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

October 22nd/23rd Second Collection for World Mission Propagation of the Faith.

October 16th, 2016 29th 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
Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Praying is an act of faith. Jesus urges us to pray always. Sometimes, though, we get discouraged when we pray and pray for a particular intention and nothing happens. We think that God did not hear our prayer or feel that he has abandoned us in our time of need. God always hears our prayer. I have come to realize that his time is not our time. His way is not our way. God our Father knows what is best for us in the long run. Good things do come to those who wait with faith in God.

For numerous years, I often prayed to be a pastor. I even mentioned this to a previous Archbishop face to face. Whenever a pastorate position would open up at a particular parish, I would apply thinking that I would be good there. For some reason, it did not happen for me. It was not God’s will. It was not my time. Despite my disappointment, I continued to pray nevertheless. Even though it was undoubtedly hard, I persevered in prayer.

Then one day out of the blue, I received the best phone call I could have ever received from the Archdiocese. I was told that Archbishop Cordileone appointed me as your pastor. I was pleasantly surprised and truly overjoyed on hearing the good news. I always thought that your church was beyond me. God, indeed, works in mysterious ways. I have never been happier as a priest than I am now as your pastor. Hopefully, I am a blessing to you rather than a cross. If I am a cross, know that I do not weigh very much. It took me a very, very long time to be where I am now. Being your pastor was worth the wait.

As disciples of Jesus, we are challenged to never give up praying even if things do not go our way. Good things come to those who patiently and persistently pray, but pray for God’s will. May we never grow tired of praying then. May we always have faith and trust in God’s will for us. Our Father knows what is best for us. Accept all things with faith and trust in God.  Fr. Paul

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The Sacrament of Unity

When the Eucharist is distributed, the familiar words, “The Body of Christ,” “The Blood of Christ,” are the ways the consecrated bread and wine are presented to the communicant. St. Augustine, in asking the question, “What is meant by one bread?” looks to the words of St. Paul as a means of explaining the answer to his question. “We, being many, are one body.” For Paul, the bread is the Body of Christ, the Church. As Augustine elaborates, “That which you receive, you are--by the grace of the redemption.” We are acknowledging this when we say, “Amen” What we affirm in our “Amen” is thus the presence of Christ in the Sacrament, in the communicant, and in the whole community. This is why St. Augustine says, “What you witness here is the Sacrament of Unity.” When we ponder this mystery, we realize we are given the holy opportunity to become “bread” for one another.

Dede

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Mass Intentions

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In your charity, please pray for...

### Religious Education

**RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!**

Our complete calendar and registration are now available on our parish website! Register all your school aged children anytime. Fees can be paid using ParishPay by choosing Religious Ed. Fees.

PreK thru 4th grades Sundays at 9:30am (join the Mass about 10:00am)

5th/6th grades Sundays at 10:30-11:30am

7th/8th grades Selected Sundays at 5:30pm (includes Mass, dinner, class)

Check the parish website at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org) for more details

Or contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

### Confirmation Classes

**CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

Our next Confirmation class (7th and 8th graders) will be Sunday, October 23. Meet us at 5:30pm in the Chapel for Mass, then dinner and class til 8:00pm.

Remember to bring your *JOURNALS!*

Contact Lucy for more information at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

### St. Vincent de Paul/Outreach Grp.

The St. Vincent de Paul and Outreach Groups are teaming up and offering volunteer opportunities for individuals and families. Volunteer sheets will be distributed to all parishioners this month. Please return them by dropping them off at the back of the church or taking/sending them back to the Parish Office.

### Upcoming Events

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<td>St Denis/OLW Family Italian Dinner 6:30pm St. Denis Parish Hall</td>
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<td>October 16th</td>
<td>New Lector Training 10:30am Denis Church</td>
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<td>November 21st</td>
<td>Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon 12 noon</td>
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<td>November 23rd</td>
<td>St. Denis/OLW Thanksgiving Mass &amp; Potluck Finger Food Meal to follow in St. Denis Parish Hall</td>
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<td>November 27th</td>
<td>Wine and Cheese after 11:30 am mass</td>
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### Friendly Reminders

**Bulletin and Announcements**

This is a busy time of year with a lot going on so here are a couple of friendly reminders:

- 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 the Masses. Contact her at dededewm@pacbell.net.

### Stewardship

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YOUTH RALLY!

We had 11 Confirmation candidates come to the Youth Rally last Saturday!

They heard many speakers, including Bryan Stow and Tony Melendez.

By the end of the day, they were tired but happy!

Thank you Mark Leake for coming to help guide them through the day.

We will definitely be going again next fall.

From the left: Lucy Soltan, Alec Rodriguez-Stangle, Michaela Llewelyn, Maxine Tamas, Isabella Leake and Annamarie Van Buiten. Not pictured: Daniel Longo, Peter Koenig, Gavin Plume, Patrick Timons, Ryan Ho, Xander Harrison and Mark Leake (taking the picture!)