

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: 7:30 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

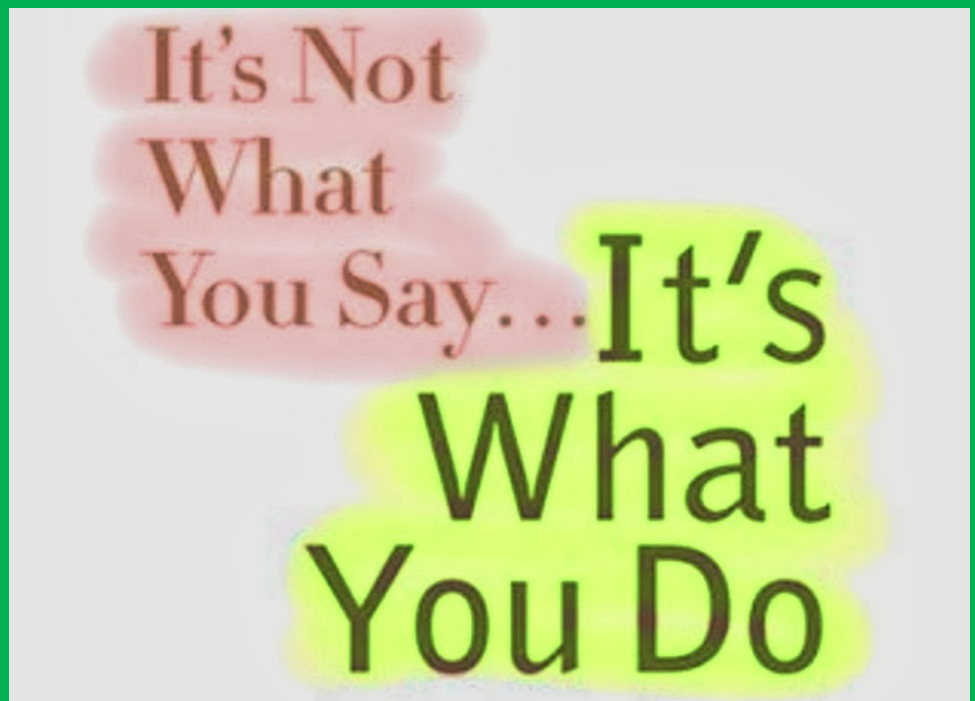
Confession Times
Saturday: 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Wayside
Saturday: 5:00 pm, St. Denis

Office Hours
M-F, 9:00 am—2:00 pm



THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

Matthew 21:28-32



October 1st, 2017 26th 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,

Why do we do what we do? This is a question we need to ask ourselves from time to time. This question compels us to reflect upon our life, our interior life, and to do some much needed soul searching. This question also commands that we be truthful and honest with ourselves. If we cannot be truthful and honest with ourselves, then we surely cannot be truthful and honest with others.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, urges us not to be selfish or vainglory, to consider others more highly than oneself and to put the interest of others above one's own. These are not only ideals, but also a way of life. As Christians, this is how we are to live our lives and to behave at all times.

The most important aspect and the only thing that matters is our relationship with others, professionally and personally. Even though I am only a poor parish priest, in the business world, I believe if you treat your clients, customers, employees and everyone else with respect and do things for the right reason it makes for good and repeat business. Who wants to deal with unscrupulous and dishonest people? To me, that makes for bad business. It is easy to identify those who are only out for themselves and who will do anything to get ahead. Jesus did not live his life this way. Neither should we. We are Christians not only in name, but also in practice.

God bless, Fr. Paul

We Believe

Gospel Thoughts

In this weekend's Gospel reading Jesus gives us the parable of the two sons. The first son says he will help his father, but does not. The second son refuses his father's request outright, but then has a change of heart and fulfills the father's request. In an ideal world both sons would immediately respond positively to their father's request and then fulfill that request.

But Jesus is not dealing with an ideal world but one of reality as he speaks to the Pharisees and as he speaks to us today. The first son represents hypocrisy, promising one thing and doing the opposite. Our society is frequently trying to root out and expose hypocrites, so, in our flawed world, we can readily relate to this son's behavior.

The second son disrespects the father by initially refusing to obey his request, putting his own interests above his father's and in our "me first" society, we can relate to this behavior as well.

The twist in this parable is when the second son has a change of heart. His soul-searching is implied and we find that he goes to work after all as his father asked. Obviously the second son has made the better choice, that, ultimately, action takes precedence over placating, empty concessions.

We probably have a little of both sons in each of us, but let this gospel remind us to recognize our shortcomings, be humble enough to rethink some of our decisions and positions, and take appropriate action where needed as true followers of Christ.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. Sept. 30 5:30 pm Arthur McGee (+)
Sun. Oct. 1 7:30 am Mary & Robert Hagman (+)
9:30 am Respect For All Life
11:30 am Respect For All Life
Mon. Oct 2 8:00 am Guardian Angels
Tues. Oct 3 8:00 am Environmental Stewardship
Wed. Oct 4 8:00 am Mary MacLachlan (+)
Thurs. Oct 5 8:00 am For All Pets
Fri. Oct 6 8:00 am For Our Jewish Brothers & Sisters

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Sept. 30 4:30pm King Family
Sun. Oct. 1 9:30am In Respect For All Life

In your charity, please pray for...

Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Janet Sue Cox, Janice Varell

The List has been updated. Names will be removed monthly unless you let the office know. Thank you.

Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

ALL CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!!

Grades Pre-K thru 4 meet in their classrooms in the hall at 9:30am and will be brought to the Church during the Preparation of the Gifts.

Grades 5 and 6 meet at 10:30 to 11:30am in the hall.

Confirmation, grades 7 and 8, meet at 5:30pm in the Church for Mass, then dinner and class til 8:00pm.

You can register your children by going to the parish website www.stdenisparish.org and click on the Faith Formation tab.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING TODAY!!

Sunday, October 1 at 10:30am in the church

Come for a short meeting about the preparation for Reconciliation, pick up your home materials, and meet each other! Get your donut and coffee, and then join us in the church.

THE POPE ASKS YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE A SURVEY

The Pope is requesting your feedback!

The theme for the Synod of Bishops in October will be: "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment." Young people from around the world are urged to help the Church prepare for the Synod by taking this survey. Pope Francis says, "The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism... Make your voice heard." A survey for young people 16 to 29 years old is now online on a special website. The survey is online at <https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it>, and can be taken in English, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, or German. Surveys should be completed by November 30.

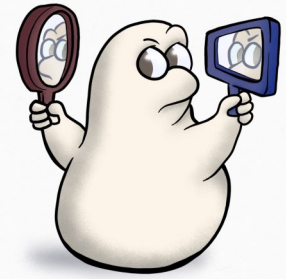
For more details, contact Amanda George, Young Adult Ministry Coordinator 415-614-5595 georgia@sfarch.org

www.sfarch.org/youngadults



Youth Rally

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YOUTH RALLY!! Whose Image is This?

For high school youth and those preparing for Confirmation. A day of music, prayers, speakers, Mass, food and a dance! Saturday, October 21 at St. Bede Parish in Hayward. To sign up and get a permission slip, contact Lucy at lsoltau@stdenisparish.org

Liturgical Ministry Training

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Altar Server, we will be scheduling a training soon! The training will be on a Sunday morning between Masses. Please contact Dede to sign up! dedewm@pacbell.net



Friendly Reminders

Bulletin & Announcements

The Deadline for bulletin inserts is the Tuesday (before noon)

Before the weekend of publication, all Mass announcements are to be scripted and okayed by Dede prior to the masses. Contact her at dedewm@pacbell.net

NOTE: Announcements may not appear until the next bulletin due to space limitations. Thank You!



Stewardship

July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 (Goal)	\$459,000.00
July 1, 2017 to August 31, 2017	\$70,564.54
Monthly Goal- August 2017	\$36,000.00
August 2017 Sunday Offertory Collections	\$34,668.54

Parish Pay Egiving Becomes WeShare.

Look For Further Info In Future Weeks.

Local Events

Pauline Book Fair

The Daughters of St. Paul, women religious who communicate Christ using all forms of media, will be present at our Parish once again after all the masses on the weekend October 7-8, 2017. The sisters have a wide variety of Bibles, books, movies, music, rosaries And other gifts, for both children and adults. They have something for the whole family!



St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival

The St. Raymond Pumpkin Festival is a great family event with something for everyone: pony rides, climbing spider maze, bungee, trampoline, face painting, bounce houses, pumpkin sales, carnival games, food, beer garden, live music and more!

Fri., Oct. 6th | 3:30 - 9pm

Sat., Oct 7th | Noon - 6pm

1100 Santa Cruz Ave. | Menlo Park

Open to the Public with Free Admission



Upcoming Events

October 3rd Senior Luncheon & Communion Service at 12 noon in parish hall

October 4th Blessing the Animals 4:00pm at St. Denis

October 7th-8th The Daughters of St. Paul Religious Item Fair at St. Denis after masses

October 14th-15th Wine & Cheese after 5:30pm & 11:30am Masses

October 8th Confirmation class at 5:30pm

October 21st Youth Rally all day in Hayward

**October 21st Songbirds sing at Our Lady of the Wayside
4:30pm mass**

**October 22nd Bake Sale to support St. Anthony's at St. Denis
After 9:30am and 11:30am masses**

