

September 28, 2014, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint Denis Parish

*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: 5:30 pm (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

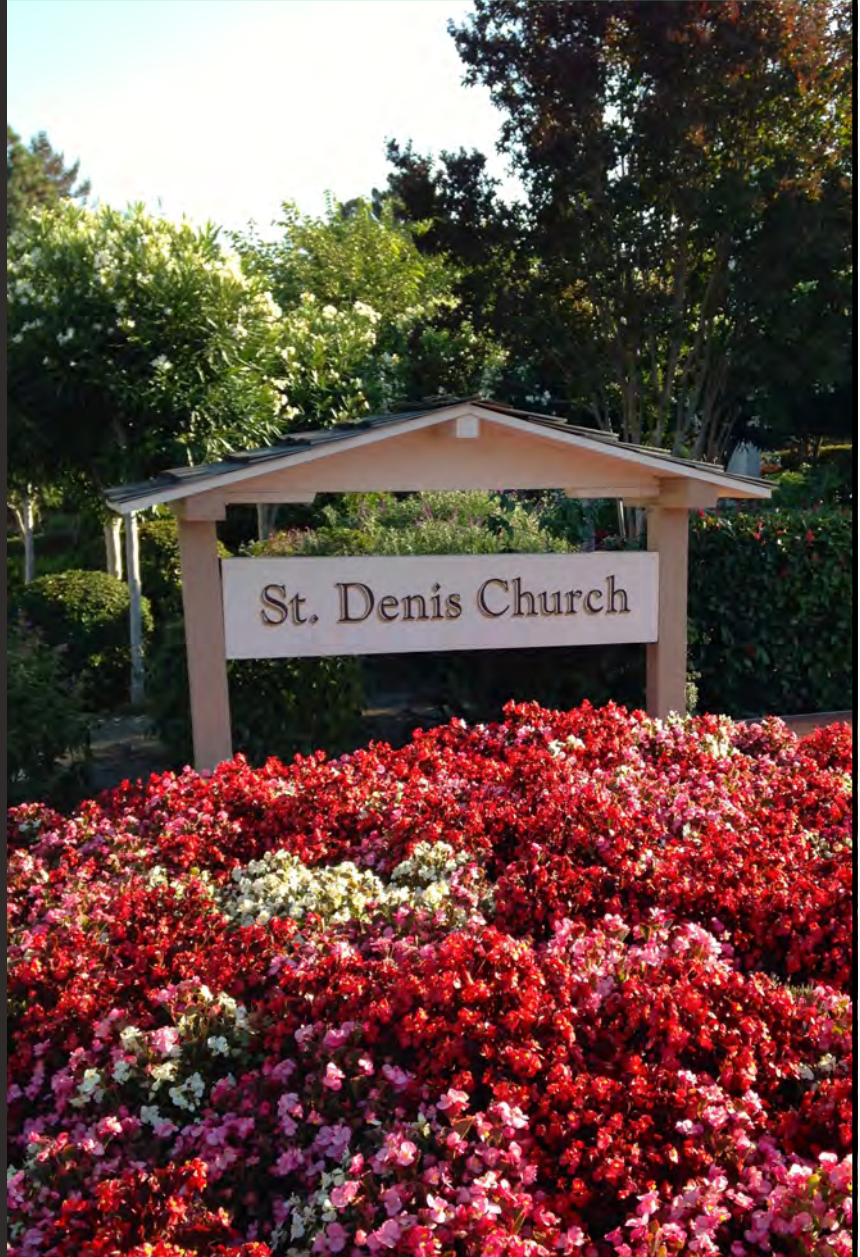
## St. Denis Church

2250 Avy Avenue • Menlo Park, CA 94025  
**Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

## Our Lady of the Wayside Church

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**BAKE SALE  
NEXT WEEKEND**

See last page for details.

## Pastor's Corner

Dear fellow members of St. Denis and Our Lady of the Wayside,

When Jesus gave the parable of the two sons, Jesus was comparing the self-righteous Scribes and Pharisees to the son who said yes and did not go and the so called outcasts, the sinners and the tax collectors to the son who said no and then went to work in the vineyard. What counts is not whether you say yes or no, but what you do. This was always the consistent teaching of Jesus. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my heavenly father." Everything comes back to one's own 'Yes' or 'No'. In the light of this reading, 'Yes' and 'No' are not words we say but things we do. A Yes that is said but not done is only an evasion. Faith was made for walking

Last Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> of September we had the outdoor mass followed by the barbecue. I would like to thank the volunteers, the Religious Ed. Board and Lindsey West who helped with the Mass and the Barbecue. We have our first Religious Education classes this weekend. I would like to invite parents with children from St Denis and OLW to register for the Religious Education program. You can register on line or you can download the form from the website. Thank you!

Yours sincerely,  
Fr. Jose Shaji

## Gospel Reading

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

## Mass Intentions

	<u>St. Denis</u>	<u>Our Lady of the Wayside</u>
<b>Sat. 9/27</b>	5:30pm Arthur McGee+ (McGee family)	4:30pm for the Parishioners of OLW
<b>Sun. 9/28</b>	7:30am Lillian Eustice+ (Danuta & Jim Eustice) 9:30am Margaret McEvilly+ (Anne Koenig) 11:30am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	9:30am for the Parishioners of OLW
<b>Mon. 9/29</b>	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Tue. 9/30</b>	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Wed. 10/01</b>	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	
<b>Thu. 10/02</b>	8:00am Gertrude Nelligan+ (Judy & Hank Blommer)	
<b>Fri. 10/03</b>	8:00am for the Parishioners of St. Denis	

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

Carol Armstrong, Agnes Babcock, Louise Brent, Archie Briggs, Mike Carragee, Lily Chan, 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, Dick Kusa, Matthew Lear, Phyllis Lucas, Luke Mars, Ann Martin, Sheri Martin, Dorothy Meyers, Dennis Miller, Rozeh Nikili, Lorraine O'Connor, Lorie Ortega, Angie Real, Jim Rock, Raymond Schaaf Sr, Aileen Schiel, Kathy Schoendorf, Lilly Schulte, Marie Scott, Omid Sharif, Dorothy Skala, Frank Vitale, David Welling, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates and Ada Zilli.

*Please call the parish office if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home.*

# Religious Education

## Religious Ed News

### Sunday, Sept 28th

**9:30am**—Pre-K through 5th Grade

**10:30-11:30am**—6th/7th Grade

**12:30pm-2pm**—TOB for High School Lunch #1



### Next Sunday (10/5)

**9:30am**—Pre-K through 5th Grade

**10:30-11:30am**—6th/7th Grade

**10:30am-11:30am**—Year 1 Confirmation Parent Info Meeting

**5:30pm-7:45pm**—Year 2 Confirmation Parent Info Meeting

### Upcoming Dates & Events

**10/1 (Wed)** - TOB for Middle School Class 1 7pm-8:30pm

**10/22 (Wed)** - XLT Mid-Peninsula: praise & worship, talk by Jim Harbaugh, and adoration. 7pm-8:30pm.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

## Thank You!

Thank you to Catalina Vial, Lisa Henriksen, Jenny Sullivan, Michelle Donatelli, Stephen Ryu, Laurie Lamb, Patrick Galligan, Joan Barada, Drew Barada, Elena Yujuico, and Sean Monahan for their help with the delicious and very successful BBQ last Sunday. Thank you to Fr. Jose, Jeffery and the singers and musicians for a beautiful outdoor mass! Thank you to our Catechists and Aides for serving in Religious Ed this year! And thank you to all of the families and parishioners for a fun morning of community and kicking off our new Religious Ed year.

### **Last Day to Register is THIS Sunday!**

Registration for the 2014-2015 Religious Ed Year will be closing after this Sunday, September 28th. Please register online or contact Lindsey West if you have questions or need assistance: [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org) or 650-854-1081.

### **Sacramental Prep for Older Kids**

If you have child who has never been baptized OR who is in 3rd grade and up and has never received First Communion, contact Lindsey West to sign-up for our Big Kids' Sacramental Prep class. The first class is Sunday, October 19th.

## Theology of the Body for Middle Schoolers

### **First Session is Wednesday, Oct 1st!**

"The Talk" can be so awkward and challenging. Theology of the Body presents the theology of who God created us to be and what our bodies are meant for to answer questions like "Who am I?", "What is the difference between love and lust?" and "How do I balance family, friends, school, God, music, TV, internet, texting, etc., in my daily life?"



Sign-up your middle schooler for our monthly TOB sessions to help them go deeper in their understanding and practical applications of our Catholic Faith. Parents are encouraged to attend each of the 8 sessions to foster dialogue at home (but it is NOT mandatory). Sessions are Wednesday evenings 7pm-8:30pm (snacks provided). Register online at [www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school](http://www.stdenisparish.org/tob-for-middle-school). If you have questions, please contact Lindsey at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org)

### **Text Reminders for Religious Ed Class**

Sign-up to receive text reminders when there is Religious Ed classes through Remind.com.



Text the appropriate code to 650-231-4224:

Pre-K - "@stdprek"

Kinder - "@stdkinder"

1st - "@std1stgr"

2nd - "@std2ndgr"

3rd - "@std3rdgr"

4th/5th - "@std4th5th"

6th - "@std6thgr"

7th/Year 1 Confirmation - "@stdyr1conf"

Year 2 Confirmation - "@stdyr2conf"

Big Kids' Sacramental Prep Program - "@stdbksp"



## Youth Ministry

### High School Series: Sex, Dating, and Relationships First Session is THIS Sunday!



12:30pm-2pm in the Room #6 at the Parish Center.

Lunch, reflection, and discussion on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. We'll talk about things like "What is the difference between love and lust? Why did God give us our sexual desires? How do we speak the 'language of the body'?" We will meet 12 times between September and May (so about one to two times a month) Sundays after the 11:30am Mass. If you have questions, please contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org).

## Religious Education

### Love & Logic: Free Parent Education Seminar

Do your kids sometimes frustrate and frazzle you? Do you feel more tired and less effective as a parent?



Would you like to: Stop the arguing, temper tantrums and whining, Leave the house with calmness instead of chaos, Have kids listen the first time?

**Tuesday Oct 14, 7-8:30 PM @ St. Denis Parish**

**Registration:** [www.janadaclark.com](http://www.janadaclark.com)

Drawings for prizes! Love & Logic books, parent coaching sessions valued at \$50 and a chance to win a class series at half price! Join us for a lively presentation & add 3 new tools to your parenting tool kit!

Love and Logic class series to follow on Saturdays from 10-11:30 AM starting 11/01.

### New Altar Server Training

If you're in 3rd Grade and older and are interested in being an Altar Server this year, training will be Sundays in October at 8:45am in the Church at St. Denis. Contact Chuck Muenzen to reserve your training spot: [cmuenzen@pacbell.net](mailto:cmuenzen@pacbell.net)



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XLT  
Mid-Peninsula

**GATHER**  
BE INSPIRED

**COMMIT - PRAY**

**PRAY**  
DO IT

Guest Speaker **Jim Harbaugh**

7 p - 8 : 3 0 p

**OCTOBER**

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**TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY (NONE AT DOOR)**  
Buy Tix: <http://ow.ly/BW8Xj>

For 6th-12th Grade Students  
Tickets are \$10/each

Praise & Worship / Inspiring Talk / Adoration

St. Denis | St. Raymond | Church of the Nativity

### What is XLT (exalt)?

XLT is an hour and a half opportunity once every few months to just come and be. Be yourself. Be with friends. Be with God. Be inspired.

**Wednesday, 22 October 2014**, our first XLT Mid-Peninsula of the year, will welcome speaker, **Jim Harbaugh**, head coach of the 49ers. A phenomenal band will provide the stellar music. XLT brings together middle schoolers and high schoolers from throughout the peninsula. XLT is 7pm-8:30pm, with hospitality beginning at 6:30pm at Sacred Heart School.

**To order your tickets** (\$10/ticket), please go to <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/xlt-mid-peninsula-encounter-with-jim-harbaugh-tickets-12537178037>. **There will be NO tickets at the door.** If you have questions, contact Lindsey West at [lwest@stdenisparish.org](mailto:lwest@stdenisparish.org).

## Saint of the Week: St. Francis of Assisi



**October 4** - (Italian: San Francesco d'Assisi) was an Italian Catholic friar and preacher. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, and the Third Order of Saint Francis for men and women for men and women not able to live the monastic life. Though he was never ordained to the Catholic priesthood, Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. Francis' father was Pietro di Bernardone, a prosperous silk merchant. Francis lived the high-spirited life typical of a wealthy young man, even fighting as a soldier for Assisi. While going off to war in 1204, Francis had a vision that directed him back to Assisi, where he lost his taste for his worldly life. On a pilgrimage to Rome, he joined the poor in begging at St. Peter's Basilica. The experience moved him to live in poverty. Francis returned home, began preaching on the streets, and soon amassed a following. His Order was authorized by Pope Innocent III in 1210. He then founded the Order of Poor Clares, which became an enclosed religious order for women, as well as the Order of Brothers and Sisters of Penance (commonly called the Third Order). In 1219, he went to Egypt in an attempt to convert the Sultan to put an end to the conflict

of the Crusades. He returned to Italy to organize the Order that had grown. Once his community was authorized by the Pope, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. In 1223, Francis arranged for the first Christmas nativity scene. In 1224, he received the stigmata, making him the first recorded person to bear the wounds of Christ's Passion. He died during the evening hours of October 3, 1226, while listening to a reading he had requested of Psalm 142(141).

On July 16, 1228, he was proclaimed a saint by Pope Gregory IX. He is known as the patron saint of animals and the environment, and is one of the two patron saints of Italy (with Catherine of Siena). It is customary for Catholic and Anglican churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of October 4. He is also known for his love of the Eucharist, his sorrow during the Stations of the Cross, and for the creation of the Christmas crèche or Nativity Scene.

## Weekly Stewardship Report

**Deficit Fund Goal: \$21,748**

Collected to Date: \$8,479

September 20/21, 2014			September 21/22, 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$3,194.00	\$2,110.28	St. Denis	\$7,811.78	\$1,704.79
OLW	\$972.00	\$431.33	OLW	\$1,025.00	\$405.33
<b>Total: \$6,707.61</b>			<b>Total: \$10,946.90</b>		
Monthly Total, August 2014			Monthly Total, August 2013		
	Sunday Collection	E-Giving		Sunday Collection	E-Giving
St. Denis	\$17,796.80	\$10,551.42	St. Denis	\$17,579.00	\$8,523.99
OLW	\$4,770.00	\$2,156.66	OLW	\$6,138.00	\$2,026.68
<b>Total: \$35,274.88</b>			<b>Total: \$34,267.67</b>		

Last weekend's second collection for the Priest Retirement Fund raised \$2,714.  
Thank you for your generosity.



## Senior Ministry

### Senior Luncheon

Come celebrate the beginning of the Fall season with us on Monday, September 29, at 12:00. Please join us for a Communion Service, some good food and wine, and lots of friendly conversation. Call Gina at the parish office (650) 854-5976 or email Dede at dedewm@pacbell.net if you can join us. All seniors are welcome!

## Bake Sale

Once again we'll be raising money for St. Anthony's Dining Room who depends on monetary & food donations for the 500-600 people they feed daily. There will be a sign up sheet in the back of the church. Your special baked goods will be for sale after the 9:30 mass at St. Denis on 10/5. We will not be having donuts that day so bring your wallet along with your appetite! This was quite successful last year and also lots of fun, so we are looking forward to the same this year. Thank you for your participation.

For further information contact **Barbara Mason** (babs412@yahoo.com).

## Pillow Case Dresses

Parish Tea Committee will be collecting Pillow cases, fabric, buttons, lace, ribbons from Sunday September 14-28. Please no see thru fabric and no Disney characters. Two workshops have been scheduled on Oct 19 and 26 from 11 am to 2 pm at St. Denis Parish Hall, (Lunch provided) or you could make the dress at home. Instructions will be provided after 9:30 Mass on the Patio on September 14 and 9/28. ***We're not just sending dresses, we're sending hope." Human traffickers are less likely to snatch little girls for slavery if the girls are well clothed.*** In the red dirt of Malawi, a simple idea was born to not only offer relief, but to also plant the seeds of worthiness, in the hearts of God's most vulnerable: little girls. For more detail please call Josephine at 650.506.6571 or email: jsdorval@yahoo.com



## Adult Religious Ed

### Adult Religious Ed Class

The classes will start on Sunday, October 5, about 10 minutes after the end of the 9:30 Mass. Each of the six classes will last about one hour. In the first part of the class, we will explain the Bible readings for that particular Sunday with their historical background and meanings. Then we will give some applications for these readings for today's world. In the second part of the class, we will discuss what may be of interest to the class in the Church's ongoing activities in today's world. In the last part of the class, we will be going over the Councils of the Church up to and including Vatican II.

Everyone is invited to come. There is no preparation needed. If you have any questions, just pick up the phone and call **John Lippert** at (650) 854-3278.

## Family Italian Dinner

Save the date of Saturday, October 11, at 6:30 pm for the Family Italian Dinner. Everyone is welcome to join us. You can sign up at Sunday Masses beginning Sunday, September 28 or by calling the Parish Office. Adults are \$15 and kids 18 and under eat free!

## Ministry Schedule

### next week, October 4 & 5

#### St. Denis

- 5:30pm** **Lector:** B Huss  
**E.M.:** Brigitte Mornand, Tina Morris, Anne Marie Jewell
- 7:30am** **Lectors:** Danuta Eustice, Maria Decker  
**E.M.:** Jackie Tornes, Bill or Gerri Beasley
- 9:30am** **Lectors:** Dennis Monohan, Pat Match  
**E.M.:** Ann O'Hearn\*, George Quiter III, Kathie Shaw
- 11:30am** **Lector:** L Lombardi  
**E.M.:** L Marco, P Dewes, E Parsons

#### Our Lady of the Wayside

- 4:30pm** **Lector:** Vonderlinden  
**E.M.:** Welling, Mingram
- 9:30am** **Lector:** Buckley  
**E.M.:** Carroll, Aymerich, Carroll

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