

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

WEARING A
CROSS WILL NOT
MAKE YOU A
DISCIPLE.

CARRYING YOUR
CROSS DOES!

September 3, 2017 22st Sunday in 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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

Drunkenness, debauchery and gluttony are vices of human nature, of the human body. It seems as though members of the Church in Rome were giving into the pleasures of the flesh. They were Christians in name, but not in practice. When we do not have Christ in our life, there is a void in our being. We tend to fill that void with junk that is not good for us, and that can do us harm. Without Christ in our life, we can develop bad and harmful habits.

All that we have in life that is ours and no one else's is our own human body. We are made by God. He gave us a soul and a body. They are God's gift to us. Both are good therefore. As Catholics, we believe that body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. We have a responsibility then to take good care of our body and soul. What God desires the most from us is that we offer our body and soul to him. This is the greatest sacrifice we could offer to him for he gave that to us.

During the ordination ceremony of a priest, he is required to prostrate himself before God. He lies face down before the altar for several minutes as a sign of complete and absolute surrendering of oneself, body and soul, to God. All of us are called to do the same since we are in a sense to be a priestly and holy people of God.

God bless, Fr. Paul

Retreats and Speakers

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER: Fr. Greg Boyle

Saturday, September 23, 6:00pm St. Ignatius Parish, Fromm Hall
The St. Ignatius Speaker Series welcomes Fr. Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, speaking on the power of radical kinship. For tickets to the dinner and talk, contact Franca Gargiulo (415)564-2600
stignatiussf.org/event/jesuit-connections

THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER OF LOS ALTOS

300 Manresa Way, Los Altos
jrclosaltos.org/retreats

The Jesuit Retreat Center, El Retiro, has a variety of retreats and events. Visit the website above 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.

Art is Prayer Made Visible

Presenter: Ms. Katie Wolf
A mixed non-silent retreat
Sunday, September 10, 9:30am to 4:00pm

The Response of Love and Faith

Presenter: Fr. Kevin Leidich, SJ
Silent retreat for women and men
September 15-17

Workshop: Encountering God in Prayer

Presenter: Fr. Chi Ngo, SJ and Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, SJ
Workshop for women and men
September 29-October 1

Rediscovering the Parables of Jesus

Presenter: Ron Hansen, PhD
Non-silent retreat for women and men
September 29-October 1

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

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| Sat. Sept. 2 | 5:30 pm | Elena Garlisi |
| Sun. Sept. 3 | 7:30 am | In gratitude |
| | 9:30 am | Special intentions |
| | 11:30 am | Ellen O'Neill Prenger (+) |
| Mon. Sept. 4 | 8:00 am | Barry Rosen (+) |
| Tues. Sept. 5 | 8:00 am | flood victims |
| Wed. Sept. 6 | 8:00 am | health of the earth |
| Thurs. Sept. 7 | 8:00 am | protection from natural disasters |
| Fri. Sept. 8 | 8:00 am | Irene Goodwin (+) |

Our Lady Of The Wayside

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| Sat. Sept. 2 | 4:30pm | Special intentions |
| Sun. Sept. 3 | 9:30am | Special intentions |

In your charity, please pray for...

Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, George Knapp, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

We have classes and programs for children age 4 through 8th grade, including Sacrament preparation, and even some events and projects for high school students! Our elementary grades meet Sunday mornings and our Confirmation group meets on Sunday evenings. Our [schedule for next school year and registration form](#) are available NOW on the parish website!

Please check it out at www.stdenisparish.org

We'll see you all on September 17 at 9:30am for our opening Mass and breakfast!

ALL classes begin again September 24.



CATECHISTS NEEDED!!

Our 4th grade catechist has had to resign from teaching this year due to scheduling conflicts.

Thank you, Erika Lee, for your past two years of service!

This leaves us without a catechist for the 4th grade.

If you are feeling called to this lively ministry, especially if you have a child in the 4th grade,

Please contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org as soon as possible!

CONFIRMATION: We'll have a special parent/teen information meeting for our Confirmation

program on Sunday, September 10 at 5:30pm. We'll begin with Mass, then dinner, then the meeting.

All 7th and 8th graders and their parents are invited to join us!

All 8th graders interested in Confirmation should contact Lucy to schedule your interview before that!



GOOD NEWS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES!

Beginning in September, parishes in our area will be coordinating a new religious education program for those on the Autism Spectrum and other special needs, focusing on preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and enabling greater participation in the Mass. They can accommodate various physical, speech and sensory needs. St. Charles Parish in San Carlos will be hosting. If you know someone who would benefit from a program like this, please contact Ana Uribe-Ruiz at acuriberuiz@hotmail.com or Monica Miller at mmiller@stcharlesparish.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Hurricane Relief

Next weekend, September 9-10, there will be a **SECOND COLLECTION** to support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of **Catholic Charities USA** and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted dioceses in the areas affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The numbers of people affected by the flood waters are staggering, and they will need our help for months to come.

Please be as generous as you can.

Thank you!

Mass Rides

If you are in need of a ride to Mass, or if you can provide a ride to a fellow parishioner, please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657 or talk to any Outreach Committee member.



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 the masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

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



Stewardship

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| July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal) | \$459,000.00 |
| July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017 | \$35,896.00 |
| Monthly Goal– July 2017 | \$45,000.00 |

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Look For Further Info In Future Weeks.

Unheated

Last Thursday morning, I sleepily attended a 6:30am prayer service at St. Charles Church and proceeded to St. Denis in hopes of getting an early start at work. In an attempt to save time, I decided to stop at Starbucks on the way and pick up one of those 230 calories breakfast sandwiches that I could heat up myself later at work. That, along with the office coffee, would sustain me until the afternoon. I hoped to attend a Scripture Study later that morning at 10am in Belmont and I figured I had just the right amount of time to write the Prayers of the Faithful for the weekend, and deal with whatever was on my desk, and be on my way, so when I ordered my sandwich I said, “Please, just give it to me *unheated*.”

At 7:15am it was surprising to see so many folks lined up, especially harried moms and kids, obviously adjusting to the new school year, sprinkled in with the usual mix of pre-occupied working people, side-tracked joggers, and the complacently relaxed early-morning-riser retirees who seem to relish watching the hustle and bustle that goes on about them. Assuming I could quickly get my order immediately at the cash register was an obvious morning-fog miscalculation and I was directed to the long pick-up line like everyone else. After waiting several minutes, I asked one of the busy baristas about my order. At that early hour, craving my morning shot of caffeine, admittedly I was cranky and a little miffed. When I got to my car, immersed in the “ME” syndrome, the irony and humor of the situation flooded my thoughts. Here I as “sandwiching” in my responsibilities between two hopefully self-improving prayer sessions, and I was more than a little annoyed about a sandwich order!

The responsorial response for this weekend is the familiar “My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God” and last Thursday morning I was reminded that thirst for God should take precedence over my thirst for coffee or a quick breakfast sandwich! How many times do I remember that in the day’s journey? Usually when I hear today’s Gospel message, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself (or herself!)....” I tend to think of the bigger challenges of life. But in retrospect, it is the little life moments that can teach us so much about really waking up and living our faith with kindness, understanding, patience and especially a sincere smile , even at 7:15am.

Dede Waters-Masters

Upcoming Events

September 2nd Wine & Cheese after 5:30pm mass

September 3rd Wine & Cheese after 11:30am mass

September 5th Senior Luncheon with Communion Service at noon

**September 10th Confirmation Parent & Student Mass,
dinner, and meeting at 5:30pm**

**September 17th Outdoor mass & pancake breakfast
St. Denis Church 9:30am**

September 24th All Religious Ed Classes Begin!

