

March 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

As a school, we attended Stations of the Cross today for the final time during this Lenten season. Many thanks to Miss Costa and Mrs. Langridge and the students in grades 2 and 3 for leading us today in prayer.

We are happy to welcome back our eighth graders today from their class retreat. They now begin their final few months together at St. Pius School.

I am very grateful to Christine Healy and Amy Daniher for arranging for Donna Matheson to speak at Tuesday night's PTG meeting. Hopefully, those of you in attendance found the presentation informational, helpful, and affirming of what you are already doing to provide nutritional meals for your children. The 1st & 4th grades had the highest percentage of parents in attendance and will have free dress on Wednesday, April 14.

On Monday, the students in grades 2-8 had a speaker who is a Sudanese refugee. He spoke about his journey from Africa to America. Deng Jongkuch is one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, and he shared his story with the students and talked about what he is now doing to help his country. Ask your child about this remarkable young man. When we return from vacation, I believe the Student Council will organize a drive to support his work. I am very grateful to Charisse Desmarais for making it possible for Deng to speak to our students. For more information you may go to his website: impactavillage.org.

Congratulations to Lexi Brand, Ilana Skikos and Michael Thompson who participated this week in the Bay Area Science Fair held in San Francisco. Ilana earned a second place in Behavioral Science and Michael earned a first place in Behavioral Science. I am very proud of these students and their months of hard work.

For your convenience, I am enclosing the schedule of Holy Week services that will be held at St. Pius Parish. Please plan to take your child to services during these very holy days of the Church year. The students will be learning about these special days in their religion classes, and it is important for them to experience what they have learned.

Students may begin wearing their uniform shorts on Monday, April 12th, and hopefully the weather will cooperate. Remember that uniform shorts must be purchased at Dennis Uniform Company.

Many parents are asking when school begins for the 2010-2011 year so they can plan vacations. Our calendar has not yet been approved by the Department of Catholic Schools, but we are tentatively planning the first day of school on Wednesday, August 25th.

I have had parents express concerns to me regarding two issues.

- the safety of the grounds
- head lice

The staff and I believe the grounds are safe. When we have concerns, we call the Redwood City Police Department, and they come right away. Also, the police do random checks of the property at various times. Please continue to share any safety issues you may be concerned with. The grounds are open, and what appear to be strangers walking through the grounds, often are neighbors or parishioners.

Regarding head lice, as you may know, we have had nagging head lice in a couple of the grades. The reoccurrence of lice is primarily with the younger children who hug each other and throw their arms around each other all the time. This is a social disease rather than a health issue. Actually, even without treatment this will go away. It may take time, but it will happen. This is a fact of life in an elementary school. We will continue to check the heads of any students in a class when lice is reported, and we will send a child home if nits or live lice are detected. This standard is higher than what is recommended by the AMA. **PLEASE** continue to check your child for head lice, and if detected, treat your child and also notify the school office. There needs to be a follow up treatment every 7 days for three weeks. Also, you need to search, comb through and remove all evidence of the lice, nits and eggs. Additionally, all bedding must be washed in hot water. Thank you in advance for anything you can do to help us alleviate this problem.

Important dates for this coming week are:

Sunday, March 28th

Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 1st

End of 3rd Quarter

12:45PM Dismissal

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00PM

Friday, April 2nd

Good Friday

No School

Blessings on your weekend.

Sincerely,



Rita Carroll

Principal

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH WEEK OF LENT

On this Palm Sunday, Jesus, you were greeted by the crowd with songs of joy. May I too greet you with love and praise. The crowd that cheered you, however, turned against you on Good Friday. May I be your loyal follower in good times and in bad. Hosanna, Jesus, I offer praise to you, may I give you joy in all that I do today and during this Holy Week.

Have mercy on me when I fail. Amen.

ST. PIUS PARISH 2010 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 27th

3:30-4:30pm Confessions
5:00pm Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms

PALM SUNDAY, March 28th

8:00am Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms
9:45am Blessing and distribution of palms in front of Messiah Lutheran Church.
Celebration of Mass will follow at St. Pius Church.
11:30am Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms
5:00pm Celebration of Mass and distribution of palms

HOLY THURSDAY, April 1st

No 6:30am or 8:00am Mass on Holy Thursday
7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Fitzsimon Center until 10:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd

No morning services

12:00pm Quiet prayer and reflection
12:10pm Stations of the Cross
12:45pm Reflection - "No Greater Love", Fr. Jerry Coleman
1:30pm Liturgy, Veneration of the Cross, Communion Service
2:45-4:00pm Confession/Quiet prayer and reflection
6:30pm Good Friday Evening Service with Stations of the Cross
Reflection - "No Greater Love", Fr. Jerry Coleman

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd

There will be no 8:00am or 5:00pm Mass

3:30-4:30pm Confessions
8:00pm Easter Vigil
Our first Mass of Easter: Blessing of the Easter Fire; Welcoming our new Catholics through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday, April 4th

8:00am, 9:30am and 11:30 am in Church

Additional 9:30 am in Fitzsimon Center

There will be no 5 pm Mass.

Parish Mission 2010 - "Moving From Anger to Forgiveness", presented by Fr. Tom Allender
Monday and Tuesday, April 19th & 20th
Mornings at 8:30 am in Homer Crouse Hall
Evenings at 7:00 pm in the church

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

HOLY THURSDAY ALTAR SERVERS: Altar Servers and their families are invited to participate in our Holy Thursday Mass and procession when we celebrate the priesthood and the institution of the Eucharist. Altar Servers, please attend a 30 minute rehearsal on Wednesday, March 31 at 3:00pm in the church. Any questions, contact Maria Cornell @ 678-3545.

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.

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 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 **April 27th, May 4th, 11th, 18, and 25th.** Bakers needed on **May 11th, 18th, 25th and June 1st.** 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 or Eileen at 364-8189 - 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 ANNIVERSARY MASS: 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 Girardo at 704-0615 or cgopera1@yahoo.com, or Yvette Gilardi at 369-0138 or yvettegilardi@comcast.net

CATHOLIC VACATION BIBLE CAMP: July 19-23, 2010 - Baobab Blast - God's Great Get-together! For children entering K-5th grades in September (Monday-Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm). Camp Cost \$100, after camp care available for an additional fee. Camp will be held in Fitzsimon Center, with leaders from St. Pius and St. Matthias Parishes.

To register: <http://toolkit.thevbsplace.org/StMatthiasStPiusRedwoodCityCA>

This is a service opportunity for 6th-12th grade students._Contact Maria Cornell at 368-0429.

CIAO! FESTIVAL CORNER DATES 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 need chairs:

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 keep 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 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU -- BEGINS MARCH 29, 2010

	MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1 MAR 29 – APR 2 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	HOT DOG \$2.40 SPAGHETTI MARINARA \$2.50 w/ HOMEMADE MEATBALL \$2.75 (2) BEEF TACOS \$2.60 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 CHICKEN PATTY SANDWICH \$2.75 BEEF & BEAN BURRITO \$2.75 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50	GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL
WEEK 2 APR 5 – APR 9 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	EASTER VACATION NO SCHOOL	EASTER VACATION NO SCHOOL	EASTER VACATION NO SCHOOL
WEEK 3 APR 12 – APR 16 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 CORN DOG \$2.50 BEAN BURRITO \$2.50 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50	CREAMY PESTO PASTA \$2.75 FRENCH TOAST - \$2.50 w/ (2) SAUSAGE LINKS - \$3.00 (3) CHICKEN TENDERS \$3.00 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25	GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH \$2.50 SPAGHETTI MARINARA \$2.50 w/ HOMEMADE MEATBALL \$2.75 CHEESE ENCHILADA BAKE \$2.50 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25
WEEK 4 APR 19 – APR 23 <i>SIDE DISH</i>	MINIMUM DAY 12:45 DISMISSAL CURRICULUM IN-SERVICE	MACARONI & CHEESE \$2.50 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH \$2.50 STEAK SANDWICH \$3.00 <i>TATER TOTS</i> \$1.50	TWISTY NOODLES w/ PARMESAN \$2.50 BEAN BURRITO \$2.50 SLOPPY JOE \$2.75 <i>GARLIC BREAD</i> \$1.25

OFFERED DAILY: SANDWICHES, BAKED POTATOES, SOUP, VEGETABLES, OR RICE.

DRINKS: BOTTLED WATER \$1.00 ORANGE OR APPLE JUICE \$1.00 LOW FAT MILK, CHOCOLATE MILK \$1.00

SIDE ITEMS:					
BAGEL	\$1.00	CREAM CHEESE	\$0.50	SALAD, CAESAR	\$1.50
BAKED POTATO	\$1.25	FRUIT (CUT)	\$1.00	SALAD, GREEN	\$1.50
ASSORTED BAR TREATS	\$0.90	FRUIT (WHOLE)	\$1.00	SALSA, SOUR CREAM	\$0.75
CARROT/CELERY STICKS	\$0.75	GUACAMOLE	\$0.80	SALTINES	\$0.25
ASSORTED COFFEE CAKES	\$1.00	HARD BOILED EGG	\$0.90	SOUP (MON-THURS)	\$1.35
ASSORTED COOKIES	\$0.90	JELLO	\$0.90	CLAM CHOWDER (FRI)	\$1.65
		RICE	\$1.25	VEGETABLES	\$0.90
		RICE KRISPIE TREATS	\$1.00	YOGURT	\$1.25

SANDWICHES: TURKEY, HAM, CHEESE OR PBJ -- \$2.75
 CONDIMENTS INCLUDED: LETTUCE, TOMATO, MAYO, MUSTARD, AND KETCHUP

GO GREEN



profits will go to help support Impact A Village

St. Pius School Student Council is selling T-shirts to help save the earth. Students who purchase a t-shirt may wear them with their uniform pants/ jumpers/skorts/skirts every Wednesday for the rest of the year.

*Students may not wear them on Grandparents/Special Friend Day, or for any school field trip

- T-Shirts will be sold for \$10.00
- Orders **MUST** be placed by Wednesday, March 31st.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

Shirt sizes YS, YM, YL, AS, AM, AL, AXL

Child's Name _____	Size _____	Grade _____
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