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President's Message

Happy New Year! With the holidays behind us, let's renew WOSJ's commitment to spirituality, service and fellowship. We will soon plan our activities for the second half of the year. Please don't hesitate to send me your suggestions for activities we can do that would be consistent with our charter. I want to thank you all for your support, especially those who are always there to lend a hand. God bless.

Nancy

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS --- Mark Your Calendars!



Jan 20

Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall
General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall
Guest Speaker, Father Jeff Finley

Feb 16

Board Meeting 6:30pm Church Hall
General Meeting 7:30pm Church Hall
Guest Speaker, Sister Caritas of the Sisters of Holy Family

Membership Notes

Thank you to all of you who have already sent in your 2008-09 WOSJ dues! Reminder letters are going out for those who might have forgotten to join us this year. We hope to see you all again as a supporter even if you are limited to the amount of monthly meetings you can attend.

Your dues assist us in helping others in our parish community so please consider supporting WOSJ by joining!

Dues are \$20 and will cover the year from June 2008 to May 2009.

Any questions please contact our Membership Chair: Laura Dauzat- 510/220-2956
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Fellowship Sunday

We would like to thank Miriam Keller and Debbie Rossetto for hosting Fellowship after the 12:30 Mass on Dec. 21st!

Coming Events



January Meeting-Father Jeff Finley Jan. 20th

Father Jeff Finley will be speaking at our January 20th WOSJ meeting. Based on requests for information by several members, please come prepared with your questions about "the Holy Mass". Rather than a lecture, Father is going to answer the questions you have always wanted to ask about the prayers, symbols, gestures, and meaning of what we do, during the liturgy. Why do we bless ourselves with holy water upon entering the church? Why do we worship on Sunday rather than Saturday? Why is there a penitential rite at the beginning of the liturgy? What do the colors used on Sunday or feast days signify? Please bring your questions to the meeting for a wonderful time of learning for all.

How It Went



WOSJ Christmas Tea Dec. 14

Our annual Christmas tea on December 14th was an delightful time at **Barbara Aylward's** house. Many thanks to Cynthia's Tea Garden on Bay Street who donated the tea and pots. We had many delicious treats to sample and Father Manny even stopped by to share the holiday spirit with us. Our donations totaled \$570 which we donated to help the needy via our parish St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.



"Shaken Not Stirred" New Year's Eve Party

The New Year's Eve party at St. Joseph's was a blast! Many WOSJ members were there to dance, sample delicious gourmet hors d'oeuvres and desserts, and ring in the New Year with champagne and noisemakers. There were tiaras for the ladies and hats for the guys, and the hall was transformed with lights and balloons, all creating a festive atmosphere. Be sure to come next year!

A Note from Chairwoman Debbie Rossetto:

A great big THANK YOU to our entire parish community for the fabulous New Year's Eve celebration this past week. Extra special thanks goes to our chef, Attila Csikesz, for preparing a meal fit for a King! To all the volunteers who contributed so much time and talent to this event...we are forever grateful. You are all the best and we are the luckiest Parish in the world!

Congratulations to our New Year's Eve cash raffle prize winners: David Arovola- \$500, Gail Sheehy - \$250, Mary Mendes - \$100. We look forward to seeing all of you at our next big event...The St. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance! Check the bulletin for details

Happy Birthday to those born in January!

Jane Macart	Jan 2
Katherine Bray	Jan 6
Nancy Newman	Jan 6
Patty Fernandez	Jan 12
Jennifer Aguirre	Jan 13
Vivian Mason	Jan 13
Barbara Cheung	Jan 16
Regina Weir	Jan 18



Ruth Simard	Jan 19
Joann Miller	Jan 20
Karen Nickell	Jan 20
Carolee Chan	Jan 22
Barbara De Muri	Jan 27
Deanna Bayless	Jan 29
Dolores Ferenz	Jan 29
Marie Maguire	Jan 30
Sara Rozzano	Jan 31

Spiritual Corner



We welcome the New Year as a time for new beginnings and new resolutions .I pray that each member will receive many spiritual blessings in 2009.

I have spent a few days reading from some of the "Christmas" gifts I received. In my reading, of Pastor Rick Warrens' book, The Purpose of Christmas, he asks two thought - provoking questions;

What from the past year are you most thankful for; and
what gift are you going to give to Jesus this year?

After considered thought, these simple questions should elicit profound answers from each of us. How do we get ourselves out of the way and reconcile ourselves, in gratitude, to the will of God?

-Kathy Shelly



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