

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

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



Anyone who doesn't
receive the Kingdom
of God like a child
will never enter it

Mark 10:15

October 3rd, 2021 27th 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,

They say a man's best friend is a dog. This may be true for some men. A dog is obedient, submissive and comes to you when called. In my case ever since my childhood, my best friend as always been a girl or woman. Even today as a priest, my friends are women. In all my years, I have only had one male friend. To have many women friends throughout my life has been a tremendous blessing to me. I believe Jesus had several women friends as well.

Our faith and the Book of Genesis remind us that there is only one suitable partner for man and that is woman. Of all the living creatures God created, only a woman is suitable and equal to man. It was God's desire for man to have a partner. Only a woman can fulfill this role.

If only humanity truly accepted this notion. All women would be treated with dignity and respect. They would have all the opportunities and rights as men. It is hard to believe that women at one time did not have the right to vote in our country. It is tragic and quite sinful and evil for women throughout the world to be treated and regarded inferior to men and are objectified by men.

Our faith and the very Word of God provide the lens for us to see through. We are challenged and commanded by God to treat all women as He does cherished and treasured. A man is measured by how he treats his mother. A man is measured by how he treats women. Hopefully both parents instill in their sons what we believe as Catholics when it comes to women.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Because this week's gospel reading touches on the subjects of both the value placed on the welfare of children, I would like to share the following tips for navigating the role of a divorced single parent:

Have a trustworthy friend with no agenda, willing to listen to you and willing to objectively challenge you when needed. Remember your child's important events and activities. Stay in touch with your children. Try to live close by to your children. Try to agree on similar rules across two households, realizing that you will have to accept some differences. Tell the school about your situation. They can be a support to your parenting. Try to attend school events together as a family when possible. Update your ex on children's activities and events. Plan some pleasant activity for when the children go to the other parent. Assure them that you will be okay. Even if it's not your side of the family, support your children by letting them be included in family events. Don't criticize or argue with your ex in front of your children. Don't raise critical issues at drop off and pick up times when possible. Don't mine children about information about your ex. Make sure they are free to contact you when with your ex, but try not to call them. Don't be hurt if your child wants to spend time with friends instead of seeing you. Don't be too possessive with items your child may want to take with them when visiting the other parent. Obviously, these guidelines express the *ideal* parent relationship in a divorce situation. As a former single parent myself, I know that it can be a lonely and difficult role at times. The Archdiocese is beginning a support group Oct. 7, 7-8:30pm which may be of interest to you or those you love.

<http://www.lifegivingwounds.org>, register at www.acdsf.info.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Oct	2	5:30pm	Arthur McGee (+)
Sun. Oct.	3	7:30 am	National unity
		9:30 am	Cesar Lallana (+)
		11:30 am	Gavello-Petit families (living)
Mon. Oct.	4	8:00 am	All animals
Tues. Oct.	5	8:00 am	For catechists
Wed. Oct.	6	8:00 am	For teachers
Thu. Oct.	7	8:00 am	Our Mother Mary's intentions
Fri. Oct.	8	8:00 am	For our parishioners



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Oct. 2	4:30 pm	National unity
Sun. Oct. 3	9:30 am	National unity

In your charity, please pray for...

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

Faith Formation News

FAITH FORMATION HAS BEGUN!!

PreK thru 4th grade meets at 9:30am

5th and 6th grade meets at 10:30am

Confirmation (grades 7/8) meets again next Sunday, October 10 at 5:30pm.

You can still register by going to our parish website www.stdenisparish.org and click the Faith Formation tab. Contact Lucy Soltau at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org for more information.



Faith Formation

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

Sunday, October 3 at 10:30am in the church.

We'll talk about preparing for First Reconciliation (confession) and you'll pick up the family activity folder.

Get your coffee and donut, and join Lucy in the church after Mass.

Question Of The Week

God asks us to be fully committed, body and soul, to one another.

Is that too much to ask? How much of myself am I willing to commit?

Blessing of the Pets

Blessing of the pets honoring St. Francis of Assisi is the Monday, October 4th at 4pm at St. Denis Church in front of the chapel.



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

2021-22 estimated goal TBA

Annual Appeal 2021 Goal \$98,096

\$98,096.00

Annual Appeal 2021 Actual

\$98,096.00

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.

Covid Update As of August 3rd, 2021

In response to California's lifting of most Covid-19 restrictions, San Mateo County & the S.F. Archdiocese has announced mandated updates to safety protocols. Many safety precautions will remain in place. Including parishioners, guests, & musicians to wear a mask (securely over nose & mouth) when indoors, including Mass indoors. If you are seated outside you do not need to wear a mask. Social distancing is reduced to three feet between households. Doors and windows will remain open for ventilation. Hand sanitizers are available. The Sign of Peace is to be exchanged by waving or bowing to those near them. If you are sick we ask that you stay home. Sunday 9:30am mass & weekday masses will continue to be livestreamed, & then on our website. We thank you as we continue to keep each other safe.



A Message From The Pope

Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable.

I pray to God that each of us can make his or her own small gesture of love – Pope Francis

Ministry For Adult Children of Divorced Or Separated Parents

Join other adult children of divorce or separation for a virtual group session. Learn more at our first session. Possible topics include siblings, vulnerability, & identity.

Our first virtual meeting will be Thursday October 7th at 7pm.

Our meetings run every Thursday from October 7th thru

November 11th. www.acdsf.info.

For more information contact Ed Hopfner at

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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!

