

# 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.

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**Sr. de Chantal Selenger, RSM, Pastoral Associate,** 650-854-1251  
**Baptisms and Marriages:** Call the parish office

[www.StDenisParish.org](http://www.StDenisParish.org)

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

## ***NOVEMBER 29, 2009 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT***

***Dear Parishioners,***

We begin another liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. The purpose of Advent is to help us to prepare ourselves for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. The readings of this season tell us how God prepared the people of Israel for the Birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ. We are the beneficiaries of all the promises God made to the people of Israel. May this season of Advent help us to appreciate the great blessings that God has given us in the person of Jesus Christ.

We inaugurate the giving tree on the first Sunday of Advent. I am very grateful to Joan Barada who is chairing the project this year. I would like to invite you all to participate in it. May our generosity bring joy and cheer to those who are not as blessed and fortunate as we are, during the Christmas season!

Yours Sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji, Pastor

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**NO CLASS TODAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**Parent info meeting for grades 4-6 RE: Shield the Vulnerable Online Training  
Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***“ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH”***

***2009 St. Denis & Our Lady of the Wayside Christmas Tea, on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - 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.

***THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY IS THE “5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY COLLECTION”, FOR PARISH CHARITY.***

**ATTENTION ALL PARISH CHILDREN**

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

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

***ST DENIS GARDEN COMMITTEE***

The next work day for the garden committee is Sat., December 5, 10 am to 1 pm. All are welcome.

PARENTS! Please do not let your children throw pebbles into the fountain. Thank you.

***OPEN HOUSE AT WOODSIDE PRIORY***

Prospective students and parents are invited to attend an Open House at Woodside Priory on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please make reservations by calling 851-8223. The planned program starts at 10 am. Applications are now being accepted for both the Sixth grade and Freshman year of High School. The application deadline is January 14, 2010.

***THE 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](http://www.christmascreche.org)

***ST. PIUS’ ANNUAL HOLIDAY GIFT BOUTIQUE***

St. Pius Women’s Club will be holding its annual Holiday Gift Boutique on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-6 pm at St. Pius Church, Fitzsimon Center, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City. Choose from a variety of gifts; there will be entertainment throughout the day and delicious food will be available. Admission is free. For more information call 364-5204.

***REST IN PEACE*** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Harsch.

***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, 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***

Sat. 5:30 pm	John Charles Mornand	Tue. 8:00 am	All Yujuico/Maria Thorson
Sun. 7:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners	Wed. 8:00 am	Sp. Int. of Yujuico Family
Sun. 9:30 am	Al Yujuico	Thu. 8:00 am	Tad Daszkiewicz
Sun. 11:30 am	Wm. & Norine McMahan Family	Fri. 8:00 am	Barbara Oswald
Mon. 8:00 am	Ashton Ebert (L)	Sat 8:00 am	Darlene Hagewood

(prayers for complete recovery)

Sunday collection Nov. 22, 2009 - \$8,377.50  
Last year’s Sunday collection Nov. 23, 2008 - \$6,118.00.