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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

2nd Collection today for Catholic Home Missions.

2nd Collection next week 5th Sunday for local charities.

April 22nd, 2018  4th Sunday of Easter

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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 Beloved Parishioners,

As human beings, we have a desire to belong, to be part of something bigger than ourselves. It makes us feel needed. We are uniquely made not to be alone in life. It is unhealthy to be alone and isolated from others. Those who are thrown into the isolation ward in prison eventually go crazy.

God made us in such a way that we thrive in a communal environment. Even though by nature I am an introvert, being with people brings out the best in me. As people of faith, we not only belong to the Body of Christ, but also to God’s family as his beloved children. This means that each and every one of us matters and each and every one of us is important. We are all loved unconditionally by God. The suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus made this happen. Because of Jesus, we belong to God.

Whenever we start feeling sorry for ourselves, remember that the good Lord is always with us and watches over us as the Good Shepherd. He leads, guides and protects us every day of our lives. May we always keep our eyes fixed on him so that we may know without a doubt that we are part of his flock.

God bless,

Fr. Paul

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### Mass Intentions

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The Good Sheep

Everyone focuses on the Shepherd in today’s Gospel.
What does the shepherd do?
How does he feel about his sheep?
How wonderful is his care for us?

But what is a shepherd without his sheep?

The sheep in the parable hear the voice of the shepherd and follow him. They don’t get fooled into following someone else.
They are wise and experienced enough to know who they should follow. They stick together.
They don’t want to be the one that got lost.
They know there is safety in numbers.

So often we hear how dumb the sheep are, and that’s why they need a shepherd. But the truth is that the sheep are wise enough to know what to do, with some guidance.

We are the sheep. Jesus is our shepherd.
We know who to follow.
We know his voice.
We don’t want to be lost.
We need our community, safety in numbers.
We are not dumb!

We just need some guidance once in a while!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

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In your charity, please pray for...

Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Sandy Rock, Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, 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.
**Stewardship**

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**ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE**

New to online Egiving? Follow the link in our parish website to create a new account. If you gave online through ParishPay, the work of transferring your account to WeShare is done. Go to the parish website and click on the WeShare online giving link. Follow the instructions to verify your existing account.

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**STANFORD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT: WHAT IS GOD LIKE?**

Researchers in the Social Concepts Lab will be here to interview our religious ed students about their perceptions about God: What’s God like? What does God look like? What do you believe about God? They will conduct their research during class time TODAY Sunday, April 22 with the teachers’ supervision. Parents can opt out of participating by keeping their children out of class that day, or can stay in the class to observe! For more details, please contact Lucy at lsoitau@stdenisparish.org

**CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION**

Congratulations to these young people who were confirmed in the Catholic faith this weekend by William Cardinal Levada.

May the gifts of the Holy Spirit take root in them, help them, and guide them now and always!


**CELEBRATING FIRST EUCHARIST**

Please join us for any or all of our First Communion celebrations happening over the next two weekends! Check the UPCOMING EVENTS section for times and locations.

**CRS RICE BOWL**

You may bring your filled Rice Bowls to church anytime during the Easter season. Just put them in the collection basket or in the box in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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**Upcoming Events**

- **April 23rd**- Knit & Pray at 5:30pm in the St. Denis Library
- **April 28**- First Communion rehearsal (ALL Groups) at 10:00am at St. Denis Church
- **April 28**- First Communion celebration for group A at 5:30pm Mass at St. Denis
- **April 29**—First Communion celebration for group B at 9:30am Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside
- **May 5th**—First Communion celebration for group C at 10:30am at St. Denis
- **May 6th**—First Communion celebration for group D at 9:30am Mass at St. Denis

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**St. Francis Center Tour**

The St. Francis Center in Redwood City is hosting a tour on Saturday May 5, at 10:30am. Sr. Christina Hetsley will host. Refreshments will be served in the Youth Center.

For those who want to make a difference enabling those in need in our local community, this is a good place to start!

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**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 & okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at dedem@pacbell.net

**NOTE:** Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations. Thank You!
Our recent Lenten service project was a success. Home and Hope provides shelter, meals, and services for homeless families in partnership with local faith communities. On March 21, 2018 St. Denis parishioners provided and served dinner to families sheltering at Transfiguration Episcopal Church in San Mateo. Our Parish also gave a donation of $500 to Home and Hope. We will continue to support this wonderful program in partnership with other faith communities in the area. Everyone is welcome to help. We will give you advanced notice as future opportunities arise.