Saint Denis Parish

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: 5:30 pm (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

St. Denis Church
2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park, CA 94025
Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our Lady of the Wayside Church
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley, CA 94028

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Dear fellow members of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside,

‘St John Lateran’ is a church in Rome. It is the pope’s official ecclesiastical seat in Rome. The popes lived there until they moved to the Vatican Hill in the late middle ages. It was the first Christian church building. The ground for it was donated by the Emperor Constantine early in the 4th century. It was rebuilt four or five times. The Vandals wrecked it in the 5th century, an earthquake did the same in the 9th, two fires destroyed it at different times in the 14th, and there was little left of the original when the interior was redone in the 17th. A church, for that matter any church is a symbol of a believing community, just as a house is a symbol of the self or the soul. Our Church is a reflection of our community. The Church we go to is not just a building, it is a community. The people who first walked into St. John Lateran were elated to have their own building, but they knew that they already had their own Church. They had the courage to remain faithful to Christ throughout the persecution of the Romans. We who walk into St Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside today and every Sunday are elated to have this building, elated to call this God’s house, but we know that we or the community is the Church. Like our spiritual ancestors we pray for the courage to remain faithful to Christ. We are as strong as the people who first worshiped at St. John Lateran. We are the Church.

Yours sincerely,
Fr. Jose Shaji

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me. At this the Jews answered and said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

### Mass Intentions

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<td>Sat. 11/08</td>
<td>5:30pm Mary Margaret Koch+ (Margaret &amp; Gary Schumm)</td>
<td>4:30pm Fernando Amarante+ Emmanuel Vonderlinden</td>
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<td>Sun. 11/09</td>
<td>7:30am Irene Goodwin+ (Elaine Schack) 9:30am parents of Josephine Dorval 11:30am Ruth Bentley+ (Joe &amp; Mary Merkert)</td>
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<td>Mon. 11/10</td>
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<td>Tue. 11/11</td>
<td>8:00am Frank &amp; Mary Margaret+ Koch</td>
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<td>Wed. 11/12</td>
<td>8:00am Tom Kirkbride+ (Mary Ann Robbiano)</td>
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<td>Thu. 11/13</td>
<td>8:00am Rosario Bautista+ (Sherri Burke)</td>
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<td>Fri. 11/14</td>
<td>8:00am Carlos Sia+ (Sherri Burke)</td>
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In your charity, please pray for...


Please call the parish office if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home.
Religious Education

**Religious Ed News**

**THIS Sunday, Nov. 9th**

9:30am—Pre-K through 5th Grade
10:30-11:30am—6th/7th Grade
10:30am-11:30am—Big Kids’ Sacramental Prep

**Next Sunday (11/16)**

9:30am—Pre-K through 5th Grade
10:30-11:30am—6th/7th Grade
5:30pm-7:45pm—Year 2 Confirmation Class

**Upcoming Dates & Events**

11/23 (Sun) - Family Advent Workshop
12/6 (Sat) - Year 2 Confirmation Retreat
12/7 (Sun) - 1st Reconciliation Workshop
12/13 (Sat) - First Reconciliation (2nd Grade)

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**Family Advent Workshop!**

Join us for our Annual Family Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 23rd at 10:30am-11:30am!

Learn about a new Advent devotion, prep your project, and walk away with something you can do throughout the Season of Advent to bring you and your family closer together and closer to God.

This year we are learning about and making **The Manger Project**. This Advent practice is something good for any age member of the family.

**Save the date and join us November 23rd!**

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**Advent Art Contest!**

Calling all kids! Draw an Advent-themed picture and it could be on the Bulletin cover with your name!

Advent is around the corner (Sunday, November 30th). To celebrate, we want to invite your child, ages 3+, to submit their best Advent-Themed artwork (maximum 8.5 x 11 paper). The staff will select their favorites to be featured on the cover of our Parish Bulletin each Sunday of Advent.

Children can submit their artwork to the parish office up until Sunday, November 23rd. **Children can incorporate symbols of Advent (the wreath, candles, Jesse Tree), the Nativity Story (manger scene, angels, Wise Men), etc.** Contact Lindsey: lwest@stdenisparish.org.

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**Beyond Words**

*Make more sense out of Mass.*

Beyond Words is a weekly 3-minute video by Mark Hart, breaking open the context and meaning behind the Sunday readings. Watch it before Mass as a family and see how your and your kids’ experience of Mass and the Sunday readings is transformed. Two ways to access the videos:

- [http://www.faithandlifetv.com/channels/beyond-words/home](http://www.faithandlifetv.com/channels/beyond-words/home)
- [https://www.youtube.com/user/faithandlifetv/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/faithandlifetv/videos)
**Young Adult Ministry**

Holy Hour-Happy Hour (H4)
Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged to join us for a Holy Hour at Nativity parish (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on Thursdays from 8pm-9pm, followed by drinks at 9pm at the Dutch Goose (3567 Alameda De Las Pulgas, Menlo Park). If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com.

**Nativity parish**

**Holy Hour-Happy Hour**

**Dutch Goose**

**Family Service Workshop Success!**

Thank you to the many people who donated and to the numerous families and students who participated in our Family Service Workshop, making Blessing Bag Care Packages for parents with babies in the NICU at Lucile Packard. **We made 50 Blessing Bags and provided extra resources** to the Social Work team that supports families at Lucile Packard.

**Religious Education**

**Christmas Caroling Service Opportunity**

Once again LisaMarie Lombardi is organizing our Christmas Music for Seniors project. All musicians (any age, any instrument, any level of experience) are invited to join us on Sunday December 7 from 2pm to 5pm to bring music of the season to those in retirement homes. We will be going to Palm Villas and Woodside Terrace in Redwood City (a 3rd retirement home may be added). All venues do have a piano available.

We will have one practice session on Wednesday December 3 at 7:00pm at St. Denis Church, 2250 Avy Avenue, Menlo Park. The practice is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. LisaMarie will sign off on service hours for the practice session as well as the concert for those coming to the practice. All Christmas, Hanukkah, and Winter Seasonal music (e.g. Sleigh Ride) is welcome.

Please RSVP directly to LisaMarie Lombardi at lmlombardi1220@hotmail.com. Let her know which pieces you (or your child) would like to play, which instrument, and years of experience.
Saint of the Week: St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was born in Lombardi, Italy in 1850, one of thirteen children. At eighteen, she desired to become a Nun, but poor health stood in her way. She helped her parents until their death, and then worked on a farm with her brothers and sisters. One day a priest asked her to teach in a girls' school and she stayed for six years. At the request of her Bishop, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart to care for poor children in schools and hospitals. Then at the urging of Pope Leo XIII she came to the United States with six nuns in 1889 to work among the Italian immigrants. Filled with a deep trust in God and endowed with a wonderful administrative ability, this remarkable woman soon founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages in this strange land and saw them flourish in the aid of Italian immigrants and children. At the time of her death, at Chicago, Illinois on December 22, 1917, her institute numbered houses in England, France, Spain, the United States, and South America. In 1946, she became the first American citizen to be canonized when she was elevated to sainthood by Pope Pius XII. St. Frances is the patroness of immigrants.

Winter Clothing Drive

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of San Mateo County (SVdP) serves the forgotten, suffering or deprived in our midst. Annually, SVdP helps over 31,000 people - almost half of whom are children. November 2nd, 9th, and 16th at St. Denis, there will be a barrel in the Church available for donations of winter clothing for children such as coats or jackets, socks, hats, or gloves. Your donations will be gratefully received to help families and neighbors in need. Thank you in advance, and may God bless you for your generosity.

Second Collection

Next week’s Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Please give generously to the CCHD Collection.

Weekly Stewardship Report

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Thanksgiving Prayer Service
with the Vallombrosa Choir
Under the Musical Direction of Patrick Feehan

Please join us at the
Vallombrosa Center Chapel
250 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025

Sunday, November 16th, 2014 at 2:00 PM

Donations are gratefully accepted.
For directions, click here or visit: http://vallombrosa.org/direct2/

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Children’s Choir

Calling All Singers!!! There will be four rehearsals for Children’s Choir, Christmas Eve Mass. The rehearsals will each be on Sunday following the 9:30 am Mass, in the church. There will be a sign-up table outside of the church on November 16 and November 23. You can also sign-up by emailing Jeffery Abbott at jabbott@stdenisparish.org.

The rehearsal schedule is: November 30, December 7, 14 and 21.

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Christmas Tea

8th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Saturday, December 13, 1:00-3:00 pm
St. Denis Parish Center

Guest Speaker: Fr. Gladstone H. Stevens, S.S.

The Parish Tea Committee will sell tickets on Sunday November 2nd and November 16th after the 9:30 am Mass. Tickets can also be purchased ($25.00 per guest) in the parish office.

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Ministry Schedule

**St. Denis**

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<td>Danuta Eustice, Maria Decker</td>
<td>Jackie Tornes, Sandy Rock</td>
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<td>9:30am</td>
<td>Denis Monohan, Pat Mach</td>
<td>Ann O’Hearn, George Quiter III, Kathie Shaw, Jill Stanley*, Scott Stanley, Heather Scholl</td>
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<td>R. Drager</td>
<td>L. Lombardi, R. Lombardi, E. Parsons</td>
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**Our Lady of the Wayside**

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<td>DeStaebler, Schar</td>
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<td>Houilhan</td>
<td>Anderson, Healey, Alfano B.</td>
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