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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MassTimes

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

August 23, 2015 | 21st Sunday of 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
Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel passage immediately follows Jesus' misunderstood reference to eating and drinking his flesh and blood. Some of the disciples appear to be dismayed, even bordering on unbelief, by what Jesus said. It does not make sense to them at the present time to eat and drink the flesh and blood of Jesus. Jesus is the Incarnation, the Word of God made flesh and blood.

For the evangelist John, people will either believe or not believe Jesus. Those who believe choose to live in the light. Those who do not believe choose to live in darkness. People who continue to follow Jesus will be in a personal relationship with him. Those who do not lack faith. Jesus stresses the fact that belief or unbelief involves a decision which compels him to ask his disciples, "Do you also want to leave?" We are asked the same question as well. Before us is the Word of God made flesh and blood which we consume at mass. We eat and drink the very same Body and Blood of Christ as did the original disciples more than two thousand years ago. We have been granted to come to Jesus by the Father, our Father. How blessed we are.

**Pastor's Corner**

**Gospel Reading**

**John 6:51-58**

Many of Jesus’ disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?” Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, “Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.”

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”

**Mass Intentions**

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

### Senior Upcoming Event

Connie Vincent, a member of St. Denis and author of Not Going Gently, offers a fresh look at Alzheimer’s and dementia from both personal and professional vantage points—and provides a plan for prevention. We have invited Connie to share her expertise and experience with us on Sunday, September 27, at 12:30 pm. We will begin with lunch followed by her talk. We will have signups for this parish event during the month of September but mark your calendar now. For more information contact Dede Waters-Maters, dedewm@pacbell.net.

### Attention Seniors: Senior Luncheon

Senior Luncheon will be Tuesday, September 8th at 12:00 pm. We will begin with a Communion service and continue with a leisurely lunch. All seniors and caregivers are invited! Please R.S.V.P. by calling the Parish Office 650 854-5976.

### Certificates and Pictures

While cleaning up the office, we found a box full of First Communion and Confirmation certificates and photographs, and some lovely handmade First Communion banners. They are from the last couple of years. You can look through them on the table in the back of the church.

### Bioethics Working Group

Our Archdiocesan Bioethics Working Group composed of local physicians and nurses, theologians and philosophers—is interested in hearing about your recent experiences, and responding to your questions and ethical concerns, on issues related to death and dying. Please contact us through the Archdiocesan Respect Life Program by calling 415-614-5533 or emailing evanesfarchdiocese.org or writing to Respect Life Program, Archdiocese of San Francisco, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109.

### Spiritual Book Group

What do St. Augustine, Dwight Eisenhower, Dorothy Day, and Gen. George Marshall have in common? Come join our discussions and find out! We're reading David Brooks' new bestseller “The Road to Character”. Meetings are Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am. We read one chapter per week so homework is easy. Call Tereza McNamee (650) 323-6859 for further info and for our meeting location.

### Fresh and Local Produce

Come to the front of the Church after the 9:30am Mass on the 3rd Sundays of the month and pick up some fresh vegetables grown organically and locally! The St. Francis of Assisi Guild NanoFarms USA will be regularly selling produce after Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:30-11:30am. Expect to see throughout the summer lettuce, cilantro, kale, broccoli, strawberries, carrots, tomatoes, peas, onions, and more. All produce is grown on the property of St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park, and all funds go towards the St. Francis of Assisi Guild of NanoFarms USA, an worker-owned cooperative dedicated to fighting unemployment in East Palo Alto.

### Holy Hour/Happy Hour

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are encouraged join us for a Holy Hour at Nativity parish (210 Oak Grove, Menlo Park) on Tuesdays from 8pm-9pm, followed by drinks at a local pub. If you have any questions, please e-mail holyhourhappyhour@gmail.com or visit our website, holyhourhappyhour.wordpress.com.

### Stewardship Report

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Enjoy Fresh Produce from Signona’s Market and Help St. Anthony’s

Love the produce at Sigona’s Market? You can enjoy their fresh fruits/vegetables and at the same time help Saint Anthony’s with their commitment to making sure everyone gets at least one healthy meal a day. When checking out at Sigona’s, all you have to do is tell them you’d like to make a cash donation to Saint Anthony’s Vegetable Account.

As always your support is appreciated.

Permission slip and information can be found at www.stdenisparish.org/worldyouthday2016. Please have registration form and deposit submitted as soon as possible.

Religious Education Registration has begun!

The Registration form has been revised and is now available on the parish website at www.stdenisparish.org.

New this year: You can now pay your registration fees using the same Parish Pay account that you use for your weekly donations! Also, please register your high school teens FREE! Then, When we have events or activities for that age group, we can get in touch with them directly!

Fees: $125 for first child, $75 for each additional child, $75 for each Sacramental Program.

Schedule: PreK through 5th grade meets at 9:30 Sundays, 6-7th grade meets at 10:30am Sundays, and 8th grade (Confirmation) meets at 5:30pm Sundays

Catechetical Sunday is September 20, Which we will celebrate with the annual outdoor mass and BBQ, and commissioning our catechists and aides. All classes will begin September 27!

Contact Lucy Soltau for more information: 650-854-1081 or lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Pardon the Dust!!!

We are currently undergoing refurbishments to the Parish Office. We ask for your patience and understanding while we try to make our office more inviting to our parishioners and guests. We expect these refurbishments to be finished in the next couple of weeks. Kindly leave a message. We will get back to you as soon as we