

# 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 Catholic Charities**

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock*

*Psalm 100*



**May 12th, 4th Sunday of Easter**

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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,

To be filled with joy is a state of being that we do not have to wait for until we go to heaven. Being filled with joy can happen now while we live our lives on this earth. God desires that we be a joyful people. Joy is not fleeting like happiness. Joy is meant to reside in us always.

How do we become a joyful person? The answer is quite simple. Joy easily comes to us when we not only hear the Word of God, but also believe it and live it in our lives. The gentile people in today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles were filled with joy when they heard the Word of God proclaimed to them. In hearing and believing the Word of God, they were saved. To be saved by God through the risen Lord is indeed very Good News, joyful news.

We are not necessarily saved from hardships and difficulties in life. Rather, we are saved from sin and death which are far worse than anything. Sin ravages our heart and soul, and our sinful actions bring ruin to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Death is final. Believing that we are worth saving no matter what we may do and what others may do fills our hearts with joy.

God bless, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

### The Paschal Compromise

The lateness of the date of this year's Easter has disoriented me a bit. How can it be Mothers Day already when I just put the bunnies away in the attic?! How did the month of May arrive so quickly? In that light I thought I would give us all a review of how we get our Easter date each year. It turns out to be a compromise between two very opinionated groups...

Early in Christianity there was a group of people known as the Quartodecimans who wanted Easter to be celebrated every year on the precise day of Jesus' historical Passover, the 14th of Nissan, the first day of the full moon that followed the Spring Equinox. This would mean that Easter would be on a weekday most of the time. Another group insisted that since Scripture states that Jesus rose after the Sabbath, the first day of the week, Easter should always be on a Sunday.

When the Council of Nicaea was called by Emperor Constantine in 325, the topic of establishing a date for Easter was on the agenda. After some ecclesial debating, a compromise was reached: the decision came down that Easter was to be celebrated on the Sunday following the first full moon of the Spring Equinox. Everyone accepted this decree except Britain and Ireland because of their own Celtic calendar, but nearly 350 years later, they, too, went along. Since then Easter can be officially celebrated any date from as early as March 23 to as late as April 25.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat.	May 11	5:30 pm	William Mein (+)
Sun.	May 12	7:30 am	Mary Hagman (+)
		9:30 am	Frank Quinn Jr. (+)
		11:30 am	Jack Webb (+)
Mon.	May 13	8:00 am	George Koch (+)
Tue.	May 14	8:00 am	Christian unity
Wed.	May 15	8:00 am	For farmers
Thurs.	May 16	8:00 am	For students
Fri.	May 17	8:00 am	For special intentions

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	May 11	4:30 pm	All deceased mothers
Sun.	May 12	9:30 am	William Wagstaffe (+)

## In your charity, please pray for...

Judy Lucier, Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Anselmo Briones

## Faith Formation News

### END OF THE YEAR MASS AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please join us Sunday, May 19 at 9:30am in the GARDEN for an outdoor Mass, followed by a pancake breakfast in the parish hall. It's our way of saying thank you for a great school year and have a wonderful summer!



### CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Everyone is invited to join our young people and their families at the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, May 25 at 10:00am at St. Denis with Bishop Robert Christian. They have prepared for 2 years to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and all the gifts it brings! Please join us!

Tessa Plume	Carlo Espinosa
Kian Murray	Natalia Molano
Maya Hsu	Dominik von Briel
Grace Timons	Lindsey Travers
Roydon Ho	Catherine Byrne
Sidney Dougherty	Ria Cuellar-Koh



## Senior Lunch

Join fellow seniors for great food and conversation Tuesday, May 21st at noon in the St. Denis hall. We will start with a Communion service. Contact Dede at 650 854-5976, press 4, or email her at [dedewm@pacbell.net](mailto:dedewm@pacbell.net)



## Outreach: Home & Hope

Home and Hope will be hosted by St. Bede Episcopal Church from June 30 to July 7, 2019. Home and Hope provides shelter and meals for families in need. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, Please contact Victoria Blayney at [vblayney@gmail.com](mailto:vblayney@gmail.com) Once you have contacted her, she will email you an invitation to Sign-up Genius.



## 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 and okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at [dede@pacbell.net](mailto:dede@pacbell.net)

NOTE: Announcement 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 April, 2019	\$361,318.00
Monthly Goal- April 2019	\$36,000.00
April 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$28,859.00
2019 Annual Appeal Goal	\$110,000.00
2019 (Actual Annual Appeal to date)	\$112,735.00

## Donation Corner

### "Save Time and Donate Online!"

Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website [stdenisparish.org](http://stdenisparish.org), and follow the links. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call WeShare at 800 950-9952.



## Congratulations To Our Children!



## Upcoming Events

- May 18th** Wine and Cheese after 5:30pm mass at St. Denis
- May 19th** Outdoor Mass, May Crowning and Pancake Breakfast 9:30am at St. Denis
- May 21st** Senior Lunch with Communion Service noon at St Denis Hall
- May 25th** Confirmation 10am at St. Denis
- June 2nd** Wine & Cheese after 11:30am mass at St. Denis

