

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

**November 18th, there will be a
Second Collection for Campaign
for Human Development**

...she has contributed all she had...



November 11th, 2018 32nd 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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

As Catholics, we have a saying, "The Lord provides." To say it is one thing, but to actually believe it is another thing. It truly takes faith to believe that the Lord will provide for us. When we go through difficult times, it is hard to have faith. We may feel helpless, powerless and not sure what to do. In the end, all we can do is to have faith.

When my adopted father died unexpectedly from a brain aneurysm, we were forced to move out of my parent's home. I somewhat remember my mom telling me that the bank made an error with the paperwork. Someone forgot to check the box for insurance coverage or something like that. Without a husband, without a home and with two young children my mom had to find a place to live.

Fortunately, my parents' long time friends had a second home on Puget Sound in Washington state. I vividly remember that home as a wee lad. We were able to stay there until my mom got on her feet. Through friends the good Lord provided for us. It is through people that the Lord provides for us. Through you and me, if we are willing, the Lord provides. It takes a caring, giving and loving heart. Thank goodness you and I have one. Through you and me, people can be provided for.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Today's Gospel reading emphasizes the radical reformer who Jesus is. He actively undercuts closed systems of domination. Richard Rohr offers an interesting suggestion in his book, Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality. ". . .just go to the four Gospels and make a two column list. In one, list those who fight Jesus every step of the way. Almost always they are the people in the inner courts of the temple. In the other column list those who consistently respond to Jesus." When Jesus says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God,"(Mt 5:3)he is referring to the marginalized in his society, those who take his message to heart.

In our reading for today, Jesus contrasts the scribes' ostentation with a simple unnamed woman who entrusts her survival to God .The widow in Mark's Gospel belongs to the poorest class, dependent on charity, and unable to work for herself or her children's keep. So, in offering her two coins, she is passing on the charity she has received. It is the purity of her selflessness and the humbleness of her actions that earns Jesus' approval.

Living in the current atmosphere, the women I know aren't too keen on emphasizing the qualities of self-sacrifice and humility because historically, in many cases, it has come at the price of inequality, giving fuel to the patriarchal claim that women are weak. Jesus' critique of those seemingly in power turns those assumptions upside down. The conviction of the widow's actions witnesses her strength of faith and her inner power to act graciously, without earthly reward.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Nov.	10	5:30 pm	Mike Muller (+)
Sun.	Nov.	11	7:30 am	For widows/widowers
			9:30 am	Rosa Sharif (living)
			11:30 am	For orphans
Mon.	Nov.	12	8:00 am	For Veterans
Tue.	Nov.	13	8:00 am	Rosario Bautista (+)
Wed.	Nov.	14	8:00 am	For an end to war
Thurs.	Nov.	15	8:00 am	For refugees
Fri.	Nov.	16	8:00 am	For those in fear

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Nov.	10	4:30pm	Anne McIntyre (+)
Sun.	Nov.	11	9:30am	For Veterans

In your charity, please pray for...

Maria da Ponte, Sarah Lucas, Robert Roger, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, , Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janice Varell, Peter Fulchiron

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION

NO CLASSES TODAY

NOVEMBER 11 (Veterans Day)



FAMILY GATHERING: ADVENT

Sunday, December 2 at 10:30am

Hands-on activities for the whole family to discover and celebrate the Advent season at home. Everyone is welcome!



A MISSION TRIP FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL!!

Last year, Fr. Paul and Lucy took 8 kids to Hawaii to work, learn, and make friends.

This year, we're headed to Anchorage, Alaska!!

June 24-28, 2019

We are limited to 10 kids currently in 6, 7 or 8th grades.

The cost is \$310 per person (not including airfare) and scholarships are available.

For more details about the program, go to

www.just5days.org

To sign up, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Space is limited!

A Mission Trip For High School!!



We're adding a mission trip for teens currently in 9-12 grades.

And we're headed for Buffalo, NY!

July 21-26, 2019

We are limited to 5 teens only!

The cost is \$395 per person (not including airfare) and scholarships are available.

For more details about the program, go to

www.youngneighbors.org

To sign up, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Space is limited!

Annual St. Anthony's Bake Sale

SO MANY THANK YOUS! Because of the wonderful St. Denis community of bakers and buyers, we will be taking a check to St. Anthony's of just over \$1,600.00. Of that total, \$447.00 was for the goodies baked by the kids the night before. Thank you Ani, Brooke, Carlo, Chiara, Jack, Malia, Roydon, Tessa, and Kian for making the Kids Bake Night a success! A big "shout out" to the parents who pitched in and helped in numerous ways. The generosity of our parishioners is truly incredible. We can all count ourselves very fortunate to be part of this community!

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!



Stewardship

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal)	\$468,000.00
July 1, 2018 to October, 2018	\$144,024.00
Monthly Goal- October 2018	\$36,000.00
October 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$37,150.00

Donation Corner

ONLINE GIVING WITH WESHARE

Whether you are new to online giving, or would like to make an update to your existing donations, follow the link below to give.

<https://stdenisparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>

<https://olwparish.churchgiving.com/ws/opportunities>

Parish Events Held at St. Denis Church

November 13th– Senior Communion Service & Thanksgiving Luncheon at noon

November 21st– Thanksgiving Vigil mass at 6:00pm reception to follow

November 26th– Advent Retreat at 9am in the church followed by mass & lunch

November 26th– Fr. Paul's First Communion Class at 3:30PM in library

November 26th– Knit & Pray 5:30pm in library

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts and refreshments



12th Annual Parish Christmas Tea

Please join us for "Christmas Joy!" The 12th Annual Parish Christmas Tea will be held on December 8th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm, in the St. Denis Parish Hall. Deacon Tom Kelly will be our speaker, and Brian Lorentz will be our musician. Please complete the reservation form (found at the rear of both churches) which will tell us with whom you wish to be seated and \$25 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased after the 9:30am mass from Tea Committee members, who will be visible, in the Parish office, or by calling Rosie McCormick, 415-519-9642.



Spiritual Book Group

Join us for our discussions on Karen Armstrong's *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*. Armstrong offers insights from her studies of the world's religions to support our efforts at living a compassion-centered life. We are meeting on Tuesday mornings, bi-weekly until Christmas, at a home in Menlo Park. Books are available at Kepler's and online. New participants are welcome at any time. Please call Tereza McNamee for further info 650 323-6859.

Parish Events Held at Our Lady of Wayside Church

Sunday November 11th– Veteran's Day Brunch after 9:30am mass

Every Sunday after 9:30am mass donuts and refreshments

