

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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has
anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Luke 4:18



<http://www.liveinternet.ru/photo/sultan44/>

January 27th, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(650) 854-5976
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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,

The definition of the word prostrate means to lie stretched out on the ground with one's face downward. In today's first reading from the book of Nehemiah, we hear that this is what the men, women and children did after listening to the book of the law. They prostrated themselves before the Lord. To prostrate oneself is a tremendous act of faith. It is an act of faith because one is willing to surrender everything to God, one's heart, mind, soul and body.

To prostrate before the Lord requires humility. Unfortunately, sometimes great accomplishments and tremendous successes can fill one with pride and ego. One can become quite arrogant consequently. Who are we though before the Lord God almighty?

God made heaven and earth. He made all living creatures. Out of love for us and despite our wickedness, God gave his beloved son Jesus to suffer, be tortured and die an agonizing and humiliating death. God forgives us of our sins. Most importantly, God loves us unconditionally and forever. To prostrate ourselves is not only an act of faith, but it is also an act of love on our part.

God bless,
Fr. Paul

We Believe

The WORD

The first reading and the Gospel for Sunday focus on the WORD. While we think of the written WORD, we also remember that Jesus is the WORD made flesh, and we, as brothers and sisters of Christ, are called to be WORDS too, as is all of creation, which manifests the love of God. With this in mind, I would like to share the beautiful poetry of Macrina Wiederkehr for you to ponder...

In the beginning was God's WORD and the word was beautiful.

The WORD was indeed good.

And the WORD exploded into billions and billions of WORDS.

Then God created authors to mold and shape and give new meaning to the WORDS.

The authors, who were themselves God's WORD, gathered up the WORDS

And flung them out into the space of the universe and into the space and galaxies of their souls.

And the WORD became poetry.

The WORD became essays and stories, journals and memoirs, and newspapers.

The WORD became joy and sorrow, pain and peace.

The WORD became challenging, comforting and frightening.

The WORD became angry and full of anguish.

And the WORD was still good.

And then God sent readers with curious, creative, minds

And open, hungry, probing, questioning hearts.

As they eagerly devoured the WORDS they became receivers of the WORD.

Some of the WORDS fell so freely into those open hearts

That the great WORD of silence was needed to fathom

The depths of that beautiful, original WORD.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat.	Jan. 26	5:30 pm	Olivier de Gery (+)
Sun.	Jan. 27	7 :30 am	Joni Woodside (+)
		9:30 am	Schulte Family (living)
		11:30 am	Banchero & Bagnani Families(+)
Mon.	Jan. 28	8:00 am	In thanksgiving
Tue.	Jan. 29	8:00 am	In gratitude
Wed.	Jan. 30	8:00 am	Joseph Koch (+)
Thurs.	Jan. 31	8:00 am	For students
Fri.	Feb. 1	8:00 am	Al Demello (living)

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Jan. 26	4:30 pm	For young adults
Sun.	Jan. 27	9:30 am	Christian unity

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

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, February 4

FIRST COMMUNION SACRAMENTS WORKSHOP

Sunday, February 10 at 1:00-2:00pm in St. Denis Church.

Come and explore the symbols and rituals of the Sacraments.

This is a hands-on workshop for children and their parents.

For information, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our next class meeting is Sunday, February 3 beginning with Mass at 5:30pm.

Bring your journals and folders!

MAY GOD BE CALLING YOU TO HELP MENTOR AN UNACCOMPANIED MINOR?

We need a few faith-filled people willing to drive these kids to doctor appointments, help with school applications, and to offer encouragement through difficult times.

Please visit sfarch.org/care or call (415) 614-5569.



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

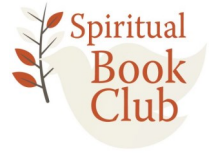
Whether you are new to online giving, or would like to make an update to your existing donations, follow the link below to give.

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

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

Spiritual Book Group

We've begun the New Year with a new meeting day. Our group will meet weekly on Wednesdays at 10:00 am at a home in Menlo Park. Please call Tereza McNamee at 650-323-6859, if you would like further information. We continue reading *Karen Armstrong's 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life*. Our group also enjoys tales of others' spiritual journeys, scripture, and poetry. Come check us out!



Giving Tree Thank You!

Thank you to all that donated gifts, and monetarily for the yearly Christmas Giving Tree!

Hoover Pre School = 145
Maple Street Shelter= 38
St Francis Girls & Boys= 35
Catholic Worker House=32



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

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.

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
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