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

January 6, 2019 The Epiphany of the Lord

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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,

On this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we recall the three gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, that the magi presented to the newborn infant Jesus. These three gifts reveal something significant about the child Jesus.

Gold symbolizes that Jesus is a king. In light of faith, Jesus is the King of Kings. He came to usher in a new kingdom, the kingdom of God. Jesus will rule not with worldly power and authority. As the servant of God, Jesus will serve the least of our society: the blind, the lame, the poor and homeless, the sick and sinners. Jesus will instill in us the greatest commandment: love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Love transforms the world.

Frankincense reveals that Jesus is the High Priest who will offer the greatest oblation. He will offer the sacrifice of himself on the altar of the cross. Jesus will die so that we may live. His death will conquer sin and death once and for all.

Myrrh will be used for his burial. Jesus’ death will remind us that although he is God he is also human. He will experience and share in our own finite existence.

Already we know who the Christ child is, and what will become of him. For now we marvel at the face of Jesus and gaze into his eyes. God’s promise is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. Let us simply take it all in, and cherish the time of being in the presence of Emmanuel, God with us, in the birth of an innocent child.

God bless, Fr. Paul

Epiphany means to have a new awareness of something. It’s like that “Ah-hah!” moment, or the lightbulb going on in your head!

In the Church, Epiphany refers to the Magi searching for the newborn King of the Jews, Jesus. They may have had an idea of who they were searching for, but when they found him, the reality of who they found was a new awareness that Jesus was not only the King of the Jews, but the promised Messiah and Savior of us all. The Magi represent all people who seek the truth.

But the Magi’s story also includes a difficult journey, dealing with leaders who have ulterior motives for helping them, and fear for the safety of the family they find.

These are very familiar issues for us today. And I am sure it is not an accident that this is also National Migration Week! We are ask to think about and help those families fleeing violence and poverty. Migration, for whatever reason, is a universal human right that needs to be protected.

We are called to remember that the Holy Family were refugees once, and that wise people searched for them and protected them.

Happy New Year! Lucy

#### Mass Intentions

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**In your charity, please pray for...**

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

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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

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME!
Welcome back and Happy New Year!
All grades PreK thru 6 resume today!

FR. PAUL’S FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES
Fr. Paul will be offering optional classes for those children preparing to celebrate First Communion in the spring. Classes will be on Mondays at 3:30pm in the parish library.
His NEXT class is Monday, January 14

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Saturday, January 26 at 10:00am til 4:30pm at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.
One of the requirements for celebrating Confirmation this spring.
Bring a bag lunch and snacks to share.
For more info, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

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
Deadline for sign up is January 31st.

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
Deadline for sign up is January 31st.

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!
Merry Christmas!

Vallombrosa Retreat Center
250 Oak Grove Ave., Menlo Park

Two opportunities to join the author of Afterlife Interrupted, Fr. Nathan Castle, O.P., as he presents his work on afterlife communication and helping souls cross over. His book has broken single-day sales records on Amazon for multiple categories. All are welcome.

Sunday Tea and Talk: Sunday, January 20, 2:00 pm
Weekend In-Depth Retreat: Friday, February 15, 6:00 pm to Sunday, February 17, 11:00 am

For complete information and registration deadlines, visit the Calendar of Events at www.vallombrosa.org/calendar or contact David Leech at 650-325-5614 davidl@vallombrosa.org

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