

## Confirmation Celebration

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

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

**Sophia Longo**  
**Eleanor Shepard**  
**Lily Dougherty**  
**Sophia Alvarez**  
**Nora Brew**  
**Samantha Stevens**  
**Luke Garcia**



**Thomas Rohlen**  
**Christian Bernstein**  
**James Marren**  
**Carter Garcia**  
**Francesco Vial**  
**Annie Nielsen**  
**Michael Gonzalez**

## Outdoor Mass & Crowning

Today, 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!



## 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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### 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 22nd, 2016

The Most Holy Trinity

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Our Lady of the Wayside Church  
930 Portola Road • Portola Valley

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

The Church in her wisdom has designated May as the month of Mary. The whole month of May calls us to ponder God's gift of Mary to us. Many years ago, I was asked by a couple to celebrate a funeral mass for their son. The husband was Catholic, but the wife was agnostic. The husband was the stepfather. His relationship with his stepson was quite different than his wife's. It seemed as though he was not very close to him. I spent some time reflecting upon what to say. What do I say to a mother who has no faith? How do I console a mother who is inconsolable?

The uniqueness and sacredness of motherhood came to mind. In my homily, I mentioned that sometimes only a mother's love is unconditional. That sometimes only a mother sees the good in her children when others do not. That sometimes only a mother sees the potential in her children when others do not. That sometimes only a mother forgives her children readily when others do not. That was how she was with her son.

That is how the Blessed Virgin Mary is with us as well, but all the more. With his last breath as he hung high on the cross, Jesus, out of love for us, gave his mother Mary to us to be our mother. Mary sees us as her beloved sons and daughters. Mary loves us with the same love she had for her son. Mary loves us always. Mary comforts our inconsolable grief and mourning always. For she too lost her son to a horrific death. Mary is there for us always. Flee to Mary always for she awaits to tenderly and lovingly wrap her hands and arms around us. More importantly, she comes in haste to us in our time of need. May we open the door of our hearts to Mary our mother always.

## What We Believe

### Prayers at the Presentation of the Gifts

The prayers at this time of preparation in the Mass focus on the praise of God. The priest raises the gift of bread a little above the altar and prays a prayer based on the Jewish table prayer said by the father of a family before the meal, a prayer that blesses and praises God for creation and the gift of bread. Following this ritual the prayer over the wine takes place in similar fashion.

In these prayers God is praised for the works of creation. Bread and wine are the God-given fruits of the earth touched by human hands and they symbolize our world, our life, and our labor. It is these simple gifts that become our bread of life and our spiritual drink, a precious gift which we have the privilege of sharing with one another.

Dede Waters-Masters

## Religious Education

### 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!



## 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 Sunday May 29th to collect these.

As always, your generosity is much appreciated.

Thank you, St. Denis Outreach Committee

### OLW Celebration

Join fellow OLW parishioners for a very successful Annual Appeal. Mingle with everyone before we begin Summer activities & travel. Wine, munchies, & conversation This Saturday, May 21st, 2016 after 4:30 pm Mass.

### 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 21	5:30 pm	Al Jujuico (+)
Sun	May 22	7:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
		9:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
		11:30 am	St. Denis Parishioners
Mon	May 23	8:00 am	Mary Ann Barcik (+)
Tues	May 24	8:00 am	Special Intentions
Wed	May 25	8:00 am	For Pope Francis
Thurs	May 26	8:00 am	Beatriz Garcia (+)
Fri	May 27	8:00 am	Garcia Family

### OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE

Sat	May 21	4:30 pm	For Students
Sun	May 22	9:30 am	Our Lady of the Wayside Parishioners

## 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>\$89,649.00</b>