

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

**Second Collection today for the
Wildland Firefighter
Foundation**

**Second Collection October
20th & 21st for World Mission
Sunday**

What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Mark 10:17-30



October 14th, 2018 28th 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,

When I was on sabbatical in Rome for three months, I had the once in a life time opportunity to celebrate mass not only in St. Peter's Basilica, but also be the main celebrant in Paul's Basilica outside the walls of Rome. Our instructor was going to do the mass, but I mustered up my courage to ask him if I could be the celebrant of the mass. Given my name, I just had to ask him. To be able to celebrate mass in St. Paul's was one of my highlights as a priest, a bucket list so to speak. Like St. Peter's, St. Paul's is a magnificent, beautiful and grand Basilica.

Outside of the Basilica, is a large statue of St. Paul. In his hand is a sword. When I saw it, I thought it was strange for a saint to hold a sword. I have never heard of a saint killing anyone. The sword in this case is not a weapon. It was explained that it is a symbol. It represents that the Word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword. St. Paul mentions this in today's second reading. The Word of God cuts between soul and spirit, joints and marrow. How true this is.

Words have a way of penetrating our defenses and walls that we put up. When people criticize and find fault with us, it shakes us to the core. We are devastated, disheartened and inconsolable. On the other hand, when a child says to his mommy and daddy that he loves them, overflowing joy fills their hearts. It makes one's spirit soar to the heavens. The child Jesus proclaims the same words "I love you" to us. We can only hear and feel these magnificent, majestic words in the depths of our being when we are in his presence. Spend a moment of silence every day to listen to these words of his. We will be transformed, renewed and restored by the power of God's Word.

God bless,

Fr. Paul

We Believe

The Partnership of Salvation

Last week while attending a spiritual gathering entitled "Called to Compassion," a reflection question was asked, "Do I sometimes look down on those who are homeless, jobless, or impoverished, thinking that their situation is their own fault?" This question seems to resonate with the message of today's Gospel reading. The young man in the Gospel believes he can *earn* eternal life because he, like us, comes from a world where money and the power equal respect and control.

Jesus challenges this accepted assumption. Entry into the Kingdom of God is beyond our own resources. Our guarantee of eternal life comes from the graciousness of our loving God, and the attitude of gratefulness, generosity, and selfless surrender with which we conduct our lives. Aside from surrendering our earthly goods to those in need, we may, at times, have to surrender some of our thinking and attitudes of entitlement.

In the world in which we find ourselves, loaded with ever "breaking news," scandals, and the resulting animosity towards others with differing opinions, we are ever more challenged to treating one another compassionately as our brothers and sisters, often in spite of their political outlook. While steadfastly standing for what we truly believe is right, sometimes we may have to tone down our conviction that we are enlightened and the opposing side is completely misinformed. As believers, we are challenged to create a world where all are valued and loved as children of God. When we truly embrace others as children of God and surrender our superior attitude of righteousness, perhaps we will be closer to what God has in mind. Recently I came across a quote that is worth sharing, "We were not meant to compete with one another, but to complete one another." As we struggle to be worthy followers of Christ, let us be mindful that we do it in partnership with one another.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Oct.	13	5:30 pm	Shika Singh-Versad (+)
Sun.	Oct.	14	7 :30 am	Peter Valenti (+)
			9:30 am	Victims of natural disasters
			11:30 am	Victims of natural disasters
Mon.	Oct.	15	8:00 am	For the sick of our parish
Tue.	Oct.	16	8:00 am	Lillian Durazzo (+)
Wed.	Oct.	17	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Thurs.	Oct.	18	8:00 am	For doctors & nurses
Fri.	Oct.	19	8:00 am	Jean Zonner (+)

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Oct. 13 4:30pm Maria Ponte (living)

Sun. Oct. 14 9:30am Erin Makena Terrio (+)

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

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 next class will be Monday, October 22.



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 lsoltau@stdenisparish.org



Second Collection This Weekend

We will have a second collection next week for the Wildland Firefighter Foundation. The mission of the Wildland Firefighter Foundation is helping maintain and grow the national monument established for those who have lost their lives, operate a financial fund providing immediate tragedy and crisis assistance to the families of fallen and to injured firefighters, and partner with private and inter-agency organizations to educate the public about wildland fires and promote excellence and safety in firefighting. For information about their foundation, please visit their website at www.wffoundation.org.



**WILDLAND
FIREFIGHTER
FOUNDATION**

Annual Bake Sale

THE BAKE SALE IS COMING

SUNDAY, November 4th 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 September, 2018	\$106,874.00
Monthly Goal-August 2018	\$45,000.00
September 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$27,530.00

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>

The Family Club Song Birds Chorus

The Family Club will join us for the celebration of the 4:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside for our parish mass on October 14th. Their chorus, The Song Birds will be in full participation. Please join us for mass with a reception to follow. All are welcome!

Parish Events Held at St. Denis Church

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**

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

Sunday November 4th– Bake Sale (note new date) after 9:30am & 11:30am masses

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts and refreshments

**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

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

**Sunday November 11th– Veteran's Day Brunch after
9:30am mass**

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts and refreshments

