

## May The Month Of Mary

*All Loving God,*

*We give you thanks for mothers young and old. We pray for all mothers of every kind. Those who have loved and helped shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers who are no longer with us, but whose love is in our memory forever.*



## First Communion Celebrations

**Please join these children as they receive the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time! Keep them and their families in your prayers.**

### Saturday April 30th 5:30pm mass at St. Denis

Owen Galligan Christian Summe

### Sunday May 1st 9:30 mass at St. Denis

Kelsey Gardener Teddy Watson Alessandra Yi

### Sunday May 1st 11:30am mass at St. Denis

Martin & Capucine Landowski

Nicholas Espinosa Dash Dropmann

Tessa & Avery Lee Rowan Prindiville

### Saturday May 7th 10:30am St. Denis

Jaiden Luthy Helena Keane Johnny Carr

Khloe Garrett Catherine Eberhard Rebecca Koenig

Tyler Ungerman Sofia Monteverdi Olivia Valentine

Jackson Fair Ethan Radford Grace Penner

Maren Mulloy Ava Kisch Alexander Boley

Eleanor Kinder Emily Hsu Emilia Hsu

### Sunday May 8th 9:30 mass at Our Lady of the Wayside

Isabella Leet Ryan Quiros Eve Kavanaugh

Sofia Aguilar Caitlin Berry Cameron Travers

## NEED A RIDE TO MASS?



If you are in need of a ride to Mass the Outreach Committee is available

Please call Maritza Longland at 650 291-0657.

## 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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### MassTimes

**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



May 8th, 2016

The Ascension of the Lord

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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,

As we near the end of the Easter season, we celebrate the wonderful Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. For forty days since his resurrection, the Lord appeared to his disciples teaching and being with them. In being in and experiencing the presence of the risen Lord, they do not believe that he is a ghost. On the contrary, they believe with their hearts that Jesus is risen. With this steadfast conviction, the disciples are ready to go out into the whole world to proclaim Christ has died, Christ is risen and Christ will come again.

Christ commissions his disciples with his power and authority to do the work of God in his name and for his glory. At last, Christ Jesus can physically leave his disciples knowing that they will commit their lives to carry on his mission and ministry. With great peace, the risen Lord can ascend to heaven to sit with God the Father to watch over the whole world. Only from above can Jesus watch over us.

Like the disciples of Jesus, we too are called to share in the work of God. The good Lord has called each and every one of us to actively participate in his mission and ministry. The good Lord trusts us to do it in his name and for his glory. May we go forth then knowing that he is with us.

## What We Believe

### Preparing of the Altar

Originally the manner of celebrating the Liturgy of the Eucharist was quite simple: a linen cloth was spread upon a table and bread and wine were brought up and placed upon it. These actions were soon to become elaborated. We have 7<sup>th</sup> Century descriptions of the altar preparation rituals involving acolytes, deacons, and laity. By the 16<sup>th</sup> Century the corporal, the cloth on which the bread and wine is placed, and the purificator, the napkin, became and still remain the standard. Today the altar is prepared at the beginning of the preparation rite when the corporal, purificator, chalice and Missal are placed upon it.

In the Liturgy of the Word the ambo, or lectern, is the focal point of the Mass. As we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist the preparation of the Eucharistic table shifts our attention to the altar. "The Christian altar is by its very nature a table of sacrifice and at the same time a table of the paschal banquet; a unique altar on which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated in mystery throughout the ages until Christ comes..."

Dede Waters-Masters

## Mass Intentions

### ST. DENIS

Sat	May 7	5:30 pm	Richard Huss (+)
Sun.	May 8	7:30 am	Mary & Bob Hagman (+)
		9:30 am	For Students
		11:30 am	Victory Dysun (+)
Mon.	May 9	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Tues.	May 10	8:00 am	For Students
Wed.	May 11	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Thurs.	May 12	8:00 am	For Pope Francis
Fri.	May 13	8:00 am	George Koch (+)

### OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat.	May 7	4:30 pm	Nena Gaytan (+)
Sun.	May 8	9:30 am	For Students

## In your charity, please pray for...

Lee Harnett, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, Stella Arde, Agnes Babcock, Bob Bark, Louise Brent, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, Lynn Cintron, Sandra Dailey, Gertrude DeZelaya, Bob Ellis, Amelia Elsbree, Michael Fil, Susan Fil, Ruben Fuentes, Johnny Gentry, Lauren Goode, Michael Ho, Ryan Johnston, Maurice Kidd, Lisa Kitz, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Jim Rock, Robert Roger, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Doug Ury, Walter Weber, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner. **NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE LIST FOR A MONTH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.**

## Religious Education

### CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Saturday, May 21 at 5:30pm Mass with Archbishop Niederauer at St. Denis Church.

Please join our celebration and prayer for these young people and their families:

Sophia Longo	Carter Garcia
Eleanor Shepard	Francesco Vial
Lily Dougherty	Michael Gonzalez
Sophia Alvarez	Luke Garcia
Nora Brew	Thomas Rohlen
Samantha Stevens	Christian Bernstein
Annie Nielsen	James Marre

### Religious Ed Classes

Our regular Religious Ed classes have finished for this school year.

We had a wonderful year with your children!

Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 25.

Registration will be available on our parish website beginning in June.

We will be offering a Liturgy of the Word program during the summer at the 9:30am Mass.

All school age children are welcome to join us

### OUTDOOR MASS AND MAY CROWNING

Sunday, May 22 at 9:30am at St. Denis Church

Please join us for Mass in the garden!

Bring flowers to offer to Mary, our Mother!

## Catholic Charities 2nd Collection

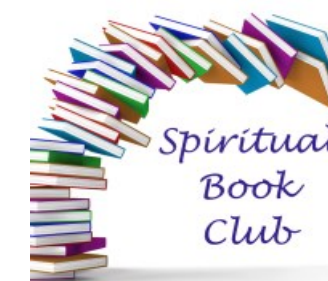
**Today May 8th, is Catholic Charities Sunday.** This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic Church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, & many most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even the most basic needs. Put your faith into action and change a life for the better today by contributing to Catholic Charities.

For more information on the work of Catholic Charities and how you can help strengthen families and reduce poverty locally please contact Jane Ferguson Flout at 415 971-1227 or [jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org](mailto:jfergusonflout@CatholicCharitiesSF.org)



## Spiritual Book Club

On Tuesday May 17, we'll begin reading Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, ***Praise Be to You –Laudato Si: On care for Our Common Home.*** Pope Francis' writing is both inspiring and important for our times. We'll be reading a chapter per week. The book is currently available online. **Our group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the home of one of our participants.** For further information please contact **Tereza McNamee at 323-6859.** All are welcome.



## Stewardship

<b>July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 (Goal)</b>	<b>\$372,300.00</b>
<b>July 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016</b>	<b>\$325,334.73</b>
<b>Monthly Goal-April 2016</b>	<b>\$32,800.00</b>
<b>April Sunday Collections</b>	<b>\$36,070.17</b>
<b>Easter 2016</b>	<b>\$28,337.00</b>
<b>2016 Annual Appeal</b>	<b>\$83,000.00</b>
<b>Contributions to Date</b>	<b>\$87,777.00</b>