

# 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

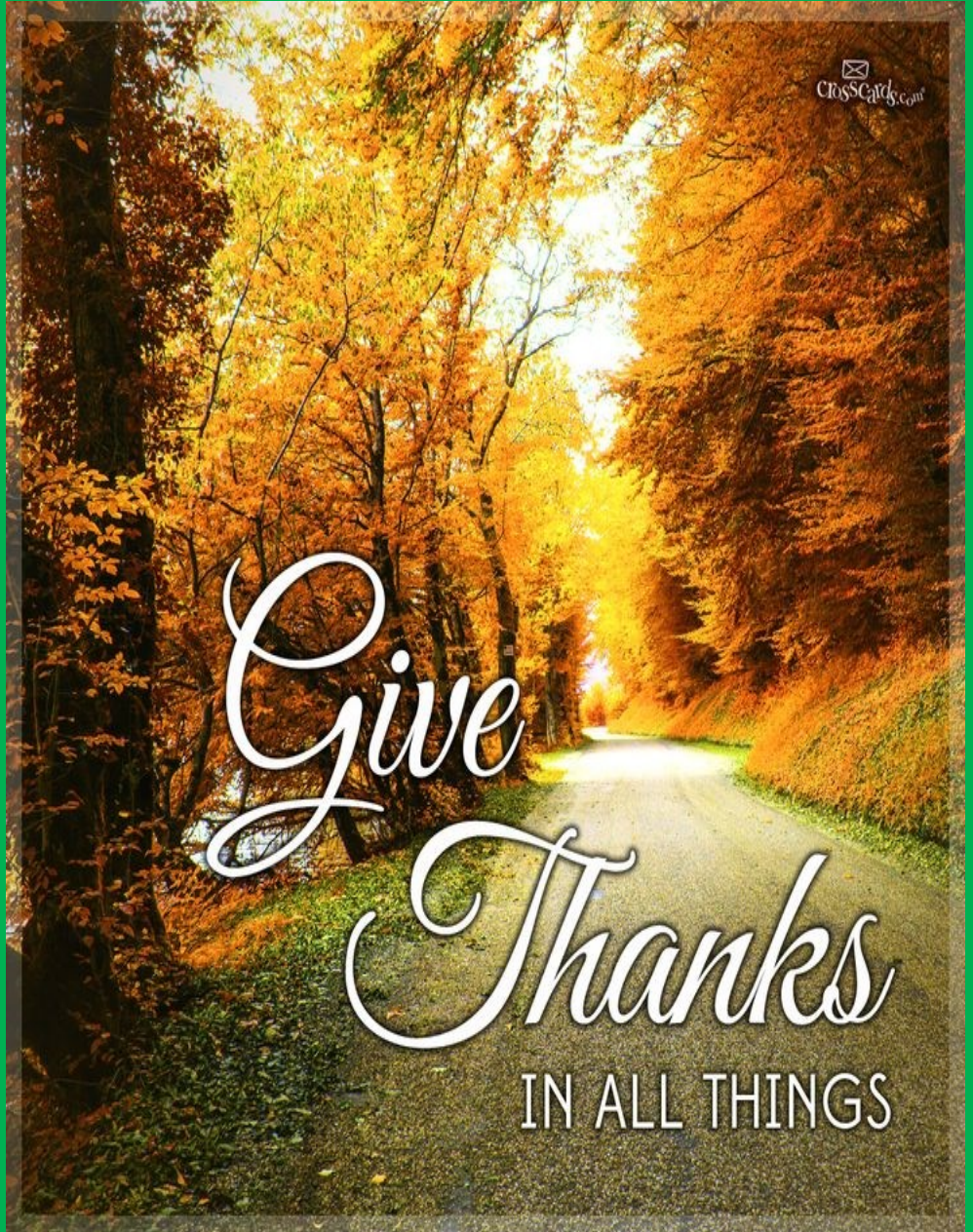
**St. Denis Church**  
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

**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

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
NOVEMBER 23rd & 24th IN  
OBSERVANCE OF  
THANKSGIVING**



November 19th, 2017 33rd Sunday in ordinary time

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2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park

Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The role of woman has always held a prominent position throughout The Old and The New Testament. In the first Creation story, it is written God created male and female. In the second Creation story, woman is made from one of Adam's ribs. These two Creation stories reveal the absolute truth that woman is equal to man and is his co-partner in life. Through woman, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus was conceived and born into the world. Woman, Mary Magdalene, is the first person to see, encounter and experience the risen Lord himself.

In today's first reading from the Book of Proverb, the very Word of God proclaims that woman, a worthy wife's value is far beyond pearls and is an unfailing prize to man. Do we not hear stories of man seeking and finding buried treasure in the ground or in the sea. When he does find it, he is rich beyond imagination. Our faith reminds us that the value of woman far exceeds all the cumulative treasures in the world. For God himself created woman. Man created rusted and tarnished treasure that has no intrinsic value. Only human beings are priceless and woman more.

Whenever a couple comes to me for marriage preparation, I always say to them that my hope and prayer for them is that they always see each other as a tremendous gift and blessing from God. In the same breath, I tell the man to have the mindset of believing that he is not worthy enough to have his fiancée. With this in mind, he will always treat his wife with respect, dignity and love, as well as cherish her in his heart forever. If all men did this would not the world be quite something.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

### WAKE UP!

The readings at this time of year focus on being ready for when the Lord comes, but they seem to be so threatening and full of fear! Be ready or else! Dire warnings of what will happen if we are not ready.

But how to be ready?

Do we just sit and watch? For what?

Do we even know what we're waiting for?

Will we know it when we see it?

Will we know HIM when we see HIM?

Some of our Confirmation class were able to help serve dinner to homeless folks at the Maple Street shelter last Sunday. While they were visiting and eating with the people there, I don't know if they were aware of Jesus' presence with them at the table. I don't know if they recognized him the faces of those folks they served. But even if they did not recognize him, they treated everyone there as though they were Jesus. They were polite, caring, eager to serve, friendly and focused on others, not themselves. I think they were awake and ready!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy



Cedrik, Dominik, Tara, Chloe, Mateo, Dylan, Roydon, Isaac and Xavier (and Sam, not pictured!)

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Nov. 18	5:30 pm	Respect for all life
Sun. Nov. 19	7:30 am	Rosa Sharif (living)
	9:30 am	Margaret & Leo Rodgers (+)
	11:30 am	Bill Niebling (+)
Mon. Nov. 20	8:00 am	Mary McGuinness (living)
Tues. Nov. 21	8:00 am	Irene Goodwin (+)
Wed. Nov. 22	8:00 am	Suzanne Mertens(+)
Wed. Nov. 22	6:00 pm	In Thanksgiving
Thur Nov. 23	8:00 am	No Mass
Fri. Nov. 24	8:00 am	No Mass

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Nov. 18	4:30pm	Respect for all life
Sun. Nov. 19	9:30am	Respect for all life

**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](http://www.stdenisparish.org) and click on the Faith Formation tab.

### NO CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 FOR THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

### 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 27 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!

## 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 at 415-972-1246 [volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)

## Parish Christmas Tea

**"Peace On Earth"**



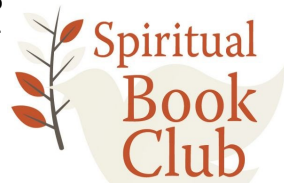
**Saturday, December 9th, 2017**

**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](mailto:babs412@yahoo.com)**

## 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.



## 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](mailto: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 **\$27,661.00**

(Without EGiving)

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.

# Advent Parish Retreat

## ADVENT: THE SEASON OF DEEPEST LONGING



**St. Denis Parish invites you to an advent retreat Monday, December 11th, 9:30am-1:00pm**

**Presenter: Sr. Sharon McMillan, Sister of Notre Dame de Namur**

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

**RSVP by December 9th by calling Dede at 650 854-5976 ext. 4 or [dedewm@pacbell.net](mailto:dedewm@pacbell.net)**

**Give yourself the gift of this mini-retreat!**

## Upcoming Events

**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!**

**November 27th First Communion Class with Fr. Paul (optional) 3:30pm**

**December 3rd Family Gathering Advent 10:30am at St. Denis hall**

