

# **ST. PIUS SCHOOL**

# **RESOURCE GUIDE**

**2009-2010**



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Welcome to the Saint Pius School community. We hope that the years ahead will be a rewarding experience for you and your children. You have chosen an excellent Catholic school for your child's education.

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) has prepared this booklet to furnish school and parish information to all families with new students entering Saint Pius School. We are available to answer inquiries about both school and parish activities and to make you feel welcome.

Please feel free to call me or any of the PTG Members. We will gladly help in any way we can. Once again, welcome to Saint Pius School!

**Vicki Knapp PTG Hotline Trustee (650) 366-6604**

## PARISH DIRECTORY

Pastor	Fr. Jim MacDonald	361-1411
Associate Pastor	Fr. Honesto (Junior) Gile	361-1411
Altar Servers	Maria Cornell	368-0429
Altar Society	Tina Zanoni	361-8203
Annual Archdiocesan Appeal	Parish Center	361-1411
Building & Grounds	Barbara Drake	361-1411
Children's Theater	Parish Center	361-1411
Children's Choir	Cathy Yee	361-1411
Faith Formation-Children (CCD)	Maria Cornell	368-0429
Faith Formation-Youth	Elaine Rachko	361-1411
Faith Formation-Adult/RCIA	Laura Martin-Spencer	361-1411
Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sunday 9:30 Mass)	Maria Cornell	368-0429
Children/Toddler Care	Pam Spencer	368-0429
Choir – Sun 9:30 AM	Beverly Hilliard	325-4399
Choir – 11:30 AM	Kathleen Martin	856-7727
Choir – 5:00 PM	Cathy Yee	361-1411
Confirmation Coordinator	Elaine Rachko	365-0140
Counseling Center	Dennis Daul	363-2276
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Cornell	368-0429
Festival Chairs	Kim Velez	368-6481
	Russ Vavuris	368-6545
Finance Committee	Dennis Durkin	361-1411
Italian Catholic Federation President	Jean Tomatis	368-5486
Lectors/Commentators	Lorraine Wright	368-7038
Liturgy Committee	Maria Cornell	368-0429
Marriage Encounter	Parish Center	361-1411
Men's Club President	Tom Cortopassi	364-7746
Ministry to Sick & Elderly	Parish Center	361-1411
Music Ministries	Cathy Yee	361-1411
Parish Council Chair	Mike Descalso	224-2418
PTG President	Kelli Crowley	369-2705
Sandwiches on Sunday	Margaret Cortopassi	364-2132
School Board Chair	Rodney Yee	361-8295
Senior Adults/Friendship Center	Adele Sanchez	366-3646
St. Pius School	Rita Carroll, Principal	368-8327
St. Vincent De Paul Society	Parish Center	361-1411
Ushers	Parish Center	361-1411
Women's Club President	Dee Cereghino	366-3948
Youth Ministry	Elaine Rachko	365-0140

**ST. PIUS FACILITY PHONE NUMBERS**

Parish Center	361-1411
School Office	368-8327
Children's Faith Formation Office	368-0429
Senior Adults Room	361-1915

**NEIGHBORING PARISHES**

Nativity	323-7914
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	366-3802
Our Lady of the Wayside	851-1538
St. Anthony	366-4692
St. Charles	591-7349
St. Denis	854-5976
St. Matthias	366-9544
St. Raymond	323-1755

## SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF

### ***Faculty:***

Principal	Rita Carroll	administration@stpiusschool.org
Vice Principal	Peggy Zappelli	viceprincipal@stpiusschool.org
Kindergarten	Shelley O'Rourke	kindergarten@stpiusschool.org
First Grade	Julie Brand	firstgrade@stpiusschool.org
Second Grade	Catie Costa	secondgrade@stpiusschool.org
Third Grade	Colleen Langridge	thirdgrade@stpiusschool.org
Fourth Grade	Megan Raudsep	fourthgrade@stpiusschool.org
Fifth Grade	Linda Grund	fifthgrade@stpiusschool.org
Sixth Grade	Michelle Leitch	sixthgrade@stpiusschool.org
Seventh Grade	Sarah Boniface	seventhgrade@stpiusschool.org
Eighth Grade	Megan Armando	eighthgrade@stpiusschool.org
Art	Sue Ellefritz	art@stpiusschool.org
Resource	Donella Peruch	resource@stpiusschool.org
Liturgies	Cathy Yee	catnapy@yahoo.com
Math	Veda Ryan	math@stpiusschool.org
Computer	Stephanie Haining	technology@stpiusschool.org
Science	Daniel Meyer	science@stpiusschool.org
Primary Aides	Suzy Brown	
	Patty Claire	
	Belinda Ceschin	
	Becky Ott	

### ***School Office Staff:***

Sandy Edens, Secretary	sedens@stpiusschool.org
Lisa Walker, Secretary	lwalker@stpiusschool.org

### ***School Counselor:***

Dennis Daul

### ***Day Care Director:***

Becky Ott

### ***Maintenance Staff:***

Jaime Barajas  
Amador Maldonado

**SAINT PIUS SCHOOL BOARD 2009-2010**

<b><i>President</i></b>	Rodney Yee	361-8295
<b><i>Members at Large</i></b>	Alicia Gray	364-1902
	Collin Luttringer	369-9461
	Fred Nurisso	364-8407
	Tony Perrazo	365-3534
	Mary Kahn	787-2020
	Kim Viviani	568-3121
<b><i>Advisors</i></b>	Fr. Jim MacDonald	361-1411
	Rita Carroll	368-8327 <a href="mailto:administration@stpiusschool.org">administration@stpiusschool.org</a>

***Function*** The St. Pius School Board was established in 1986 to advise the principal and pastor in policy matters affecting the school and to give focused attention to the school's future fiscal needs. Major activities of the Board have included the development of the school's extended care facility and the planning of a major endowment campaign.

***School Board Meetings*** The first Thursday of every month

***Where and When*** Parish Center. 7:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend.  
Agenda items may be added by calling Rodney Yee at 361-8295 a minimum of 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**SAINT PIUS PTG BOARD 2009-2010**

<b><i>President</i></b>	Kelli Crowley	869-2705	kelli.crowley@cnb.com
<b><i>Vice President</i></b>	Christine Healey	366-6038	christinehealey@sbcglobal.net
<b><i>Secretary</i></b>	Amy Reynolds	224-2098	madsmom1967@yahoo.com
<b><i>Treasurer</i></b>	Bridget West	366-4138	bridgetker@comcast.net
<b><i>Historian</i></b>	Kelli Kellerman	367-1289	kkellerman@harmonyem.com
<b><i>School Operations</i></b>	Gina Carle Kathy Perazzo365-3534	364-4128 tkperazzo@comcast.net	gnetti@comcast.net tkperazzo@comcast.net
<b><i>Head Room Parent</i></b>	Gina Morales	368-6392	gmalanca@yahoo.com
<b><i>Spiritual Advisor</i></b>	Candy Thompson	556-8855	J.E.Thompson@msn.net
<b><i>Hot Lunch</i></b>	Jenny Cuneo Lisa Cortopassi	366-0330 364-7746	jennifercuneo@sbcglobal.net lcorto4@yahoo.com
<b><i>Pizza Lunch</i></b>	Christina Lawrence Eileen Reedy	474-0339 364-8189	esreedy@aol.com
<b><i>Health &amp; Safety</i></b>	Kathy Wright, R.N.	364-6316	kwrightelb@comcast.net
<b><i>Publicity</i></b>	Karen Chang	363-2099	changgang4@comcast.net
<b><i>Hotline Trustee</i></b>	Vicki Knapp	366-6604	vmknapp@yahoo.com
<b><i>Members at Large</i></b>	Michelle Lewis (K) Cristina Nangle (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Jennifer King (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Julie Pierce (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Michele Sweeney (4 <sup>th</sup> ) Tammy Nurisso (5 <sup>th</sup> ) Meaghan Brennan (6 <sup>th</sup> ) Carolyn Reich (7 <sup>th</sup> ) Lisa Blanton (8 <sup>th</sup> )	568-1922 218-0014 299-1433 366-3907 366-0892 364-8407 299-9310 368-2984 364-4486	DM8898@aol.com cristina@shop-bellamia.com mjkjrk72900@aol.com jpierce@vpvp.com micheles10@aol.com tammy@broadwaymechanical.com x5brennans@yahoo.com reich904@comcast.net elisabeth.blanton@gmail.com
<b><i>Past President</i></b>	Siobhan Surraco	556-9905	srsurraco@prodigy.net
<b><i>Principal</i></b>	Rita Carroll	368-8327	administration@stpiusschool.org
<b><i>PTG Board Meetings</i></b>	First Tuesday of Every Month		
<b><i>Where and When</i></b>	Parish Center, 7:00 p.m. Board Meetings are open to any parent, guardian or teacher who wishes to attend.		
<b><i>PTG General Meetings</i></b>	TBD		
<b><i>Where and When</i></b>	Homer Crouse Hall All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.		

## SAINT PIUS WOMEN'S CLUB

<b>President</b>	Dee Cereghino, 366-3948
<b>Mission Statement</b>	The purpose of the Women's Club is to provide a forum for women of all ages to develop their spirituality, sense of community, and friendship. As a group, they will support the St. Pius Parish Community through social events, fundraising, service and charity.
<b>Board Meetings:</b>	First Wednesday of every month
<b>Where:</b>	Parish Center
<b>Time:</b>	7:00 p.m.
<b>General Meetings:</b>	Second Wednesday of the month
<b>Where:</b>	Homer Crouse Hall
<b>Time:</b>	6:30 p.m. for cocktails and 7:30 p.m. for dinner or speakers
<b>Membership Fee:</b>	\$10.00 per year, plus \$15.00 for each dinner attended.
	Email address: <a href="mailto:womensclub@pius.org">womensclub@pius.org</a>
	New members are always welcome.

## ST. PIUS MEN'S CLUB

<b>President</b>	Tom Cortopassi, 364-7746
<b>Board Meetings</b>	Second Thursday of every month
<b>Where</b>	Parish Center
<b>Time</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>General Meetings</b>	Third Wednesday of every month
<b>Where</b>	Homer Crouse Hall
<b>Time</b>	6:30 p.m. - Refreshments 7:30 p.m. - Dinner
<b>Fees</b>	Dinner and Drinks - \$15.00
	New members are always welcome.

## SCHOOL & PARISH CALENDAR AS OF AUGUST 2009

8/24/09	Welcome Dinner for new parents / Kindergarten Parent Orientation
8/26/09	First day of school / Parent's coffee
9/1/09	Back to School Night / grades 1-5
9/2/09	Back to School Night / grades 6-8
9/12/09	PTG Welcome Back Family BBQ
10/2/09	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade dance
10/6/09	PTG General Meeting
10/24/09	Men's Club Golf Tournament
11/7/09	PTG Auction
11/24/09	PTG Family Giving Night
11/26-11/27/09	Thanksgiving - school vacation
11/27/09	Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot Opens
12/6/09	Women's Club Christmas Boutique
12/17/09	Christmas Program, 7:00 pm
12/18/09	Christmas vacation begins 12:45 pm
1/4/10	School resumes
1/23/10	Men's Club Crab Feed
1/31/10	Catholic School Week begins
1/31/10	St. Pius School Open House
2/1/10	(Week of) Teacher Appreciation Lunch
2/23/10	PTG General Meeting
2/26-2/28/10	Men's Club Retreat
TBD	St. Pius Parish Mission
3/13-3/15/10	Women's Club Retreat
3/20/10	Women's Club Fashion Show
4/2/10	Good Friday – School vacation begins
4/8-4/11/10	Parish Play
4/12/10	School resumes
4/23-4/25/10	Women's Club Retreat
5/1/10	First Communion & Reception
5/2/10	First Communion & Reception
5/3/10	May Crowning
5/5/10	Grandparents' / Special Persons' Day
5/7/10	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dance
6/3/10	Graduation /Reception
6/4-6/6/10	Festival
6/10/10	Last day of school / Pancake Breakfast

## **THE SAINT PIUS SCHOOL ENDOWMENT FUND**

Catholic schools in America have a long and successful history. The single most important factor in this success has been the living endowment of the teaching religious which allowed our schools to operate at a fraction of the cost of other private schools. Today, that "living" endowment is no longer available. The only sources of income for Catholic schools are tuition and fund raising, with 75% of the income allocated to salaries of lay teachers and administrators.

Bishop DuMaine of San Jose has noted that "the real crisis in our schools has less to do with the dramatic escalation of operating costs than in the equally dramatic shift of burden of bearing these costs from the Catholic community to the fee-paying parents of the present school generation." Just as it is the obligation of the community at large to provide education for the young, it is the obligation of the Catholic community to provide the opportunity for a Catholic education for Catholic young. It is equally important for the Catholic community to support its schools in such a way that they can offer a Catholic education to families from all economic strata. We must build up a financial endowment for our school that will allow us to continue offering an education grounded in Catholic faith and values with excellent academic programs, discipline and true sense of community.

At St. Pius School an endowment fund has been established to stabilize tuition costs for generations of our children through ongoing income from capital funds. During the 1988-89 school year a committee was formed to concentrate on a major fund drive to support the endowment. The drive began in earnest during the 1989-90 school year with a three-year pledge campaign. Our initial ambitious goal was \$1,000,000. As of June 30, 2009, the fund is approximately \$2,040,000.00. The drive will continue every year as new families join our school community. Each new family will be personally contacted and asked to contribute what they can toward the endowment fund. Pledges may be paid over a three-year period.

We ask that you remember that the endowment fund works directly to support the daily operation of St. Pius School. It has no other purpose. Our school is graduating students every year who have a keen sense of self and a sense of being a real part of our St. Pius community, our Catholic faith and the community and world at large. With your continued help we can ensure that this commitment on the part of our school will continue to benefit our own children now and generations of children to follow.

For further information, please call Fr. Jim MacDonald or Barbara Drake (361-1411) or Rita Carroll (368-8327).

## SCRIP PROGRAM

**COORDINATOR: Sandy Edens, 368-8327**

The Scrip program is an important St. Pius School fundraiser. We purchase gift certificates at a discount and sell them for face value. The certificates can be used to purchase anything from the business that issued them.

Each school family is required to purchase \$ 4,000 of Scrip per school year (June 1 - May 31) which is an average of \$ 330.00 per month. Families that do not make the Scrip purchase commitment will be required to pay the higher tier of the two tiered tuition. A summary of your Scrip purchases will be provided regularly so that you may track your progress towards the \$ 4,000 obligation. We encourage you to exceed the scrip obligation. The money raised by this program benefits our children, so it is in our best interest to use Scrip as often as possible. Scrip updates will be announced in the school newsletter.

We stock Scrip for the following:

Applebee's	Gap	Ross
Arco	Home Depot	See's Candy
Barnes & Noble	Jamba Juice	Shell Oil
Baskin-Robbins	Kentucky Fried Chicken	Sigona's
Bath & Body	Key Market	Smart & Final
Blockbuster	Long's	Starbucks
Burger King	Lucky	Toys R Us / Kids R Us
Chevron	Macy's	Wegman's
Chevy's	Max's	
Dennis Uniform	McDonald's	
Emerald Market	Old Navy	
Foot Locker	Peets	

You may also special order many other Scrip certificates. The special order form is on the back of the stocked Scrip order form. Please allow 4-5 business days for special orders.

Scrip is sold daily in the school office and after the Saturday Vigil Mass and all Sunday Masses outside the Fitzsimon entrance to the church. During school breaks, Scrip is sold in the Parish Center.

E-SCRIP (electronic Scrip) is another way to fulfill your Scrip requirement. E-SCRIP purchases are tracked from April 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **COUNSELING SERVICES**

**COUNSELOR: Dennis Daul**

**ST. PIUS COUNSELING OFFICE, 363-2276**

Counseling is available for school children primarily during school hours. In addition, parent consultations are also offered. Usually the sessions with the children run 1/2 hour per week or on an “as needed” basis. Counseling records are not part of the child’s school file.

Parents are provided with meetings, evaluations and progress reports. Referrals for counseling may be from the teacher, principal, parish priests, the child or the parent(s). Problems addressed include poor academic performance, social problems with other children, family difficulties, and general behavioral problems.

Services are provided by Dennis Daul, a master’s level counselor with an emphasis in clinical family counseling. Mr. Daul has over 15 years experience in the Catholic Schools.

For further information regarding the services offered, you may call Dennis Daul at 363-2276 or Rita Carroll, School Principal, at 368-8327.

## **EXTENDED DAY CARE**

**DIRECTOR: Becky Ott, 368-8327**

*When:* Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*Cost:* \$50.00 registration fee per family. \$4.40 per hour per child; partial hours calculated at \$1.10 each quarter hour – all monies should be paid weekly. Drop-in fees will be billed weekly.

*Where:* St. Pius Extended Day Care Center

*Who:* St. Pius School Students only

Drop-ins are welcome. Once signed into day care, students may not leave the facility until signed out by a parent or guardian. See Parent / Student Handbook for policy.

## ATHLETIC PROGRAM

**ATHLETIC BOARD CHAIRPERSON: TBD**

### SPORTS PROGRAM:

<i>Girls:</i>	Volleyball:	Grades 4-8	Season: September- November Games: Saturdays or Sundays
	Basketball:	Grades 4-8	Season: November - March Games: Saturdays or Sundays
<i>Boys:</i>	Baseball:	Grades 4-8	Season: September - November Games: Saturdays or Sundays
	Basketball:	Grades 4-8	Season: November - March Games: Saturdays or Sundays
<i>Boys &amp; Girls:</i>	Track:	Grades 5-8	Season: March - May Meets: Sundays

*Note:* Occasionally, games may be played during the week.

*Sports Fee:* The following non-refundable fees apply for each sport:

<b><u>SPORT</u></b>	<b><u>FEE</u></b>
Baseball	\$ 75.00
Basketball	\$ 75.00
Track	\$ 75.00
Volleyball	\$ 75.00

*Late Fee:* A \$50 late fee as well as Board Approval are required for late Registration.

## **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

**HOT LUNCH TRUSTEES:**     **Jenny Cuneo**                   **366-0330**  
  **Lisa Cortopassi**               **364-7746**

A PTG hot lunch is offered on Thursdays. More information regarding menus and ordering will be in the weekly school newsletter.

The chairperson is responsible for organizing the program and ordering the food and supplies.

Volunteers are needed to cook and serve the meal and clean up afterwards. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Jenny or Lisa.

**PIZZA LUNCH TRUSTEE:**     **Christina Lawrence**       **474-0339**  
  **Eileen Reedy**               **364-8189**

Pizza and soda are offered on Tuesdays. Cheese and pepperoni pizza is sold for \$1.00 per slice. Soda and dessert are available for \$.50 each. More information will follow in the school newsletter.

Some of the funds raised from this lunch are made available to the 6th and 8th grade for their class trips (Outdoor Education and Yosemite).

Volunteers are needed to order and pick up the pizza and drinks, and to serve the students during the lunch hour. If you would like to help, please call Christina or Eileen.

## **DIVINE CATERING HOT LUNCH SERVICE**

Hot and cold lunches are offered to all students every (long) Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Students may pay in advance by leaving checks made out to "Divine Catering" in the office, or they may pay as they go, or be billed. Information on this program will be sent home the first week of school. Any questions should be directed to the name and phone number on the brochure you will receive.

Volunteers are needed to cashier and record charges during the lunch hour. If you would like to help, please leave your name in the school office.

**SPIRIT SHOPPE CLOTHING**

**COORDINATOR: Sandy Edens, 368-8327**

All sweatshirts come in youth sizes – small, medium and large; and adult sizes – small, medium, large and extra large. Sweatshirts are available in navy.

Any green or white shorts may be worn for P.E. Green PE shorts from the Spirit Shoppe are available in youth and adult sizes.

Order forms are available in the school office. Complete and return with full payment to the school office. Make checks payable to: St. Pius Spirit Shoppe.

	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Adult</u>
<i>Sweatshirts:</i> Crew	\$18.00	\$20.00
Hooded	\$22.00	\$24.00
<i>Shorts:</i>		\$15.00

## **SERVICE HOUR GUIDELINES 2009-2010**

Each family is required to do 40 hours of service (20 hours for single parent families). (A single parent family is defined as a family with one parent being financially and physically responsible for the child).

At the end of August, a large brown envelope containing a tuition envelope and Service Hour Sheet will be distributed to each family. The Service Hour Sheet is used to record all service hours as well as a description of the service given. Please, be very specific in your description of the service given. Service hours may only be reported by the parents/guardians of the students. Hours worked by students, siblings, family members, etc. may **not** be recorded. The completed Service Hour Sheet is to be returned to school in the brown envelope each month. Please remember, hours not recorded are not credited. You are responsible for recording your service hours.

The Service Hour Program runs from June 1 through May 31 of each year. Service hours performed during the summer months, including the Festival, are counted toward the next school year.

Service hours fall into two categories: school and parish. Work in areas other than these does not count toward your service hour obligation.

Special circumstances and exceptions to the attached guidelines will be reviewed by the appropriate members of the School Board. Please submit requests, questions and concerns in writing to the School Board, c/o St. Pius School. This will enable the School Board to administer these guidelines fairly and uniformly for all.

This program is very important to our parish and school. It helps keep costs down, is a wonderful outlet for your creative energy and is a great opportunity to discover some of the talents and gifts you never knew you had!

## **SERVICE HOUR GUIDELINES 2009-2010**

1. The Service Hour Program remains a school/parish service program; yet, at least fifty (50) percent of the total service hour requirement must be completed in projects specifically related to the school. A family may work all forty (40) hours in projects for the school.
2. Material donations of \$20.00 equal one service hour. Donated items must be new.
3. Following Diocesan directives, there is a two tiered tuition. Any family not fulfilling their service hour commitment for the preceding school year will be charged a higher tuition.
4. Yard duty will count toward service hours. Each yard duty equals 1&1/2 service hours and is credited to the person who physically works the yard duty.
5. Only parish scout troop leaders may record up to a maximum of ten total hours for scouting.
6. Participation in adult education courses (such as RCIA, baptismal training, RENEW, marriage encounter) does not count toward service hours.
7. Hours may not be transferred between individuals.
8. Hours may not be banked from one year to another.
9. Coaches, assistant coaches and official scorekeepers may count all coaching time toward service hours.
10. A donation of baked goods is equal to one service hour per home baked item (not store bought). For example, one hour per batch of cookies, brownies, etc. (batch equals 2 dozen), one hour per cake, pie, etc. Any store bought donations will be credited as material donations. (See item two, above.) Donations of baked goods for Day Care may only be made with prior approval of the Day Care Director and may not exceed 5 hours.
11. Attendance at Men's Club Board, Women's Club Board, PTG Board and School Board meetings does count toward service hours as does attendance at PTG General Meetings. Attendance at Men's Club and Women's Club General meetings does *not* count.

The above Service Hour Guidelines are reviewed annually.

## LIST OF SERVICES FOR SERVICE HOURS

PARISH	SCHOOL
Festival	Scrip sales
Liturgy	Grounds
Painting	Electrical
Decorating Church	Plumbing
Plumbing	Painting
Envelope Stuffing	Attendance at PTG Meetings
Religious Education	Room Parent Work
Adult Ed Teachers	Helping in Computer Lab
Men's Club Board	Social Preparations
Women's Club Board	Uniform Exchange
Sunday Preschool	Helping Teachers
Youth Theater	Copying (weekly) and collating materials
	Hot Lunch/Pizza Lunch
Other...	Yard Duty
	Sports
	Walk-A-Thon helpers/volunteers
	Library staffing
	Phone Calling
	School Board
	PTG Board
	Fundraisers (Coordinate/help)
	Field Trips Drivers
	Other...

**If you have any questions regarding service hours, please call Sandy Edens (school secretary) at 368-8327**

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

St. Pius School is blessed with many wonderful volunteers who help in all phases of our parish and school. Without the support of our volunteers, many of the programs that we offer would not exist.

Please share your time and talents by making a commitment to your parish and school. Even a small amount of your time can be important to the success of a program. Your hidden talents are waiting to be discovered.

## **SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

**SCHOOL OPERATIONS TRUSTEES: Gina Carle, 364-4128  
Kathy Perazzo, 365-3534**

***Ice Cream Sales:*** Vicki Takaha, 261-0465  
Wednesdays and Fridays - 12:30 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.

Ice cream sales require one chairperson and two volunteers for each day to set up and sell ice cream. The chairperson should work a scheduled day and keep count of ice cream on hand and order as needed.

***Library:*** Candace Naylor, 363-6168

The library hours are determined by the teachers. Volunteers are needed to staff the library during open hours, to catalog the books and to maintain lending lists, etc.

***Uniform Exchange:*** Chairperson, Kristin Bright, 364-1768

Unused or outgrown uniforms can be turned in to be sold or traded as an even exchange (1 item received for 1 item donated). Without a trade-in, items cost \$2.00 each. All uniforms need to be clean and in good condition. Uniform exchange days will be announced in the school newsletter, or call Kristin at the above number to arrange an exchange.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE'S THEATER**

**PARISH CENTER, 361-1411**

Saint Pius Young People's Theater is open to all members of the parish from 3rd grade through high school. The next performance is scheduled for April 8, 9, 10 and 11, and auditions will be held in January. Auditions are used to select children for a specific role; however all who audition and are willing to attend the rehearsals are given a part in the play.

***Philosophy:*** To give children the opportunity to experience theater arts and to learn to work cooperatively with children of different ages.

***Active involvement includes:*** Actors, actresses, stage crew, make up, lights and musicians. Adult volunteers are greatly appreciated and enhance theater experience for everyone by providing choreography, set design and construction, costumes, props, refreshments, PR and promotion, programs, advertising, set-up, clean-up and whatever else needs to be done to put on a first-class production.

***Past productions include:*** Godspell, Wizard of Oz, Bye Bye Birdie, Music Man, Peace Child, Leader of the Pack, Grease, Bad Day at Black Frog Creek, Anything Goes, Peter Pan, Curtain Call, Fiddler on the Roof, The Nifty Fifties, Oklahoma and Annie.

***Hours:*** Hours worked on the current production can be counted as parish service hours.

## **MUSIC MINISTRIES**

**DIRECTOR: Cathy Yee, 361-1411 or [cathy@pius.org](mailto:cathy@pius.org)**  
**COORDINATOR: Bev Hilliard, 325-4399 or [Bvhill77@comcast.net](mailto:Bvhill77@comcast.net)**

### **SATURDAY 5:00 PM LITURGY**

The congregation is led in contemporary and traditional hymns by a cantor, accompanied by Kathleen Martin, organist/pianist.

### **SUNDAY 9:30 AM CHOIR**

The 9:30 am liturgy is celebrated with a contemporary choir accompanied by musicians who play piano, clarinet, guitar and violin. Singers as well as instrumentalists are welcome to join at any time. To get involved, please Bev Hilliard at 325-4399 or [Bvhill77@comcast.net](mailto:Bvhill77@comcast.net).

### **SUNDAY 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

On most 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month a Children's Choir sings at the 9:30 am Mass. For more information please contact Cathy Yee at 361-8295 or [cathy@pius.org](mailto:cathy@pius.org).

### **SUNDAY 11:30 AM CHOIR**

This is a traditional choir led by organist/pianist Kathleen Martin. All are welcome. For information please contact Kathleen Martin at 856-7727 or [Kvmartin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kvmartin@sbcglobal.net).

### **SUNDAY 5:00 PM CHOIR**

This liturgy offers a rotation of musical groups with a blended worship style. Among them are a teen choir and an adult choir. If you are interested in joining the teen choir please contact Cathy Yee at 361-8295 or [cathy@pius.org](mailto:cathy@pius.org). For other information please contact Bev Hilliard at 325-4399 or [Bvhill77@comcast.net](mailto:Bvhill77@comcast.net).

## MASSES

***Vigil Mass, Saturday evening:*** 5:00 p.m.

***Sunday Masses:*** 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

***Daily Mass:*** Monday - Saturday 8:00 a.m

## SACRAMENTS

***Reconciliation:*** Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (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 p.m. 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.

***Marriages:*** Arrangements should be made by the prospective bride and groom at least six months in advance. The parish marriage preparation program (four sessions) is required of all couples.

***Communion in the home:*** Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion to those who are unable to come to the church. Please call the Parish Center 361-1411.

***Anointing of the sick:*** This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill or scheduled for surgery. Please call the Parish Center. For those in the hospital, contact the chaplain at that hospital.

## LITURGY COMMITTEE

**COORDINATOR: Maria Cornell, 368-0429 or maria@pius.org**

“Faith grows when it is well expressed in celebration. Good celebrations foster and nourish faith.” -U.S. Bishops’ Committee on Liturgy

The St. Pius Liturgy committee meets each month (in August on the 30<sup>th</sup> and for the months of October through June on the first Monday morning of each month) at 10:30 am in the parish center. The committee coordinates with parish priests, staff, music ministers, lectors and the environment committee to plan for each liturgical season. Working together we strive to foster and nourish faith in the parish community with a “life giving spirit” (1Corinthians 15:45). In this spirit, we welcome you to join the liturgy committee.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

**COORDINATOR: Maria Cornell, 368-0429 or maria@pius.org**

**ASSISTANT: Pam Spencer, 368-0429 or pam@pius.org**

Children's Ministries at St Pius begins at age eighteen months and continues through eighth grade. Children's ministries are coordinated by Maria Cornell and Pam Spencer. Children attending the 9:30 am Mass may participate in Toddler/Childcare and Children's Liturgy of the Word. At our monthly 9:30 am children's Mass, children have the opportunity to participate in many roles, and the homily will speak directly to them. The Children's Choir, directed by Cathy Yee, participates at each monthly mass as well as the Christmas Eve and Easter Family Masses. Sixth through eighth grade students may be trained as Altar Servers; this important ministry assists the presiding priests at weekend and weekday masses. Faith Formation for school age children who do not attend our parish school is held weekly from late September through late April. Each July, along with Saint Mathias parish, we offer a Vacation Bible School for pre-kindergarten through fifth graders. Middle School and High School students participate as volunteers at VBS. Parent's Night Out childcare is offered for kindergarten through fifth graders monthly, to provide a supervised, fun, structured activity for children while their parents take a few hours for themselves.

The wide spectrum of ministries for parish children would not be possible without our many volunteers! Are you an adult or teenager who enjoys working with children and has a little time to share? If you are being called to share your faith, time and talent, or for more information about Children's Ministries, contact Maria Cornell or Pam Spencer.

### CHILDREN'S MASS MONTHLY at 9:30 AM MASS

From October through May, school age children take on the roles of readers, ushers, gift bearers and greeters. For **Altar Server** information and training or to volunteer for a role in our children's mass, call or email Maria. **Children's Choir** will begin rehearsals in September, watch for details.

### CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (CCD)

Classes for children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade will begin on September 27/30. Families may chose from classes on Sunday morning, following the 9:30 am mass, from 10:30-11:30 am or on Wednesday from 3:45-4:45 pm, in the school building near the lawn. Faith Formation classes offer children the opportunity to learn about their faith while reinforcing what is being taught at home and at mass. The children participate in a three-part program including *The Call to Faith*, content-centered catechesis based on Scripture and

the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Students and their parents participate quarterly in intergenerational catechesis during class time. Families will put their faith into action through our monthly community service/outreach collections and learning about Catholic Social teachings. Registration materials and calendars for the 2009-2010 school year are available on the Saint Pius parish website – “Download Registration Materials Below: Religious Education for Children Registration packet.”

### **PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION AND THE EUCHARIST**

Parish children in second grade, who have participated in religious education/faith formation during first grade, may participate in our parish family-centered Sacramental preparation. Children will receive First Reconciliation in February and First Eucharist in May. Families will receive information by mail from the Children’s Faith Formation Coordinator in August. Parish children in third through eighth grade will prepare separately for the Sacraments (including Baptism) during their second year of class attendance.

### **CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD AT THE 9:30 AM MASS**

Thanks to a group of dedicated moms we are able to offer CLW year-round! The children in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade hear and discuss the readings in a way that they can understand. The children are able to truly grasp and put into action Jesus’ message. The readings often remind us that through our baptism we are connected to one another and called to be loving and humble disciples of Jesus. Remember to ask your children what they heard in the readings and to decide as a family how you can live out the message during the coming week. The questions of the week are provided in the weekly parish bulletin to begin your discussion.

### **TODDLER/CHILDCARE DURING 9:30 11:30 AM MASS**

Toddler/Childcare provides a playful, faith filled environment complete with the week’s gospel story and crafts to bring the message home. Children ages eighteen months to four years old are invited to participate. There is a nominal fee per family to assist with expenses: \$25 per year/volunteer in program or \$50 per year. Visitor’s \$3.00 drop in fee.

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ADULTS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

***RCIA – Sacrament Preparation for Adults*** Laura Martin-Spencer, 361-1411 or [laura@pius.org](mailto:laura@pius.org)

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - A Journey in Faith:

- ✠ For those who are interested in learning about the church.
- ✠ For those interested in becoming members of the Catholic Community.
- ✠ For those baptized, uncatechized Catholics who wish to celebrate First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Sunday mornings in the Parish Center during 9:30 mass.

***Confirmation*** Elaine Rachko, 365-0140 or [elaine@pius.org](mailto:elaine@pius.org)

This is a preparation program for the Sacrament of Confirmation, open to sophomores, juniors or seniors in high school. The program is a one-year experience whereby community, service and message play an integral role in everything we share. Candidates, during this time, are challenged to come to terms with the promises made for them at Baptism and encouraged to put this commitment into action in hope of deepening their relationship with the Church, the community of Believers, themselves and most importantly Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Check the parish website ([www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)) for registrations materials and schedules.

***Youth Ministry*** Elaine Rachko, 365-0140 or [elaine@pius.org](mailto:elaine@pius.org)

Youth ministry encompasses all that represents young, fresh, new ideas about youth and God, personal growth, love of church and community, and the embodiment of our Christian faith. In this special ministry we embrace the energy of youth in our church and help direct that energy to a higher level of learning, personal development, love and understanding. This program serves two different age groups – junior high and high school. Check the parish website ([www.pius.org](http://www.pius.org)) for registration materials and schedules.

## MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Encounter is the most successful and dynamic marriage enrichment experience in the world today. Since its beginning in the United States in 1968, couples and priests have volunteered their time and energies to bring the Marriage Encounter Weekend to couples everywhere.

*Why experience Marriage Encounter?* In the rapid paced world in which we live, with its seemingly endless stream of changing information, it is difficult for married couples to be sure of where or how they fit in. Our roles as husbands, wives, parents, priests and religious seem less clear in the light of present day morality. What used to be black and white issues has now almost become one large gray area.

The Marriage Encounter Weekend does not have all the solutions, but will teach you a form of communication that will enable you and your spouse to face situations in a new and powerful way.

Marriage Encounter is not a retreat, nor is it a marriage clinic or sensitivity course. It is not a time to look at the past, but rather to look to your future together. The weekend is a positive, simple, common sense experience between husband and wife, that revitalizes marriage by helping couples to see what their relationship could and should be.

*Who is Marriage Encounter for?* Marriage Encounter is for any couple who has a committed marriage that wants to enrich their experience of each other and God. Marriage Encounter is also for the Priest and Religious who would like to revitalize and/or deepen their relationship with the people of God.

*Do you have to be Catholic?* No! The weekend is presented by three Catholic couples and a Catholic Priest. It is Catholic in its theology of marriage as a Sacrament of the Church, but couples of all faiths can benefit from it and are encouraged to attend. A certain number of spaces are reserved each weekend for people of other faiths.

*What does Marriage Encounter cost?* A donation is requested. No one is ever refused the opportunity to attend a weekend because of lack of funds.

For further information, please call the Parish Center at 361-1411.

## **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**COORDINATORS: Call Parish Office, 361-1411**

The St. Pius Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul provides spiritual and material assistance to needy families and individuals in our parish. Requests for help are directed to the Parish Office. Members of the Society are notified and arrange to visit those needing assistance for food, shelter, clothing or furniture.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this group should contact one of the parish priests at 361-1411.

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul appreciates the generosity of St. Pius parishioners during the special collections at Mass on the fifth Sunday of the month.

### **RETREAT CENTERS**

For information about the many programs offered, please call the retreat centers:

Vallombrosa Center  
250 Oak Grove Avenue  
Menlo Park  
325-5614

Mercy Center  
2300 Adeline Drive  
Burlingame  
340-7474

Jesuit Retreat House  
300 Manresa Way  
Los Altos  
948-4491

San Damiano  
Danville  
925-837-9141

Santa Sabina Center  
25 Magnolia  
San Rafael  
415-457-7727

## **PARENT TEACHER GROUP GOALS FOR 2009-2010**

The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is active in many aspects of our school community. We ask each school family to participate in the following activities in whatever way they can. All of these activities are a great way to meet other parents and accumulate service hours, since all activities are organized and staffed by parent volunteers.

Our goals for the school year are:

1. Support school functions where parent involvement is encouraged, including:

- New Parent Welcome Dinner
- First Day of School Coffee
- Back to School Night Refreshments
- Grandparent / Special Person Day Refreshments
- Open House Refreshments
- Graduation Reception and Last Day of School Breakfast

The weekly newsletter will give dates and times of the above events.

2. Organize general meetings with informative topics of interest to parents. Topics for each meeting will be announced in the school newsletter prior to the meeting. Previous year's topics included: online safety, how do you protect your children from the dangers of the Internet, Family Giving Night, Missing Children Prevention Tips, Raising Ethical Children and more.
3. Organize several family socials. Past functions included dinners, western barbecue, and family dances.
4. Raise \$45,000 or more to subsidize the rising cost of tuition. Potential fund raisers include:

- Wrapping Paper sales
- Magazine sales
- Hot lunch and Pizza lunch programs
- Annual Auction

Ideas for meeting topics, events and fundraisers are always welcome. Contact any PTG Board member. Thank you for your support.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE PARENT TEACHER GROUP**

The objectives of the St. Pius School Parent Teacher Group:

- To increase the level of parent participation.
- To foster a spirit of cooperation between the school and parish organizations and activities for the benefit of the parish community.
- To provide a channel of communication between home and school.
- To promote programs for the growth and welfare of the child and parent in the home, school and community.
- To act as a vehicle for an exchange of ideas and experiences.
- To be supportive of the sports programs sponsored by the parish.
- To promote Christian sociability and a spirit of community among school parents through various activities.
- To communicate with and provide a complementary role to the St. Pius Parish School Board of Education.
- To provide parents with up-to-date information concerning current legislative proposals so that they can be in a better position to lobby for the legitimate rights of their children attending Catholic Schools.
- To help subsidize the rising cost of tuition.

## **PTG OFFICER'S DUTIES**

### ***Officer's General Responsibilities***

It is the responsibility of all the officers to attend all Board Meetings and General Meetings, provide progress reports monthly and submit written reports on any special projects.

### ***Duties of the President***

It is the duty of the President to preside at the meetings and to preserve order therein. To sign all official documents and to appoint all committees otherwise not provided for. To decide all questions of order (subject to an appeal), and perform all other duties which may by right pertain to his/her office. The president has the right to speak on all questions by vacating his/her chair. The president has the right to vote in elections of officers. It is the president's duty to see that all officers perform their duties. The president has the right to serve on all committees by virtue of his/her office

### ***Duties of the Vice President***

It is the duty of the Vice President to perform all duties of the president in his/her absence, and to take the chair whenever requested by the president. To act as program chair for all general meetings. To coordinate activities that promote Christian sociability and an atmosphere of community spirit among PTG members. To succeed the president to that office.

### ***Duties of the Secretary***

It is the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the board meetings and general meetings. To be responsible for handling the correspondence of the PTG. To perform other duties as required under the direction of the president. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Treasurer***

It is the duty of the Treasurer to keep an account of all monies received and issued. To report the status of accounts at each board meeting and general meeting. To establish and enforce purchasing procedures. To work with parish bookkeeper in recording and balancing PTG account. To be a member of the auditing committee that audits the treasurer's accounts in May. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the School Operations Trustee***

It is the duty of the School Operations Trustee to coordinate the orientation dinner for kindergarten and incoming parents. To coordinate the first day of school coffee social, back-to-school night, open house refreshments, graduation reception and the last day of school Pancake Breakfast. To arrange for a chairperson to set up and provide refreshments (via room parents) for PTG general meetings. To arrange for a chairperson to run the uniform exchange program, and to arrange for a chairperson to coordinate the ice cream sales and inventory. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Hot Lunch Trustee***

It is the duty of the Hot Lunch Trustee to plan the menus, distribute order forms and update the school newsletter as necessary. To coordinate the shopping for the food, drink and supplies. To arrange for volunteers to cook, serve, clean up and tally receipts. It is recommended that this position be shared by two members. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Pizza Lunch Trustee***

It is the duty of the Pizza Lunch Trustee to coordinate the schedule for the beneficiaries of the program. When PTG is the beneficiary, it is the duty of the trustee to arrange for volunteers to serve, clean up, and tally receipts. To coordinate the shopping of the food, drink and supplies. To update the school newsletter as necessary. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Health and Safety Trustee***

It is the duty of the Health and Safety Trustee to maintain and update school health records: immunizations. To schedule and record vision, hearing and scoliosis screening and to follow up on individuals who are either noncompliant with health regulations or who have abnormal results following a screening. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Historian***

It is the duty of the Historian to collect and package photos and memorabilia that chronicle the year at St. Pius School including such events as: PTG functions, sports, dances, Catholic Schools Week activities, Christmas and Spring Programs, Mini-Olympics, Jump Rope for Heart, Walk-a-thon, Graduation, etc. The Historian shall also be responsible for collecting and keeping event summary forms. To distribute and collect event summary sheets. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Head Room Parent Trustee***

It is the duty of the Head Room Parent Trustee to coordinate the duties and activities of the room parents for all grades. To assist in the selection of a Head Room Parent for each class and to establish and distribute guidelines for use by the room parents. To act as a liaison between the head room parents and the PTG board. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Hot Line Trustee***

It is the duty of the Hot Line Trustee to prepare and distribute the Resource Guide. To furnish new families with school and parish information. To be an information resource for all St. Pius School families and to field calls and inquiries. To be the liaison for the PTG directory. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Spiritual Advisor***

It is the duty of the spiritual Advisor to keep PTG members informed of new church teachings and opportunities to develop faith. To ensure that the PTG acts in accordance with Christ's example, and help the board members with their spiritual development. To be a liaison between St. Pius parish and the PTG. This is a one-year term commitment with a two-term maximum.

### ***Duties of the Publicity Trustee***

It is the duty the Publicity Trustee to promote a full awareness of PTG functions through newsletter notifications, mass emails, or posting of flyers or official PTG general meeting banners. Notifications via newsletter must be submitted to the school office by noon Wednesday. Publicity office will be the liaison to the Parish office for any bulletin publications as well.

### ***Duties of Members-At-Large***

It is the duty of all Members-At-Large to assist the Vice President with the coordination and planning of all social events. Members-At-Large shall act as a liaison between the classes and the PTG Board concerning PTG issues. Also, it is expected that each Member-At-Large will either chair or co-chair a PTG event or function. This position is a one term commitment with a two term maximum.

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