

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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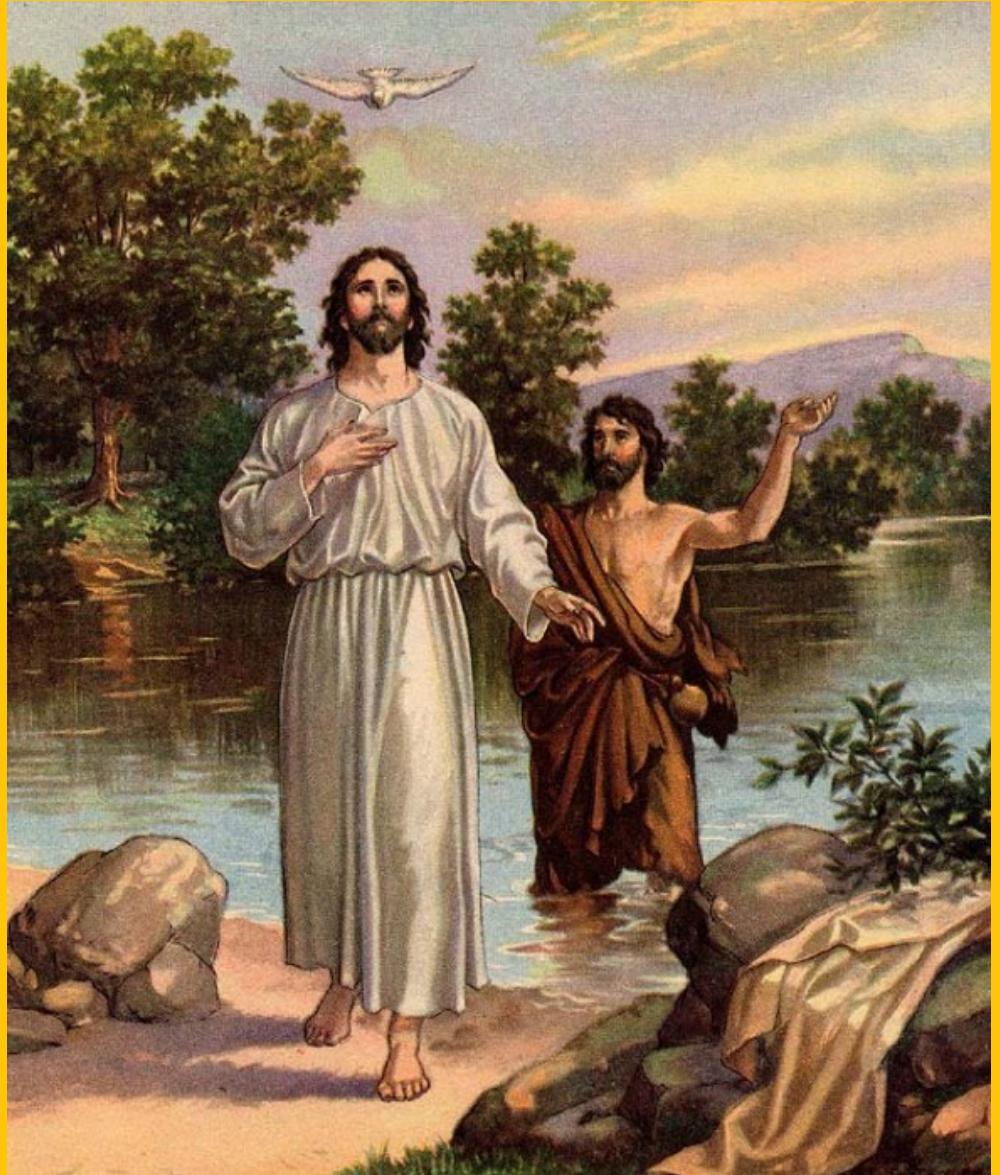
Mass Times

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 13th, 2019 The Baptism of the Lord

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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,

The baptism of Jesus is a very significant moment not only in his life, but also in ours. The waters of the Jordan River recall what water did in the Old Testament. For forty days and forty nights, water flooded the world. It destroyed life. The baptism of Jesus brings new meaning to water. On a spiritual level, the waters of baptism now give life to all. It does this by washing away Original Sin. This is the sin we inherited from Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God by eating the apple. On a practical level, we need water to live. Water gives life to plants, fruits, vegetables and animals which we consume on a daily basis. Without water we would die of dehydration.

The baptism of Jesus began his mission and ministry as the Messiah. It allowed him to do the work of God for he was anointed with the Holy Spirit. By virtue of our own baptism in Jesus Christ, we are called to do the work of God as well. The Holy Spirit that we received during the baptism ritual compels us to go forth into the world to do all things with Christ, in Christ and for Christ. When we do this, we share in the work of God that Jesus began and for us to complete.

The baptism of Jesus is, indeed, a very momentous event. It is life changing and life giving to all. How wonderful it is then to have parents wanting to baptize their children. It brings new life into the Church, the Body of Christ. The work of God continues with the next generation of Catholics.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Baptismal Revelations

While most of us have put away the season's decorations by now, this weekend marks the liturgical end of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. This transitional time holds important insights for us.

Jesus' participation in the baptism of John affirms John's role in preparing the world for Christ. John the Baptist is considered to be the last prophet of the Old Testament. Echoing the message of Isaiah, John boldly announces, "...one mightier than I is coming!" John's proclamations signal a new era for humankind.

When Jesus chooses to be baptized, He affirms a holy ritual, intended then as a form of personal repentance, and later evolving into what we consider a sacrament expressing gratitude to God, and initiation into the life of the Church. As a participant in this humble expression of faith, Jesus assigns value to this human response to God.

But most importantly the Baptism of Jesus causes a moment of manifestation, an epiphany just as important as last week's. "You are my beloved son..." So much is conveyed with those godly words: "You are my beloved son..." The intimate relationship between God and Jesus is made clear to all who are privileged to hear, but the relationship of Jesus to us is equally made clear. For if Jesus, fully human, is God's beloved son, we, through our human kinship with Jesus, are truly God's beloved children as well.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Jan. 12	5:30 pm	Robert Begley (+)
Sun.	Jan. 13	7:30 am	In thanksgiving
		9:30 am	Margaret Keller (+)
		11:30 am	Matthew Stafford (+)
Mon.	Jan. 14	4:00 pm	Diana Hogan (+)
Tue.	Jan. 15	6:00 pm	John Cotter (+)
Wed.	Jan. 16	8:00 am	For youth
Thurs.	Jan. 17	8:00 am	In gratitude
Fri.	Jan. 18	8:00 am	Christian unity

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Jan. 12	4:30 pm	Christian unity
Sun.	Jan. 13	9:30 am	Barbara Collins Gray (+)

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

Faith Formation News

NO CLASSES NEXT SUNDAY

There are no classes on January 20 in honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

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.

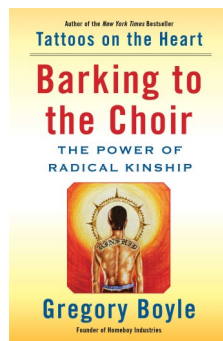
One of the requirements for celebrating Confirmation this spring.

Bring a bag lunch and snacks to share.

For more info, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Fr. Boyle Speaks at St. Raymond Church

Come and hear Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. speak at St. Raymond Church on Wednesday January 23rd at 7pm, on the transformative power of community and kinship happening through Homeboy Industries, one of the largest gang Intervention programs in the country. Fr. Greg will speak on his new book Barking to the Choir, the Power of Radical Kinship. Donations are welcome.



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!



Stewardship

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 (Estimated goal)	\$468,000.00
July 1, 2018 to December, 2018	\$217,779.00
Monthly Goal- December 2018	\$36,000.00
December 2018 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$36,616.00

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>

Senior Lunch

Senior lunch is back. All seniors and their caregivers are invited on January 15th, at noon. We will start with Communion service. Join us for great food and conversation!



Our Lady of the Wayside Italian Dinner Fundraiser

There will be an Italian dinner at Our Lady of the Wayside Church on Saturday, February 9 following the 4:30 evening Mass. All are invited to this fundraiser. Your freewill donation will go to help the St. Vincent de Paul's Catherine Center in Menlo Park. If you would like to help, please contact Dede at dedewm@pacbell.net or call 650-854-5976 press 4.



Vallombrosa Retreat Center

Afterlife Interrupted Series with Author Nathan Castle, O.P.

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

