

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

**SECOND COLLECTION:
5th Sunday to local
Charities.**



April 30th, 2017

3rd Sunday of Easter

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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

What We Believe

Dear Beloved Parishioners,

We are in the midst of the Easter season. There are 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. During this time, we hear stories of the risen Lord. He appears to his disciples numerous times. Why does Jesus appear so often we may ask? What is the reason? There are many reasons.

One reason is that Jesus wants his disciples to know, but more importantly to believe in their hearts that he is truly risen, therefore truly alive. He does not appear as a ghost, but in his body. The resurrection has changed, transformed his body into a glorified body. As Catholics, we believe then in a bodily resurrection.

The Spirit of God that raised Jesus from the dead will raise us up as well with a glorified body, a body no longer susceptible to the human condition of diseases and illnesses. Even those that have been cremated will rise with a glorified body. In light of faith, the human body and spirit are a creation of God. Recalling the words from the first creation story in the Book of Genesis, all that God makes is good, especially the human body. The human body has intrinsic value. That is our faith, that is what we profess with certainty. What a beautiful faith we possess.

God bless,

Fr. Paul

On the Road

Before the Easter season goes any further, let's put in a plug for the courageous women who lingered through the crucifixion, death, and burial of Jesus. It's those women who received the good news first because, in spite of the violent tragedy of Jesus' execution and death, they strove to adhere to the Jewish burial ritual of preparing the body for entombment following the Sabbath. They showed up at the tomb. As Joan Chittister says, "The paradox of hopelessness is that in it lies the invitation to get up and go on." In spite of their grief and their reluctance to avoid suffering and pain, these women were willing to go through the motions of their religious tradition. These are the people to whom the risen Christ first reveals his Resurrection.

Sometimes we just don't feel like going through the motions of life. We get disappointed, disillusioned, or depressed, but if we look at this week's Gospel, that is just when clarity and hope could be just around the corner. Cleopas and his traveling companion are deeply saddened and leaving town when a stranger joins them in a revelatory rehash of Scriptural events culminating in a "Breaking of the Bread," that leads to the joyful exclamation, "Were not our hearts burning within us?"

Each Tuesday a local spirituality group of women break bread together, beginning with a potluck meal and sharing "God sightings," events in the past week that reveal the presence of God in everyday lives. These simple sharings are not always earth-shattering events, and they may not cause our hearts to burn within us all the time, but being attentive to these God-moments is a way of showing up and going on, bringing glimpses of our Savior on the road.

Dede Waters-Masters

Mass Intentions

St. Denis

Sat. April 29	5:30 pm	World Peace
Sun. April 30	7:30 am	Robert Carey (+)
	9:30 am	Margaret & Leo Rodgers (+)
	11:30 am	Gene Giannotti (+)
Mon. May 1	8:00 am	For all Workers
Tues. May 2	8:00 am	Christian Unity
Wed. May 3	8:00 am	Church Leaders
Thurs. May 4	8:00 am	Day of Prayer
Fri. May 5	8:00 am	Sacred Heart of Jesus

Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. April 29	4:30pm	World Peace
Sun. April 30	9:30am	World Peace

In your charity, please pray for...

Barbara Ham, John Hunter, Sandy Rock, Baby Sierra, Ken Broome, Lillian Schulte, Janet Sue Cox, George Sutton, Rosa Sharif, Dean Babcock, Carol Armstrong, 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 Fuentez, 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, Lorie Ortega, Robert Roger, Raymond Shaaf Sr., Kathy Schoendorf, Marie Scott, Dorothy Skala, Doug Ury, Bev Wheat, Mila Wright, William Yates, Ada Zilli, and William and Jean Zonner.

Religious Education

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please pray for these children and their families as they celebrate receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist!

Everyone is welcome to join us for the celebrations:

Saturday, April 29 at 5:30pm:

Gabriella Salimone, Martin Gutierrez, Saskia Wood,
Timothy Harrick, Sean Keane, Jack and Catherine Bell

Sunday, April 30 at 9:30am:

Vivienne Legrand, Chloe Coponen, Mia Budelli,
Caitlin Montgomery, Molly Skehan, Elle Mueller,
Benjamin Brocious, Wyatt Erickson,
Kiran Subramanian, Alexis Monahan



Saturday, May 6 at 10:30am:

Madison Mosso, Chloe Banatao, Alexa Vincenzo,
Nathan Banatao, Brady Clugage, Kyle Sweeney,
Kendall and Jack Byrne

Sunday, May 7 at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Wayside:

Fernanda Aguilar, Jack Simpson, Katherine Timons,
Giselle Schroedl, Ysabella Yi

Also: Kate Kavanaugh (in June) and Kiernan Hogan
(at Sacred Heart)

Faith Formation News

CLASSES WILL END NEXT SUNDAY MAY 7

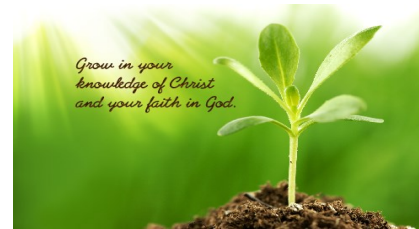
Please join us for our end of the year Outdoor Mass and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 21st at 9:30am at St. Denis.

We had a wonderful year with your children! Thank you for sharing them with us! We confirmed 17 young teens, celebrated first Communion with more than 30 children, and shared the faith with over 150 kids from preschool to 8th grade!

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CATECHISTS:

Catalina Vial, Mark Leake, Yolanda Cheung, Stacy Molano,
Gerd Stieler, Michelle Donatelli, Erika Lee, Josephine Dorval,
Maggie Keane, Maritza Longland and Dede Waters-Masters.

We will need a few NEW CATECHISTS next year, so please consider sharing YOUR faith!



Have a summer full of adventures, peace and joy! We'll see you on September 17th for our opening Mass. Classes begin again September 24th.

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 Cycle due to space limitations.

Thank You.



Stewardship

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 (Goal)	\$450,000.00	Annual Appeal 2017	\$87,139.00
July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017	\$341,991.31	(Actual Amount Needed \$100,000.00)	
Monthly Goal- March 2017	\$36,000.00		
March 2017 Sunday Collections	\$41,213.33		

Upcoming Events

First Communion Celebrations:

Saturday, May 6 at 10:30am at St. Denis

Sunday, May 7 at 9:30am at Our Lady of the Wayside

Volunteer Thank You Celebration:

Saturday, May 6 at 6:30pm at St. Denis parish hall

All St. Denis & OLW parishioners invited

Family Italian Dinner: Saturday, May 20

Outdoor Mass, May Crowning, and Pancake Breakfast:

Sunday, May 21 at 9:30am in the St. Denis gardens



Family Italian Dinner

Everyone is invited to our Family Parish Italian Dinner on Saturday May 20th, at 6:30pm at St. Denis Parish Hall. Signups are at the back of both churches or you can call Dede at (650) 854-5976, press 4. The dinner is free. There will be a donation basket for our local charities at the dinner. We look forward to seeing you.

