

St. Denis Parish

St. Denis Church
2250 Avy Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Mass: Saturday (vigil) 5:30pm
Sunday – 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Daily Mass: 8:00am



Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road
Portola Valley, CA 94028
650-854-5976

Mass: Saturday (vigil) 5:15pm
Sunday 9:30am
Daily Mass: 7:30am (Tue, Wed, Thu)

Parish staff: Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor
Fr. Tom Moran, In residence

Parish Office, Mary Cague, Secretary, 650-854-5976;
FAX: 650-854-3754 – **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri.: 9-12 & 1-5.

Religious Ed Office, Rosemary Lyon, 650-854-1081; e-mail, ryon.stdenis@gmail.com
Sr. de Chantal Selenger, RSM, Pastoral Associate, 650-854-1251
Baptisms and Marriages: Call the parish office

www.StDenisParish.org

Confessions: Saturday – 4:30pm to 5:00pm at both Churches

DECEMBER 6, 2009 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Parishioners,

We do not know precisely the year, the day and the hour when Jesus was born. But, it is an event in history and it is described beautifully by the Evangelist Luke, “In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was Governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zachariah in the desert.”

God really acted in history in the person of Jesus. God continues to act in history through the people called by him. He acts even today, through each one of us when we become his hands and his voice. May our hearts and minds be open and attuned to God, so the He can act through us to complete the redemptive work that he began in Jesus Christ.

December 8 is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Masses at St. Denis are at 8:00 am and 5:30 pm and the Masses at OLW are at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 8.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Parent info meeting for grades 4-6 RE: Shield the Vulnerable Online Training
Today, Sunday, December 6th in the Parish Center at 10:30 am.**

ST DENIS GIVING TREE

Our **Giving Tree** is up today. Please take a tag and bring back a gift for that person. If you prefer to give a cash donation there will be a box there for that purpose. If you would like to help with this project, please call Joan Barada, 854-9442. Thank you.

Sunday collection Nov. 29 2009 - \$6,251.50.
Last year's Sunday collection Nov. 30 2008 - \$5,365.00.

“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”

2009 St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Christmas Tea, this Saturday, December 12th - 1 pm to 4 pm in the Parish Center. ***“Pacific Springs”***, a classical string ensemble will play and Nicole Wolf, vocalist, will sing. Tickets \$25.00 each. Registration forms are in the back of the church and in the Parish office. Call Mary at 854-5976 or Josephine at 506-6571 during office hours.

ATTENTION ALL PARISH CHILDREN

You are invited to participate in the Children’s Epiphany Pageant – Sunday, January 3rd the Feast of the Epiphany during the 9:30 Mass. We will start taking sign-ups the 1st weekend of December.

Practices will be on Sunday, December 20th after the 11:30 Mass and on Saturday, January 2nd at 11 am for “main characters.”

SENIOR LUNCHEON – WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

Fr. Jose invites all seniors from St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside to a luncheon in the Parish Center on Wednesday, December 16th at 12 Noon. Sign up sheets are at the church entrances.

THE 22ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRECHE EXHIBIT

The Exhibit takes place December 5-9, Saturday-Wednesday from noon to 9 pm daily. The location is 3865 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto. Admission is FREE. For more information call 856-3781 or go to www.christmascreche.org

ST. PIUS’ ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE

St. Pius Women’s Club will be holding its annual Holiday Gift Boutique today, Sunday, December 6th from 10 am-6 pm at St. Pius Church, Fitzsimon Center, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City. Choose from a variety of gifts - entertainment throughout the day. Admission is free. For more info 364-5204.

MASTERWORKS CHORALE

Wednesday, December 9th at 8 pm and Sunday December 13th at 4 pm – Treat your holiday spirit to Masterworks Chorale’s presentation of Benjamin Britten’s, “A Ceremony of Carols” at Transfiguration Episcopal Church, 3900 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Westphal, mother of Nancy Neuer.

IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.

Al & Deborah Allen, Agnes Babcock, Michael Bohn,, Robert Biagini Bradbury, Robert Collins, Gertrude DeZelaya, Jonathan Phillis Flinn, Bob Hunter, Brent Hunter, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Phyllis Lucas, Ann Martin, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Mary Schleifer, Don Schroeder, Bill Selenger, Nancy Snideman, Kathleen Spillane, Stephen Tillim, Vincee Viso, Frank Vitale, Charles Winter.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK INCLUDE

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| Sat. 5:30 pm | James Ciardella | Tue. 8:00 am | Irene Goodwin |
| Sun. 7:30 am | Maria Sa-ing Swangngam | Wed. 8:00 am | Mac & Marie McCleary |
| Sun. 9:30 am | Florence Haverty | Thu. 8:00 am | Barbara Oswald |
| Sun. 11:30 am | William Cunha | Fri. 8:00 am | Marie McCleary |
| Mon. 8:00 am | Barbara Ellis | Sat. 8:00 am | Thomas Waller |