

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



November 12th, 2017 32nd Sunday in ordinary time

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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,

During basic training for the military, it was drilled in us to be squared away. To be squared away means to have everything in order, to be ready always because at a moment's notice one could be shipped off to go to war. That is how the military personnel are supposed to live their lives each and every day. In a real sense, that is how we, who believe in Jesus, are supposed to live our lives as well.

In today's gospel passage, Jesus urges his disciples to be vigilant, to be ready always because we do not know when the end of the world will come. More specifically, we do not know when we will die. It could be years from now. It could be next year. It could be even by the time you finish reading this letter. Being squared away will enable us to meet Jesus face to face with a clear conscience and with a pure heart.

Each new day gives us the opportunity to live a life of faith. Faith in Jesus compels us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves, and to be of service to those in need. This is what Jesus desires us to do. This is what life is really about. This is what makes our lives meaningful, and this is what enriches our lives. In the words of my Marine Corps drill instructor Staff Sergeant Sears, "Be squared away."

God bless,

Fr. Paul

We Believe

Storing Up

Amid the flooding of recent months I heard a saying that also fits this Sunday's parable, "Fix the roof while the sun is shining." The five prudent virgins were prepared to receive the delayed bridegroom and were rewarded for their preparedness by going to the bridegroom's party. They had the right mindset for their journey. They stored up.

Living in today's world and its recent continuous, catastrophic surprises, it's difficult to know just how to prepare for *anything*. Stock-piling food, putting on storm windows, making sure the gas tank and your wallet are full, and looking over your shoulder are sound measures, but Jesus' parable really goes deeper. So how do we prepare for the dark times we inevitably encounter? How do we fill our oil lamps so as to see our way through them?

As we approach the holiday season, it might be a good time to re-examine our innermost beliefs and values, the "cupboards" of our hearts and souls, because it is those "supplies" that really get us through the rough patches. It may be comforting to remember that God thought enough of us to willingly enter into the human condition, and not as one of the "haves." Entering this world as a temporarily "homeless" infant, placed in an animal feeding trough, and whose birth was witnessed by the lowest rung of society, shepherds, is a story of the marginalized, the story of Emmanuel, the "God with us" who exists in the saddest of situations, then and now.

While we reaffirm our sincere gratitude to our gracious God for all our blessings, we can't really do that completely without simultaneously acknowledging and seeking to help those who experience painful loss, ill health, or untimely death. It is our prayers, our empathy, and our assistance in this world that serves as our own store of oil, allowing us to see the light.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Nov. 11	5:30 pm	Deceased Veterans
Sun. Nov. 12	7:30 am	Rosario Bautista (+)
	9:30 am	Deceased Veterans
	11:30 am	Beatriz Garcia (+)
Mon. Nov. 13	8:00 am	For Immigrants
Tues. Nov. 14	8:00 am	In Thanksgiving
Wed. Nov. 15	8:00 am	For Doctors
Thur Nov. 16	8:00 am	All Vocations
Fri. Nov. 17	8:00 am	Respect for all life

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Nov. 11	4:30pm	Deceased Veterans
Sun. Nov. 12	9:30am	Deceased Veterans

In your charity, please pray for...

Pier Iglesias, Sandy Rock, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Grades Pre-K thru 4 meet in their classrooms in the hall at 9:30am and will be brought to the Church during the Preparation of the Gifts. We only have 30 minutes of class time, so please be on time! Grades 5 and 6 meet at 10:30 to 11:30am in the hall.

Confirmation, grades 7 and 8, meet at 5:30pm in the Church for Mass, then dinner and class til 8:00pm.

You can register your children by going to the parish website www.stdenisparish.org and click on the Faith Formation tab.

NO CLASSES TODAY, NOVEMBER 12 IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY

FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

These classes are optional for those children preparing to celebrate their First Communion this Spring. His next class will be Monday, November 13 at 3:30-4:30pm in the parish library.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, November 19 at 5:30pm for Mass, then dinner and class time til 8:00pm. ALWAYS bring your folders, your journals and any homework you need to turn in.

SAINT REPORTS: If you know what Saint you will be choosing, write up your report (see your folder for details) and bring it with you to class. We'll be talking about the Saints, and you can share your choice with the class!

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

If you can read, you can be in our Children's Choir for Christmas Eve! We'll be singing at the 4:00pm Family Mass at St. Denis. Rehearsals will be in the church after the 9:30am Mass beginning Sunday, November 26. So grab a donut and then come sing with us!

ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING

Sunday, December 3 at 10:30am in the parish hall. Come and explore different ways to celebrate Advent and prepare for Jesus' coming! Hands-on activities for the children! Free supplies to take home! All are welcome!

Advent Retreat

Advent: The Season of Deepest Longing



St. Denis Parish invites you to an Advent Retreat
Monday, December 11, 2017
9:30am-1:00pm

Our presenter will be Sr. Sharon McMillan,
Sister of Notre Dame de Namur

Our day will include morning coffee,
Advent presentation, Mass, and lunch

RSVP by Dec. 9 to dedewm@pacbell.net

or call Dede Waters-Masters at 650-854-5976 ext. 4

Give yourself the gift of this mini-retreat!

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities Thanksgiving Service Opportunities

Thanksgiving 2017 theme is "Sharing Your Thankful Spirit." Help our neighbors in Marin, San Mateo, and San Francisco counties enjoy a memorable Thanksgiving meal; provide food baskets, turkeys, or pumpkin pies to families in need. Volunteer by helping with food preparation, set-up, carving a turkey, leading activities, and helping to clean-up after a Thanksgiving luncheon or dinner. Every volunteer hour and every donated gift provides dignity and hope to children and families who may not otherwise receive comfort this holiday season. Find out how you can participate in spreading holiday cheer, contact Nina Taggart 415-972-1246 volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

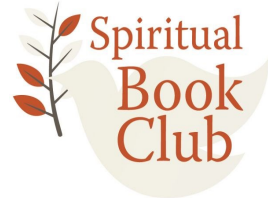
St. Vincent de Paul Fall Coat Drive

This is the last weekend to drop off your coats, jackets, sweaters, and scarves to help St. Vincent de Paul's Homeless Help Center in Redwood City. You may place your donations in the bins in the back of the church. If you have any questions please contact Maritza at 650 291-0657. Thank you for your generosity.



Spiritual Book Group

For Advent our group will be reading and praying with "Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent" by Walter Brueggemann, a renowned Old Testament scholar. He invites us amid the excesses of the holiday season to discover the true inner abundance that the arrival of the Messiah brings to us all. Everyone is invited to join us for the Advent season. Books are available at Kepler's on the Book Club shelf under "St. Denis Spirituality". Be sure to tell the checker so he/she can apply the special discount. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in a private home in Menlo Park. Please call Tereza McNamee at 650-323-6859 for further information.



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 & okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at dedem@pacbell.net
NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)	\$459,000.00
October 2017 Sunday Collections (Without EGiving)	\$27,661.00

If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Go to the parish website and click on the WeShare online giving link. Follow the instructions to verify your existing account. New to online Egiving? Follow the same link to create a new account.

Parish Christmas Tea

“Peace On Earth “



Saturday, December 9th, 2017

1:00 to 3:00 pm @ St. Denis Parish Hall

Tickets: \$25 each (All are welcome) Please make checks payable to: St. Denis Church. Last day to purchase tickets is December 5th. Seating is limited: payment must be received prior to event. Kindly make checks payable to St Denis Church. Questions contact Barbara Mason at 650 854-2526 or babs412@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

November 12th NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES (Veterans' Day)

**November 12th Vallombrosa Choir Thanksgiving Concert at 2pm
In the Vallombrosa Chapel 250 Oak Grove Menlo Park**

November 13th First Communion Class with Fr. Paul (optional) 3:30 pm

November 19th Lector Training after 9:30am mass at St. Denis

November 19th Confirmation class 5:30-8:00 pm

**November 21st Special Senior Thanksgiving Lunch with
Communion service St. Denis hall at noon
All seniors are welcome!**

**November 22nd Parish Thanksgiving Vigil Mass 6pm at St. Denis
Followed by annual finger food potluck gathering
All are welcome!**

