

# St. Denis Parish

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## **St. Denis Church**

Father Jose Shaji, Administrator  
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**

Father Thomas Moran, In Residence  
930 Portola Road  
Portola Valley, CA 94028 – 851-5085  
**Mass:** Saturday (vigil) 5:15 pm  
Sunday – 9:30 am  
**Daily Mass:** 7:30am (Tue., Wed. & Thu.)

**Confessions:** Saturday from 4:30 to 5:00pm at both churches.

**Parish Office** – 854-5976; **FAX:** 854-3754 – **Office Hours:** Mon. – Fri.: 9-12 & 1-5; www.stdenisparish.org

**Religious Ed Office, Victor Valdez,** 854-1081; **Sr. de Chantal's Office,** 854-1251

**Baptisms and Marriages:** Call the parish office.

## **SEPTEMBER 21, 2008 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Jesus Christ *is* the life and mission of the Church. Join with the Fr. Jose today as the parish celebrates those men and women who serve the parish by bringing the Word of God into the hearts of others. Our Religious Education Teachers will be commissioned today at the 9:30 Mass.

### **ST. DENIS GOLF**

The St. Denis Golf Tournament was held at the Sharon Heights Country Club last Thursday. Thank you to Joe Merkert who organized this great day. The winning men's team included Bob Constantino, Jim McGovern, Bob Luft and Craig London. The winning women's team included Lani Ciotek, Renee Zotter, Betty O'Rourke, Clare McGovern and Isanild Wakefield. Thank you also to Ralph Oswald and his helpers for the delicious dinner and to the set-up and clean-up crew.

### **OKTOBERFEST**

Oktoberfest 2008 will be celebrated at St. Denis on October 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center starting with drinks at 6:30 pm followed by a delicious dinner prepared by our "German bred" chef, Ralph Oswald. The dinner will be a benefit for our Memorial Garden and is limited to 60 people. For reservations call Mary in the Parish Office, 854-5976.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

Adult Bible Study will start October 5<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 am Mass. First get your coffee & donuts and then come join us in the Parish Center Library. We meet for about one hour for six weeks and then resume in the Spring. All are welcome. Call John Lippert, 854-3278, for more information.

### **ST. DENIS SPIRITUALITY/DISCUSSION GROUP**

We meet Thursday morning at 9 am in the meeting room in the Parish Office. We are reading "THE FAITH CLUB" written by three women, Jewish, Christian and Muslim. Please read chapter 10, "Prayer". Everyone is welcome to join this group.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY– PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND**

We are blessed to have 74 retired Archdiocesan priests. Some of them reside in parish rectories, some in retirement homes or assisted living facilities, and some live independently. During active ministry, priests receive a salary, room and board. Once retired they begin receiving a pension from the Archdiocese reflecting their years of service, along with a small Social Security check. Pension and Social Security may not equal the amount they received in active years. The Priests' Retirement Fund supports those in need of supplementary assistance by paying for expenses such as non-insured medical costs, a portion of extended care costs and housing costs associated with independent living. Brochures with envelope attached are in the pews and at the church entrance.

### **OCTOBER WINE COUNTRY TOUR**

The St. Denis Senior Group's excursion to the Wine Country on October 6<sup>th</sup> is presently full. If you would like to be put on a waiting list, in case of cancellations, call Sr. Chantal at 854-1251.

### **FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

Concerned about the upcoming November elections? Looking for some guidelines as you make your own decisions? The Archdiocese of San Francisco invites you to come to a Workshop for a discussion about Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, a compelling document prepared by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, on Sept. 24, 7-8:30 pm at St. Bartholomew's Auditorium, 600 Columbia Dr., San Mateo. For more information call 415-614-5570 or [www.sflifeandjustice.org](http://www.sflifeandjustice.org).

**WOMEN'S CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY** Join women from all around the Bay Area for our upcoming study based on the text, *Understanding the Scriptures: A Complete Course in Bible Study* by Scott Hahn. Our format includes individual home study questions and small group discussions followed by wrap-up lectures. Meet at St. Mark's Parish in Belmont, 325 Marine View Dr., Thurs. 10-11:45 am. For more information call Christine Fenwick, 573-7942 or [www.cssbelmont.com](http://www.cssbelmont.com).

### **THE UNSEEN POWER OF PRAYER**

Oct.2 (Thursday evening at 7 pm) Pauline Books & Media will host Michael McDevitt, well known retreat leader, speaker and author who will present his new book: "The Unseen Power of Prayer" at Pauline Books & Media, 2640 Broadway, Redwood City. For more information call 369-4230.

### **IN YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

*Reg Buyle, Gertrude DeZelaya, Steven Douglas, Bob Gagetta, Nick Humy, Brent Hunter, Joseph Kennelly, Maurice Kidd, Margaret Lee Kiely, Robert Krost, Phyllis Lucas, Dorothy Manchester, Ellen Mitchell, Richard O'Hearn, Kathleen Porter, Matthew Repasky, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Don Schroeder, Bob Segbarth, Bill Selenger, Nancy Snideman, Kathleen Spillane, Claire Taylor, Stephen Tillim, Eugene Tkachenko, Paula Thiers, Doug Ury and Jessica Wright.*

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK INCLUDE**

Sat.	5:30 pm	Emily & Joseph Dio Dato	Wed.	8:00 am	Franklin Bautista
Sun.	9:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners	Thu.	8:00 am	Special Intention
Mon	8:00 am	Mercedes Pineda	Fri.	8:00 am	Louise Saywell