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

June 4th, 2017   Pentecost Sunday
Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

On this Pentecost Sunday, it would be appropriate to wish all of you a very Happy Birthday. The Solemnity of Pentecost is considered the birth of the Church. The Church was born into the world by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit that conceived Jesus in Mary's womb conceives the Church by coming upon the disciples of Jesus as tongues of fire. What a powerful image that is, indeed.

Fire is unique. Fire consumes everything it touches. It transforms everything into something completely different. A thing, a person is changed forever on an ontological level.

Filled and on fire with the Holy Spirit, the disciples are no longer disciples. They become Apostles, one who is charged and commissioned by Jesus himself to go forth into the whole world to preach the Good News. Whenever the Word of God is proclaimed, it is as if the Church, the faith is born once again.

We too have received the power and presence of the Holy Spirit when we were Confirmed. We do not necessarily have to be missionaries to preach the Good News. Simply being living witnesses of Jesus Christ is how we can give birth to His love, peace, mercy and forgiveness. From our hearts these are born. This is how we can bring Jesus into the world, into the lives of those we encounter on a daily basis. It is in us to do this because we have been changed for the better by the fire and presence of the Holy Spirit. Go forth, then, into the world and make a difference.

God bless, Fr. Paul

What We Believe

THE CHURCH IS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

About 10 years ago, I had the opportunity to go to The Vatican with a group of parishioners and our pastor. In St. Peter's Basilica, there are many smaller side altars where groups can celebrate Mass. Our group celebrated at the altar in which the body of St. John XXIII is laid to rest, behind a glass panel.

Father thought it would be a great idea to have me offer the reflection during the Mass. I was so nervous! I wanted to say something so profound, memorable and challenging. But I was a little intimidated by my surroundings, including the security guards who stood in the back listening to every word I said!

St. John XXIII, of course, opened the Second Vatican Council. So I thought I would reflect on one of the main ideas that came out of the Council. The one idea that was repeated over and over was that the Church is the People of God. We are the Church. All of us! From the Pope to the youngest child, we are the Church.

On this feast of Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, we are asked once again to BE the Church. We are asked to take on the mission Jesus gave to his first disciples: to spread the Good News that God loves us and forgives us, to the ends of the earth, or at least spread it in the world around us, at work or school or at home, or anywhere else we happen to be. And of course, we have all the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help us do just that. The gifts of courage, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, right judgement, reverence and awe and wonder are ours to use every day.

Come Holy Spirit!

Lucy

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In your charity, please pray for...

**Stewardship**

**July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)**  
$450,000.00  

**July 1, 2016 to April 30th, 2017**  
$375,493.64  

**Monthly Goal– April 2017**  
$36,000.00  

**April 2017 Sunday Offertory Collections**  
$33,502.33  

**Easter Collections**  
$30,455.00  

Annual Appeal 2017  
$103,649.00  

(Actual Amount Needed $100,000.00)

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**Faith Formation**

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

Our schedule for next school year and registration form are available NOW on the parish website! Please check it out at [www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

Most of our wonderful catechists will be returning next fall, but we are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to share your faith with the children, please contact Lucy Soltau at [lsoltau@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lsoltau@stdenisparish.org) anytime, or find me at the donuts any Sunday!

We will be offering the Liturgy of the Word for Children during the 9:30am Mass at St. Denis on most Sundays this summer. All children are welcome and invited to participate!

Have a summer full of adventures, peace and joy! We’ll see you on September 17 for our opening Mass. Classes begin again September 24.

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**Jesuit Retreat Center Of Los Altos**

The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, 300 Manresa Way, Los Altos has a variety of retreats and events. Visit the website [www.jrclosaltos.org](http://www.jrclosaltos.org) to see the full schedule and complete details and to learn more about this beautiful retreat center in the hills of Los Altos. Private retreats for individuals and groups are also available.

- **30-day Retreat on Spiritual Exercises**  
  Presenter: Pastoral Staff  
  June 14 – July 18

- **8-day Silent Retreat #1**  
  Presenter: Pastoral Staff  
  June 16 – June 24

- **8-day Silent Retreat #2**  
  Presenter: Pastoral Staff  
  June 26 – July 4

**Senior Lunch**

Join fellow seniors on Tuesday June 13th, at noon in the St. Denis parish hall. We will start with Communion service. All seniors and caregivers welcome. Call Dede at 650 854-5976, press 4.

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**Donut Help**

To sign up to help with donut service, please go to [www.stdenparish.org](http://www.stdenparish.org) and click on “Donut Help Needed!”

Any questions? Contact Maritza at 650 291-0657.

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**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 the masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin Cycle due to space limitations. Thank You.

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**Friendly Reminders**

Join fellow seniors on Tuesday June 13th, at noon in the St. Denis parish hall. We will start with Communion service. All seniors and caregivers welcome. Call Dede at 650 854-5976, press 4.
Farewell Reception For Organist Ethan Williams

Join us for a Farewell Reception for Ethan Williams, OLW's Musical Director for the past 2.5 years on June 11 after the 9:30 Mass. Ethan graduates from Stanford with dual degrees in Music and Geophysics. He will continue his studies at Caltech pursuing a PhD in Geophysics.

Buon Appetito!

To witness our guests really enjoying themselves at the Parish Italian Dinner on May 20 was truly a blessing for the servers and the cook! To have collected $1,436.00 for our 5 community charities in the process is a blessing for those in need. Thank you for your generosity and participation in this event!