

# Saint Denis /Our Lady Of The Wayside Churches

*Brought together by Christ, we, the parish of St. Denis  
and Our Lady of the Wayside,  
respond to his call to live our Catholic faith.*

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## Mass Times

**St. Denis Church**  
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

**Our Lady of the Wayside Church**  
Saturday: 4:30 pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 9:30 am

**Confession Times**  
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside  
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

**Office Hours**  
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm



**June 11th, 2017 The Most Holy Trinity**

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St. Denis Church (Parish Office)  
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. As you may know, the Holy Trinity is defined as one nature, three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. On a theological level, this is how we explain the Most Holy Trinity. Yet, I understand it beyond that.

There were times in my life when I was fatherless. As an adopted child from South Korea, I will never know anything about my biological father. It is just not possible. My adopted father died about a year after I arrived to America. As human beings, we are meant to have a father. We are meant to be in a relationship. That is how we are made. Sometimes in life, though, it does not work out that way. As a wee lad, it never really bothered me that I did not have a father. Even at an early age, I think deep down I knew instinctively I had something to hang onto. I may not have had a father at times, but I always had my faith. Faith instilled in me the belief that I was never abandoned or alone in life.

Faith reminded me that I am loved beyond all telling by God our Father. Jesus taught us to call God our Father, and so He is. I was reminded of that every time I made the sign of the cross as a child. God is my Father and God is your Father. He is ours, and we are His. We belong to him. Through Jesus the Son, we are drawn and gathered into the divine life of the Most Holy Trinity. To me, that divine life is love. All along, especially in the difficult times of my life, I was loved by a father, by Our Father. His Spirit of love infused my heart before I was ever born.

Fr. Paul

## What We Believe

### Trinitarian Thoughts

As a catechist for 40 years, I have given a lot of simplistic explanations of the Trinity which would probably make some theologians cringe. It's hard to explain a mystery. Today I think of the Trinity as the "different faces of God, one in being, yet distinct as images of the divine." This divine oneness of three persons is the sacred relationship perpetually joined together in love. It is out of this eternal love that all creation occurs.

If we accept that we are created in the image and likeness of God then we have to realize that we are truly the products of God's love, and love cannot thrive unless this love is shared. Being in loving relationships with one another defines who we are when we are being our best selves, the selves meant to be in the image and likeness of God.

As Catholics we begin and end our prayers with the Sign of the Cross. This trinitarian prayer identifies the communal aspect of God reminding us that we are inheritors of the eternal, loving relationship of God.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

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|--------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Sat. Jun 10  | 5:30 pm  | Victims of Terrorism     |
| Sun. Jun 11  | 7:30 am  | Mary & Robert Hagman (+) |
|              | 9:30 am  | Lee Harnett (+)          |
|              | 11:30 am | Victims of Terrorism     |
| Mon. Jun 12  | 8:00 am  | World Peace              |
| Tues. Jun 13 | 8:00 am  | Mary & Robert Hagman (+) |
| Wed. Jun 14  | 8:00 am  | Mrs. Lommel (+)          |
| Thurs Jun 15 | 8:00 am  | Young People             |
| Fri. Jun 16  | 8:00 am  | The Pope                 |

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

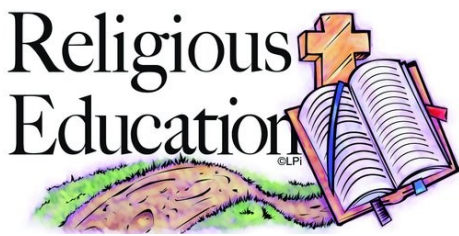
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| Sat. Jun 10 | 4:30pm | Kamden Thompson (living) |
| Sun. Jun 11 | 9:30am | Victims of Terrorism     |

Rest in Peace One of our very active and old time parishioners has recently passed away while living in Hawaii. Please hold the family of Val Knapp in your prayers.

## In your charity, please pray for...

George Knapp, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Sandy Rock, Baby Sierra, Ken Broome, Lillian Schulte, Janet Sue Cox, George Sutton, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Lynn Cintron, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Lorie Ortega, Robert Roger, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Doug Ury, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner.

## Faith Formation



### FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Our schedule for next school year and registration form are available NOW on the parish website!

Please check it out at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

Most of our wonderful catechists will be returning next fall, but we are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to share your faith with the children, please contact Lucy Soltau at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) anytime, or find me at the donuts any Sunday!

We will be offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis on most Sundays this summer. All children are welcome and invited to participate!

Have a summer full of adventures, peace and joy!

We'll see you on September 17 for our opening Mass.

Classes begin again September 24.

### **Jesuit Retreat Center Of Los Altos**

The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, 300 Manresa Way, Los Altos has a variety of retreats and events. Visit the website [www.jrclosaltos.org](http://www.jrclosaltos.org) to see the full schedule and complete details and to learn more about this beautiful retreat center in the hills of Los Altos. Private retreats for individuals and groups are also available.

30-day Retreat on Spiritual Exercises Presenter: Pastoral Staff  
June 14 – July 18

8-day Silent Retreat #1 Presenter: Pastoral Staff  
June 16 – June 24

8-day Silent Retreat #2 Presenter: Pastoral Staff  
June 26 – July 4

## Senior Lunch

Join fellow seniors this Tuesday June 13th, at noon in the St. Denis parish hall. We will start with Communion service. All seniors and caregivers welcome. Call Dede at 650 854-5976, press 4.



## Donut Help

To sign up to help with donut service, please go to [www.stdenparish.org](http://www.stdenparish.org) and click on "Donut Help Needed!"

Any questions? Contact

Maritza at 650 291-0657.



## Friendly Reminders

### Bulletin & Announcements

The Deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon)

Before the weekend of publication. All mass announcements are to

be scripted and okayed by Dede prior to the masses. Contact her at

[dedewm@pacbell.net](mailto:dedewm@pacbell.net)

NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin

Cycle due to space limitations.

Thank You.



## Stewardship

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)  | \$450,000.00 | Annual Appeal 2017                  | \$105,391.00 |
| July 1, 2016 to May 31st, 2017        | \$409,262.00 | (Actual Amount Needed \$100,000.00) |              |
| Monthly Goal– May 2017                | \$36,000.00  |                                     |              |
| May 2017 Sunday Offertory Collections | \$33,768.00  |                                     |              |

## Farewell Ethan Williams

**Ethan Williams, OLV's Musical Director for the past 2.5 years graduates from Stanford with dual degrees in Music and Geophysics. He will continue his studies at Caltech pursuing a PhD in Geophysics.**



## Spiritual Book Group

**This summer our group is reading *The Rumi Daybook: 365 Poems and Teachings* from the Beloved Sufi Master. Rumi was a Persian mystic from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century who has become one of the most frequently read poets in America today. Our group is appreciating the similarities between his writing and that of the Christian mystic Julian of Norwich whose book we've just finished.**

**Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and we are happy to have drop-ins. Our members include women who come to Menlo Park from afar to visit their children and grandchildren. One of these is a Pakistani woman who attended Catholic schools as a girl. From her we have learned much about the Muslim appreciation of Jesus and Mary, as well as Muslim traditions. For example, now in Ramadan, besides fasting, Muslims also emphasize giving service and valuing family and community.**

**So, if you have a book-loving houseguest, do send her to us! Our lives are so much richer for having them! We meet every Tuesday at 10:00 am in a private home. Please call Tereza at 650-323-6859 for further info.**

