

## Corpus Christi

### What We Celebrate:

Corpus Christi is a feast day with the sole purpose of focusing on the Holy Eucharist.



### Date:

Officially the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but typically celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday.

**History:** *St. Juliana of Liege (1193-1258), who from her youth had a great reverence for the Blessed Sacrament, began the cause for the feast day of Corpus Christi. She thought that the Eucharist deserved its own exclusive day of reverence and recognition. This day would be apart from Holy Thursday, when the Church focuses on not only the Eucharist but the washing of the feet, ordained priesthood, and Jesus in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. Juliana was motivated by a recurring vision of the Church as a full moon with one dark spot, which she interpreted as the absence of a specific reverence to the Holy Eucharist. She worked more than 40 years for the cause until her death. In the later years of her work, she gained the support of Jacques Pantaleon, at the time Archdeacon of Liege, and other church leaders. Pantaleon was later elected as Pope Urban IV and would go on to establish the feast of Corpus Christi. Busted Halo.com*

## Spiritual Book Group

All parishioners are welcome to join us in reading Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, **Praise Be to You –Laudato Si: On care for Our Common Home**. The book is currently available online. Pope Francis takes this title from St. Francis' own Canticle of the Sun. You might enjoy reading it, too. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canticle\\_of\\_the\\_Sun](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canticle_of_the_Sun)

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..

## 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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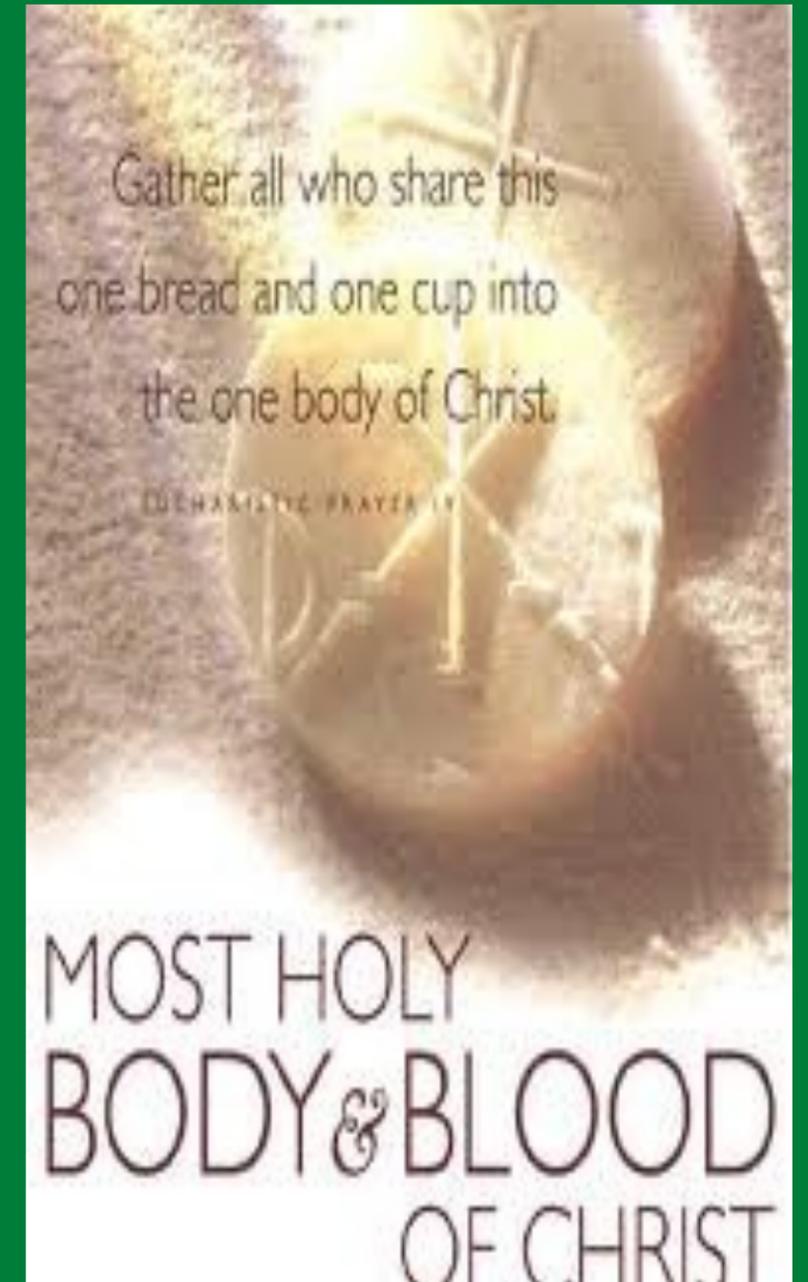
**St. Denis Church**  
Saturday: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
Monday-Friday: 8:00 am

**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

**The Parish Office Will Be Closed  
Monday, May 30th, In Observance  
Of Memorial Day.**



May 29nd, 2016

The Most Holy Body And  
Blood of Christ

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[www.stdenisparish.org](http://www.stdenisparish.org)

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,

Today, as Catholics we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. My mother remarried off the rebound when my adopted father suddenly died. Although she married a former Christian Brother, the marriage was not a good marriage. In fact, it was very bad. The marriage ended in divorce after several years of marriage. Because of my mom's divorce, she was not able to receive communion at mass.

Even as a wee lad, I could clearly see how painful it was for her to not receive the Body and Blood of Christ. At times, I would see tears in her eyes. For many years, my mom sat in the pew while others went up for communion. When her annulment was accepted by the Church, my mom was finally able to receive communion.

Although my mom may not have understood the theology of transubstantiation and the philosophical idea of form, matter and substance when it comes to the Eucharist, she believed in her heart and with all her heart that the Eucharist is truly the real presence, the real Body and Blood of Christ. That is why my mom was in pain and in tears when she was not permitted to receive the essence of our faith. But then she had tears of joy when she was at last free to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. As Catholics, are we not truly blessed to receive and consume God's beloved son Jesus every time we come to mass. The real presence of Christ is in us whenever we come up to receive the Eucharist. May we cherish this tremendous and precious gift of God in our hearts always and forever.

## What We Believe

### FAITH IS NOT WHAT YOU KNOW, IT'S WHO YOU KNOW

Fourteen of our young parishioners confirmed their faith last weekend.

They were not confirming their knowledge of doctrine, although we spent a lot of time studying and learning together. They were not confirming their parents' faith, although that is what brought them to this point in their lives. They were not confirming their intention to be practicing Catholics, although that is how we experience our faith in community.

They confirmed their FAITH, their relationship with God. That relationship began even before baptism, but has been strengthened by every sacrament they have received.

Like all relationships, our relationship with God goes through many changes. We are close sometimes and distant at other times. Sometimes we're talking, sometimes we avoid each other.

Our young friends confirmed their desire to keep working on their relationship with God, through prayer, sacraments, service, community, and maybe even further study. We join their parents and sponsors in praying for them on their journey!

Yours in the Lord, Lucy Soltau

## Religious Education

### Religious Ed Classes

Classes will begin again on Sunday, September 25.

Our complete calendar and 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.

### TEN WAYS TO PRAY ON-LINE! (part 1)

If Jesus was walking around today, would he use social media?

Would Jesus be on-line? Can we communicate with God through our phones and internet?!

Jesus used the communication tools of his day, so my answer is YES!

To help you pray on-line, here is part 1 of a 10 part series.

Try them out! See what works for you. Share it with others.

3-Minute Retreat—From Loyola Press, the 3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage. Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience. (<http://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer.htm>)

## Support Our Troops

The American Legion is accepting donations of energy bars, chapstick, dental floss, unused greeting cards, plain mailing envelopes, new pens, stationery, travel sewing kits, small flashlights, eyeglass repair kits, hard wrapped unmelt-able candy, gum, unused puzzle books, small ziplock baggies.

Please bring these items to the back of the church and we will make sure our troops receive them! Thank you!!



## Outreach Towel Drive

### It's Spring Cleaning Time

Are you ready to replace those tired towels? Well, **St. Anthony's in Redwood City** can always use your old ones for dish towels. There will be a barrel in the back of the church from Sunday May 22nd thru this Sunday May 29th to collect these.

As always, your generosity is much appreciated.

Thank you, St. Denis Outreach Committee

## Eucharist Ministers & Lectors Needed

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for the 9:30am and 11:30am Sunday Masses here at St. Denis. Instructions for these ministries will be provided. If you are called to these ministries please contact Dede Waters-Masters at 650 854-5976 press 4.

## Bulletin Announcements

If you have information that you would like to be placed in the bulletin, we ask that all of the information be submitted to us the Tuesday before noon.

Thank you.



## Mass Intentions

### ST. DENIS

Sat	May 28	5:30 pm	Ted Nell (+)
Sun.	May 29	7:30 am	Sarah Cannon (+)
		9:30 am	Military Women & Men
		11:30 am	Garcia Family
Mon.	May 30	8:00 am	Women & Men in the Armed Forces
Tues.	May 31	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Wed.	June 1	8:00 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Thurs.	June 2	8:00 am	For Pope Francis
Fri.	June 3	8:00 am	Special Intentions

### OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat.	May 28	4:30 pm	For Students
Sun.	May 29	9:30 am	Women & Men in the Armed Forces

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

Thomas Thiele, 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.**

## 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>\$89,869.00</b>