

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 this
weekend November 3rd/4th
for Saint Patrick Seminary**



November 4th, 2018 31st Sunday in ordinary time

(650) 854-5976
www.stdenisparish.org

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,

As much as we desire to be loved, God does all the more. The very first Commandment calls us to love God. We are called to love God a certain way though. Not just with all our heart, not just with all our soul, not just with all our strength, but to love with all of those things. Our whole and complete selves are to love God.

God gives us the gift of free-will. We can choose to love or not. We can choose to heed the commandment of love. We have a say. God does not force us to love. Why would we not love God?

He loves us immensely and unconditionally. No matter what we do or do not do God will love us. God's love for us is inexhaustible. It will never ever run out or get tired. God's love for us is self-giving and self-sacrificing. He gave his son Jesus to us to suffer and die for us so that we may inherit eternal life. Our God is a loving God. May we demonstrate and express our love for him by living his commandments in our lives the best we can each and every day.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Gospel Reflections

The two commandments in this week's Gospel are intertwined: one cannot fully observe one without the other. The true measure of loving God with all one's heart can only be realized when we love our neighbors as ourselves. Yet perhaps the last phrase of these two familiar scriptural directives holds the key to the sincerest of observance—"as ourselves."

True self love is not narcissistic. It is the realization that each one of us is truly God's beloved and therefore, prized by God. Our sense of self-worth is tied up in humbly knowing our value as a child of God, or as Sr. Joan Chittister so appropriately puts it, "It is the glowing calm that comes over us when we finally surrender to the ultimate truth of creation: that there is a God and we are not it."

God, has called each one of us by name in the same way God named His Son, Jesus, as he began public life, "This is my Beloved Son..." We, too, are God's beloved. This can be described as the place inside each one of us where we are believed in, affirmed, and challenged.

The challenge to say "yes" to our loving God and to those who enter our lives in the various categories of "neighbor," is not only an ever present reminder of how God values our contributions and gratitude, but the means for transforming our lives from mere coincidence to continuous providence and blessing.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Nov.	3	5:30 pm	Social justice
Sun.	Nov.	4	7:30 am	Vocations
			9:30 am	Patrick Cimprich (+)
			11:30 am	Anne Dinan (+)
Mon.	Nov.	5	8:00 am	Pregnant women
Tue.	Nov.	6	8:00 am	Frank Helfrich (living)
Wed.	Nov.	7	8:00 am	Pope's intentions
Thurs.	Nov.	8	8:00 am	Mary Presto (+) & Vergence Saylor (+)
Fri.	Nov.	9	8:00 am	For missionaries

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Nov.	3	4:30pm	Anne McIntyre (+)
Sun.	Nov.	4	9:30am	Christian unity

In your charity, please pray for...

Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Robert Roger, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, , Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION

**NO CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 11 (Veterans Day)**



A MISSION TRIP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL!!

Last year, Fr. Paul and Lucy took 8 kids to Hawaii to work, learn, and make friends.

**This year, we're headed to
Anchorage, Alaska!!**

June 24-28, 2019

We are limited to 10 kids currently in 6, 7 or 8th grades.

The cost is \$310 per person (not including airfare) and scholarships are available.

**For more details about the program, go to
www.just5days.org**

**To sign up, contact Lucy at
Isoltau@stdenisparish.org**

Space is limited!

A Mission Trip For High School!!

We're adding a mission trip for teens currently in 9-12 grades. And we're headed for Buffalo, NY!

July 21-26, 2019

We are limited to 5 teens only!

The cost is \$395 per person (not including airfare) and scholarships are available.

**For more details about the program, go to
www.youngneighbors.org**

**To sign up, contact Lucy at
Isoltau@stdenisparish.org**

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Vallombrosa Choir

The Vallombrosa Choir will have a concert in order to honor the Thanksgiving Season at the Vallombrosa Center, 250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park, on November 18 at 2:00pm. There is no admission fee, however donations are accepted.



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>

Parish Events Held at St. Denis Church

Sunday November 4th– Bake Sale after 9:30am & 11:30am masses

November 5th- Fr. Paul's First Communion Class at 3:30pm in library

November 13th– Senior Communion Service & Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon

November 21st– Thanksgiving Vigil mass at 6:00pm reception to follow

November 26th– Advent Retreat at 9am in the church followed by mass & lunch

**November 26th– Fr. Paul's First Communion Class at 3:30pm
in library**

November 26th– Knit & Pray 5:30pm in library



Annual Bake Sale For Saint Anthony's Dining Room

Our Annual Bake Sale will be held this Sunday, November 4th after the 9:30 & 11:30 masses. The money raised will be going to St. Anthony's kitchen. This wonderful organization in Redwood City feeds over 500 people a nutritious, hot lunch every day but Sunday. They also provide groceries to those in need.



Spiritual Book Group

Join us beginning on November 4th, for our discussions on Karen Armstrong's *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. Armstrong offers insights from her studies of the world's religions to support our efforts at living a compassion-centered life. We are meeting on Tuesday mornings, bi-weekly until Christmas, at a home in Menlo Park. Books are available at Kepler's and online. New participants are welcome at any time. Please call Tereza McNamee for further info. 650-323-6859.

Parish Events Held at Our Lady of Wayside Church

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

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts and refreshments

