Sincerely,



Rita Carroll  
Principal

#### PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

*Guide me, Jesus, that I might have compassion for others as you did. May I seek to do the right thing always. When I am tempted to judge others who do wrong, help me to remember your words and try to be strong enough to resist. When others fail or disobey rules, help me not to judge but rather to improve my own life and actions. Amen.*

**RE - REGISTRATION:** Re-registration forms for the 2010-2011 school year were sent home on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Re-registration is due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**2010/11 ATHLETIC BOARD (COMMISSIONERS) NEEDED:** Let your voice be heard! The athletic board needs volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, and uniform commissioners for the upcoming school year. Commissioners are members of the athletic board and will be required to attend monthly (3rd Thursday of each month) board meetings. COMMISSIONER/ATHLETIC BOARD APPLICATION MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER "ATHLETICS". Please contact Joe Sheetz (joe@greenagain.com) for more information.

**TOTAL GOLF ADVENTURES:** Welcome to Total Golf Adventures (TGA), named the industry leader for Player Development and Business Achievement by the 2009 ING Golf Industry as well as a Top 500 Franchise by Entrepreneur Magazine. TGA, the only national at-school, after school golf enrichment program, now has a new territory in the Peninsula Valley. We boast an unprecedented 8:1 instructor to student ratio in every class and are dedicated to give the required attention for your child to improve quickly. The class is conducted on the school grounds and **ALL Equipment;** clubs, balls, training aids/targets are provided. Students are taught fundamentals to include five required swings, rules and golf course etiquette. The class is held in a fun, safe and nurturing environment that builds confidence, focus, and motor skills, which equate to a happy child with great self esteem. Classes at **Saint Pius for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** will be held on **March 22\*, 29, April 12, 19\*, and 26** for 1 hour after school (*no class on 4/5*). \*On minimum days, please pack a lunch for students. Cost: **\$99 for 5 weeks**. Students will be grouped by age and ability. Limited space is available! For more information please visit our website at [pervalley.golftga.com](http://pervalley.golftga.com) or call us today at **(650) 898-8064**. Keep Swinging! Please see attached fliers for Kindergarten and grades 1-5.

**SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS:** The Women's Club is looking for women who want to share their talents in serving on the Board for the year 2010-2011. Meetings are the **first** Wednesday of the month. Please call Lisa Maskarich at 650-644-5905, or email Lisa Maskarich; [lmaskarich@yahoo.com](mailto:lmaskarich@yahoo.com) with any questions or recommendations for Board openings.

**PTG PIZZA LUNCH:** *Still need volunteers to help serve pizza and bake treats!* Volunteers needed to help serve pizza on **March 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18, and 25<sup>th</sup>**. Bakers needed on **May 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please let us know if you can help on any of these dates from 11:45 am until 1:10 pm. This is a great way to earn your service hours and help the children. Thanks to the parents that have already volunteered! Please email or call Cristina at 474-0339 -[cristina.i.lawrence@me.com](mailto:cristina.i.lawrence@me.com) or Eileen at 364-8189 - [esreedy@aol.com](mailto:esreedy@aol.com) with any questions or to volunteer. **Thanks for your support!**



**DONATIONS NEEDED:** St. Francis Center in Redwood City is in need of your used clothing to stock their clothing room. They are happy to receive barely used casual clothing of all types and sizes for men, women, and children. Maternity clothes, blankets, bedding and towels are always welcome. Your donation is tax deductible and can be dropped off at the Center Monday through Friday, 10 am - 3 pm. The address is 151 Buckingham Ave., Redwood City.

**EASTER EGG HUNT AND CANDY DONATIONS:** Hop on over to the school lawn area following the 9:30 AM mass on Easter Sunday, April 4th, as the Women's Club hosts it's annual Easter Egg hunt for children up to 12 years old. Bring their Easter baskets as they scour the lawn in search of goodies and fun. Should there be rain, the egg hunt will be in Homer Crouse Hall. Happy Easter! We would like to ask for donations of candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop off wrapped, nut-free candy to the Parish Center by Thursday April 1st. Please no candy with nuts or peanut butter (such as Butterfingers, Reese's, Snickers, etc.) Also, if you are able to help volunteer for this event, please contact Julia Fex; fexylady@yahoo.com or Chris Swan; cswan94062@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

**PARISH NEWS:** Please join us for our Anniversary Mass - Saturday, April 17 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 10, 2010. We look forward to celebrating with you.

**SEASONS OF GROWTH AND GRATITUDE:** A Mini Retreat for the Women of St. Pius Parish presented by Dr. Ellen Six, Saturday, March 27, 2010 from 8:30am-1:00pm in the Parish Center. The cost is \$18 including lunch. Reserve your space today! Contact: Cheri Girardot at 704-0615 or cgopera1@yahoo.com, or Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138 or yvettegilardi@comcast.net

**CIAO! FESTIVAL CORNER: June 4-6, 2010**

The festival is approaching us soon and we are in need of some volunteers to chair our booths. We have a few booths that still are open;

**Food~**

Espresso

**Games~**

Prize wall

Caterpillar crawl

Golf - New this year

Grab a friend or two and consider co-chairing one of these fun booths. Without your help the festival will not be able to have them. We don't want to see them go. Please contact Kim Velez at 650 368-6481 or kimavelez2@yahoo.com or Russ Vavuris at 650 368-6545 or rusvavuris@aol.com Grazie!

St. Pius PTG presents

# Donna Matheson, PhD

Nutritionist and Stanford Senior Research Scientist

## What's to Eat? Helping Your Child Make Healthy Food Choices

Tuesday, March 23 7:00 pm

Fitzsimon Center

Dr. Matheson will discuss

- Parenting strategies to help your child develop healthy eating habits
- Effects of the food environment on your child's food choices
- Get your questions answered about healthy food choices for your family



Classes with more than 50% parent attendance will earn free dress!

Free Dress Day will Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>!

Child care and babysitting will be available!

Please RSVP for daycare needs Christine Healy 650.996.3247