

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: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Monday-Friday: 8:00am

Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am (temporarily
cancelled)

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

**“For where two or three are gathered together in
my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

Matthew 18:20



September 6th, 2020 23rd Sunday of 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

Faith Formation News

REGISTER NOW FOR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS!!

We will be offering the full Faith Formation program for children in grades 1 to 8, including Sacrament preparation. At this time, we are not be able to offer in-person classes. However, we will be offering optional Zoom sessions for each grade. If you register, you will receive all the materials and links you need to join the sessions with your children, or to teach them yourselves at home.

PICK UP SUNDAY!!

Sunday, September 13 is PICK UP day for families to pick up your Faith Formation teaching materials! The office will be open from 9:00am to 2:00pm to stop by and pick up whatever you need to teach from home. Even if you are not yet registered, please stop in and pick up materials for your children.

The Faith Formation calendar for 2020-2021 and the NEW registration form is now on the parish website at

www.stdenisparish.org You will see some major changes due to the ongoing pandemic. We hope to be able to offer some family gatherings during the year, provided we can do so safely within county guidelines. Please check out the calendar and revised registration form, and contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org if you have any questions.

We Believe

Based on our gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, let us reflect on the famous words, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” In the polarized climate in which we find ourselves, it may, at times, require some extra soul-searching to find common ground with other believers who have differing opinions than ourselves, let alone pray with them.

People are angry, worried, and often frustrated and it seems morally imperative to stick to our sides in the current political discourse rather than trying to find common ground or to listen to another’s point-of-view without condemnation and labeling. Still, as followers of Christ, we should take note that people were never coerced into thinking as he did. Jesus allowed people their free will, affirming their positive choices and expressions of faith. His preaching, teaching, and selfless example did the trick.

When we seek to find God we do not step out of our lives. Many of us were trained to focus on a transcendent image of God, but right now the image of a Divine Companion is a better fit. It is in the realization of God’s “nearness” and God’s concern for each one of us that our prayers will be truly meaningful. In the messiness of everything, God is journeying with us all.

So how do we authentically gather together in prayer with those with differing opinions? Let us join with the request for healing—on every level, in the violence and racism, fear, illness, financial strain, poverty, in all the difficult situations we find ourselves, and regardless of political affiliation. If we can manage more of that, Christ will be recognizably there in our midst.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Sept. 5 5:30 pm For laborers & unemployed
Sun. Sept. 6 7:30 am In gratitude
9:30 am For laborers & unemployed
11:30 am For laborers & unemployed
Mon. Sept. 7 8:00 am National unity
Tue. Sept. 8 8:00 am Irene Goodwin (+)
Wed. Sept. 9 8:00 am Victims of the fires
Thur. Sept.10 8:00 am Mary Margaret Koch (+)
Fri. Sept. 11 8:00 am World peace



Our Lady of the Wayside

Sat. Sept. 5 4:30pm For laborers & unemployed
Sun. Sept. 6 9:30am Mass temporarily cancelled

In your charity, please pray for...

T.J. Pryor, J.M., G.G., Janice Varvelle, Holly Hermansen, Pier Iglesias, Rosa Sharif, John Hunter, Anselmo Briones, Grace Kohen
Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Confirmation Celebrations!! August 15th and 29th



Allyssa, Anika, Arianna, Sofia, Brent, Max
Zoe, Luke Gina, William



Malia, Stephanie, Pierce, Jack, Luke, Baird,
Will, Aidan



Question Of The Week

Question of the Week:

Jesus gives us a detailed process for handling conflicts in communities.

How do YOU handle conflicts in your family, neighborhood, school or workplace?

Bulletin Deadline

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deadline for bulletin articles is Tuesday before noon, before the weekend of publication. All announcements during Mass are to be scripted and approved by Dede prior to Masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcement may not appear until the next bulletin due to space

limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

July 2020 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$35,633.57
Annual Appeal 2020 Goal	\$107,655.00
Annual Appeal 2020 Actual	\$85,325.00

Donation Corner

"Save Time and Donate Online!"

Online Giving is available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please visit our website stdenisparish.org, and follow the links. If you have any questions or concerns about the program or would like help setting up your account, please call WeShare at 800 950-9952.

Our Evolving Covid-19 Precautions During Mass

There are a few things you should know before you come: If you are at risk, either by age or health concerns, or if you are not feeling well, please do not attend. The archbishop has extended dispensation from Sunday obligation. Everyone over the age of 3 should wear a face covering (covering nose and mouth)

Use the hand-sanitizers provided.

Effective August 1, 2020— Due to the State of California Health compliance for San Mateo County masses will be outside only. Mass at St. Denis is in the patio. Mass at Our Lady of the Wayside will be in the courtyard. 9:30am Mass is temporarily cancelled at Our Lady of the Wayside. Thank you for your patience and understanding in helping us to protect parishioners and staff.

Effective July 2020—with the increased outbreak of Covid-19 the California Department of Health guidelines are mandating no singing in public gatherings, including churches. We will have instrumental music.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we fight this pandemic together.

We will continue to live-stream the Mass Monday thru Friday at 8:00am and Sunday at 9:30am. It will be available on our parish website www.stdenisparish.org immediately following the Mass.

Communion will be distributed after the dismissal. We ask that everyone leave the parish grounds immediately after receiving communion.

We are excitedly looking forward to seeing you and being able to worship face to face, in community, with the Sacrament. Thank you for your faithfulness and prayers during this unusual time.



Catholic Charity Census 2020

Catholic Charities is a trusted messenger to our vulnerable populations as well as the wider community to complete the 2020 Census. Taking just 10 minutes of your time to answer 9 questions yields 10 years of public benefits to our families and our community. Now is the time to complete the Census. There's only a month and a half left to stand up and be counted. A complete count for Census is at risk with the shortened deadline. It will mean fewer resources for our clients, our families, our communities - and we risk losing seats in Congress - if there is an undercount. So stand up and be counted!

Please complete the Census if you haven't already, and invite your friends and neighbors to do so as well! Learn more about Census 2020 by visiting one of the websites listed above. Want to volunteer from home to help with Census?

Catholic Charities is recruiting volunteers to call individuals

to encourage them to complete the Census. Contact Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@catholiccharitiessf.org

Supporting Your Parish During These Difficult Times

Please continue to financially support your parish so that we can continue to provide the ministries that everyone relies on. You may mail your donations to the parish office, or you may give online through WeShare. Go to the parish website,

stdenisparish.org to find the links to set up your donation or you may call

WeShare at 800 950-9952, press 3, then press 2 or email weshare@4lpi.com.

We thank you for your support!

