

# 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 last will be first, and the first will  
be last. Matthew 20:1-16a**



**September 24, 2017 25th Sunday in ordinary time**

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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,

As human beings, we have faults, weaknesses and limitations. This includes the most brilliant of us. Even Albert Einstein had intellectual limitations. The sooner we realize this the wiser we will become. The first reading reminds us that God's ways are not our ways.

It is futile of us to question why God does what he does. The great Buffalo Bills quarterback Jim Kelly was diagnosed with cancer many years ago. It is only natural for us to wonder why so many people suffer from this horrible disease. His fighting spirit has been an inspiration to so many people. He refused to give in. He fought and won the battle of cancer. He gives hope to those who suffer from cancer. Like Jim Kelly, they too will not give up.

As people of faith, we are called and challenged to accept all things with faith and trust in God. It is easy to say, but hard to do. God is always with us on our journey of faith though. God is with us in the people who surround us with their love, prayers and presence. Specifically, the good Lord is with us and in us in the Eucharist we consume at mass. Faith and trust in God takes us beyond human limitations. Faith empowers us to soar above the human understanding of things.

Blessings, Fr. Paul

## We Believe

### The Home Depot Gospel

The day-laborers waiting in the parking lot for someone to hire them.

Will they get work that day?

Maybe it will just be a short job and they will come back to wait for another one.

Maybe it will be a long-term job that they can count on for a few days or weeks.

Maybe it will lead to something more permanent.

Maybe they'll just be in the parking lot all day, and then try again tomorrow.

There is a theory that Jesus was a day-laborer. He had the skills of a carpenter, taught to him by Joseph. But he told the stories of farmers, vineyard workers, shepherds, builders and fishermen. Maybe he had worked those jobs himself at different times, learning lessons from those who did the job full time. Then he shared those lessons with us in his parables. Lessons like today about patience, persistence, generosity and fairness.

What lessons can we learn and share from the work we do?

What lessons can the day-laborers in the Home Depot parking lot have to teach us?

Yours in the Lord, Lucy

## Mass Intentions

### St. Denis

Sat. Sept. 23 5:30 pm Philip Balma (+)  
Sun. Sept. 24 7:30 am Michael Pinkman (+)  
9:30 am Gail Dugan (+)  
11:30 am Lino Imperail (+)  
Mon. Sept. 25 8:00 am World Peace  
Tues. Sept. 26 8:00 am Hurricane Victims  
Wed. Sept. 27 8:00 am St. Vincent de Paul  
Thurs. Sept. 28 8:00 am Earthquake Victims  
Fri. Sept. 29 8:00 am Caregivers

### Our Lady Of The Wayside

Sat. Sept. 23 4:30pm Lino Imperial (+)  
Sun. Sept. 24 9:30am James Ward (+)

In your charity, please pray for...

Mila Wright, Rosa Sharif, George Knapp, 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

### ALL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY!!

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](http://www.stdenisparish.org) and click on the Faith Formation tab.

### FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

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.

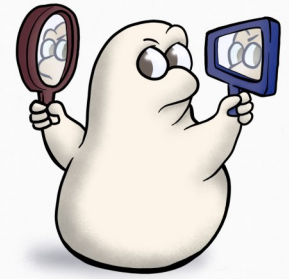


### GOOD NEWS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES!

Beginning in September, parishes in our area will be coordinating a new religious education program for those on the Autism Spectrum and other special needs, focusing on preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, and enabling greater participation in the Mass. They can accommodate various physical, speech and sensory needs. St. Charles Parish in San Carlos will be hosting. If you know someone who would benefit from a program like this, please contact Ana Uribe-Ruiz at [acuriberuiz@hotmail.com](mailto:acuriberuiz@hotmail.com) or Monica Miller at [mmiller@stcharlesparish.org](mailto:mmiller@stcharlesparish.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

## Youth Rally

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**IMAGE**  
**IS**  
**THIS??**



### 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](mailto: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!

## 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](mailto: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

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**Look For Further Info In Future Weeks.**

## Local Events

### St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk

Saturday, September 30th 9:30am—3:00pm, Lake Merced, San Francisco  
St. Mary's Cathedral office 415 567-2020 ext. 205 fopwalk.org

Come join with St. Vincent de Paul Society in the national "Friends of the Poor Walk" as a walker or a sponsor. All are welcome. Walkers should register by September 27. Donations are accepted through October 13. To donate or register, contact St. Mary's Cathedral office, see above.

### 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



## Upcoming Events

**September 24th All Religious Ed Classes Begin!**

**October 1st First Communion Parent meeting at 10:30am**

**October 3rd Senior Luncheon & Communion Service at 12 noon**

**October 4th Blessing the Animals 4:00pm**

**October 7-8 Wine & Cheese after 5:30pm & 11:30am Masses**

**October 8th Confirmation class at 5:30pm**

**October 21st Youth Rally all day in Hayward**

**October 22nd Bake Sale to support St. Anthony's**

