

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



Psalm 19:7

THE LAW OF THE LORD IS *perfect*,
refreshing THE SOUL.
THE STATUTES OF THE LORD ARE *trustworthy*,
MAKING *wise* THE SIMPLE.

September 30th, 2018 26th 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,

All that we have from the good Lord is truly a blessing. We have so much compared to so many people in the world. As you may know, the gas line to the rectory needed to be replaced due to a gas leak. For numerous days, I had no hot water. I was not able to take a shower. Even though this was an inconvenience, I still had running water and the ability to boil water to bathe myself. At least I was able to get clean in an unorthodox way. What a blessing to me and to my beloved parishioners. People throughout the world do not have water let alone running water or the resources to boil water.

Through eyes of faith, we see that all we have as a blessing from God even the little we may think we have. Without faith, we see life in a distorted way and with a callous heart. In today's second reading, St. Paul in his letter to James is admonishing the faith community with some very harsh words, and does not hold back with his disappointment in their attitude and behavior. A sense of entitlement was even present in early Church back then.

Wealth is indeed a blessing from God. Yet, it can create a false sense of importance and elitism in some of us. Wealth is not worth having if we objectify and exploit people for our own self gain. This is what St. Paul is speaking out against. A good Christian does not live this way. A good Christian is grateful and shares his blessings with others. I have known countless parishioners who have done just this.

God bless,

Fr. Paul

We Believe

A Plate of Beans

In today's Gospel Jesus admonishes John for his close mindedness. Those who act kindly and compassionately are doing God's work, whether they are followers or not. Jesus affirms the unnamed person's goodness, and corrects the negative thinking of his apostle John.

Perhaps we, too, engage in this kind of prejudicial, negative thinking. As believers we may question the motivation of others and discount the goodness they engender because "they are not one of us." We, too, must heed Jesus' words, "For whoever is not against us is for us."

In the book, Inner Simplicity, author Elaine St James suggests that we do a simple exercise to gage how many times in the day we engage in negative thinking, the huffing and puffing, the worrying, the frustration, the impatience, the lethargy, or the downright anger that may pop up in our lives from day to day. St. James says to get a handful of dried beans and put them in a handy place. During the day, the minute any negative thought pops up, take a bean and put it on a plate. At the end of the day, observe the plate and if we have acted honestly, we will see how negativity has a hold in our perception of life.

The habit of negativity can be broken with conscious effort. It begins with our self-awareness and the intention to be positive, hope-filled people, seeking to bring about the Kingdom of God here on earth.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Sept. 29	5:30 pm	Barbara Anger-Diaz (+)
Sun.	Sept. 30	7 :30 am	St. Denis parishioners
		9:30 am	For all first responders
		11:30 am	Victims of natural disasters
Mon.	Oct. 1	8:00 am	St. Therese of Lisieux
Tue.	Oct. 2	8:00 am	Mary & Robert Hagman (+)
Wed.	Oct. 3	8:00 am	St. Denis parishioners
Thurs.	Oct. 4	8:00 am	For all living animals
Fri.	Oct. 5	8:00 am	Victims of natural disasters

Georgia Sexton, a long time parishioner of St. Denis, passed away in Los Altos last week at the age of 96.

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Sept. 29	4:30pm	King Family (+)
Sun.	Sept. 30	9:30am	Travers Shawn Johnson (living)

In your charity, please pray for...

Robert Roger, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, , Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter,
Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION HAS BEGUN!

PreK thru 4th grade meet at 9:30am

5/6th grade meets at 10:30am

To register your children, please visit the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Sunday, October 7 at 10:30am in the church.

We'll meet briefly to review the Sacrament of Reconciliation and you can pick up your materials for use at home. So grab a donut and some coffee and meet me in the church after Mass!

Contact Lucy at Isoltau@stdenisparish.org if you have any questions.



FR. PAUL'S FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Fr. Paul will be offering optional classes for those children preparing to celebrate First Communion in the spring. The classes will be on Mondays at 3:30pm in the parish library.

His first class will be Monday, October 8.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Next session: Sunday, October 7 with Mass at 5:30pm, then dinner and class.

Bring your folders and journals.

Will You Drink From The Cup?

REGIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY

For all teens in high school or preparing for Confirmation! Saturday, October 20 8:00am to 9:00pm St. Bede Church, Hayward

Come and join teens from around the area to pray, play and celebrate together. To register, contact Lucy at

Isoltau@stdenisparish.org



Annual Bake Sale

THE BAKE SALE IS COMING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28 AFTER 9:30 MASS

It's time to rev up those ovens for our Annual Bake Sale which benefits St. Anthony's Dining Room. So whether you bake or buy you are helping those who depend on this great service.

Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.



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, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal)	\$468,000.00
July 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018	\$79,344.00
Monthly Goal-August 2018	\$36,000.00
August 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$34,583.00

Donation Corner

ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE

Whether you are new to online giving, or would like to make an update to your existing donations, follow the link below to give.

<https://stdenisparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>

<https://olwparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>

Outdoor Mass & Pancake Breakfast



Parish Events Held at St Denis Church

Thursday October 4th– Blessing of the pets honoring St. Francis at 4pm at St. Denis in front of chapel

Sunday October 7th– Lector Training after 9:30am mass

October 8th– Father Paul's First Communion Class at 3:30pm in library

Saturday October 20th– Outreach Meeting at 9:30am (all are invited) in library

October 22nd– Father Paul's First Communion Class at 3:30pm in library

Sunday October 28th- Bake Sale after 9:30am and 11:30am masses

Tuesday October 30th– Senior Lunch and Communion Service at noon in the parish hall

Tuesdays at 10:00am Spiritual Book Group. Call 650 323-6859 for more info.



Parish Events Held at Our Lady of Wayside Church

Sunday October 14th– Liturgical Minister Training after 9:30am mass

Saturday October 20th– Song Birds at 4:30am mass with reception to follow

November 1st– All Saints Day Holy Day of Obligation 6pm mass (for all parishioners of St. Denis & OLW)

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts and refreshments

