

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

Ash Wednesday, March 6th
[See inside bulletin for times,
& location](#)

*A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor
does a rotten tree bear good fruit. Luke 6:43*



March 3rd, 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

Recently, I have had to celebrate funeral masses for many of our parishioners, too many: Mila, Elizabeth, Jeanne and Betty. It is hard for me to believe that I will no longer be bringing communion to them. I have had the honor and privilege of providing pastoral care for them. I will truly miss seeing them on a regular basis. I will miss chit chatting with them. I will miss their joyful, courageous and faith filled spirit.

Death is so final. Death takes away those we love and care about. Knowing these parishioners the way I do, I refuse to accept that death is the end for them. As people of faith, we believe that death is not the end. In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us of how we view death. He proclaims, "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? Death is not victorious. Death has no sting for those who remain faithful to God to the end.

Although our parishioners are no longer with us here, they are in heaven. Eternal life is their reward for living a life rooted in faith in Jesus Christ. They are in peace basking in the presence of God. I can truly be happy for them then believing that they are home at last in heaven. In the meantime, let us have faith and let us live the faith the way they did.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

When I was little, we still called the Holy Spirit "Holy Ghost". My grandmother still said "ghost" til the day she died! I remember thinking that it made sense. Jesus died and sent his ghost to haunt us, in a good way.

When I was confirmed, age 10, we were slapped gently on the cheek and told, "You are a soldier for Christ and defender of the faith." Imagine what went through my head hearing that, at the height of the Viet Nam war, living on a military base!

We had a group of children touring the church recently, and explained that when you enter the church, you dip your fingers in the holy water and bless yourself. One child replied, "and then you make a wish." I said that we don't make wishes in church, we pray. He decided that he would still make a wish.

"If you eat meat on Friday during Lent, you'll grow a tail." What??

"Where does the money (collection) go?"

"What is the host made of? Are you supposed to chew it? Won't that hurt Jesus?"

Children ask a lot of questions! And when they don't ask, they come up with their own explanation for things, sometimes with very sketchy results!

As adults, sharing our faith with children, we need to be open to their questions, and then give them truthful, honest answers, using the correct terminology. And if we don't know the answer, find out!

One pastor told me, "Some of the holiest words are 'I don't know, but I'll find out.'"

Encourage the children in your life to ask questions, and don't be afraid to answer truthfully, according to your faith. That's how the faith is passed along.

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Mar. 2	5:30 pm	Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun. Mar. 3	7:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
	9:30am	Mariann Miller (+)
	11:30am	Those recovering from natural disaster
Mon. Mar. 4	8:00 am	Terrence O'Donohoe (+)
Tue. Mar. 5	8:00 am	Recognition of the power of prayer
Wed. Mar. 6	8:00 am	Special intentions
Wed. Mar. 6	12:00pm	All who follow Jesus
Thurs. Mar. 7	8:00 am	For mothers
Fri. Mar. 8	8:00 am	For nurses

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat.	Mar. 2	4:30 pm	Blessed Virgin Mary
Sun.	Mar. 3	9:30 am	Those recovering from natural disasters
Wed.	Mar. 6	5:00 pm	All who follow Jesus
			Ash Wednesday

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Our regular class will meet Sunday, March 10th, beginning with Mass at 5:30pm. Bring your journals, which should be complete thru section 5. Also, if you have your Saint report, service report or sponsor form completed, you can turn these in at any time. Our Confirmation celebration will be Saturday, May 25 at 10:00am with Bishop Robert Christian.

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, March 11

MARDI GRAS!! PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

Sunday, March 3 after the 9:30am Mass in St. Denis parish hall.



LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Little Black Books will be available near the bulletins next week for your Lenten reflections.

Meals For The Shelter

Outreach at St. Denis is committed to helping the homeless in our local area.

We serve a meal for 70 clients at the local Shelter in Redwood City on the second Sunday of the month.

Our next meal service will be Sunday March 10th.

If you are interested in helping with this very worthwhile service, please contact Pat Mach at patricia.mach@sbcglobal.net so you can be added to the email list.

Thanks again for all those who have helped in the past.

St. Anthony's 5th Saturday Team

The Outreach Committee is looking to put a team together to help out at St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Redwood City for 2019.

We are needed on the 5th Saturdays which include March 30, June 29, August 31 and November 30.

The hours could vary, but they would like someone there between 9:00 for prep work, set-up and service to 1:00 for clean-up and grocery distribution. Lunches are served every day but Sunday from 11:00 to 1:00 and no one is turned away.

The Dining Room first opened its' doors in September 1974 to serve the low-income elderly with a week-end meal. Since then it has expanded to provide hot, nourishing meals Monday to Saturday year-round to all who come seeking a meal and safe place to eat. They also provide groceries to take home.

For more information about St. Anthony's

www.paduadiningroom.com

For more information about joining the team contact Barbara Mason babs412@yahoo.com or call at 650-854-2526.

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 and okayed by Dede prior to masses. Contact her at dede@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcement 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 January, 2019	\$260,820.00
Monthly Goal- January 2019	\$36,000.00
January 2019 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$43,041.00
2019 Annual Appeal Goal	\$110,000.00
2019 (Actual Annual Appeal to date)	\$56,345.00

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>

Are You Interested In Helping The Homeless?

Temple Beth Jacob in Redwood City will host local families who are struggling to get back on their feet the week of March 3rd working with the Home and Hope organization. Opportunities are available to help prepare and serve dinner, and/or help with post dinner and childcare. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bonnie Alesna 650-223-4241, or b_alesna@yahoo.com. Sponsored by the St. Denis Parish Outreach Committee.



Kenya Help: Outreach Committee Lenten Project

The Outreach Committee, along with Father Paul, has selected the organization Kenya Help as our Lenten Project for this year. Many of you may already know this story as it has been publicized several times in the local Almanac paper and Margo McAuliffe has visited us here at St Denis. Margo's effort through Kenya Help built a girls Catholic high school several years ago in Navisha, Kenya, and they are looking for help to fund scholarships for the students both at the boys and girls high school level.

The cost is \$800 per student per year and we would like to make sure we can cover all 4 years of high school for as many students as possible. Kenya Help is a local non-profit organization with less than 3% overhead, inspired by many local people with Margo at the helm. You will be hearing lots more about the organization through announcements and stories of the students over the Lenten season and we will have Margo here, along with many of the board members for discussion and to showcase the crafts from Kenya, after Masses sometime soon. We hope you will take the time to listen, discuss and help with this very worthwhile project. Thank you as always for your generosity.



Upcoming Retreat at Vallombrosa

The Abba-Imma Practice with Rev. Steve Harms, Kaleo & Elise Ching

Saturday March 9, 2019. 9am-3pm. \$45. Vallombrosa Retreat Center, 250 Oak Grove, Ave., Menlo Park, CA.

Abba-Imma Qigong, the embodied Lord's Prayer in Jesus' spoken language of Aramaic, blends Judeo-Christian and Taoist wisdom and compassion for self and others. This rendering of Jesus' 2,000-year-old "Our Father" prayer invokes and honors Abba-Imma, the Divine Source. As you say the words and move in harmony with the 5,000-year-old practice of energy cultivation known as Qigong, this embodied prayer helps to enhance your experience of intimacy with the Divine. Lunch is included. Registration Required. Call Vallombrosa at 650-325-5614 or visit vallombrosa.org and click on the Calendar tab.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 3	Mardi Gras pancake breakfast and Lenten workshop at 10:30am
Wednesday, March 6	Ash Wednesday Masses at St. Denis at 8:00am and noon, with lunch and at Our Lady of the Wayside at 5:00pm
Saturday, March 9	Italian fund raising dinner at St. Denis at 6:30pm
Sunday, March 10	Confirmation class meets, beginning with Mass at 5:30pm
Monday, March 11	Fr. Paul's First Communion class meets at 3:30pm
Monday, March 25	Fr. Paul's First Communion class meets at 3:30pm
Tuesday, March 26	Lent Retreat Day at St. Denis