

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

**5th Sunday Collection for
St. Anthony's Padua
Dining Room**



October 31st, 2021 31st 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

The Eve Of All Saints

Heaven is not a place. It is a state of being, of being happy with God forever. Every culture has ways to honor those who have died, those who are now happy with God forever. In the Catholic tradition, we call those people saints. The famous ones get the title and a day of honor on the calendar. The others get a day together, All Saints Day, November 1. And those of us not quite there yet get a day too! All Souls Day, November 2.

Pre-Christian cultures mingled their ancient traditions with Christian traditions, and that's how we got some of our Halloween practices. Offering gifts to the spirits of those who have died, so they would not come back to harm us (Trick or Treat) is one of those practices. Dressing in costumes, so that those spirits don't recognize us, is another!

Every Sunday when we pray the Creed, we remember the communion of saints. That community includes us, and everyone who has gone before us. We are a community of believers, past, present, and future. All destined to be happy forever with God.

We Believe

When we hear the word *triduum*, it is used to describe the three holy days beginning with HOLY Thursday evening and ending on Easter Sunday. You may be interested to know that, liturgically speaking, we celebrate another triduum this weekend beginning with Halloween.

The feast of All Saints is celebrated November 1, in conjunction with All Hallows Eve, October 31, and All Souls Day, November 2. These three days are connected with our reverence for the deceased. While Halloween is viewed today as a secular holiday, its roots are religious.

Halloween originated in the Celtic world in the ancient festival of Samhain. People would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts. In the 8th century Pope Gregory III designated the day to celebrate the saints on November 1. The vigil for this great feast was called "All Hallows Eve."

Many customs both secular and religious, were woven into the celebration of Halloween and eventually, with the variety of immigrants combined with the influence of Native Americans, Halloween at its best (and as most of us know it,) has become a distinctly American holiday that continues to celebrate community, neighborliness, and diversity. After Christmas, Halloween is the second largest commercial holiday in the United States.

In this time of political polarization and fear, let's focus on the joy of the kids and embrace this potentially unifying holiday and the holy days that follow it.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis Church

Sat. Oct	30	5:30pm	Conrad Rankin (living)
Sun. Oct.	31	7:30 am	Rosa Sharif (living)
		9:30 am	Deceased members of our parish
		11:30 am	Deceased members of our parish
Mon. Nov.	1	8:00 am	For all Saints
Tues. Nov.	2	8:00 am	Deceased members of our parish
Wed. Nov.	3	8:00 am	Social justice
Thu. Nov.	4	8:00 am	For Seminarians
Fri. Nov.	5	8:00 am	In thanksgiving



Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Sat. Oct.	30	4:30 pm	Deceased members of our parish
Sun. Oct.	31	9:30 am	Lillian Durazzo (+)

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 PROGRAMS

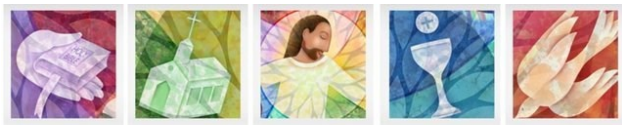
PreK thru 4th grade meets at 9:30am

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

Confirmation (grades 7/8) meets on selected Sundays 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.

NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON HALLOWEEN (the Eve of All Saints)



Faith Formation

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday, November 7 at 5:30pm, with Mass, dinner and class til 8:00pm.

Bring your Handbooks, Bibles and homework.

Question Of The Week

Love is not a feeling, it is a decision about how I will treat others.

Do I love God with all my being?

Do I love others as much as I love myself?

Do I love myself?

5th Collection For St. Anthony's

As our church community has always been helpful to St. Anthony's whether through our Bake Sale or annual collections of towels, aprons, etc. they are very appreciative of our commitment. Once again, we will have to forgo our Bake Sale but instead donate to St. Anthony's with our 5th Sunday Collection. So please bring extra cash or check made out to St. Denis with St. Anthony's on the Memo Line and put in the second collection this weekend, October 31st.

This money will help them continue serving close to 600 people a day, six days a week, with a nutritious lunch to go. Any surplus food will go into bags that the guests may take home.

Please go to their website www.paduadiningroom.com to see the tremendous work they do for our neighbors who are not as fortunate as us. While on the website, please check their Needs List to see if there is anything else you may be able to donate directly to them.



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 1, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 (estimated Goal)	\$377,400.00
July 1, 2021 to September 30th 2021	\$95,492.00
September 2021 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$30,210.00

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.



Vallombrosa Upcoming Retreat

BEYOND: How Humankind Thinks about Heaven with author Catherine Wolff on Thursday December 2nd, 2021 7pm-8:30pm. Recording made for Ticket Holders \$20 Zoom Class.

Register on: [Vallombrosa.org/calendar](https://vallombrosa.org/calendar)

What do we think of when we think about heaven? What might it look like? Who or what might be there? Since humans began to huddle together for protection thousands of years ago, these questions have been part of how civilizations and cultures define heaven, the good place beyond this one. From Christianity to Islam to Hinduism and beyond, from the brush of Michelangelo to the pen of Dante, people across millennia have tried to explain and describe heaven in ways that are distinctive and analogous, unique and universal. In this engrossing cultural history of heaven, Catherine Wolff delves into how people and cultures have defined heaven over the centuries. Catherine Wolff is the former Director of the Arrupe Center for Community-Based Learning at Santa Clara University. She is the editor of *Not Less Than Everything: Catholic Writers on Heroes of Conscience from Joan of Arc to Oscar Romero* (HarperCollins, 2013), and the author of *Beyond*.



Support Your Parish!

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!

